

Gas prices plunging

■ Michigan prices down 40-plus cents in just 46 days

Compiled by Hannah Ball

Gas prices are down, and are expected to decrease more just in time for the holiday season.

According to a press release by GasBuddy.com, Monday, Nov. 12, the national average price of gas has fallen 5.9 cents per gallon in the past week.

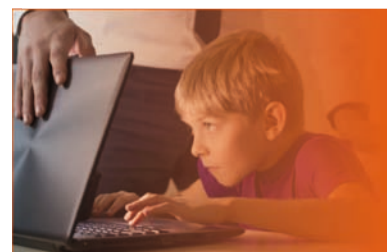
In Michigan, gas prices dropped an average of 10 cents last week. The state average is

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Robert Dietrich of Argentine Township pumps gas at the Fenton Silver Parkway VG's

Tuesday, Nov. 13. Gas prices are expected to drop.

Photo: Hannah Ball



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Radon found in Linden City Hall basement

■ Radioactive gas is number one cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers

By Hannah Ball

Linden — Linden City Hall will undergo radon mitigation after testing revealed levels of 10.1 pCi/L in the basement, which exceeds safety levels set by the state.

The board approved a plan to hire Performance Environmental Services, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$4,395 for mitigation and confirmation testing. The vote was 6-0, with Councilor Charlie Ross absent.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas, according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. It can seep into homes from the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. It moves from the ground into

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Sports Creek Raceway in Swartz Creek has been for sale and unused since 2015. There were negotiations to purchase and turn the facility into a thoroughbred horse racing track, but a pending deal fell apart Tuesday. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Holly Hotel owner heads organization to run Kentucky Derby-style horse races



Photo: Fred Moses

By Tim Jagielo

Swartz Creek — On Monday, Nov. 12, Sports Creek Raceway looked like an abandoned mall. The former harness horseracing venue now features families of white tailed deer bounding across the track instead of standard bred horses.

Weeds have taken over the grounds, obscuring the parking lots, and water has dug furrows in the fine gravel track.

This fall, hope for new life coming to the 32-year-old facility grew

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“It just fell apart. It’s going to be heartbreaking for the horsemen in the state.”

George Kutlenios
Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association president

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“To the person in the Sunday paper concerned why the Linden road millage did not pass. Do you have any idea how many elderly people live in Linden on fixed incomes? When there is an increase in property taxes, they have to decide what medication not to take or what food not to eat.”



“Yes, marijuana proceeds will be used to repair ‘pot’ holes. Colorado pulled in \$105 million in fiscal year 2016-17 tax revenue from marijuana sales. It was used to create housing programs, aid mental health programs in jails and health programs in middle schools. Much more but space does not permit.”



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“This message goes out to the Holly school teachers, working and retired. Keep buying those foreign cars and trucks and I’ll keep voting down your proposals.”

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“Kids hold tablets 2 inches from their nose while they play Minecraft for two hours.”

Juan Alvarado
Fenton Vision
Center optometrist

How screen time affects our eyes

Kids at highest risk of damage from blue light

By Hannah Ball

Staring at a digital screen for hours fatigues your eyes because of the blue light the screens emit.

Muscles in your eyes are forced to contract to focus on things up close and then far away, and there's danger in screens too close to your face.

“The people who are at the highest risk are kids,” said Juan Alvarado, board certified doctor of optometry at Fenton Vision Center. “All light can cause damage but shorter wave-lengths of light causes more damage a lot quicker.”

Too much exposure to blue light could lead to digital eyestrain, which includes sore or irritated eyes and difficulty fo-

cus. It can also cause retina damage, which can lead to age-related macular degeneration — the leading cause of vision loss for Americans age 50 and older. It harms a person's central vision, which makes it hard to do daily tasks, such as driving, reading and recognizing faces,

according to preventblindness.org.

Staring at a screen for long periods of time causes an “immense amount” of fatigue, Alvarado said. This is why adults who work at office jobs are often tired toward the end of the day.

According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, children's eyes absorb more blue light than adults from digital screens.

“Their job is to learn how to learn.

You got somebody who's already struggling to figure out a bunch of new stuff and you have this white noise that is constantly bombarding them,” Alvarado said. Some kids will close one eye to shut out the light, and then become accustomed to reading with only one eye, which can create a handicap.

They also absorb more blue light because of how they hold their screens.

“Kids hold tablets 2 inches from their nose while they play Minecraft for two hours,” he said. “You have this device that emits blue light and instead of keeping it

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A LOOK BACK at 1968

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“The Mod Squad” starred Clarence Williams III, Michael Cole and Peggy Lipton. Photo: newsday.com

‘The Mod Squad’ was grooviest show on TV in 1968

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The Mod Squad is an American crime drama series that ran on ABC from 1968 to 1973. It starred Michael Cole as Peter “Pete” Cochran, Peggy Lipton as Julie Barnes, Clarence Williams III as Lincoln “Linc” Hayes, and Tige Andrews as Capt. Adam Greer.

They were The Mod Squad, described by one critic as “the hippest and first young undercover cops on TV.” Each of these characters represented mainstream culture's principal fears regarding youth in the era.

Long-haired rebel Pete Cochran was evicted from his wealthy parents' Beverly Hills home, then arrested and put on probation after he stole a car; Lincoln Hayes, who came from a family of 13 children, was arrested in the Watts riots, one of the longest and most violent actual riots in

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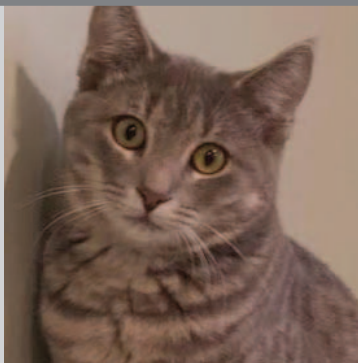
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If I Were King...

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Cynical observations on life

- If you haven't ever wondered how you've lived this long, you haven't really lived.
- The man who says he is willing to meet you halfway is usually a poor judge of distance.
- Warranty — A notice telling the buyer when the product that was just purchased will no longer function.
- For some reason, everyone always has to write something on a steamed mirror.
- Definition of Self-Check-out Line — The place where customers of an establishment stupidly become unpaid employees of the establishment, thereby costing someone their job.
- In my opinion, I don't think there is intelligent life on other planets. Why should other planets be any different from this one?
- An autobiography is the story of how a man thinks he lived.
- Truth be told, most people plan their vacations with far more attention to detail than they do in their lives.
- In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra.
- Never, ever ask a woman who is eating ice cream straight from the carton how she is doing.
- Silence is golden. Unless you have kids.
- Every year ABC cuts a little more from A Charlie Brown Christmas — a movie about the over-commercialization of the holidays — to make room for more commercials.
- Things turn out the best for people who make the best of the way things turn out.
- A wedding ring is the smallest handcuff ever made.
- Three things I know about you:



- 1: You can't pronounce 'M' without touching your lips. 2: You're trying it right now and you look like an idiot. 3: Now you're smiling.
- Never loan your car to anyone you have given birth to.
- Be with someone who would drive five hours just to see you for one.
- Have you ever noticed that a woman's "I'll be ready in five minutes" and a man's "I'll be home in five minutes" are exactly the same amount of time?
- Why didn't I use my turn signals? Because it's nobody's business where I'm going.
- If you really want to have some fun, ask your 5-year-old kid to draw a picture of you.
- I have never understood the difference between "fat chance" and "slim chance."
- The best years of a woman's life? The 10 years between 39 and 40.
- "I've seen it. I've heard it. I've smelled it. I've touched it. I've stepped in it." Retired nurse.
- "I am" is the shortest sentence in the English language. "I do" is the longest sentence.
- There are two types of men in this world. Those who say they never pee in the shower and those who are stinkin' liars.
- Shouldn't drapes be double-sided so they look nice both on the inside and outside of your home?
- How do the police handcuff a one-armed man?
- If milk goes bad if not in a refrigerator, why doesn't it go bad inside the cow?
- Have you ever wondered what deaf people are thinking when they watch people dance?

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“How do the police handcuff a one-armed man?”

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DELIGHTED TO HEAR that Fenton schools just sold property it never needed for \$1.3 million. Since school is part of government, we can use that money for new roads. Problem solved. Right?

THE FENTON ATHLETIC department is a joke. They put kids on teams that don't deserve it. Every teacher's kid makes the team and everyone in the clickity clack club make the team. There's a reason why they haven't won a state championship in more than 30 years.

WHERE IS THE, Metoo movement with regard to the CNN reporter at the White House? Liberals don't want him fired, even though he assaulted a young female on live TV.

IF TRUMP KEEPS it up, he will make the Dems great again.

TO HOT-LINER RECALLING 'Republicans promise to take on corruption.' You're mistaken. It was Trump's promise. All politicians, Republicans and Democrats, protect corrupt policies that enrich them. Trump is suffering the wrath of the political class for taking on corruption.

FOR THE RECORD, President Trump beat President Obama in terms of first mid-term election. Trump lost, at most, 40 House seats while gaining at least two Senate

seats. Obama lost 63 House seats and six Senate seats. But don't expect the press to ever report these facts.

IF WE ALLOW illegal immigrants, then education, welfare, court and incarceration costs increase at the same time wages decrease. How you like them apples?

IF THE DONKEY symbolizes everyday hardworking common folk, it is not a legitimate symbol for the Democrat Party.

IF YOU'RE A senior and shop at a local store with a savings program, you're out of luck if you don't have a smartphone and apps. Any funds you accumulated cannot be accessed.

PRESIDENT TRUMP WARNED of a 'socialist nightmare' if Democrats gained power in this year's midterm elections. Well, Democrats gained some power, and there's no sign at all that markets are worried about it.

EVEN IN A country that has become accustomed to gun massacres, the idea that some Americans have lived through not one, but two attacks is startling.

MANKIND WIPING OUT nearly 4,000 species over the last 40 or so years is not natural selection. Maybe you should take the time to educate yourself.

THE REPUBLICANS HAD already raised the gas tax and vehicle registration fees considerably but I haven't seen any action on road repairs.

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

How much screen time do you get?

Question asked to Lake Fenton High School students

streettalk



"Honestly, I get a little too much screen time. I get a little bored and go on YouTube and talk with friends on Snapchat. To reduce it, I'd put my phone away, out of sight, out of mind."

Joseph Gilbert
sophomore



"On a day, I'd say five or six hours. I feel like it's always necessary — I'm always trying to plan things with friends or I'm doing homework on our Chromebooks."

Kurtis Humphrey
senior



"Probably three hours per day. YouTube takes a lot of time, for education, and homework. I would suggest not spending too much time on screens unless it's homework."

Landon Verhelle
junior



"I don't have a limit from my parents but I get about four hours per day. A lot of it is Netflix at night and social media too. We're addicted to our phones."

Ruby Todd
freshman



"I use my phone a lot. I'm watching movies on my phone a lot. I spend an average of five hours a day. On certain days my phone is a distraction and I wish it wasn't. I don't really use a computer a lot."

Olivia Tanner, senior

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE AMERICAN BISON and the Michigan wild turkey were not nearly wiped out due to 'natural selection,' like a lot of reduced animal populations; they were nearly brought to extinction due to over-hunting.

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MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 111 gives \$1 billion to developers. That's why our taxes are high and our roads are lousy. Good developers arrange their own private financing.

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THE GOVERNOR CAN'T raise any taxes unless legislature passes tax bills. Not going to happen unless Republicans cave. Just as Fenton voted 'no' for additional road funding, state should do the same.

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OUR POLITICIANS NEED to figure out how to live on a budget just as they do. Maybe you can afford it, but maybe they cannot. Grow up and think about someone besides yourself.

■■■■
TRUMP IS A threat and thank God for that. Trump threatens the political class by offering a successful alternative. Trump threatens media elites by pointing out their extreme liberal bias and lack of journalistic integrity. Trump threatens the global world order by placing 'America first.' God Bless Trump.

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AS SESSIONS GOES under the bus, where it's becoming very crowded, the backlog in Federal Court is about to explode. The new Attorney General is not sanctioned and no conviction will stick.

■■■■
I'M SAD THAT illegal immigrants shot the ranchers and killed their animals. I'm also sad that the U.S. marine shot and killed people in Thousand Oaks. Killers are killers, guys. They come in all colors, religions and citizen statuses.

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TO THE WRITER addressing Democrats about extinction. You are right about loss of habitat, the major reason for most extinctions. You also say man may join those ranks. It will be for the same reason, loss of habitat. Can you say climate change?

■■■■
MAN HAS HUNTED and killed animals for survival since they learned how to do it. Hunting deer thins the herd and keeps the animals from starving. I don't hunt, but even I know that.

■■■■
THOSE WHO OPPOSE the marijuana law and want to keep it out of their city, village or township should not receive any money for their road repairs, schools or local government. If you opt out, the money stays out.

■■■■
I THINK 0.0000208-percent chance that any given gun will injure a kid is 0.0000208 percent too many.

■■■■
DOES IT NOT make sense to have one procedure for voting nationwide especially in federal elections? Results in hours, not months.

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DOW SINKS 602 points as the stock market contends with a fresh threat: a rising dollar. Thanks, Donald Trump.

■■■■
TO MY ONE moderate son and my more conservative grandson. You guys win. You give everything to my liberal son and his liberal kids.

■■■■
BEFORE YOU SAY Democrats just raise your taxes, let us not forget which party taxed pensions;

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reportedly the lowest since March, according to AAA.

In Flint, gas prices fell 9.4 cents per gallon, with the average price at \$2.55 per gallon.

Since reaching \$3.02 per gallon in September, the state average has declined 42 of the last 46 days for a total of 41 cents, according to AAA. However, the Michigan state average remains nearly 20 cents higher than this year's low of \$2.42, set on Feb. 21.

Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said, "The last week has seen another notable decline at pumps in nearly every state with average prices again plummeting, in some places to \$1.99 per gallon or less, following oil's longest losing streak in nearly 34 years."

Americans are spending nearly \$100

“What’s it all mean for motorists?”

Patrick DeHaan
GasBuddy head of petroleum analysis

million less on gas now compared to 30 days prior, he said, and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will have an effect on prices.

"Oil's demise has partially been due to the U.S. issuing waivers to countries buying crude oil from Iran, making sanctions moot, but also because ahead of those waivers, OPEC agreed to increase production to soften the potential blow from the Nov. 4 re-imposition of sanctions — yet now OPEC is upset and may again cut production to the move by Trump to allow temporary waivers.

"What's it all mean for motorists? The plummet at the pump may continue for now, but all eyes will be on OPEC to see

what move they make to pump oil prices back up," DeHaan said.

Past Nov. 12 gas prices per gallon:

2017 - \$2.71
2016 - \$1.99
2015 - \$2.17
2014 - \$2.93
2013 - \$3.13

In Ann Arbor, gas cost \$2.70 per gallon Nov. 12, compared to last week's \$2.81. In Detroit, a gallon cost \$2.63, which was down 9.5 cents compared to last week's \$2.73. Gas prices in Lansing were \$2.53, which were down 9.7 cents from last week's \$2.63.

Source: AAA, GasBuddy

NEWS BRIEFS

Fenton DPW employee graduates from Michigan Public Service Institute

Brian Waller of the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) has graduated from the Michigan Public Service Institute (MPSI) program, which provides instruction expressly designed for public works employees, supervisors, managers and directors. The MPSI course is divided into three, one-week sessions per year for three years. The program was founded in 1992 with Fenton's former DPW director, the late Leslie P. Bland, as one of the founding committee members who started the program. Waller completed the three-year program in September. Waller has been with the DPW for 18 years. "He is an outstanding DPW employee," Dan Czarnecki, public works director. "He is very knowledgeable in everything we do at the DPW and he is good at working with the public."

Republicans tax the middle class and give tax breaks to the corporations.

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YOU MARIJUANA DRUGGIES who are celebrating your win should remember that most employers will not put up with druggies nor will they hire druggies.

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IT HAPPENED AGAIN. Four days this week, two high school kids had the enormous job of waiting on and cleaning up after 40 to 60 people at dinner. The only adult on hand is the cook and he never comes out of the kitchen. Am I wrong for thinking this is a heavy responsibility for two teens?

■■■■
REPUBLICANS PROMISED TO take on corruption and they did. You don't see the corrupt Clintons do you?

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PLEASE, LEARN THIS. Reagan did not destroy Communism. The former Soviet Union collapsed of its own accord. Russia could not support its satellite nations.

■■■■
I DON'T READ 'King' anymore. He's such a downer, a divider and a pessimist. If I want such emotional depression, I turn to Fox News.

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SCREEN TIME

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at a safe distance, a computer screen distance, it's almost touching their nose. Adults do it. You don't hold your phone in your lap while you text."

Nowadays, phones are getting bigger and people read on tablets, which Alvarado said, "blows my mind." He recommends reading with the original Kindle instead, because there's no blue light.

With kids, Alvarado said never to let them play on their tablet or phone before they do their homework or else they will tire out their eyes.

He said there are a few ways to block blue light from digital screens. The first is to get a non-glare coating on your glasses. These have a purple hue.

"Their glasses look like they're lit up. The light hits them and it just stops right there," he said.

Another way is to get lenses that contain a certain chemical that blocks blue light. Ask your optometrist about blue blocking technology, and transition lens. Some of these lens are yellow tinted. For gamers, Gunnar Blue Light Blocking Glasses are incredibly popular.

Other tips

- Reduce the amount of time you spend looking at a phone or computer, and take frequent breaks to give your eyes a rest.

- Consider screen filters for your smartphones and tablets. These reduce the amount of blue light given off.

The best way to look at screens

To prevent eyestrain when looking at screens, your screen should be 20 to 26 inches away from your eyes and slightly below eye level. If you need to type while looking at a document, use a document holder right next to the screen to minimize how far your eyes have to move and change focus.

Lower the lighting on your screens so the lights are less harsh, and pick screens that you can adjust.

Source: preventblindness.org

SUMMARY

■ If you find yourself tired after a day of staring at a screen, it's time to look into glasses with blue light blocking technology.

Our Future



Meet

Nicole Dudin

- Lake Fenton High School senior
- Five-year band member, drum major
- Four-year competitive cheerleader

By Sally Rummel

Nicole Dudin, 17, is a senior at Lake Fenton High School. She plans to attend college after she graduates from high school next May. She is the daughter of Rebecca Rudzki and has a younger sister, Natasha Dudin, who is in the eighth grade.

What is one thing you'd like to do before you graduate?

I would love to go to state competition for competitive cheer. It has been a four-year dream of mine.

What living person, besides a family member, do you admire the most?

I can't just pick one, but two people who have influenced me greatly since middle school are my coach, Maryalice Taneyhill and my band director, Ryan Gonder.

What are two things you couldn't live without?

I couldn't live without my friends. My closest friends do so much for me and I love them for that. I also couldn't live without food. Mostly because I can eat for hours and still be hungry.

What is your favorite kind of music and how do you fit it into your life?

I've always loved '80s music. I normally listen to Queen, Elton John and Michael Jackson. I also really enjoy Post Malone. I fit it into my life by singing and dancing anytime, anywhere.

What does your future look like in five or 10 years?

In five years, I hope to be finishing college and possibly starting a full-time 'adult' job. In 10 years, I hope to be making good money and starting a family.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

FENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR OWI

At 11:59 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, a Fenton police officer made an evasive driving maneuver to avoid a vehicle that pulled out in front of their patrol vehicle. Lt. Jeff Cross said a police officer was traveling westbound on Silver Lake Road. A vehicle on Poplar Street failed to stop for the red light and pulled out in front of the patrol vehicle to also travel westbound on Silver Lake Road. A traffic stop was initiated and the vehicle eventually pulled over. After failing field sobriety tests and refusing to take a Breathalyzer, the officer arrested the 40-year-old Fenton man for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. A search warrant was obtained to draw blood and the man spent the night at the Genesee County Jail awaiting sobriety. An arrest warrant is pending the results of the blood test.



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67th District Court
Ask the
judge

Marijuana

With the recent approval of Proposal 1, Michigan joins nine other states and the District of Columbia in allowing the recreational use of marijuana.

Thirty-three states and the District also allow its medical use including Michigan. Thirteen other states have decriminalized marijuana in one way or another.

There is little question that the legalization of marijuana has both its supporters and detractors, so for today's column I thought that providing some historical facts about marijuana laws would be in order.

In 1914, Massachusetts became the first state to criminalize the use of marijuana. Over the years, every state has enacted its own marijuana laws.

On Oct. 1, 1937, the federal Marijuana Tax Act went into effect.

This was the first federal law to make the sale or possession of marijuana a crime. It provided for a special sales tax of \$100 per ounce. A failure to pay was punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 or up to five years in prison.

Part of the Act was found unconstitutional in 1969 and it was replaced in 1970 by the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA), which made marijuana sales or possession illegal.

Interestingly since 2014, there has been a yearly amendment to the federal budget, which prohibits the United States Department of Justice from spending funds to enforce the CSA in states with medical marijuana laws. At least one federal appeals court has upheld the validity of this amendment.

In Michigan, the first criminal marijuana law was enacted around the time of the passage of the Tax Act. Marijuana was classified as a narcotic.

This classification was questioned in the 1972 Michigan Supreme Court case of *People v Sinclair*. The defendant, John Sinclair, had received a 9½- to 10-year prison sentence for possessing two marijuana cigarettes.

The Supreme Court unanimously reversed his conviction on various grounds including finding that marijuana was not a narcotic. During the pendency of the appeal, Michigan law was changed also removing marijuana from its narcotics classification.

In 2008, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act became law.

As one can see, marijuana laws have changed dramatically over the past 100 years.

Whether these are good or bad changes of course is in the eye of the beholder.

Next week — “a question as to nonuser rights.”

Explaining today's news to your kids

■ Disturbing news events more accessible to children via TV and social media

By Vera Hogan

Hurricanes and other violent weather — terrorist attacks — mass shootings at schools, churches and public places — horrific school bus, limo and plane crashes — sexual misconduct anywhere and everywhere — and politics, politics, politics. These are the nonstop news events that leave many asking, “What is this world coming to?”

Dramatic, disturbing news events can leave parents speechless, especially parents of young children. How do explain bad news to your kids so they understand and are not fearful.

In a recent article by Caroline Knorr, published in commonsensemedia.org, the old newsroom adage, “If it bleeds, it leads,” seems to be truer than ever today.

With technology sending updates, tweets, posts, and breaking news alerts directly to the kids' phones, parents are often playing catch-up.

No matter how old your kids are, threatening or upsetting news can affect them emotionally, according to Knorr. Many can feel worried, frightened, angry, or even guilty. These anxious feelings can last long after the news event is over. What can you do as a parent to help your kids deal with all this information?

Knorr offers these tips:

Tips for all kids

Consider your own reactions. Your kids will look to the way you handle the news to determine their own approach. If you stay calm and rational, they will, too.

Take action. Depending on the issue and kids' ages, families can find ways to help those affected by the news. Kids can write postcards to politicians expressing their opinions; families can attend meetings or protests; kids can help assemble care packages or donate a portion of their allowance to a rescue/humanitarian effort

Tips for kids under 7

Keep the news away . Turn off the TV and radio news at the top of the hour and half hour. Read the newspaper out of range of young eyes that can be frightened by the pictures (kids may respond strongly to pictures of other kids in jeopardy). Preschool kids don't need to see or hear about something that will only scare them.

Stress that your family is safe. At this age, kids are most concerned with your safety and separation from you. Try not to minimize or discount their concerns and fears, but reassure them by explaining all the protective measures that exist to keep them safe. If the news event happened far away, you can use the distance to reassure kids. For kids who live in areas where crime and violence is a very real threat, any news account of violence may trigger extra fear. If that happens, share a few age-appropriate tips for staying and feeling safe.

Be together . Though it's important to listen and not belittle their fears, distraction and physical comfort can go a long way. Snuggling up and watching something cheery or doing something fun together may be more effective than



Parents of pre-teens may have to explain the basics of prejudice, bias, and civil and religious strife. Photo: www.politico.com

logical explanations about probabilities.

Tips for kids 8–12

Carefully consider your child's maturity and temperament. Many kids can handle a discussion of threatening events, but if your kids tend toward the sensitive side, be sure to keep them away from the TV news; repetitive images and stories can make dangers appear greater, more prevalent, and closer to home.

Be available for questions and conversation. At this age, many kids are in the process of developing their moral beliefs. You may have to explain the basics of prejudice, bias, and civil and religious strife. But be careful about making generalizations. This is a good time to ask them what they know, since they'll probably have gotten their information from friends, and you may have to correct facts.

Talk about, and filter, news coverage.

You might explain that even news programs compete for viewers, which sometimes affects content decisions. If you let your kids use the internet, go online with them. Some of the pictures posted are simply grisly. Monitor where your kids are going, and set your URLs to open to non-news-based portals.

Tips for teens

Check in. Since, in many instances, teens will have absorbed the news independently of you, talking with them can offer great insights into their developing politics and their senses of justice and morality. It will also help you get a sense of what they already know or have learned about the situation from their own social networks. It will also give you the opportunity to throw your own insights into the mix (just don't dismiss theirs, since that will shut down the conversation immediately).

Let teens express themselves. Many teens will feel passionately about events and may even personalize them if someone they know has been directly affected. They'll also probably be aware that their own lives could be affected by violence. Try to address their concerns without dismissing or minimizing them. If you disagree with media portrayals, explain why so your teens can separate the mediums through which they absorb news from the messages conveyed.

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Officials ink contract with Fenton school resource officer

■ Extra school safety comes at cost of \$75K for first year, \$91K for second year

By Vera Hogan

The city of Fenton and Fenton Area Public Schools have reached an agreement for Officer Thomas (Tom) Cole, the district's new school resource officer (SRO).

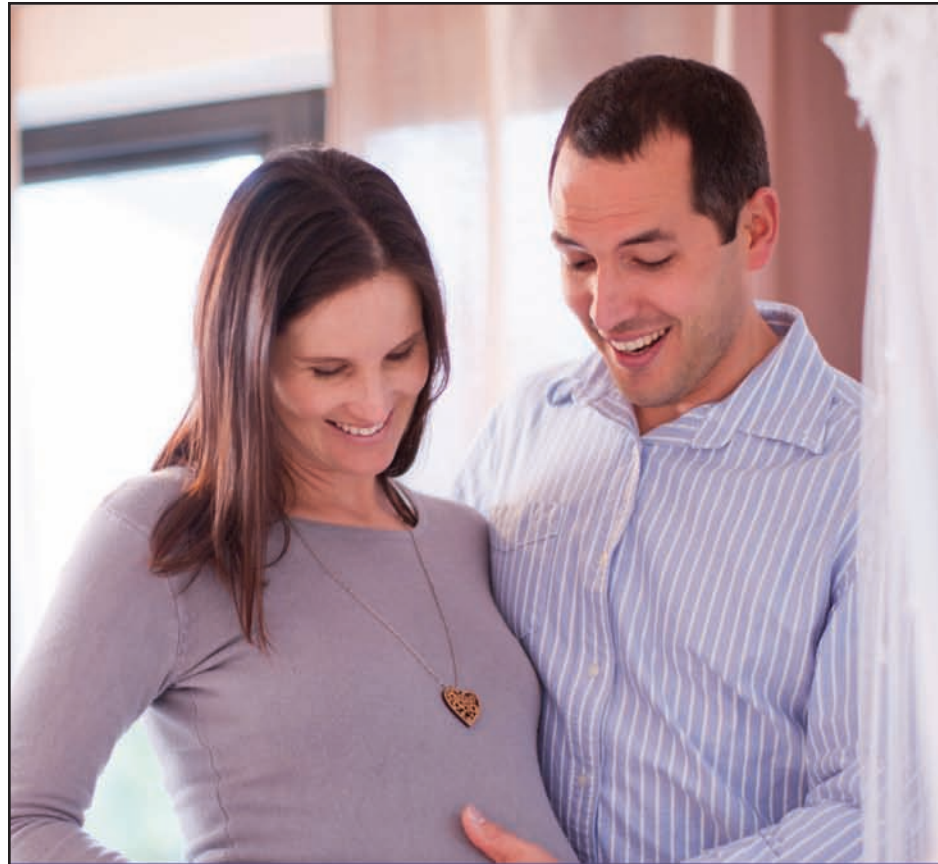
Cole, an 18-year veteran in police work, 13 with Fenton, was chosen to fill the role of SRO because of his extensive training and experience. Cole started working as the SRO with the start of the 2018 school year.

The agreement drafted for an initial term of three years calls for a wage and benefit split of 60/40 percent. According to Police Chief Jason Slater, the Fenton school district agrees to reimburse the city of Fenton, billed on a monthly basis, 60 percent of the costs associated with wages and benefits. Included with the agreement is a provision for yearly extensions after the initial three-year period. There also is an option for cancellation with proper notice.

"Since beginning this assignment, Officer Cole has exceeded my expectations," Slater said. "The level of cooperation



A salary and benefits package for School Resource Officer Thomas (Tom) Cole will be split 60/40 between Fenton City and the school district. **Times file photo**



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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. 9.

Senate Bill 477: Mandate 10 mph speed reduction when passing emergency vehicles

To require drivers to slow to 10 mph below the posted speed limit when passing police or emergency vehicles on the side of the road, and also require this when passing roadside tow trucks, garbage trucks, maintenance and utility vehicles that have amber lights flashing. Violations would be a civil offense subject to a \$400 fine. The bill does not define which posted limit on freeways would apply (the one for cars, for trucks, for work-zones, etc.).

Passed 34 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) Did not vote
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 6379: Allow pension double-dipping by some "retired" legislature employees

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

Passed 33 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) Did not vote
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 5697: Extend job training subsidies to some employers

To extend for another five years the sunset on a program authorized by a 2008 law that allows community colleges to borrow up to \$50 million to provide job training subsidies for particular employers, and which earmarks future state income tax withheld by those firms from these employees to repay the debt.

Passed 106 to 2 in the House

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



In the basement of Linden City Hall, Performance Environmental Services, Inc. discovered a radon leak. The council voted to pay for mitigation and confirmation testing. Photo: Hannah Ball

RADON

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the air above, and into basements through cracks and holes in the foundation.

Interim City Manager Scott Sutter, who's also the police chief, said a radon detector kit was placed in the basement of city hall Dec. 15, 2017, which found radon levels to be 7.7 pCi/L. This is the abbreviation for picoCuries per liter of air.

The EPA recommended they take action to reduce levels higher than 4 pCi/L, and on Oct. 1 and Oct. 5, the city had Performance Environmental test the levels again. This time, the levels were at 10.1 pCi/L. The EPA also recommends reducing radon levels if they are below 4 pCi/L.

Sutter asked the council to approve hiring Performance Environmental for a radon mitigation system and post confir-

mation testing at a cost of \$4,395.

"We're also looking at a dehumidifier too because there's a stench coming up from the basement as well," Sutter said.

Beverly Vondra, city treasurer, spoke during the meeting and said, "When you go down there, you can't breathe, you're coughing. It's awful."

She said they're no longer allowed in the basement.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said, "When I first found out that the test had come back, I had spoken with our previous manager about this issue in January and was told that it was still unclear whether or not the readings were unsafe.

I was concerned whether or not it was a safe environment for people to work in."

She wanted to make sure they found someone trained and certified in radon mitigation, and asked if they requested bids on the project.

Sutter said no, and explained that Performance Environmental did the testing, and then offered to do the quote.

"I feel because of the emergency in health and safety in the people who work here, I think it's an emergency purpose," Sutter said.

Councilor David Franz asked if the company promised to get the levels down to a certain amount. Sutter said there's no promised testing, but they will speak with the company. Performance Environment does do confirmation testing to ensure levels are safe.

Councilor Brenda Simons said they usually install the system and then test within a few days.

"I was concerned whether or not it was a safe environment for people to work in."

Danielle Cusson
Linden mayor

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

SIX WEATHER RELATED CRASHES IN FENTON

From 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13, the Fenton Police Department responded to six weather related crashes. Falling temperatures and snow caused for slick road surfaces. Most of the crashes were on U.S. 23. There were no reports of injuries.

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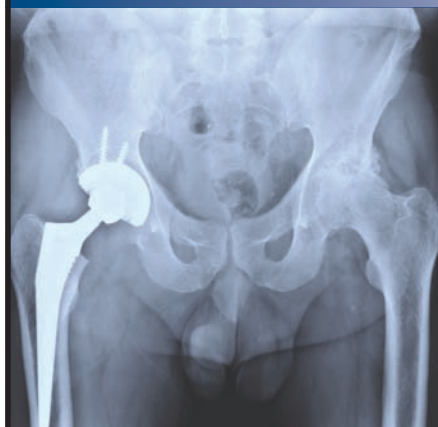
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MOD SQUAD

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Los Angeles history. Flower child Julie Barnes, was arrested for vagrancy after running away from her prostitute mother's San Francisco home. Capt. Adam Greer was a tough but sympathetic mentor and father figure who convinced them to form the squad.

The concept was to take three rebellious, disaffected young social outcasts and convince them to work as unarmed undercover detectives as an alternative to being incarcerated themselves.

The show was created by a cop. Series creator Buddy Ruskin was a former Los Angeles Police Officer, and he drew inspiration from his experience as the leader of an undercover narcotics unit in the 1950s to create the show.

Ruskin wrote the script for the pilot in 1960, but network executives took eight years before they gave the series



the green light in 1968. The long wait may have worked in the show's favor, because audiences were more accepting of youth counterculture in the late '60s as opposed to a decade earlier.

Before Aaron Spelling was part of television royalty by producing hit shows like *Charlie's Angels*, *The Love Boat* and *Dynasty*, he produced *The Mod Squad*. The success of the show allowed Spelling to take on bigger projects, helping create some of the most successful TV programs in history.

At the same time the show premiered in 1968, Lipton recorded and released a self-titled psychedelic soft-rock album.

Lipton isn't the only cast member with a musical background. Williams' father was a musician, as was his grandfather and grandmother. Before he joined *The Mod Squad*, Williams had a successful career on Broadway. Years later, he appeared on *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* under heavy makeup as Omet'iklan.

The Mod Squad boasts some spectacular guest stars, including Andy Griffith and Richard Pryor, but none are more surprising than Harrison Ford. The up-and-coming actor appeared on the premiere episode, "The Teeth of the Barracuda."

Source: metv.com

THOROUGHBREDS

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through a possible sale via a company in Kentucky — but as of Tuesday, Nov. 13, those hopes may have dashed.

Negotiations between current owners, Sports Creek Raceway, Inc. and potential buyer AmWest Entertainment, were underway to turn the harness racing track into a thoroughbred flat track.

If the deal went through, this would make Sports Creek the only thoroughbred racing venue in the state, following the sudden closure of Hazel Park Raceway this past spring.

On Monday, there was still an agreement in principle for AmWest to buy the track, and things were progressing along.

But on Tuesday, the deal all but fell apart.

George Kutlenios of Holly is president of the Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA). Along with wife Chrissy, they personally own the Holly Hotel, and breed and race thoroughbred horses.

Excitement of this possibility had been growing since an Oct. 13 news release, which was covered by several media outlets.

"It appears as we speak right now, that the deal is not going through," he said, expressing frustration. The involved parties still have a couple weeks to pull it off, but it's looking doubtful. "They're having trouble completing the purchase of the track," he said.

He said he feels like Sports Creek no longer wants to sell.

Chris Locking, representing Sports Creek, Inc., couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

"Thoroughbreds have been running in the state of Michigan for 88 years, and for the first time this is ending," said Kutlenios, adding that once a year is lost, it's almost impossible to start up again.

As president of the HBPA, it's his job to keep the sport alive in the state.

"We actually thought that Sports Creek would be our final home," he said. "It just fell apart. It's going to be heartbreaking for the horsemen in the state," he said. An entire industry will essentially have no local venue.

Kutlenios' horses have had to race in Kentucky since Hazel Parks' closure. They were looking forward to bringing their horses home to Michigan.

His organization also applied successfully for 30 race days starting next year through the Michigan Gaming Board.

While the HBPA applied for 30 races starting in June 2019, Kutlenios said there could have been many more races. At the peak, there were 150 race days per year in Hazel Park, he said.

Had the deal gone through, simulcasting could have started the first of the year, with the HBPA overseeing the conversion of the track for thoroughbred racing.

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Area runners compete at Michigan Time Trials

By David Troppens

The tri-county cross country season officially ended with the state cross country meet Nov. 3.

However, some seniors continued their season at Saturday's Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Team Michigan Time Trials held at Shepherd High School.

Lake Fenton's Tommy Hufton, Eric Niestroy and Sam Selley and Holly's Jose

Vivanco each competed in the boys 5K race which included 91 runners.

Hufton, who earned All-State honors at the state meet, was the area's top placer, taking 19th in 16:25.30. Not too far behind him was Niestroy, placing 29th in 16:48.00. Selley placed 44th in 17:07.20. The three seniors helped lead the Blue Devils to a regional championship and a 15th

place finish at the state meet. Hufton placed 20th (16:27.7) at the state meet while Selley took 65th (17:08.4) and Niestroy took 68th (17:10.9).

Holly's Vivanco also competed at the race, placing 51st in 17:17.40. Vivanco was Holly's top runner during the fall, placing 24th at the team's Division 1 regional with a time of 17:17.30.

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Sports Times

Fenton girls swim team looking to make history at state meet

■Olsen gunning for a couple of state titles at Oakland University

By David Troppens

Grace Olsen is only a freshman. But she's a freshman that packs a lot of punch.

And if the Fenton varsity girls swim team wants to accomplish all of its high team goals it wants to at the Division 2 state swim meet being held at Oakland University Friday and Saturday, Olsen is going to play a huge role in that process.

But it's not only up to Olsen. The Tigers have a large group of performers going to the state meet. There will be seven swimmers and two divers expecting to compete at the meet to be exact. And among those performers, it's expected all three relays will qualify for the second day as will Olsen in both of her individual events. If all those things happen and they all qualify for the finals, the Tigers could be headed for what would be their greatest state swim meet in school history.

"We have definitely been thinking about that," Olsen said about what the team could accomplish. "We really want to get top three and get first place (in our events). We are really improving on our individual splits. We just got another pool record in the 200 free relay and we are going to go for that varsity 400 free-style relay record as well. We are just going to have to bring it all at the meet."

Fenton's senior captains are excited about the team's prospects as well. So much in fact, the seniors are foregoing individual glory to focus on the events that they can really impact the team's point total — the relays.

"(The captains) were talking and to us personal individual cuts don't matter as much as the relays because it's the relays we are going to be successful in," senior Sabrina Hall said. "Those are also the most fun events. It's what we are setting records in. We are excited about the relays because we are most likely going



(Top) Fenton's state swim and dive team include (from left starting with the top row) Megan Mallard, Caitlyn Dailey, Sabrina Hall, Morgan Smith, Emma Jump, Grace Olsen, Maddie Kazmierski, Abigail Dolliver and Lillie Kromer. (Left) Kromer celebrates with Olsen during a recent meet. **File photos**

to make it back the second day and we have a chance to be all-state in all three relays because we are such a sprint-oriented team."

"We are definitely gunning for top eight in all of our relays," fellow senior Caitlyn Dailey said. "We want to put two more records on the board in the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. Hopefully, we can take down our own medley record as well next weekend."

Fenton's 200 medley relay team will

consist of Olsen, Abigail Dolliver, Dailey and Hall while the 200 freestyle relay team will be Dailey, Megan Mallard, Dolliver and Hall. Finally, the 400 freestyle relay swimmers will be Olsen, Dailey, Hall and Lilly Kromer.

"Our relays are really going to help us in team scoring," Fenton varsity girls swim coach Brad Jones said.

While the relays will be a big part of Fenton's story at the state meet, Olsen's indi-

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David's Dabblings

Some thoughts about sports and others not dealing with sports at all



CROSS COUNTRY IS AREA'S MOST TALENTED SPORT; FOOTBALL NEEDS TO STEP UP

In the 16 years I've been in the tri-county area, one sport has traditionally emerged as the area's elite, and during the fall of 2018 that sport continued the tradition.

The tri-county cross country teams had a strong showing once again this fall.

Both Fenton teams won Metro titles, and the girls won a regional title. Both also placed high at the state meet. The Lake Fenton boys won a regional title as well. Along with those squads, the Linden varsity boys team made its 13th straight state trip to compete as a team at the state meet. What other sport posts that kind of success in our area on a consistent basis? Simply stated, there is none.

Another thing that's impressive is how the it's not just one school with a dominant team that enables cross country to be our top sport. Pretty much every area team has helped carry the torch at one time or another during the 16-year span whether by qualifying for the state meet, winning regional titles or winning Metro titles. Indeed, cross country's track record in the 2000s has been pretty impressive.

For the boys it was the Fenton boys and Lake Fenton's small but talented boys teams during the early years of the new century. Eventually, Linden took over the mantle, winning a state championship in 2008 and earning state runner-up status in 2012. While Linden remained strong, Holly and Fenton have popped up in recent seasons, winning league titles and qualifying for the state meet. And, of course, the Blue Devils are back in the spotlight, earning three straight state trips in recent seasons.

On the girls' side, Holly, Fenton and Linden were competing for Metro titles immediately at the turn of the century with Linden eventually emerging as a traditional Division 2 state tournament performer. In recent years Fenton has built its program and arguably had the best cross country season of any area team this fall, placing in the top 10 at the state meet.

Indeed, everyone has helped make the sport strong.

How about the area's most popular sport - football?

High school football is the area's highest profile sport, and we've certainly enjoyed many

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league titles and playoff appearances among our four tri-county football teams.

But here's a quick question — how many football regional championships have the current Metro League schools won while competing as members of the Metro League? The answer— none.

Winning a regional championship isn't easy. That's a given. It's not something you'd expect to happen ever year or maybe even every five years.

But in a sport that has eight divisions (no other high school sport has more than four), winning a regional championship shouldn't be that tough. It's three playoff wins, and sometimes one or two of those victories are coming against Metro foes, so that means there's someone usually advancing a step closer to the ultimate goal. Yet, a current Metro squad has yet to accomplish the task since the turn of the century (ex-member Lapeer West lost in the state semifinal in 2000).

Three area teams have come close. Fenton has been in three regional title games while Linden has been in two and Lake Fenton in one. However, in each case, the area squad lost the game and usually lost by a pretty decisive amount. None have come any closer than 21 points, with the area squad averaging a 29-point loss.

This season looked like there may be a chance at having some postseason success. Four teams had home games in the opening round of the playoffs. But what happened? All four lost in the opening round. That didn't help improve the league's football reputation.

Without a doubt, football is the most popular sport in the tri-county area. We have had our share of talented players, but it's time for someone to stand up and win a regional title. Maybe with the Metro's expansion next season, it'll happen.

Cunaud caps super season on Super Team

By David Troppens

Charlotte Cunaud may find golfing in the United States a bit easier than her actual home in France.

The foreign exchange student, who played on the Fenton varsity girls golf team this fall, was able to play against golfers her own age.

That's not always the case in France.

For example, last April Cunaud competed in the Coupe de France Dames, an amateur tournament for women of all ages, including adults.

So when she joined the Fenton varsity golf team she was probably pretty relieved to see no one more than a couple of years older or younger than her. And by playing against similar-age competition, Cunaud got a chance to prove just how good she was, earning a spot on the 2018 Michigan High School Super Team.

"I'm pretty proud because it seems to be a big deal. I'm happy," Cunaud said. "I am just proud to be on the team."

Cunaud came to Fenton from France and is a member of Fenton varsity girls

golf coach Kurt Herbstreit's family until mid-June. She joined the team a little late, but when she joined the Tigers her impact was immediate, helping the Tigers cruise to a Metro League championship.

At the Metro League's Preseason Golf Tournament, Cunaud earned medalist honors by eight strokes, shooting a 34-40-74 at Fenton Farms Golf Course, and concluded the Metro season by earning medalist honors with a 39-38-77.

In between those scores, she shot a school-record 18-hole score of 69 at the Fortress, shot a 70 at the county meet and a 71 at the Davison Invitational, earning medalist honors at each event.

During the postseason, she also had a strong showing, earning runner-up honors at regionals with an 82. She also was just five strokes short of earning a potential state championship, scoring a 77-79-156 at the D2 state meet. She was one of nine golfers from all divisions to earn a spot on the squad.

"She is very focused," Herbstreit said.

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Fenton's Charlotte Cunaud was named to the 2018 Michigan High School Super Team recently. The top nine golfers regardless of division earn a spot on the squad. Photo provided

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vidual events will be another huge story, perhaps larger. Olsen enters the meet with a chance to earn two individual state championships.

Olsen will compete in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly and will be among the favorites in both events at the meet. Olsen was qualified for the state meet in every single individual event, which meant she could choose her two individual events. Olsen's other major option was competing in the 500 freestyle at the state meet.

"We want to put her in the best possible position to score," Jones said. "We want to give her the best chance to win a state championship."

"I think it would be super cool (to win two state championships) my freshman year," Olsen said. "I'll be catching up on my sleep. (Last) week we are bringing (our workouts) down, but it will be more (this) week."

Fenton's other two state performers won't be swimmers. They are divers Emma Jump and Morgan Smith. Both qualified for the state meet at the Fenton diving regional, Thursday. Jump placed 10th at the regional with 296.60 points, while Smith finished 12th in 291.10 points.



Fenton's Megan Mallard (left) and Sabrina Hall quickly celebrate one of Mallard's performances earlier this season. The pair are two of the nine Fenton varsity girls swimmers or divers competing at Friday and Saturday's Division 2 state meet. File photo

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William J. "Bill" Glozier

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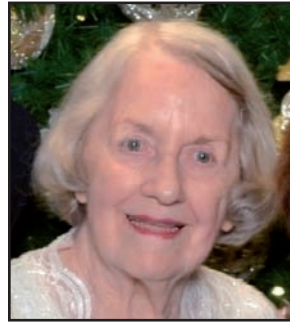
William J. "Bill" Glozier - age 79, of Fenton, passed away surrounded by his family on November 11, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Jean; dear father of Bill Jr. (Tammy) Glozier; loving grandpa of Kalei. Bill retired from General Motors. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 16, 2018 from 11:30-2:30 at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Burial will immediately follow at Tyrone Memory Gardens, Fenton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to Fenton Little League. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Mr. Harold D. Rockman

1930-2018

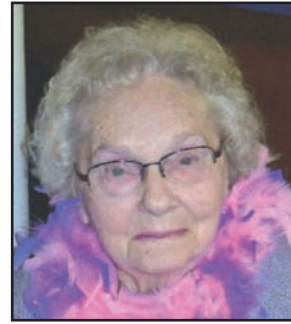
Mr. Harold D. Rockman - age 87, died peacefully November 11, 2018 at Hospice House of Shiawassee. He is survived by his children Harold Jr. (Ann) Rockman, Laura (Tom) Temple, Michael Rockman, Pat (Debbie) Rockman, Christine (Ricky) Richardson, and Judy Rockman; 18 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; siblings, Glenda (Russell) Smith and Roy Rockman; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation will be Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 4 PM until the time of his funeral service at 7 PM, at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Burial will be Friday, 11 AM, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hospice House of Shiawassee. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Marian Catherine Smith

1932-2018

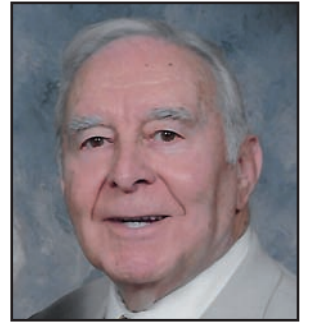
Marian Catherine Smith - age 86, of Fenton, died Monday, November 12, 2018 at Genesys Health Park. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Friday, November 16, 2018 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Rev. Fr. Robert Copeland celebrating. Interment will follow at St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4-7 PM Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton where a scripture service will be held at 6:30 PM. Visitation will also be held from 10-11 AM Friday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the St. John Educational Foundation. Marian was born September 22, 1932 in Flint, the daughter of James and Ruth (Ellis) Redd. She married Arnold Smith on April 23, 1955 and he preceded her in death on April 24, 2015. Surviving are: three sons, Timothy "Scott" Smith and wife, Robyn of GA, Jeffrey Smith and wife, Anna of TX, David McLaughlin-Smith and wife, Kelly of Fenton; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Melissa, Anthony, Taylor, Christian, Meghan, Patrick and Casey; two great-grandchildren, Brilei and Presslei. She was also preceded in death by her son, Gregory and brother, James Redd. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marcella Enid Dennert

1931-2018

Marcella Enid Dennert - age 87, of Linden, died November 11, 2018. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Dawn Russell will officiate. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton. Visitation was held 6-8 PM Tuesday, November 13, 2018 and will be 1-8 PM Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Those desiring may make contributions to Linden Presbyterian Church. Marcella was born March 16, 1931 in St. Louis, MO, the daughter of Edgar D. and Martha L. (Grossenheider) Emich. She was a life member of Linden Presbyterian Church and O.E.S. Linden Chapter #175. She is survived by her daughters, Linda McCready, Sharon (Phillip) Sloan, Kathleen (Steve) Atkinson; grandchildren, Norman "Skip" (Kathy) Dennert III, Jennifer Sloan, Jeremy (Larisa) Sloan, Rebecca (Steve) Pedrotti, Melissa (Ryan) Schirmacher, Stephen (Amy) Atkinson, Christina (Jeremy) Alber, Michelle (Mike) Slater, Michael McCready; great-grandchildren, Norman, Molly, Brendan, Breleigh, Jonathan, Elizabeth, Savannah, Sydney, Winston, Liliana, Luciano, Gavin, Grayson, Mia and one due in January, baby girl Kameron; brother, Gerald Emich. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Norman Paul Dennert; son, Norman Paul "Skip" Dennert Jr. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Nicholas A. Popa

1929-2018

Nicholas A. Popa - age 89, of Fenton, died Sunday, October 14, 2018. **Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Friday, November 16, 2018 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton; and 10 AM, Saturday November 17, 2018 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton with a Memorial Service to begin at 11 AM.** Memorial contributions may be made to Fenton United Methodist Church, Community Foundation of Greater Flint, or Fenton Rotary Club. Nicholas was born May 29, 1929 in Detroit. He married Donna Nygren on August 20, 1951. Nicholas attended Henry Ford Trade School and was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War. He was a resident of Fenton and passionate community supporter since 1956, with involvement in Fenton United Methodist Church, Planning Commission, Jaycees, and Rotary. Nicholas was most proud of his role in the development of the First National Bank of Fenton, Fenton Business & Technology Park, and Epic Machine. He was honored to serve as Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade. Surviving are: wife, Donna Popa of Fenton; two daughters, Debra (Gary) Teachworth of Midland and Janet (Cliff) Gardner of Horton; two grandchildren, Laura (Greg) Bugosh and Nicholas (Sara Stein) Teachworth; great-grandson, Nicholas Bugosh; sister-in-law, Barbara (James) Ganton; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by: his mother, Anna; two brothers, George and John; and best friends, Robert Nygren and Richard Beardsley. He will be lovingly missed by his bride of 67 years, his family, neighbors, and friends. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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