

Fenton charter amendment, road millage increase, both fail

■ Other options could be more costly according to city manager

By Vera Hogan

Fenton voters have spoken again. Although most residents agree that the roads in the city are in desperate need of repair or replacement, the majority are not willing to pay higher taxes for that

work to proceed.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, Charter Amendment Proposal No. 1 failed by a vote of 830 (56 percent) to 662 (44 percent). If approved, this would have allowed the city to levy the 5-mill tax for



It's back to the drawing board for city officials now that the voters have rejected both a charter amendment and a millage for road improvements. **Times file photo**

10 years instead of the current three years.

In November 2017, city of Fenton voters rejected a proposal that would have amended the city charter to allow for the levy of taxes for 10 years instead of three. That charter amendment proposal last year was not dedicated to roads.

The proposal was soundly defeated in a vote of 1,140 (no) to 385 (yes), or just over 73 percent.

The Nov. 6 Road Millage Increase Proposal, which would have brought in \$2,050,000 per year, failed by a vote of 775 (51 percent) to 743 (49 percent). With this

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Mike Mueller wins 51st District race

■ Defeats Democrat David Lossing

Times Editorial Staff

Fenton — Republican Michael “Mike” Mueller will serve as the new Michigan representative for the 51st District in the House of Representatives.

Newly elected legislators in Michigan officially take office at noon on Jan. 1, 2019.

Mueller received 26,874 votes (59.88 percent) to Democrat David Lossing’s 18,008 (40.12 percent), according to the Michigan Secretary of State. Election results are unofficial.

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Mike Mueller (right) will serve as the next state representative for the 51st district. He is shown here with his wife, Angi, and father, Charles Mueller, who held the same position in Michigan’s House several years ago. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

Thank a veteran — there are 18.5 million



There are 25 veterans from the Vietnam War, Korean War and WWII in residence at Abbey Park independent senior living community. Residents also share a service photo to form the Veterans Wall of Honor. Here, 19 resident veterans pose for a photo. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 18.5 million living veterans in the U.S. over the age of 18. **Photo: Tim Jagielo**

Here’s the election results if only city of Fenton votes were counted

■ Would have been two upsets, the race for Attorney General and U.S. Senate

By Vera Hogan

If the ballots of the city of Fenton voters were the only ones considered in the Tuesday, Nov. 6 election, the outcome might have been a little different, but not significantly different.

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Liquor license transfer for proposed new downtown eatery rejected



Times file photo

By Vera Hogan

There won’t be another new place to enjoy happy hour in a downtown Fenton restaurant anytime soon — not without a plan and a liquor license.

During its Monday, Nov. 5 work session, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to object to

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“As we enter the season of being thankful, let’s remind ourselves how thankful we should be to live in the greatest country in the world. Let’s also be thankful that another election cycle is over. It may not have gone as you wished, but be thankful you had your voice heard.”

“Well, Gretchen, the ‘damn roads’ and affordable health care are in your lap now. You claim you have a solution, let’s see it. What’s that old saying — be careful what you wish for.”

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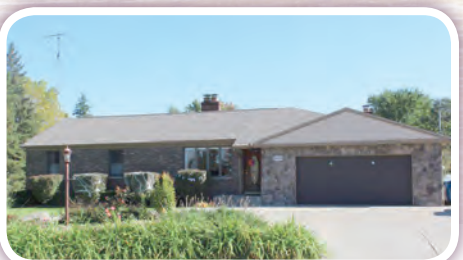
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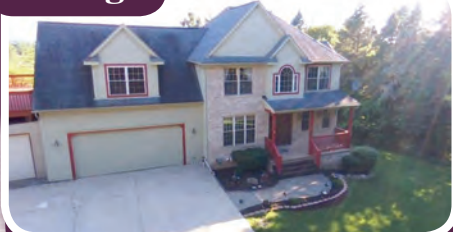
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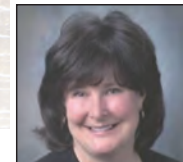
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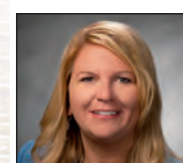
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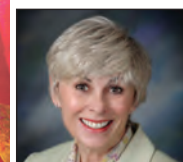
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Come *Heller* high water...

After losing his job in Tuesday’s election, Scott Walker, the governor of Wisconsin, wanted a recount because the vote was close but he couldn’t get one because of a new state law that only allows recounts in races lost by more than 1 percent. Walker lost by 1.2 percent.

Which is painful. What’s more painful, though, is who signed such a dumb bill into law.

Yup, Walker himself.

Ow, that has to sting.



Andrew Heller
FEATURED COLUMNIST

But then he deserves it. Wisconsin Republicans passed the bill after a Trump challenger dared to request a recount in 2016. Lesson: When you enact laws that favor one party over another, it’s inevitably going to come back around to bite you. As they say, karma is a ...

As a nation, we’d be smart to just play elections down the middle and stop trying so hard to screw over the other side. It isn’t, after all, a game. It’s our country.

Here’s how we fix things:

- **End gerrymandering nationwide.** (Michigan finally just did this.) Gerrymandering is drawing voting precinct lines so they benefit your party. No matter which party is doing it, it’s wrong and evil and everyone knows it. Why aren’t voting districts mandated by the federal government using a standardized system? This shouldn’t be in state hands. States obviously can’t be trusted.
- **End voter suppression.** It’s so obvious and pathetic. This year, one of the worst examples was in North Dakota, where the state decided Native Americans, in order to vote, had to provide street addresses, which are generally not used on reservations.

This ticked them off so bad more people turned out to vote than in 2016. Again, karma.

- **Make it easier to vote.** Why everyone who’s a citizen of the United States isn’t automatically registered to vote is beyond me. Isn’t the goal to get more people voting, not fewer? Why do we make this such a hassle?
- **Ban polls.** Polls have helped turn political races into horse races, which they’re not. It drives me nuts to hear a candidate is “behind” by eight points when no one has voted. Polls steer results more than they predict them.
- **Go back to paper ballots.** They take longer to count but at least you can’t hack paper.
- **Make election day a national holiday.** States could do this, too. Or give people three days to vote. Or make it a weekend. What’s the rush?
- **Fine and shame** people who don’t vote. The biggest party in the nation right now, by far, is “Didn’t Bother.” Members of this party are also the most likely to gripe about the government. Idiots.
- **Ban political ads.** Everyone hates them and they turn elections into contests to see who can raise and waste the most money. If you want information on a candidate, go listen to them speak or, here’s an idea, read a newspaper.
- **Allow voting online.** We file our taxes online. We register our cars online. Why shouldn’t we vote online? (And if you’re worried about the Russians and the Chinese, well, then there’s always that paper thing.)
- **Create an Andy-only** voting check-in line at the precinct I really hate to wait.

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derful restaurants and shops, why do we let this dark element represent us in our inviting park?

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

SHAME ON YOU Fenton. We need new roads and you continue to blame an entity that is not raising taxes, but keeping taxes from going to the county as the reason you voted no. Shame.

OKAY, DEPUTY, YOU won. Where’s this ‘plan’ of yours for fixing the roads? I didn’t think so.

SHAME ON LINDEN folks who voted down the road millage. The city has not requested a millage increase since we became a city over 25 years ago. You were shown there is no extra money for roads. Now the roads will get worse and become even more expensive to fix. And you will continue to complain.

I’M PLEASED to see what people now think of Hillary and Obama. They visited four places in an attempt to boost chances for a Democrat to win. They all lost.

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Tyrone Township



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Kim Broom
Fenton Township



“My friend’s husband started my car for me once when I was flying home from Florida, so it was warm when I got back. It was a small gesture, but it meant a lot.”

Michelle Burmeister
Fenton Township



“Once I got sick in public, and my dad was willing to help me. It meant a lot.”

Katy Sidebottom
Fenton Township



“My friends always support me and help me with little things, and that’s always really kind of them.”

Lydia Podlesak
Fenton Township

Holly Village voters elect president, council members

By Times Editorial Staff

Thomas McKenney was elected president of Holly Village Council on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

McKenney took over as the president of the Holly Village Council on Tuesday, Feb. 27, after officials voted to fill the seat vacated by Jim Perkins, who resigned unexpectedly on Feb. 12.

The unofficial results with both precincts reporting are:



Thomas McKenney

President

Nicole Edwards - 624
John Lauve - 548

Thomas McKenney – 825

After hearing of the results, McKenney said that his first goal as president

will be to maintain and improve public safety and public works “which residents count on 24-7.”

Finishing the relocation of the Fire Hall with the transfer of the former location to the private sector and onto the tax rolls is another goal. He also said he will “invest time and elbow grease in enhancing our streetscapes, neighborhoods and parks. Continue to improve communication.”

Council members

Richard Kinnamon - 803
Rick Powers - 827
Chris Rankin -986
Tim Terpening - 772

Rankin, the incumbent, will keep his seat as council member. “I am humbled and beyond grateful for the support of the village residents,” he said. “I’m excited to see what the next two years will bring for the village of Holly.”

Linden road millage fails by 26 votes

■City plans to pursue grant options for major streets

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Linden road millage failed by 26 votes.

The millage would have collected 5 mills from all Linden property owners for 10 years to improve, replace, resurface or reconstruct roads in the city. Funds would not have been used for routine maintenance.

According to the Genesee County Election Division unofficial numbers, there were 963 (47.89 percent) yes votes and

989 (49.18 percent) no votes. Total votes cast number 1,952.

Interim City Manager Scott Sutter, who’s also the police chief, said the city council and staff will have to look at other options to fix the roads.

“The current state funding resources for roads is completely inadequate to address our needs. This needs to be fixed. We will continue to pursue grant funding for our streets in Linden but those grants will only fund major roads (such as the Bridge Street project that was recently completed) and not local streets,” he said.

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Voter turnout high across tri-county area

■ At least 10 percent higher than 2014 midterms

By Hannah Ball

The 2018 November midterm general elections saw high voter turnout at the local, state and national level, far surpassing the 2014 midterm numbers.

The highest voter turnout locally was Rose Township, with 65.81 percent. Linden was a close second, with 65.8 percent.

Fenton Township saw a 64.5 percent voter turnout, which beat 2014 numbers by nearly 20 percent. Approximately 48.86 of eligible voters cast a ballot for the 2014 midterms.

Fenton Township Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker said there are multiple reasons for the high turnout.

"First, the recreational marijuana proposal generated a great deal of interest on both sides of the issue. Also, Michigan elected a new governor for the first time since 2010. Last, but not least, the increased media coverage of government and politics in general has created a political climate where more voters want to be involved. We

were pleased with the higher turnout and hope the trend continues in future elections," he said.

The city of Fenton experienced an approximate 55.37 percent voter turnout, compared to 38.09 percent in 2014.

"We were prepared for a higher turnout. I was disappointed that it was only 55 percent, considering the issues," said Clerk Sue Walsh.

Argentine Township saw an approximate 61.95 voter turnout, which is a significant increase from 46.7 percent in 2014.

Holly Township saw a 57.89 percent voter turnout. For the 2014 midterm, the township, which oversees village elections, had a 41.11 percent turnout.

Rose Township voter turnout was 65.81 percent. Clerk Debbie Miller said the numbers were what she expected after the August primary.

"I said the November general would be very busy and it was. We did not have long lines or any issues and the voters were very respectful, polite and gracious to the election inspectors, as they should be," she said.

This is compared to 50.36 in the 2014 midterm.

“The increased media coverage of government and politics in general has created a political climate where more voters want to be involved.”

Thomas Broecker
Fenton Township operations
manager/deputy clerk

Genesee County voters renew Genesee Health Plan

■ Expected to cost average homeowner \$50 per year for next seven years

By Sharon Stone

The Genesee Health Plan, also known as the Genesee County Health Care Services Millage Renewal, was approved by Genesee County voters Tuesday, Nov. 6.

By a vote of 111,351 to 51,085, the GHP will 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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wisely and with transparency, said Jim Milanowski, GHP president and CEO.

"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.

Voters approve Holly schools 8.5-mill bond

■ District will continue to upgrade technology, security and more

By Sharon Stone

Voters in the Holly Area Schools (HAS) district approved a four-year extension to an 8.5-mill bond Tuesday, Nov. 6. This will allow the school district to continue its goal of going modern with security and several other structural improvements.

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

After the election results were announced, Roper said, "I would like to personally thank our community for

supporting this bond, which will help us continue to provide a 21st century education to all students in a safe, nurturing learning environment that prepares them for the modern workforce.

"By approving this bond, our community has invested in building upgrades that will help keep our students safe, warm and dry, and classroom technology that inspires today's students to help shape tomorrow's world."

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.

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

SUMMARY

■ Voters in the Holly Area Schools district approved a four-year extension to the existing 8-mill bond, which will be used to continue to update technology and make structural improvements.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN THE EARLY '80s, Fenton City Council consisting of Brabon, Bourne, Hackenberry, Eller, Henderson, Koan and Adams established the Capital Improvement Plan that set monies aside to cover costs for roads and other infrastructure matters. Councils since then failed to fund it, now they ask for new taxes to cover for what had been a viable plan without new taxes.

I'M A 'REP,' however, I believe the Reps have reaped what they have sowed. They squandered two years by not standing behind their party leader. Now they can really worry about the 2020 elections. They had their chance big time. A reminder to choose your battles carefully.

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION protects the country. We lived through Obama, we'll live through Trump. My concern is for the state of Michigan. We are in for success or disaster. It is a crapshoot.

IF WE ALLOW illegal immigrants, then we won't need a border patrol, immigration or a naturalization department. How would you like them apples?

THE 'DONKEY' IS a symbol of everyday hardworking common folk, jackass.

I HAD TO share this with everybody. Tuesday afternoon, the county was down putting black cold patch asphalt down

at Torrey Beach Drive at North Road. It must be Gretchen fixing the damn roads already. Laughing out loud.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the inventor of the heated steering wheel. I love you.

THE PROBLEM WITH taxes is that city leadership brought in all these businesses under false pretenses that it would benefit all of us. Where's the benefit if these businesses are not generating enough revenue for the city to maintain the roads? Don't ask us to fulfill the broken promises.

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA HAS now passed. Fenton now needs to actively explore all legislative, policy and legal options on how to opt out. We have worked too hard to make this community what it is to let these poorly informed voters ruin it.

WELL, MICHIGAN ELECTED Granholm again. Prepare for the dark side again. She wants to raise taxes and control everything you do, just like Slotkin party first, state second, always.

YOU CAN'T FIX stupid, but we voted some of it out.

SINCE YOU ARE a Democrat, please read this. Species go extinct, man even may. Loss of habitat is the major reason we do not see as many of anything now as before. Natural selection at work.

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Tuesday, Nov. 13 is 'World Kindness Day'

■ Celebrate with random acts of kindness and doing good deeds

By Vera Hogan

One has to wonder if "World Kindness Day," celebrated each year on Nov. 13, wasn't originally selected to take place a week after elections.

This year, World Kindness Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The day was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of kindness NGOs (non-governmental organizations).

According to huffingtonpost.com, this date is observed in many countries, including in Australia where the Minister of School Education placed World Kindness Day on the National School Calendar. The purpose of World Kindness Day is to highlight good deeds in the community, focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness that binds us.

The tri-county area is rich with folks that go out of their way with random acts of kindness each day — from organizing packages for troops and the homeless, to secretly paying for someone's coffee or lunch in the fast food lane.

There are many random acts of kindness, many of which don't cost a penny, and as most people know, doing something nice for others is very rewarding.

A few random acts of kindness to help make someone's day:

- Give an unexpected compliment.
- Let someone cut in front of you in line.
- Slow down so someone can merge in front of you in traffic.
- Let someone else take that primo parking spot.
- Give up your seat on a plane so other travelers can sit together.
- Buy a warm meal for someone in need.
- Help someone struggling to carry their grocery bags.
- Stop to assist someone who looks lost.
- Say something encouraging to a parent who's struggling with rambunctious kids in a restaurant or grocery store.
- Offer to return a stranger's grocery cart to the front of the store.
- Keep plastic bags filled with snacks and sample-size toiletries in your car to give to the homeless.
- Donate flowers to a nursing home.
- Hand out disposable water bottles to people working outside on a hot day.
- Buy a gift card to hand to someone on your way out of the coffee shop.
- Leave a great coupon next to that item in the grocery store.
- Pick up a piece of litter on the street and throw it out.
- Pass along a compliment to a service worker's boss.
- Take the time to write a great online review for a restaurant you love.
- Pay for the meal of the people at the next table. (Leave before they realize what you've done.)
- Leave a positive comment on a news article or blog post.
- Learn CPR.
- Give an extra tip and write an encouraging note along with it.
- Visit a nursing home — read books to or play board games with residents.
- Send a care package to a service member.
- Bring treats to your local fire station.
- Write a thank you note to your mail carrier.
- Talk to a stranger at a party who looks like they don't know anyone.
- Smile at someone who looks sad.

Source: signupgenius.com

“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”

Mark Twain

Fenton woman shares random act of kindness story

By Hannah Ball

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

While the source of this quote is unknown, it's an appropriate message for World Kindness Day on Tuesday, Nov. 13. More than 28 nations are involved in movement and World Kindness Day, according to awarenessday.com.

One Fenton woman, Sandra Skene, shared a story with the Times about a random act of kindness she experienced when she didn't have her debit card to pay for gas.

"My car was out of gas when I pulled into the gas station," Skene said. Her daughter had left the state, and Skene lent out her debit card.

However, she had a checkbook with her, but the station, the Marathon gas station at the corner of Silver Lake Road and Adelaide Street, didn't accept checks. Skene told the worker at the counter that she didn't know what to do.

In a second, Skene said, he told her to write a \$5 check to him and then he would give her \$5 worth of gas.

"Then I went to the bank, got out \$5 and gave it back to him," she said. Then he gave her the check back.

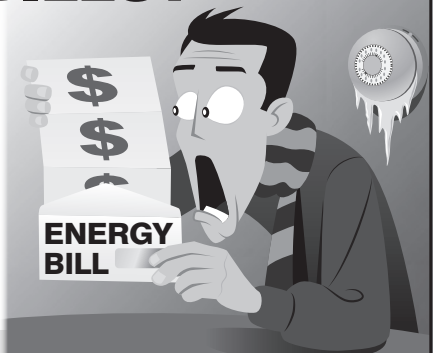
"It was very humanitarian and a random act of kindness. I don't know how many would do that," she said.

Skene sent him a thank you card to express her gratitude.

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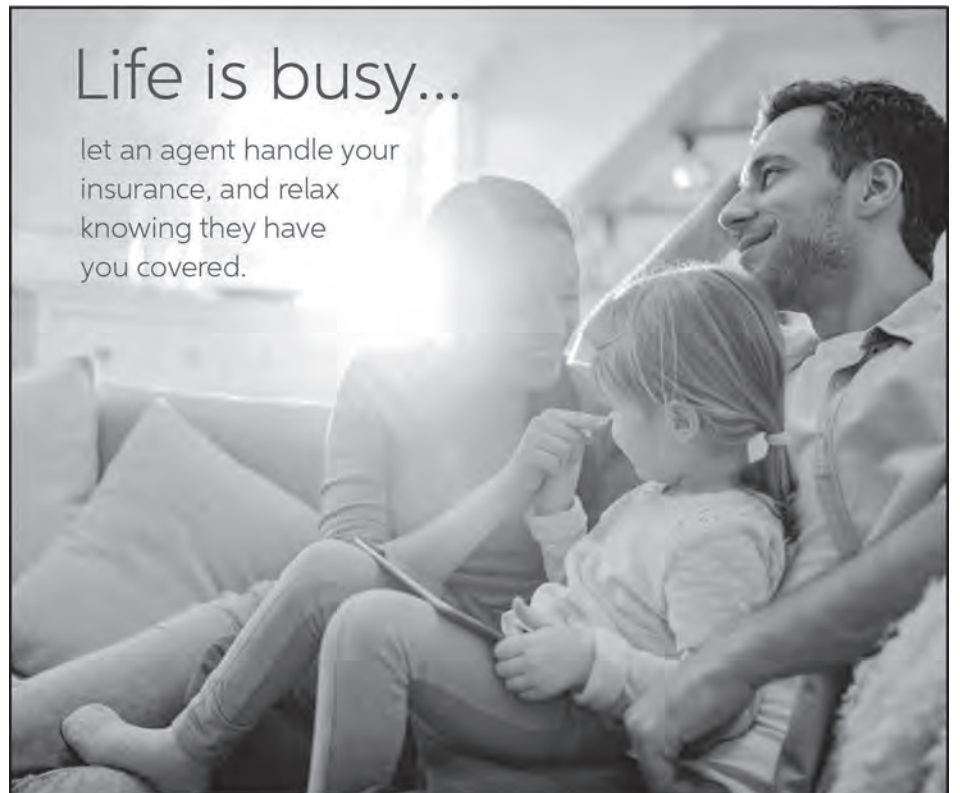
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David Lee of Waterford speaks at the sixth annual Veterans Breakfast Thursday, Nov. 8 about his time as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. Photo: Hannah Ball

Veterans Breakfast full of memories, music and laughs

■ 'The pendulum has swung. We are now showing appreciation for veterans.'

By Hannah Ball

Linden — The Rotary Club of Fenton held its sixth annual Veterans Breakfast Thursday morning at Spring Meadows Country Club.

The event featured breakfast, speeches and live music that honored each branch of the military. Hundreds of people attended. Scott Ward, Veterans Breakfast chairman, said, "It's all about getting the veterans here, that's what it's all about."

Veteran Cork Knox, who is Native American, performed a spoken-word poem after telling a story about his service.

The main speaker was David Lee of Waterford who served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1969 as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He regaled the crowd with jokes and anecdotes from when he joined the service. He said he was rejected by the Navy because he "had a lack of respect for authority."

"In 1964, President Johnson said if I voted for Barry Goldwater there were going to be 250,000 young American troops in Vietnam. Well, I voted for Barry Goldwater and I was one of those 250,000 troops who went to Vietnam," he said.

"I went to see my Army recruiter. I said 'my name's David Lee. I was rejected by the Navy because I have a lack of respect for authority,'" he said. "He said, 'don't worry, son. In the Army, we teach respect for authority.'"

The recruiter told him to show up at Fort Wayne for testing, and he was accepted. He joined the 116th Aviation Company and flew helicopters.

He once took a round through the windshield. A bullet entered the glass near his head, and he thought he was dead. His hands were covered with blood and shrapnel covered his face. "I looked over at my pilot...and he said, 'are you all right?' And I said 'yes.' It occurred to me if I was dead I wouldn't be able to say that," he said.

He lost three aircraft in his time in the

service. Lee said the person who did the best job talking about veterans and service was President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg. He spoke the last paragraphs of the speech (see excerpt below).

"People often say to me 'thank you for your service.' I say to them thank you for the adventure. I had a great time. I have some scars, I have some problems. I deal with some stuff, but at the same time it was an ennobling experience," he said.

Lee spoke about how at the time of his service, the public attitude toward the war and soldiers was negative.

"The pendulum has swung. We are now showing appreciation for veterans. We're starting to appreciate what they've done," he said. "What's important is not to thank specifically veterans for their service but it's for us to dedicate ourselves to what we do, and what we do is our community. We make this world a little bit better than we found it. I thank you for your service and I thank the public servants for what they've done."

"We make this world a little bit better than we found it. I thank you for your service and I thank the public servants for what they've done."

David Lee
Vietnam veteran

what they've done. I know that I am here with good Americans to make this a better land."

Gettysburg Address

"... But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

"It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Last part of the Gettysburg Address by President Abraham Lincoln.

GUEST
VIEWPOINT

By Adam Harley
Fenton Area Public
Schools superintendent



Purposeful technology in the classroom

Technology has had a part in making our lives better or unfortunately, making our lives more complicated. While many educators have had to adapt to this new way of life, our students are being raised as digital experts. Knowing we are in the infancy of the digital age, we must help our students navigate through their technology experiences and find ways to support educators in becoming experts themselves.

The Fenton community approved an \$11-million bond in 2014. Phase 1 of the bond was rolled out in 2014-2015. Phase 2 is being rolled out this school year, while Phase 3 of the bond will be sold in 2022. A good portion of Phase 2 is being used to purchase instructional technology. Instructional technology is used for both the creation and the instruction of content. To help with the learning curve of using new devices or software, one framework we use is the SAMR Model. SAMR is an acronym for substitution, augmentation, modification and redefinition.

Our goal is to reach the redefinition stage, where both students and educators have personalized their experiences with the technology to enhance their teaching and learning. This fall, our classrooms were equipped with 75-inch ViewSonic touchscreen computers. These devices have the capability to allow our teachers and students to redefine how they teach and how they learn. Using the SAMR model, we can stretch our thinking when it comes to using this new technology.

Substitution: Using the ViewSonic as a whiteboard, which replaced our chalkboards

Augmentation: Using the ViewSonic as a whiteboard and recording what is being written on the screen in order to post the lesson on Google Classroom. Taking the whiteboard concept and adding something that a whiteboard cannot do.

Modification: Using the ViewSonic as a whiteboard, while recording, and using the camera and internet to connect with other classrooms in FAPS (or other districts) to compare and contrast answers and share ideas on a certain topic. This step occurs when traditional teaching and learning is replaced with new practices and new ideas.

Redefinition: Students connect their devices (phones or chromebooks) to the ViewSonic and work together on a problem or project while sharing their work with an expert in the field across the globe in real time. A student who is taking the day off due to illness is connected from home still learning and participating in class. This stage transforms our classrooms to learning spaces that match the skill sets our students will need in both their post high school learning and the job force. In the age of technology, we owe it to our students, and to our educators, to support their

The complicated world of veteran benefits

■There are many local organizations to assist vets with paperwork, claims and benefits

By Tim Jagielo

Sometimes veterans need assistance with the task of making claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Doug Morgan is a VA benefits representative and member of the Linden VFW. He’s an accredited service officer, meaning he can file paperwork on behalf of veterans for the VA. “I’m one of many in the county,” he said.

Representatives can be found everyday at several local locations (see sidebar) like the Genesee County Department of Veterans Services, The Marine Corps League, the local Disabled American Veterans office and the Holly Area Veterans Resource center. There also is a service representative at the Loose Center in Linden twice per month.

These locations can assist veterans with the sometimes confusing world of veteran benefits and claims.

Morgan served in Vietnam, and earned a Purple Heart, wounded veteran award.

Whether a veteran served in war or peacetime, there are benefits a veteran has been promised based on when and where they served, as long as they were honorably discharged and meet other requirements.

“They earned benefits that range from health care to burial, to compensation for injuries, incurred or aggravated by their military service,” he said. Others include education, housing or financial benefits.

Reservists have a different status and benefit system.

Lately, Morgan said he serves mostly Vietnam veterans.

Types of benefits


There are essentially two types of benefits — “automatic” benefits and claims benefits.

Morgan said that these automatic benefits are easier to access, while claims require more documentation, and his job is to help them with the process. These claims can be for medical or financial assistance long after their service. These claims require more specific documentation, which people like Morgan can help with.

See **BENEFITS** on 19A

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Doug Morgan
VA service officer, Linden VFW member



MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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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.

Senate Bill 111: Give \$1 billion to Dan Gilbert and other big developers

To authorize giving up to \$1 billion in ongoing cash subsidies over 20 years to Detroit developer Dan Gilbert and possibly others selected by state and local political appointees.

Passed 32 to 5 in the Senate on March 29, 2017

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

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

Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) NO

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

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

Passed 85 to 22 in the House on May 4, 2017

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

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

Senate Bill 242: Authorize giving \$200 million to certain business owners

To authorize giving up to \$200 million to a Taiwan company that builds iPhones if it chooses to build a plant in Michigan, and potentially to other firms. The company ultimately chose to locate a plant in Wisconsin rather than Michigan.

Passed 29 to 5 in the Senate on July 12, 2017

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

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

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

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) DID NOT VOTE

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

Passed 71 to 35 in the House on July 12, 2017

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

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

Legislative Initiative Petition 2: Repeal prevailing wage law

To repeal the state prevailing wage law, which prohibits awarding government contracts to contractors who submit the lowest bid unless the contractor pays wages based on union pay scales that local union officials represent as prevalent in a particular area.

Passed 23 to 14 in the Senate on June 6, 2018

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

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

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

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO

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

Passed 56 to 53 in the House on June 6, 2018

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

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

House Bill 5013: Reform no-fault auto insurance

To allow auto insurance companies to offer policies with less-than unlimited personal injury protection (PIP) coverage; prohibit hospitals and other providers from charging full “charge master” rates in these auto insurance cases; add restrictions on pursuing crash-related lawsuits in court (which the no-fault system was intended to minimize), and adopt other reforms likely to lower insurance rates.

Failed 45 to 63 in the House on November 2, 2017

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) NO

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

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Our Town

Meet Rev. Traci Little

- Episcopal church priest
- Naturalized U.S. citizen
- Wife and mother

By Tim Jagielo

Rev. Traci Little leads the St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton. She's married with a blended family, and has survived the tragedy of losing a son less than three years ago to type 1 diabetes. She delivers her engaging sermons off the cuff, and is usually seen barefoot during church.

You tend to go barefoot for your services — why is that?

There are a couple of Bible stories that are foundational to why I go barefoot at church. The first is the story of



Rev. Traci Little is the leader of St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Fenton. She describes her congregation as welcoming, loving and accepting. "We are a congregation that is wonderful at feeding people and we do so throughout the year in many different ways," she said. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Moses encountering God in the burning bush and hearing the words, 'Take off your shoes. You're standing on Holy Ground.' I take off my shoes as a reminder of that fact. There's also the story of the night of Jesus' arrest and his washing the disciples' feet in the Gospel of John. It's a constant reminder that I need to remove my shoes to be blessed by God in order that I can be a blessing to others.

What's your style of ministry?

I see my role as one who calls forth the gifts of others and walks alongside of them as they are empowered to live into God's call for their lives. Part of this role is helping all of us to see the presence of God in our midst and

“I'm a naturalized American citizen with quite an immigration story.”

Rev. Traci Little

to respond to that presence. 'Where have you seen God today' has become one of my go-to questions. Tell me about your family.

My husband and I have been married for five years and our

blended family includes three grown and living sons, having lost one to type 1 diabetes two-and-a-half years ago. Dave, my husband, and I enjoy this area and feel blessed to have been brought here.

How did being a minister change the way you raised children?

My two boys were both in elementary school when I entered seminary and they were raised with lots of exposure to being a part of the church as priest's kids. While being a priest does afford me a fairly flexible schedule much of the time, there are parts of this vocation that require my presence at what can be inconvenient times for family. Really, the boys had to share me with the church and I continue to be thankful for the sacrifice that they make and that my current family continues to make.

What is something that might surprise people about you?

I'm a naturalized American citizen with quite an immigration story. I was born in France and had dual citizenship with Canada until I turned 21. I was Canadian alone after that until becoming a U.S. citizen in 2014.

What hobbies or disciplines do you have outside the church?

Years ago I fell in love with creating stained glass panels and sun-catchers. Within the last few years, I've actually gone back to creating. I love to make artificial flower arrangements. My husband and I love to garden. I try to get to the gym three to four times a week. And I love to read.

What goals do you have for the next five years personally or for St. Jude's?

My constant goal for the church is to be open to listening for God's quiet voice. We are in the midst of a bit of outreach transition at St. Jude's as one of our ministries has now ended and I'm excited to see where we're being called next.

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LOOKING BACK
at this week in
HISTORY

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

NOV. 11
1918: At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compi gne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.

NOV. 12
1954: Ellis Island, the gateway to America, shuts its doors after processing more than 12 million immigrants since opening in 1892. Today, an estimated 40 percent of all Americans can trace their roots through Ellis Island, located in New York Harbor off the New Jersey coast and named for merchant Samuel Ellis, who owned the land in the 1770s.

NOV. 13
1982: Near the end of a weeklong national salute to Americans who served in the Vietnam War, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C., after a march to its site by thousands of veterans of the conflict. The long-awaited memorial was a simple V-shaped black-granite wall inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank, as was common in other memorials.

NOV. 14
1851: Moby-Dick by Herman Melville is published. It is now considered a great classic of American literature and contains one of the most famous opening lines in fiction: "Call me Ishmael." Initially, though, the book about Captain Ahab and his quest for a giant white whale was a flop.

NOV. 15
1956: Love Me Tender, featuring the singer Elvis Presley in his big-screen debut, premieres in New York City at the Paramount Theater. Set in Texas following the American Civil War, the film, which co-starred Richard Egan and Debra Paget, featured Elvis as Clint Reno, the younger brother of a Confederate soldier.

NOV. 16
1959: Did the young Austrian nun named Maria really take to the hills surrounding Salzburg to sing spontaneously of her love of music? Did she comfort herself with thoughts of copper kettles, and did she swoon to her future husband's song about an alpine flower while the creeping menace of Nazism spread across central Europe? No, the real-life Maria von Trapp did

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE
MIDWEEK TIMES

Compiled by Vera Hogan

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Nov. 7, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Fenton schools property sells for \$1.3 million
Most likely use will be grocery store and other small retailers.

'Like a presidential election'
Tri-County area experiences an energetic voter turnout for Tuesday midterm election.

Child bus stop fatalities are preventable
Motorists around the country have been ignoring flashing bus lights.

A look back at 1968
"National Burn Your Draft Card Day" was in 1968.

Now that the election is over, vote for mending fences
Personal relationships with friends and family do not have to take a permanent beating.

Our Future
Meet Richard Gilrop, Fenton High School junior and business owner/entrepreneur.



none of those things. She was indeed a former nun, and she did indeed marry Count Georg von Trapp and become stepmother to his large brood of children. But nearly all of the particulars she related in her 1949 book, The Story of the Trapp Family Singers, were ignored by the creators of the Broadway musical her memoir inspired.

NOV. 17
1558: Queen Mary I, the monarch of England and Ireland since 1553, dies and is succeeded by her 25-year-old half-sister, Elizabeth. The two half-sisters, both daughters of King Henry VIII, had a stormy relationship during Mary's five-year reign. Mary, who was brought up as a Catholic, enacted pro-Catholic legislation and made efforts to restore the pope to supremacy in England. After Mary's death, Elizabeth survived several Catholic plots against her; though her ascension was greeted with approval by most of England's lords, who were largely Protestant and hoped for greater religious tolerance under a Protestant queen.

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House Bill 4716: Remove parental rights for female genital mutilation

To take away the parental rights of a parent who subjects a child to female genital mutilation. This would be in the same section of law that terminates parental rights for severe child abuse and molestation.

Passed 89 to 16 in the House on Sept. 14, 2017

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate on Nov. 30, 2017
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

House Bill 4557: Authorize prison for bringing 26 cases of beer or wine into state

To authorize up to four years in prison and a \$5,000 fine for bringing more than around 26 cases of wine or beer into the state without all the required licenses mandated by the state. Smaller quantities would be subject to 93 days in jail.

Passed 99 to 8 in the House on May 25, 2017

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51) ☒ YES
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) ☒ YES
Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate on June 22, 2017
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) ☒ YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) ☒ YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) ☒ YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) ☒ YES

Gretchen Whitmer is Michigan's next governor

Defeats Republican opponent Attorney General Bill Schuette

By Times Editorial Staff

Democrat Gretchen Whitmer, 47, defeated Republican Bill Schuette in the Michigan gubernatorial race. With Whitmer winning, her running mate, Garlin Gilchrist II, will be lieutenant governor.

These are the unofficial results as of Friday, Nov. 9 with 83 out of 83 counties reporting. Whitmer won with 2,256,700 votes (53.34 percent) to Schuette's 1,853,559 (43.81 percent).

Whitmer served as a Michigan state representative, from 2001 to 2006 and Michigan state senator, from 2006 to 2015. She was born in Lansing.



Gretchen Whitmer

Schuette, 65, is the 53rd Attorney General for the State of Michigan after being elected to that seat in 2010. He was born in Midland.

Michigan Secretary of State

Republican Mary Treder Lang
1,828,675 (44.03 percent)
Democrat Jocelyn Benson
2,194,802 (52.84 percent)

Michigan Attorney General

Republican Tom Leonard:
1,903,771 (46.3 percent)
Democrat Dana Nessel:
2,013,871 (48.98 percent)

Michigan U.S. Senator

Republican John James
1,927,232 (45.81 percent)
Democrat Debbie Stabenow
(incumbent): 2,195,601
(52.19 percent)

8th District Representative in Congress

(2-year term)
Republican Mike Bishop:
159,804 (46.78 percent)
Democrat Elissa Slotkin:
172,878 (50.61 percent)

5th District Representative in Congress

(2-year term)
Republican Travis Wines:
99,269 (35.91 percent)
Democrat Dan Kildee:
164,521 (59.52 percent)

47th District Representative in State Legislature

(2-year term)
Republican Hank Vaupel:
28,948 (66.42 percent)
Democrat Colleen Turk:
14,638 (33.58 percent)

Source: Michigan Secretary of State

NEWS

BRIEFS

'Homelessness in Our Community' is topic of Nov. 15 meeting at First Presbyterian Church

Fenton First Presbyterian Church will hold a community conversation on "Homelessness in Our Community" on Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Fellowship Hall. The Resource Fair will be open before and after the program, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and from 8:30 to 9 p.m. The program will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Keynote speakers and a panel will address the causes and overview of homelessness in the greater Fenton area and Genesee County, as well as services and resources available. Sock donations will be accepted and distributed to agencies serving the homeless. Fenton First Presbyterian Church is at 503 S. LeRoy St., telephone (810) 629-7810.

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millage, homeowners would have been levied 5 mills of their property's taxable value for the next 10 years. For example, a homeowner with a taxable value of \$50,000 would have paid an additional \$250 per year with their taxes for road repairs.

Both of Tuesday's proposals were dedicated exclusively to road improvements, and if the first charter amendment proposal failed, the second was automatically null and void.

Null and void it is.
Councilman Dave McDermott said, "I'm disappointed with the outcome of the millage vote. None of us want to pay more taxes, but it was our best option. We are now left with limited choices on how to fix our roads, all of which cost more than the millage. We'll continue to patch potholes, but we will never have new roads without additional funding."

In addition to hiring a public relations firm on a sixth-month contract, prior to Tuesday's election, in early October, city administrators scheduled three meetings at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, where attendees were provided with a Power Point presentation by city administrators on the 10-year plan for road repairs.

According to the Power Point slides, the DDA and LDFA would have captured \$450,000 of the tax dollars to fix streets in their districts, leaving the city with \$1.6 million of the \$2,050,000 that would have been generated in the first year.

Despite several attempts to educate voters on how DDAs get their money, and how they cannot use funds to fix roads citywide, many people are still confused and made comments about not spending money on the butterfly garden and using it for roads instead.

Starting in 2021, the city of Fenton will be receiving about \$540,000 per year from the state.

What now?
"The ballot issue regarding financing road improvements offered the best available solution for local streets," said City Manager Lynn Markland. "There are other solutions that may involve a bond sale or a special assessment district for each neighborhood."

"A bond proposal would mean a millage for bond payments and special assessment districts could mean higher costs for homeowners, in either case there are also 'soft' costs that would need to be paid because they are a part of the financing option. The soft costs would include interest, bond counsel, financial advisors and bond rating fees. These types of costs will be passed on to the residents and unfortunately are funds that would not be used on the roads. Those are just professional fees that need to be paid to sell bonds. The residents that attended the public sessions were presented with that information."

"A part of the presentation also demonstrated that the city's revenue from property tax is still \$800,000 per year below the pre-recession revenue," Markland said. "Clearly the general fund cannot provide the money for streets, it is simply not there. We will have to look into the options available and a decision will have to be made on how to proceed. I'm sure that the residents still believe, as I do, that the prob-

Voters say 'yes' to Proposal 3

■ Voters in Michigan overwhelmingly approve constitutional amendment

By Times Editorial Staff

Michigan voters approved Proposal 18-3 by a vote of 2,756,740 (66.9 percent) to 1,364,064 (33.1 percent). These are unofficial election results with 82 of 83 counties reporting in Michigan as of 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Proposal 3 asked people if they wanted 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.



OTHER AREA RACES

14th District State Senator

4-year term

Republican Ruth Johnson:

64,273 (55.68 percent)

Democrat Renee Watson:

48,580 (42.09 percent)

15th District State Senator

4-year term

Republican Jim Runestad:

67,351 (51.69 percent)

Democrat Julia Pulver:

62,935 (48.31 percent)

22nd District State Senator

4-year term

Republican Lana Theis:

76,038 (55.97 percent)

Democrat Adam Dreher:

57,163 (42.08 percent)

27th District State Senator

4-year term

Republican Donna Kekesis:

23,941 (28.83 percent)

Democrat Jim Ananich:

59,108 (71.17 percent)

32nd District State Senator

4-year term

Republican Ken Horn:

62,378 (55.47 percent)

Democrat Phil Phelps:

50,077 (44.53 percent)

Source: Michigan Secretary of State



lem still needs a solution and there is no basis to believe that the state is going to send us the money to fix the problem.

"The bottom line is that the ballot issues didn't pass, but the problem isn't going away and the streets are not going to get fixed without additional revenue," he said.

(Results of Tuesday night's election are unofficial.)

TRI-COUNTY FUNDRAISERS

Fire & Ice fundraiser

The community is invited to attend Linden's Fire & Ice, **Sunday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 7 p.m.** at the Linden Hotel. This fundraiser and silent auction benefits the Linden Holiday Happening Parade and Fireworks, which will be held Dec. 7. Enjoy a bowl of chili and all the trimmings and a beverage while bidding on any of the unique silent auction items. Tickets are \$20. Find more information on Linden's Holiday Happening Facebook page or at lindenholidayhappening.com.

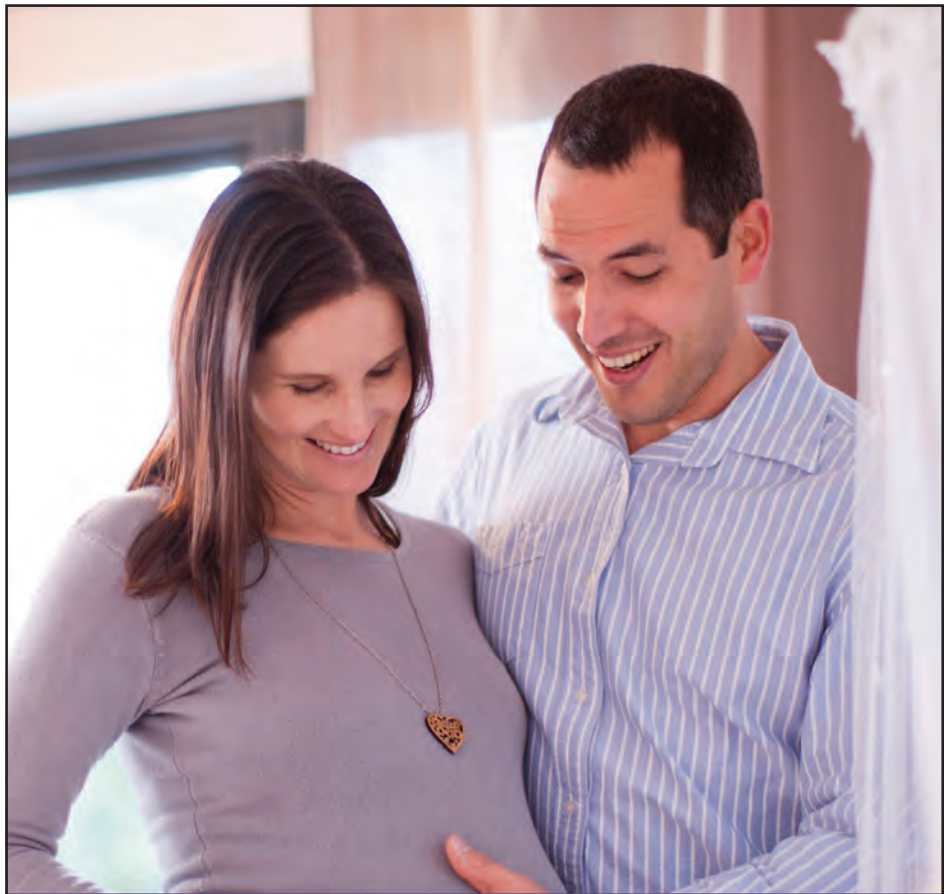
HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN COLORADO, FIVE years after passing recreational marijuana laws, over 70 percent of municipalities have opted out of having the product sold in their communities. We need to do the same.

■■■
THE CITIZENS OF Fenton did not believe city hall saying we had to raise property taxes to 'fix the damn roads.' We do expect the roads to be fixed, but do it by cutting spending and getting the state to reallocate how we receive funds. In other words, do your damn job, council.

■■■
IF YOU THINK all the animals that have disappeared over the last 40 years is the cycle of life, you are uninformed. Not all dinosaurs are dead. There are still a couple running around the Fenton area.

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Hunters hope to get their shot at the big bucks

■ New DNR regulations include restrictions on baiting and feeding

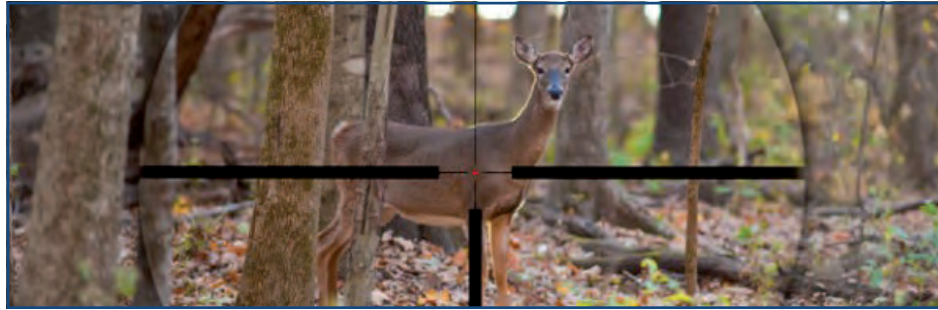
By Vera Hogan

It's that time of year again, when thousands of ladies throughout Michigan prepare to binge on some guilty pleasures like snacks, wine and Hallmark Christmas movies — while their husbands and significant others prepare to take part in the annual hunting ritual.

Firearm deer hunting season begins this week on Thursday, Nov. 15. Hunters, both men and women, will begin migrating north starting this weekend, and by Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, they'll be in place readying to wake up at the crack of dawn on Thursday, Nov. 15 to get their shot at a prize buck.

Whether they do it for the food, or just a chance to spend a few quiet days in the woods, Michigan hunters are gearing up for another great season.

According to freep.com, Hunting Works for Michigan, which promotes



Firearm deer hunting season takes place in Michigan from Thursday, Nov. 15 through Friday, Nov. 30. Photo: calsportsmanmag.com

strong economic partnerships between hunting and shooting communities and the state, figures hunters spend \$2.3 billion and provide an economic ripple effect of \$3.9 billion to the state of Michigan each year.

There are close to 30,000 hunters who come from out of state to experience a Michigan hunt. About half a million of hunters are Michigan residents.

Michigan hunters individually spend an average of \$4,400 per year, according to Hunting Works. In addition to buying

hunting licenses, they spend gas each time they head to the field. They buy targets and bullets, guns and clothing, and trucks, boats and four-wheelers. They spend money that contributes to manufacturing jobs, trucking jobs and retail jobs. Small cabins in the woods are rented, hotel rooms filled. Restaurants get business from those in pursuit of organic, free-range meat.

A healthy environment and abundant natural resources bring hunters, who in turn, bring jobs.

New DNR deer-hunting regulations

New deer-hunting rules to limit the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) have been approved by the DNR. The regulations include new restrictions on baiting and feeding and will go into effect with the upcoming deer hunting season.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease found in deer, elk and moose. There is no cure. It is unclear whether the disease can be transmitted to humans, and as a precaution, hunters are advised against meat from animals with CWD lesions. The biggest worry now with CWD is the long-term health of the state's deer population.

The new regulations:

- **Reduced the 4-point** on-a-side antler requirement on the restricted tag of the combination license in the 16-county CWD Management Zone. Under the new regulation, a hunter in the CWD Management Zone can use the restricted tag of the combination license to harvest a buck with antlers as long as it has at least one 3-inch antler.

- **A statewide ban** on the use of all natural cervid urine-based lures and attractants except for lures approved by the Archery Trade Association is not in effect.

- **An immediate ban** was placed on baiting and feeding in the 16-county area identified as the CWD Management Zone. This area includes Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa and Shiawassee counties.

- **A ban on** baiting and feeding in the Lower Peninsula, effective Jan. 31, 2019, with an exception to this ban for hunters with disabilities who meet specific requirements.

- **Effective immediately** in the CWD Management Zone and four-county bovine tuberculosis area (in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Oscoda counties), hunters with disabilities who meet specific requirements can now use 2 gallons of single-bite bait, such as shelled corn, during the Liberty and Independence hunts.

- **Allowance of all** legal firearms to be used in muzzleloader season in the CWD Management Zone.

- **A purchase limit** of 10 private-land antlerless licenses per hunter in the CWD Management Zone.

- **Restrictions have been** placed on deer carcass movement in the five-county CWD Core Area (Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm and Newaygo counties) and the CWD Management Zone.

- **Antlerless options** on deer licenses/combo licenses during firearms seasons in the five-county CWD Core Area.

Details on all regulations can be found at the online hunting digests on the DNR website, and DNR staff will be available at deer-check stations during the hunting seasons, according to the DNR.

More information about these regulations will be posted on the michigan.gov/cwd website. For additional questions, contact the DNR Wildlife Division at (517) 284-9453.

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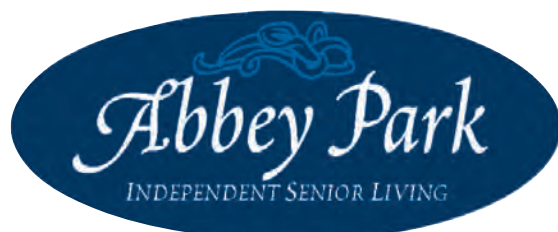
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New vehicle technologies could double repair bills

■AAA finds safety systems can add an extra \$3,000 in costs

Compiled By Vera Hogan

According to new research from AAA released in late October, vehicles equipped with advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) such as automatic emergency braking, blind spot monitoring, lane departure warning and others, can cost twice as much to repair following a collision due to expensive sensors and their calibration requirements. Even minor incidents that cause damage to this technology found behind windshields, bumpers and door mirrors can add up to \$3,000 in extra repair costs.

With one in three Americans unable to afford an unexpected repair bill of just \$500, AAA strongly urges consumers to perform an insurance policy review and consider the potential repair costs of these advanced systems.

Previous AAA testing has shown that ADAS offers many safety benefits, however, minor vehicle damage that affects these systems may be inevitable. For the vehicles in AAA's study, the repair bill for a minor front or rear collision on a car with ADAS can run as high as \$5,300, almost two and half times the repair cost for a vehicle without these systems.

Many variables such as the vehicle make and model, the type and location of the sensor and where the work is performed can affect ADAS repair costs. AAA's research determined the ranges listed below for typical ADAS repair expenses. Note that these numbers are for costs over and above the normal bodywork required following a collision.

- Front radar sensors used with automatic emergency braking and adaptive cruise control systems: \$900 to \$1,300
- Rear radar sensors used with blind spot monitoring and rear cross traffic alert systems: \$850 to \$2,050
- Front camera sensors used with automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning and lane keeping systems (does not include the cost of a replacement windshield): \$850 to \$1,900
- Front, side mirror or rear camera sensors used with around-view systems: \$500 to \$1,100
- Front or rear ultrasonic sensors used with parking assist systems: \$500 to \$1,300

Windshield damage is especially common, with more than 14.5 million replacements annually. Many safety systems rely on cameras positioned behind the windshield that require recalibration when the glass is replaced. In addition, some automakers require the use of factory glass that meets strict standards for optical clarity. Replacing a windshield on a vehicle equipped with a camera behind the glass typically costs approximately \$1,500, which can be as much as three times the amount to replace the windshield on a car without the technology.

Windshields are not the only area vulnerable to damage that could result in a costly repair or replacement. Vehicles with ADAS may also have radar, camera and ultrasonic sensors located in or behind the front and rear bumpers or



bodywork, as well as built into the side mirrors. While most drivers may never find themselves in a collision, these parts can easily be damaged when pulling out of a garage, hitting a mailbox or bumping into other objects.

Once a driver finds that an ADAS has been damaged and requires repair, there are key factors to consider when selecting a repair facility. Simply replacing the sensors of driver assistance systems is relatively straightforward and can be performed by most mechanics. However, to restore the system to proper operation it must be calibrated, which requires special training, tools and information.

Before you have it repaired...

AAA recommends that drivers verify whether the facility is able to properly repair and calibrate the damaged system(s), and request proof of the work once complete.

As technology continues to evolve, drivers need to be better educated and more aware of their vehicle's capabilities. This includes understanding how the vehicle systems work as well as how much repairs may cost if damaged. AAA recommends drivers review their insurance policy regularly to ensure they have the appropriate coverage to cover the cost of repairs for any damage and that deductibles are manageable to minimize out-of-pocket expenses.

For this study, AAA evaluated three top-selling models in popular categories.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN 1982, REAGAN suffered the loss of the Senate. In spite of this loss, Reagan destroyed Communism in the Soviet Union and eastern Europe making him our greatest President. In spite of a House loss, Trump's opposition to global government will ensure his future greatness.

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THE CITY OF Fenton needs to start running more like a business and begin doing a cost benefit analysis of outsourcing various public services. We can't continue to add workers to city-funded pension plans without a massive tax burden on our citizens and driving taxpayers out. It's simply unsustainable.

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WE SENT REPUBLICANS to D.C. to stop the corruption by the Democrats. Corruption was rampant with the Obama administration (IRS scandal, fast and furious, Benghazi, Bergdahl, Hillary's email and Foundation scandals, Obamacare lies, and slush monies to PLO and Iran). The Dems have no morals or values.

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THOSE THREE NEW Senators must be feeling like the last three to board the 'Titanic.'

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VERY IMPRESSED BY the work ethic and story of Richard Giltrop in Wednesday's Our Future section.

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Dopkowski, 98, relaxes at his Tyrone Township home while looking through his World War II photos and memorabilia.

Photo: Sally Rummel



U.S. Navy Machinist Mate First Class Chet Dopkowski enjoyed some R & R (military slang for rest and relaxation) in Honolulu, Hawaii, as part of his overseas duty during his service in World War II. Submitted photo

VETERAN

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service, coincidentally was in that same bar. "We hugged but we didn't have much time to visit. I lent him \$5 and never got it back," Dopkowski said.

The eldest of three brothers, Dopkowski has outlived his two brothers who also served in the U.S. Navy. All three came home from the war and rebuilt their lives. His brothers are buried at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township.

After the war ended in 1945, Dopkowski returned home to his family in Detroit, worked as a printer and married his wife, Maryann, in 1948. The couple raised a daughter, Denise, and Dopkowski adopted Maryann's two boys, Tim and Robert, from a previous marriage. The couple retired to Tyrone Township in 1976, where they purchased a 5½-acre parcel of property.

Dopkowski then enjoyed a long second career working at Spicer Orchards, where he learned enough about apples to plant his own orchard of 125 apple trees.

Today, his daughter Denise and her husband, Bob, of St. Clair Shores, help Dopkowski maintain his home, property and orchard.

Dopkowski enjoys visiting the VFW hall, and admits to a daily beer or two at home, late in the afternoon. He's an avid reader and enjoys looking through his World War II photos and memorabilia.

On another interesting note, Dopkowski's father was in the Russian army in Poland, fighting the Germans in World War I. When he escaped to the U.S., he ended up fighting the Germans again as part of the U.S. military. "That's what got him his U.S. citizenship," Bob said.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

HOLLY WOMAN SCAMMED OUT OF \$2,500

A Holly woman filed a fraud complaint with Holly police Nov. 5. The woman reported that on Nov. 2, after purchasing several Alexa devices through Amazon, she thought she contacted customer support to activate the devices. She thought she called direct number, but realized later that she had Googled the support number. She apparently called a scam number. While speaking with "support staff" she scratched off the redemption numbers on \$2,500 worth of Google Play cards she purchased with two credit cards and provided those codes to the person. When she realized she had been scammed she tried to block the redemption of the cards, but was unsuccessful. It is unknown who received the redemption codes or where they are located. She has been in contact with her financial institutions.

WOMAN'S CAR TIRES SLASHED

A Holly woman reported to Holly police that sometime overnight between Nov. 1 and 2, someone slashed the tires of her Ford Fusion, which was parked at an apartment in the 3300 block of Grange Hall Road.

NEWS BRIEFS

Grange Hall Road culvert repairs delayed due to weather conditions

The Grange Hall Road, three-day road closure for culvert repairs in Holly Township has been delayed until Nov. 26-28 due to weather conditions. The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) expects to close Grange Hall Road between I-75 and N. Holly Road (just west of Great Lakes Blvd) in Holly Township. Nov. 26-28 (original dates were Nov. 12-Nov. 14) for culvert repairs. The closure dates are weather dependent, and the start date could change again. The detour for the closure is Dixie Hwy. to E. Baldwin Road (Genesee County) to N. Holly Road, back to Grange Hall Road and vice versa. During the closure, the contractor, Trojan Development Company of Oxford, will line the existing culvert. It is necessary to close the road to stage equipment and pipes that will divert water flow during the lining work. Once the road reopens to traffic, additional restoration work and installation of new guardrail will continue under flag control when necessary. The entire project is expected to conclude late fall. Grange Hall Road carries 11,000 vehicles daily.

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Stuff it!

■ Turducken, cockentrice, Satyricon, Kiviak and cherpumple — oh my!

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Engastration is the practice of stuffing and cooking one animal inside another. Sounds gross, or kind of good, depending on what you think might be delicious.

The late Cajun chef Paul Prudhomme claimed to have invented the turducken (a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken) in the 1970s. He became synonymous with the dish — and even trademarked the name in 1986. Yet, there are plenty of skeptics.

According to food52.com, when Amanda Hesser inquired into the turducken's history for the New York Times in 2002, food writer John T. Edge told her: "It strikes me as a dish invented by men in a hunt camp."

While the origin of turducken might forever be shrouded in mystery, it is part of a long history of "engastration," the practice of stuffing and cooking one animal inside another.

Reports of engastration go all the way back to the Middle Ages, if not earlier. It may have started with the cockentrice, a monstrosity made by stitching together the head and upper torso of a pig with a capon, found on feast menus from the 15th century. Dating back to the Roman Empire, the fictional Satyricon featured the (possibly fictional as well) Trojan Boar, a 1,000-pound hog stuffed with live birds.

Its heyday wasn't until 18th and 19th centuries, where stuffing meat inside of other meats was a way to show off one's wealth and impress guests in Europe. A recipe for one of the most famous (or infamous) versions of engastration was published in 1807 by Alexandre Balthazar Laurent Grimod de la Reynière. In his *Almanach des Gourmands*, considered to be the world's first serial food journal, a recipe for *rôti sans pareil* (the roast without equal) called for 17 birds to be stuffed into one another and roasted.

The Yorkshire Christmas Pie, a combination of turkey, goose, pheasants, partridges, woodcocks, snipes, grouse, and widgeons (not to mention bacon, ham, truffles, and calves feet) wrapped in a crust and baked, was served at Windsor Castle in 1858. But the West isn't the only place where you'll find engastration.

The Kiviak, a traditional winter dish consumed by the Inuit in Greenland is a seal stuffed with 400 to 500 birds, fermented out of doors under a pile of rocks for anywhere from three to 18 months and then eaten raw.



The late Cajun chef Paul Prudhomme claimed to have invented the turducken — a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken.

Photo: wholefoodsmarket.com

Turducken recipe

Recipes for turducken can be found on some of your favorite cooking websites, including:

foodnetwork.com

allrecipes.com

tasteofhome.com

cooking.newyorktimes.com

The Guinness Book of World Records gave the title of "Largest Meal" to the so-called Bedouin Wedding Feast, a whole camel stuffed with a lamb stuffed with 20 chickens stuffed with even more eggs, nuts, and spices.

If you thought the urge to stuff was solely limited to carnivores, you were wrong. Sweets have found their way into the historical lineage of engastration as well. In 2009, home baker Charles Phoenix created the "cherpumple," a three-layer cake with pies baked into each layer. Dubbed the "turducken" of cakes, the cherpumple is composed of a cherry pie baked into a white cake, a pumpkin pie baked inside a yellow cake and an apple pie baked

inside a spice cake, and then the whole thing is coated with cream cheese frosting. It takes three days to make because each layer must cool before being baked into another.

Why did they do this? Maybe a primal instinct to show off who's on top of the food chain? Perhaps. Whatever the psychological impulse, the whole undertaking of using ingredients that could stand alone as their own dishes and then putting them together like so many puzzle pieces also has a geeky intellectual appeal.

Source: food52.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAYBE-BABY BRUNCH AND LEARN

Are you ready to grow your family? Join us at Huron Valley-Sinai at the Maybe-Baby Brunch and Learn on Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will be a morning of helpful presentations, panelists of health care experts who will answer your questions, tours of the birthing center, free information booths, and a light brunch to start your day. The event is free, but pre-registration is recommended by calling (313) 578-6768 or register at www.hvsh.org/maybebaby.

HIP AND KNEE PAIN SOLUTIONS SEMINAR

Do you or someone you love have knee and hip pain caused by arthritis or sports injuries? There are solutions. Come to the Hip and Knee Pain Solutions Seminar on Nov. 15, from 6 to 7 p.m., at 9525 Highland Rd., Howell. A physician who specializes in joint pain will present at a free informational seminar where you can get the answers you need to take the next step in pain relief. Pre-registration is requested by calling (313) 578-6775 or go to www.dmc.org/solutions.

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VEGAN

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Multiple studies have confirmed this. In a 2018 study, the New York University School of Medicine saw those on a vegan diet experience a 20-percent drop in concentration of an important marker for chronic inflammation, compared to those on the American Heart Association diet, which allows lean meat, eggs and low fat dairy.

Another study involving more than 15,000 people by the Icahn School of Medicine at New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital found that those on a plant-based diet had a 42

percent decreased risk for heart failure over four years.

However, Nandi said there's a caveat.

"People think if they have vegetables and it's deep fried, then it's still healthy.

“In general, if you can eat more plants and less animals it's better for your health...”

Dr. Partha Nandi

"Ask Dr. Nandi" star, M.D.

You can be a very unhealthy vegan," he said, adding that putting gobs of oil and sugar on fruits and plants is unhealthy. "Make sure the preparation is done without excess oils and additives. Moderation is also important.

"An avocado is good for you, but you can't have 10 of them," he said.

Not getting enough protein isn't an issue if you eat enough legumes and beans. Vegetables like broccoli contain protein, and many vegans take vitamins.

"Many populations that are vegetarian get all their nutrients," he said.

Moore said it's not difficult to get enough protein. They eat a lot of beans, lentils, nuts and soy products, and also enjoy plant-based protein shakes.

Nandi said going "extreme" with veganism can be unhealthy, because people who don't eat any animal-based products can develop vitamin D 12 problems. He recommended the Mediterranean Diet.

Eating more plants is a positive because humans can have a lot of issues with processed foods, Nandi said, and our bodies weren't made to process it. This can cause digestive problems.

"The gut has the most sophisticated system. When your gut is healthy, the rest of your body does well and has less inflammation," he said, adding that less inflammation generally leads to fewer health problems.

Other questions about veganism answered

The hardest part for Milo Powers about being vegan is the lack of vegan restaurants in the area.

"Often times I will have to order a few vegetable sides, fries, or a salad. Thankfully, the vegan lifestyle is becoming more popular and restaurants are starting to add vegan options to their menus," she said.

The most common question people ask is, "Was it hard to give up cheese?" She loved dairy, and it was hard at first. After a few weeks, it gets easier to not eat dairy products like cheese, ice cream and yogurt, or find a dairy-free option.

Animal cruelty is also a big factor for Powers. She mentioned that the meat, dairy and egg industries mistreat animals, and rainforests are mowed down for livestock use.

"Plant farming makes far less impact and is much more sustainable," she said. "Even the oceans are being depleted of fish and polluted with feces from livestock farms. I could go on and on."

What is the Mediterranean diet?

The Mediterranean diet emphasizes eating primarily plant-based foods, such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes and nuts. The diet replaces butter with healthy fats such as olive oil and canola oil and uses herbs and spices instead of salt to flavor foods. It also limits red meat to no more than a few times a month.

Source: mediterraneanbook.com

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BENEFITS

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"The VA, as long as you meet qualifications, works for everybody," he said. Different war statuses can change priority and co-pays with the VA system. "You still get the same excellent care from the VA."

While the VA has a reputation for being behind on paperwork, he said service has improved in the last eight to 10 years.

Different claims for different wars

Vietnam veterans, because of the nature of the war, are able to claim "Presumptive conditions" such as lymphoma, prostate cancer and skin conditions. These are issues for which the VA has already agreed to compensate.

Morgan made a claim for lymphoma cancer due to Agent Orange.

Claims, no matter how simple, require patience. He said a quick claim turnaround is six weeks. Others can take months or years.

Burial benefits are also owed to veterans, but Morgan said most funeral homes handle the arrangements and paperwork for the families.

Again, many benefits are nearly automatic, and require minimal documentation, like the DD214 discharge form. These benefits include medical, educational and home loan benefits.

A local non-profit for assistance, community

At the Holly Area Veterans Resource Center, Joe Mishler said one-third of who they serve are younger vets. "Some people are coming home and they're experiencing PTSD, or their having some sort of health problem when they get home," he said. He's also serving more Vietnam veterans than other wars.

His center also helps with finding paperwork and linking veterans to service officers. They work to provide community through events and knowledge through a 4,500-book library. They link

Where to seek VA assistance

GENESEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

1101 Beach Street, 2nd floor, Flint
(810) 257-3068
Fax: 810 237 6172
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veterans to other benefits, like cash assistance for power bills, groceries and even medical equipment like CPAP breathing machines.

His organization is a 501c3 non-profit organization, so they serve veterans from any community. "We're a really friendly bunch of people," Mishler said, who is also a Vietnam veteran with a Purple Heart.

He said that according to Oakland County, his organization is approaching almost \$2 million in benefits per year to vets they've helped with claims.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released Friday, Nov. 2.

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

Senate Bill 897: Impose work requirement on able-bodied Medicaid recipients

To require state welfare officials to seek federal permission to allow requiring able-bodied individuals enrolled in the federal health care law's Medicaid expansion to work at least 80 hours a month for at least nine months a year, or be in school, job-training or volunteer work. The bill authorizes exceptions for a parent with children under age 6, individuals getting disability benefits or above age 62, a disabled person's caretaker and more.

Passed 26 to 11 in the Senate on April 19, 2018

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) ☒ 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 62 to 47 in the House on June 6, 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 4999: Ban local food and beverage taxes

To prohibit local governments and authorities from imposing a tax or fee on the manufacture, distribution, wholesaling or retail sale of food for immediate consumption or non-immediate consumption. Among other things this would prohibit local officials from imposing soda taxes.

Passed 101 to 7 in the House on Oct. 5, 2017

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 5 in the Senate on Oct. 12, 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)	Did not vote

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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■■■
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■■■
MARK NOVEMBER 7TH, 2018 in the history books as The Day America Died. More bureaucrats, marijuana legal, open borders for Mexicans and a Granholm clone driving Michigan into the ground with more massive taxation.

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OUTCOME

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There are a total of five precincts in the city.

Democrat Gretchen Whitmer would still have won the governor's race, but not by much. The city of Fenton gave her a total (all five precincts) of 2,476 votes. Republican Bill Schuette received a total of 2,405 votes.

For the secretary of state, Democratic winner Jocelyn Benson would have won the race in the city of Fenton with a total of 2,432 votes. Her opponent, Republican Mary Lang, received a total of 2,337 votes.

Attorney General winner Democrat Dana Nessel lost the city of Fenton by a total of 2,177 votes. Her opponent, Republican Tom Leonard would have defeated her with a total of 2,483 city of Fenton votes.

Democrat Debbie Stabenow, who won another term in office in the U.S. Senate, would have lost if only city of Fenton voters could cast a ballot. She received a total of 2,329 city of Fenton votes, while

her Republican opponent John James won 2,610 votes.

Democrat Dan Kildee, the winner in the representative for congress race, won in the city of Fenton, too, with 2,512 votes. His opponent, Republican Travis Wines received 2,180 votes in Fenton City.

Republican Ruth Johnson handily won her bid for state senator in the 14th district with 2,564 votes in the city of Fenton. Her opponent, Democrat Renee Watson received 2,247 votes.

In the race for Michigan State Representative in the 51st district, Republican Mike Mueller would still have won if only Fenton City voters could decide. He obtained a total of 2,642 votes. His Democratic opponent, David Lossing, received 2,255 votes.

In the race for Genesee County Commissioner, 6th district, Republican Shaun Shumaker would still have won if only Fenton City voters were deciding, with a total of 2,503 votes. His opponent, Gregory Curtiss received a total of 2,207 Fenton City votes.

The total number of city of Fenton voters saying yes to Proposal 1 in favor of legalizing recreational marijuana was 3,016. More than a thousand fewer voters, 2,006 voted no.

With regard to Proposal 2, the gerrymandering issue, city of Fenton voters would have passed that, too, with 2,887 voting yes to change the present system of drawing congressional districts, and 1,994 voting "no."

When it comes to straight ticket voting, city of Fenton voters made their voices heard with a total of 3,210 voting "yes" for Proposal 3, and 1,673 voting against it.

IF ONLY CITY OF FENTON VOTES COUNTED IN THE TUESDAY, NOV. 6 ELECTION, THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE THE OUTCOME:**Governor**

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Democrat Dan Kildee

State Senator 14th District

Republican Ruth Johnson

Michigan Representative 51st District

Republican Mike Mueller

Genesee County Commissioner 6th Dist.

Republican Shaun Shumaker

Proposal 1 (marijuana)

YES

Proposal 2 (gerrymandering)

YES

Proposal 3 (straight ticket voting)

YES

(*Democrat Dana Nessel won attorney general; Democrat Debbie Stabenow won U.S. Senate)

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a liquor license transfer requested by Tyrone Township resident David Strach, doing business as GCLC, LLC.

Strach is the owner of the building at 111 W. Shiawassee, which currently houses A Joyful Noise music studio. The studio's lease expires in June 2019 and the business will vacate the building at that time.

The license, which is in escrow from a Flint establishment, is a 2018 Class C license with Sunday Sales Permit and Dance Permit. The applicant also requested a Sunday Sales Permit, Outdoor Service Area and Entertainment Permit.

A background check was completed by the Fenton Police Department, which included obtaining two sketches of the applicant's proposed use of the building, a farm-to-table type restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner indoors and outdoors. It would serve liquor and offer entertainment.

As is required by law when a church or school is within 500 feet of the establishment seeking a liquor license, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) notified the nearby churches of the applicant's plans. First Presbyterian Church on S. LeRoy Street objected to the license transfer citing already congested parking conditions. A hearing was held on the church's objections on Oct. 23.

The resolution to object

In addition to the church's objections, the city council has its own laundry list of reasons to object to the license transfer, not the least of which is that the applicant's attorney "erroneously reported that the city had approved the transfer and use of the location as a liquor establishment, despite the city having passed a motion on October 22, 2018 to object to the proposed transfer ..."

The other reasons, according to a resolution to object to the license transfer, are that the current business is a music studio, not a liquor-related establishment. Strach, the sole member of GCLC, LLC who works at a full-time job outside of the city's jurisdiction, "cannot identify who will operate or manage the proposed liquor-related establishment," according to the resolution. As a result, the police department could only conduct a background on Strach himself, even though he will not manage or operate the establishment and doesn't know who will.

No site plan approval or zoning application has been filed with the city for this proposed establishment. The two sketches submitted to the police department demonstrate that Strach's plans are "not feasible and the sketches are insufficient" to allow the city to determine if the proposed use conforms with the city's zoning regulations or if it is a permitted use, and if it is sufficient to operate a liquor-oriented business serving food.

According to the resolution to oppose the transfer, "None of the information gathered during the city police department's investigation evidences a bona-fide business plan or actual intent to operate an establishment within the city. The request itself acknowledges that GCLC, LLC intends to escrow the permit upon a successful transfer, evidencing that GCLC, LLC will be using the transferred license for speculation, not operating a

compliant liquor establishment."

With regard to the applicant's attorney incorrectly telling the MLCC that the city had approved of the license transfer and the use of the location as a liquor-license establishment, the resolution states, "The applicant's misrepresentations before the Liquor Commission further demonstrate an unwillingness to be transparent and properly plan for the operation of a liquor establishment in the city."

The resolution objecting to the liquor license transfer will be submitted to the MLCC by the Fenton City attorney.

Strach could not be reached for comment, nor could owners of A Joyful Noise music studio to learn of their future plans.

The liquor license quota and distribution process

According to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC), in cities, villages or townships, only one Specially Designated Distributor (SDD) license will be issued for every 3,000 people. An SDD license allows a business to sell liquor and mixed spirit drinks for consumption off the premises.

In cities, villages or townships, only one Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) license will be issued for every 1,000 people. An SDM license allows a business to sell beer and wine only for consumption off the premises.

In cities, incorporated villages, or townships, only one public on-premises license (A-Hotel, B-Hotel, Class C, or Tavern license) will be issued for every 1,500 people.

Based on population, the city of Fenton is entitled to 8 on-premise retail licenses (i.e. Class C and tavern). Nine have been issued, leaving one in the negative balance.

The city is entitled to 4 SDD licenses and have been issued 4; it is entitled to 11 SDM licenses and has been issued 16, leaving five in the negative balance.

The negative balances are allowed when existing or escrowed licenses are transferred. According to April Lavery, departmental analyst, Executive Services Division of the MLCC, "The negative quota numbers are due to change in population during the last census (2010) or licenses that have been transferred within the county from one governmental unit (city, township or village) to another. "Licenses are able to transfer even if a governmental unit is at their maximum number or over, however, no new licenses will be issued from MLCC in that city, township or village until there are one or more available, which would occur if license(s) were cancelled or terminated or the population increases at the next census."



Mike Mueller will be the next State Representative for the 51st District, covering much of the tri-county area. Here, he hugs his wife, Angi, shortly after being declared the unofficial winner. Photo: Tim Jagielo

MUELLER

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Mueller said the victory is "surreal," considering his long career in law enforcement will be coming to an end. He said he has served people as a police officer until now, and "hopefully I can serve people at a higher level," he said.

He credited Democrat opponent



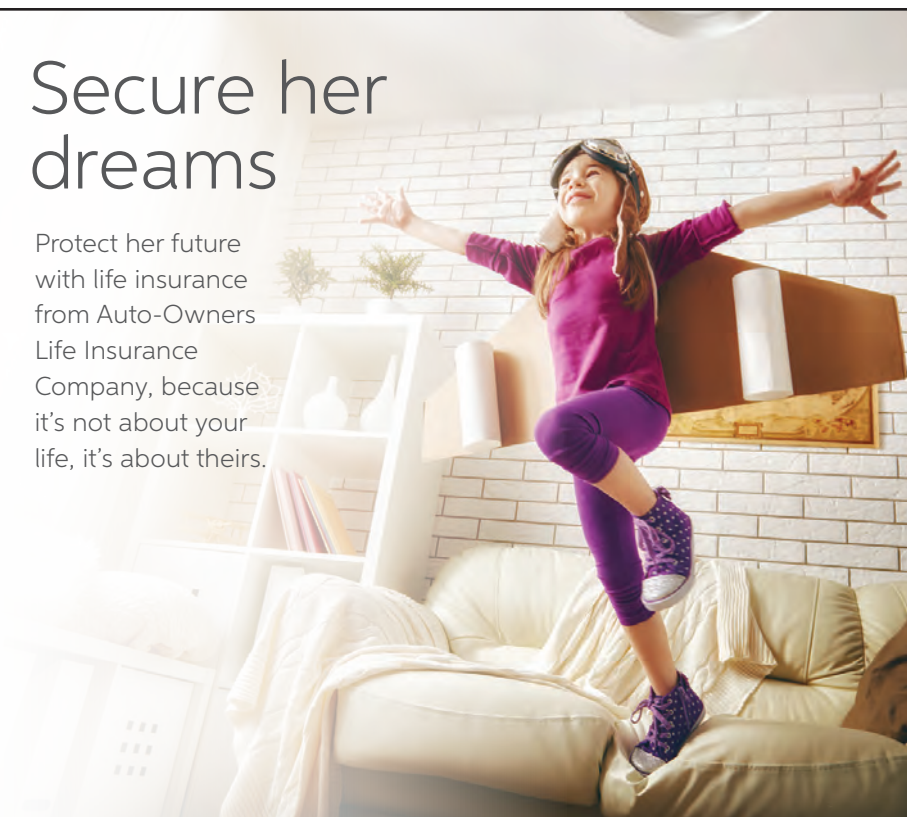
Michael Mueller

David Lossing for running a clean race, and said Lossing is someone he likes and respects.

Lossing released a press statement saying, "Running to represent the 51st District has been a humbling experience ... I look forward to continuing to serve our neighbors and making the 51st House District a better place for all our families."

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Merlo era ready to begin for Holly boys basketball program

By David Troppens

Holly — Joe Merlo got a relatively late start for his first year as varsity boys basketball coach at Holly High School.

Ex-varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis resigned his position in April after 13 successful seasons at the helm, so when Merlo was hired in June, he had to quickly adjust to the position.

He's gone through that process and officially began his first week of practices as Holly's new varsity boys basketball coach

this week and is now trying to make up for lost time.

"I got the job in June and we did three weeks over the summer," Merlo said. "The kids that showed up played hard and improved, which was good. But now we have a lot of work to do. I'm kind of excited to get started as soon as possible. It was pretty late when I got hired in June, so we had to start right away. The kids we have now are bought in and are excited."

Merlo has a pretty solid coaching his-

tory, but this will be his first varsity head coach position. During his first season at Holly last year, he was an assistant for David Hall on the girls varsity basketball team. Prior to that he was at South Lyon East High School, assisting with the varsity boys basketball position and coaching the lower levels there. He also

spent time coaching in the sub-varsity levels with the girls basketball program as well. Merlo's key will be controlling the things the team can control itself.

"Even if we are having a bad shooting day we want someone who comes to watch us to be able to say this team is tough, they get after it and work hard. They do all the things you can control all of the time. That's what we are focused on," Merlo said.

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Holly varsity boys basketball coach Joe Merlo

Sports Times



Fenton trap team wins fall league title

By David Troppens

The Fenton trap team completed its fall season and to say the season went well would be an understatement.

The squad won the conference season, recording eight of the top 10 shooters in the league.

The Tigers scored 3,327 points during the five-week season, scoring almost 1,000 points more than second-place Napoleon. The Tigers scored as many as 713.5 points during the second week and always scored at least 592.5 points every week. Even the 592.5 point week represents a higher score than any other team ever had during the entire fall season.

Parker Bundy led the squad by averaging a score of 23.10 during the five-week season. Trevor Bloss averaged 23.00 while Garrett Bloss averaged 22.00. Thomas Scott had an average of 21.90 while Christian Scott averaged 21.80. Other Fenton performers in the top 10 during the fall were Vaughn Doyle (21.30), James Brown (21.10) and Adam Dickie (21.00).

"We had a great fall season other than the weather," Fenton trap team coach Kevin Johnson said. "It was cold, windy and rainy compared to last year, but it was good for the kids to get used to shooting in those conditions since trap shooting will only get cancelled by thunder or lightning."

The squad had five new participants on the team with two that had no shotgun shooting experience. The primary fall goal was to get those players some quality experience.

"Our goal for the fall season was for the new kids to get experience shooting trap and for the returning kids to get more experience and give them more time to work on their technique," Johnson said.

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Phoebe, 7, makes her Draft Day decision

Michigan's women's lacrosse team embraces new teammate who has Leukemia

By David Troppens

Phoebe Keech is just like a lot of 7-year-old girls.

The Fenton resident enjoys spending time with her family, which includes four sisters. She loves animals, loves running and playing with dolls. One of her favorite videos is the Disney movie "Moana."

But now Phoebe, who was diagnosed at the age of 2 with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, has a new love — that love is her teammates on the University of Michigan women's lacrosse team.

Through a Boston-based nonprofit organization called Team IMPACT, Phoebe officially signed a National Letter of Intent Tuesday to become a member of the Wolverines women's lacrosse team. She did so during a press conference attended by family, friends, her teammates and her coaches.

"This means the world to our family, and it especially means the world to Phoebe, because for so long she couldn't do and she couldn't participate," Phoebe's mom Carrie Keech

said. "To be part of a team that has embraced her has almost encompassed the entire journey she's been on."

Draft Day invites children facing life-threatening or chronic illnesses to join college athletic teams. Children drafted onto a team become official members of the squad from Draft Day. While on the team the child attends practices, games and social events with the program. It creates personal relationships among the child, the student-athletes and the coaching staff. Phoebe was excited to sign her Letter of Intent on Tuesday.

"Every day since Halloween she'd wake up and she would say 'Do I get to see my team,' and I'd keep on having to tell her every day not yet. Then finally (Tuesday) when she woke up and she said, 'Today is the day I get to see my team.' I told her yes and she was so excited. She was beside herself."

Phoebe may have officially joined the team on Draft Day, but she's already been a part of the women's lacrosse team's

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Fenton resident Phoebe Keech, 7, signed a National Letter of Intent on Tuesday during a Draft Day with the Michigan Wolverines women's lacrosse team. (Above photo) Phoebe (far right) is pictured with her family during the signing day. Phoebe (left) has already spent plenty of time with her new team. Team IMPACT is a non-profit that connects children with serious illnesses with college teams.

Submitted photos

Logan excited to take over helm at Fenton

By David Troppens

Fenton — Coach Chad Logan can come out with some good one-liners during any practice.

Wednesday's third official practice of the boys basketball season had a few of them.

"There's thinking in basketball, can you believe it," he hollered quickly during one drill. During another he quickly commented, "You can ask for the ball, it's legal."

Maybe those aren't the funniest comments he's come up with since Monday, but Logan will throw out some comical editorial comments, and his Fenton varsity boys basketball team is quickly learning that.

"He's a funny guy," Fenton player Trent DeGayner said. "He's a funny guy, but when it comes to basketball, he's definitely serious. He just wants everybody to know what they are doing."

Addison McIntosh has known Logan ever since he entered the high school.

"I've known him since freshman year because he was my gym teacher," McIntosh said. "He always talked about basketball during my last two years. He seemed like he knew a lot about what he was talking about, so I have a good relationship with him from gym class."

Logan officially began his first year

at the helm of Fenton's varsity boys basketball team on Monday, replacing John Gilbert. Gilbert resigned the varsity position last spring so he could concentrate on watching his son Chris Gilbert's college career at Grand Valley State University.

Logan, who is predominantly known for his 14 seasons as the Fenton varsity baseball coach, has a reasonable amount of basketball coaching experience at Fenton prior to this season. He has coached for various sub-varsity boys and girls teams through the years. He has also coached on the sub-varsity level in various other sports such as cross country, and ten-

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First-year Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan runs a practice Wednesday.

Photo: David Troppens

PHOEBE

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life. All of the team went trick-or-treating with her on Halloween.

"It was truly amazing," Carrie Keech said. "The entire team went out with her. Many of them dressed up."

The team is quickly falling in love with their new team member.

"When I first met Phoebe her mom said she's a little bit shy at first, but we got in a dance battle the other day, just totally locked in," said senior lacrosse captain Mira Shane. "I think we have had a huge impact already. We were trick-or-treating with her on Halloween and I think seeing everyone gather together created great smiles and great vibes."

"This is a special day for our program," said University of Michigan women's lacrosse coach Hannah Nielsen.

"Team IMPACT is an amazing organization that I am excited for our program to be involved with. I have witnessed first-hand how these relationships can positively change lives

both for the family and child as well as the student-athletes, and I'm excited for our athletes and Phoebe to experience that. Phoebe defines what it means to be tough and resilient, and through any situation she maintains her positive attitude. I am confident that she will be a huge factor to this team's continued success this year and in years to come."

Phoebe is a fighter. Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia is a cancer that occurs in the blood and bone marrow. After getting the phone call about Phoebe's diagnosis while she was preparing dinner, Phoebe was quickly admitted to the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and undergoing a series of surgeries within 15 hours of the phone call.

After that, Phoebe went through two years and four months of chemotherapy before going into remission just prior to her fifth birthday. Phoebe sees an oncologist every 12 weeks for checkups, and will continue to have checkups for the next two years. Keech said Phoebe's current prognosis seems cautiously



Fenton resident Phoebe Keech, 7, is surrounded by the Michigan women's lacrosse team during Halloween. Phoebe recently signed her National Letter of Intent during Team IMPACT's Draft Day. The signing means Phoebe, who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia when she was 2, is a member of the team. Submitted photo

optimistic, but the checkups are necessary. Keech said being with the team has helped Phoebe with her self-confidence. After the years of treatment, Phoebe has lagged behind the natural development of most children her age. However, she's able get a lot of her physical therapy she needs through the team, which in turn helps her own self-confidence.

She practices with the team,

doing many of the drills the team does. Her family expects to get her to as many practices and probably at least all of the home games this season so Phoebe can be with her team. Phoebe is kind of a pioneer within the Team IMPACT program, because she's the first girl to sign up with a women's college team at the University of Michigan.

"She is just the strongest

(kid) and I think hearing parts of her story on signing day was a true inspiration," Shane said of her new teammate. "I'm so thankful to have her and her strength on the team."

"Especially this time of the year the girls are stressed with exams, lacrosse and all of it, but at the end of the day they are fortunate enough to be stressed by those things," Nielsen said. "When you hear what Phoebe has been through and what life can actually bring, it makes you sit back and think, 'I'm OK.'"

Since 2011 Team IMPACT has matched more than 1,300 children with more than 500 colleges in 47 states. Keech is happy her daughter is one of them. Ann Arbor used to symbolize Phoebe's trips to what Keech said Phoebe called "her hospital." But now, they represent trips Phoebe's team.

"We are so grateful to the players and coach Hannah Nielsen," Keech said. "They've been an inspiration."

And certainly Phoebe is equally an inspiration to her new teammates.

LOGAN

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nis. Prior to his career at Fenton, he coached three years of varsity basketball and one year of varsity baseball at Montrose. He also coached the varsity boys basketball team at Farmington Hills Harrison for a year.

Logan played baseball and basketball at Hillsdale College, and still owns the record for highest three-point field goal percentage for a season (48.6 percent in 1993-94).

"Coaching basketball is fun," Logan said. "The environment is great. Every kid grows up playing basketball a lot with their buddies in the backyard or on an AAU team. That's what got me into it. Plus, being involved in school sports is fun."

Logan is a physical education teacher at Fenton High School. That's one of two things he really enjoys already about having the varsity boys basketball job.

"Myself and our other two coaches are in the school," Logan said. "We get to see them outside of practice which is nice. The other thing is we have a lot of kids that like to play. We have 21 kids here for tryouts, so I don't have to find kids."

The players have worked with Logan since he was hired in June.

"Throughout the summer we had open gyms, and we went to Oakland University and played some games there. We are all getting used to the offenses and the defenses he wants to run," McIntosh said. "We've been doing a lot of drills, a lot of dribbling drills, some scrimmage three-on-three stuff. We are trying to show our offense to everyone who wasn't here during the summer. So far it's going pretty



First-year Fenton varsity boys basketball coach Chad Logan runs a drill during a practice Wednesday. Photo: David Troppens

good."

"Ever since he became our head coach he's been talking to some of the guys to get them in the weight room and stuff like that," DeGayner said. "He's been pretty good. He's been straight forward with us. He's telling us what to do and expects us to know what to do. I'm looking forward to playing for him."

The Tigers had their up-and-down moments last season, finishing at 8-8 in the Metro League. This should be an interesting Metro League season considering eight of the 13 players who earned first- or second-team all-Metro honors graduated.

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TRAP

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"The usual fall weather this year let the kids get experience shooting trap in more spring-like windy and rainy weather. So all in all it was a great fall season. We won our conference and the

kids had fun."

The spring registration begins February 1 with practices starting in mid-March. Johnson said anyone with interest in joining the trap shooting team can contact Johnson at fentontrapteam@gmail.com.

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Athlete Of The Week



JOSEPH GILBERT
Boys Cross Country



BRADY YOUNG
Boys Soccer

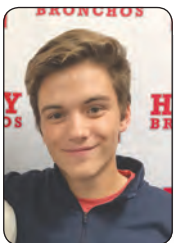


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Boys Tennis

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HOLLY



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Girls Golf

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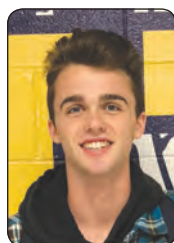
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