

Beacon & Bridge plan involves two-story building

■ Rezoning request goes before Linden City Council Monday, Aug. 26

By Hannah Ball

Along with expanding, Beacon & Bridge market and gas station in Linden is planning to undergo a major change to become a two-story building.

The rendering of the exterior concept shows brick outer walls with green trim and a faded red roof.

At 110 E. Broad St., this

gas station currently has four pump stations on the north end of the property and a 2,240-square-foot convenience store on the south portion. The owner, Quick-Sav Food Stores, wishes to expand to eight pump stations and a 2,592-square-foot convenience store, with the gas station located south of the building.

See **BUILDING on 12A**



This conceptual drawing of the proposed Beacon & Bridge gas station and market in Linden shows how the plan would change the look of downtown Linden. **Project rendering**

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Local water skier takes first at nationals

■ Father and daughter return to competitions four years after near tragedy

By Hannah Ball

Fenton — Nearly four years after a life-altering event prompted a Fenton Township woman to take a break from competing nationally in water skiing, the 32-year-old won first in state, regional and national water ski competitions through the American Water Ski Association (AWSA).

Whitney Burnash, daughter of Jeff and Patti Smith who own

See **WATER SKIER on 10A**



Middle school schedule guidance — Ashley Kozlowski helps her nephew, Riley Broder, 11, with his sixth-grade schedule at Holly Middle School on Thursday, Aug. 22. She was there with her son, Anden, 11 (right) and her husband, Adam, during the class schedule pick-up day. Photo: Tim Jagielo

Linden hires new city manager

■ Ready to work on improving streets, utilities and downtown revitalization

By Hannah Ball

Linden has hired a new city manager after almost a year of searching.

Ellen Glass, 40, a Byron High School graduate who still lives in

Byron, starts her job Sept. 3.

“Linden is a beautiful
See **CITY MANAGER on 14A**



Ellen Glass

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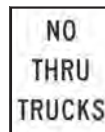


“A pair of prescription glasses in a black case were left in one of the voting booths at St. John’s on election day, Aug. 6. They are at Fenton City hall, 301 S.

LeRoy. See Clerk Sue Walsh.”



“To the guy on South Long Lake Road. ‘No thru trucks’ mean no trucks except local deliveries, which I do at two businesses daily. So, no need to yell profanities at truck drivers, I was totally legal. Thank you.”



“Kudos to Chief Slater and Jon at Fenton City Hall. I needed some help and both were most kind and gracious. Folks like them are what make Fenton such a friendly town.”



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Buying a house for college-bound students

■ Local couple said it worked for them with three kids in college

By Vera Hogan

Buying a house for your student to live in while in college could have some real financial benefits and possibly turn into a profit if it's right for you.

Room and board is the second-highest expense for college students. According to thescholarshipssystem.com, the cost of room and board varies by school. On average, during the 2017-2018 school year, students spent \$10,800 on room and board at public four-year institutions.

During the 2017-2018 school year, Michigan State University students spent \$10,026 for on-campus room and board. During the same period, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor students paid \$11,198. The cost is lower for other Michigan colleges and universities, averaging \$9,681 per year.

Buying a home for your student, with rooms that can be rented out to their friends and fellow students, may



Ken and Cathy McKay were able to save money on college room and board for all their kids by buying houses in East Lansing and Mt. Pleasant. Instead of retiring after 30 years of owning McKay's Hardware in Holly, they are now co-owners of The Oakley, a wedding venue in Rose Township. **Submitted photo**

be the answer to saving some money and making a wise investment at the same time.

Ken and Cathy McKay of Holly, former owners of McKay's Hardware in Holly, did just that.

"In 2008 our college funds had suffered from the down turn in the market and it left us trying to find alternatives to college to eliminate the debt that could be on our children and ourselves," Cathy said.

The couple had two children attending college, one in East Lansing and one in Mt. Pleasant.

"Ken and I had invested in rental properties so we thought we would just look at housing options," Cathy said. "We started with foreclosure fixers with us doing the repairs but found the home in East Lansing ready for move in and no additional work, and ultimately purchased the home at below market price."

The East Lansing home was a three-bedroom smaller home. "We were told it was a very nice place to live, not jammed with kids and affordable," Cathy said.

The McKays' son, Kevin, was already a student at Michigan State University and their younger daughter, Kelley, was MSU bound in another four years, she said.

See **BUYING A HOUSE** on 22A



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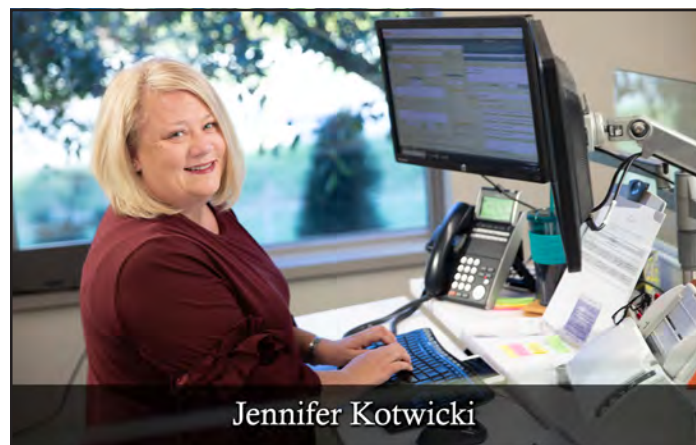
Sellers would be wise to say 'no' to 'FSBO' option

■ The expertise offered by professional Realtors is priceless

By Vera Hogan

One of the main reasons people try to sell their house without the assistance of a Realtor is commission. For some reason it irks people to have to pay commission for something they believe they can do on their own. Many can and are successful, but it can be a dangerous practice if you try to do it yourself.

See **FSBO** on 19A



Jennifer Kotwicki

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Words with Hannah

Benefits and side effects of birth control

From using materials from fish bladders and animal intestines as condoms around 3000 B.C., much has evolved and improved in the practice of birth control.

Today, women have multiple options. The pill. An IUD (intrauterine device). NuvaRing.

But the road to this solution wasn't a pretty one, nor are some of the side effects.

Margaret Sanger, a nurse and activist who helped further reproductive rights in America, coined the phrase "birth control" in 1914 in a monthly newsletter called "The Woman Rebel." The term "rebel" is completely appropriate considering the country's obscenity laws at the time, of which Sanger was indicted for. She actually fled the country to avoid trial, but was back in 1916. She opened the first family planning clinic in the U.S., which was shut down within a week and a half.

Taking birth control was even called a "grave sin" by Pope Pius XI in the 1930s.

Thankfully, it's no longer this difficult to get birth control in the U.S.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the birth control pill in 1960, but it wasn't until 1972 that birth control was legal for all women. In 2015, approximately 99 percent of American women at a childbearing age reported using some form of contraception, according to time.com.

Even with its ties to sex, contraceptives are used for many other medical reasons. Studies have shown that the birth control pill leads to lower rates of pelvic inflammatory disease and cancer in the uterus and ovaries. They can also help curb sudden mood changes due to changing hormonal levels, as well as reduce hormonal acne.

For women with polycystic ovarian syndrome, birth control reduces their risk of ovarian cysts. It also helps to manage endometriosis, which an incredibly painful condition, as well as menstrual migraines.

It also reduces the risk of anemia.

However, there are serious side effects. Pills with estrogen can lead to a higher risk for blood clots, heart attack and stroke in women who smoke. Certain drug interactions can lower the effectiveness of birth control pills. Ask your pharmacist and doctor about this if you're taking other medications.

Pills such as Yaz, Yasmin, Gianvi, Syeda, Safyral and Beyez all contain drospirenone, which has been linked to a higher risk for blood clots and an increase in potassium levels in blood. This can cause heart or health problems.

A 2017 study published in The American Journal of Psychiatry found that oral contraceptives were associated with an increased risk of depression and suicide attempts.

Considering how far technology and drugs have come in the last six decades, I have no doubt that contraceptives will continue to become safer.

Still, don't forget to do your research and talk to your doctor.

Sources: time.com, drugs.com, healthline.com

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Hannah Ball

Hotlines

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WHY DO PEOPLE think it's okay to feed horses without asking the owner? Do I go to your house and feed your dog? Things are not the way they used to be. Stop and think.

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Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

Where's the most relaxing place you've ever been?

street talk



"Vail, Colorado. There's a ski resort that has a spa and sauna. We were on vacation. That was relaxing."

Sharron Bloom
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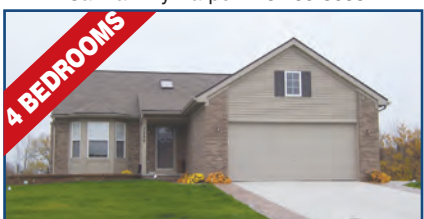
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■■■■
TO THE SECOND Amendment writer. The militia is the 'people.' Respectfully, please study the topic further. The Bill of Rights protect us from the government; the militia was never, and is not part of, the government.

■■■■
MICHIGAN 'RED FLAG' law proposal. What protections are in place for Tea Party and other pro-America citizens to not be targeted by 'triggered' or Progressive local government — like they were by the IRS?

■■■■
WOW, SHARE THE track. Fenton football coaches not sharing the track with taxpayers. The coach blocking the lanes while taxpayers have to run around him.

■■■■
YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT does not preclude my right to life and liberty.

Ward dedicated her life to VFW

■ Viola Mae Ward, 80, of Fenton died Sunday, Aug. 18

By Vera Hogan

For those who knew and loved Viola Ward of Fenton Township, she was a champion for the VFW Auxiliary, dedicating more than 45 years of her life to the service of veterans.

Ward died at the age of 80 on Sunday, Aug. 18.

She was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary #3245. She was active in the organization right up to the end. She served as Auxiliary president four times and held many chairmanships. She was past 10th District president and was a past Department chairman. She also was a member of Cooties Auxiliary #32 and American Legion Auxiliary #38.

During a 2015 pre-Memorial Day interview with the Tri-County Times, Ward was at the time the chairman of the Veterans and Family Support group. In that capacity, she did whatever it took to help veterans in need.

"If they need help with money for



Viola Ward shows off her wedding photo and photo of her late husband, James Ward during a 2015 interview with the Tri-County Times. She died Sunday, Aug. 18. Funeral services have been held. **Times file photo**

food, rent or anything else, I will help them," Ward said in the 2015 article.

Ward's grandfather, Barney Whitney, and father, Gus Peuse, fought with the U.S. Army in World War I. Her husband of 43 years, James Ward, served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict, the Bay of Pigs Invasion in Cuba, and during the Santo Domingo Civil War, to name a few.

Her son and grandson also served in the military.

Ward was a "Corps Wave" in the U.S. Navy, working as a nurse from 1962-1964, during the Vietnam conflict. When her husband's first wife passed away, Ward became in the eyes of the military his children's mother. They were 8 and 9 years old at the time.

"Back then, you could not be a female in the military if you had dependents at home," she said.

During her time as a Corps Wave, she worked at Balboa Hospital in San Diego, California. "I saw a lot of guys come through there all beat up," she said. "Sometimes all you can do is just cry."

Ward shared her thoughts on how the military is viewed today. She said she doesn't believe people give enough thought to the military men and women who fought for their freedom.

"Some, especially children, don't understand freedom and how they got it," she said. Ward said in 2015 that she wanted people to know that veterans and active troops have and continue to fight for our freedom.

"It's more important now than ever before," she said. "You hate to see them come back in a casket, but eventually they do come back."

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE
**MIDWEEK
 TIMES**

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Aug. 14, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282.

Fenton class of '69 doesn't skip a beat

50-year reunion includes live band, golf scramble, banquet, brunch and Vietnam memorial.



Is your license REAL ID compliant?

Air travelers could find themselves grounded when post-9/11 requirement goes into effect Oct. 1, 2020.

Park officers lose authority to issue marijuana citations

Officials: People openly using marijuana at state parks since recreational marijuana law enacted.

Former food service director

charged with embezzlement Karen Morris, 51, of Fenton Township faces Sept. 16 pretrial if resolution is not reached.

Fenton's smaller parks feature fun, relaxation

The final in a series about city of Fenton parks highlights Rackham, O'Donnell, Conklin and Strom parks.

'We need more people across Michigan to donate'

State in midst of blood shortage at approximately 70 hospitals.

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Bring on the students!

■ Districts spend summer preparing for new school year with maintenance, upgrades

By Tim Jagielo

Linden — Ahead of the looming 2019-2020 school year, Argentine Elementary was the last to be cleaned, waxed and organized in the Linden Community Schools (LCS) district.

This is because their early childhood program was still going early this week. Linden Middle School was second to last because they host summer school.

Work was happening Wednesday Aug. 21, with High Tech Services buffing the gym floor and waxing the classrooms. Teachers got their rooms organized at the middle school.

All four districts had their laundry lists of projects, big and small, that had to be completed this summer to prepare for school. While some buildings

have to be prepared just weeks before school starts, others had all summer for preparation.

Some districts start on Aug. 27, others start after Labor Day.

The following is a summary of district projects.

Fenton Area Public Schools

According to Superintendent Adam Hartley, major projects included new roofing on the gymnasium at Fenton High School (FHS), main office at State Road Elementary and a large portion of Tomek-Eastern Elementary. The FHS gymnasium was sanded and repainted.

Various parking lots and sidewalks underwent repairs and upgrades, and some received LED lighting. There were also piping repairs throughout the district.

“It is important for us to take care of our facilities so we are not play-

“We are really excited to get the 2019-2020 school year kicked off.”

Russ Ciesielski
Linden Community Schools
superintendent



Brent Stevens and Christian Painter work on preparing the Lake Fenton High School track in early August before it was installed. Photo: Tim Jagielo

ing catch up on repairs in the future,” Hartley said. “This saves us money in the long run.”

Holly Area Schools

According to Superintendent Scott Roper, the school district used bond funds passed in 2018 to complete several projects, such as playgrounds for Davisburg Elementary. Some of this project was funded by a donation from the Davisburg Parent-Teacher Connection.

Technology infrastructure was upgraded and aging equipment replaced. The district’s wireless network was updated to provide better speeds and coverage.

The high school chiller, a machine that removes heat from a liquid via a vapor-compression or absorption refrigeration cycle, was replaced and upgrades are under way in the middle school kitchen.

Non-bond work includes work to the high school gym floor, which was repaired and refreshed. Insurance covered the majority of the cost.

Where needed, buildings were repainted. Both well pumps at Rose Pioneer Elementary were replaced and some parking lots were re-stripped.

Lake Fenton Community Schools

According to Superintendent Julie Williams, West Shore Elementary has new windows, carpet, air conditioning and cabinets.

Torrey Hill Intermediate School has new air conditioning, cabinets, office renovations and water treatment system.

The middle school underwent bathroom renovations.

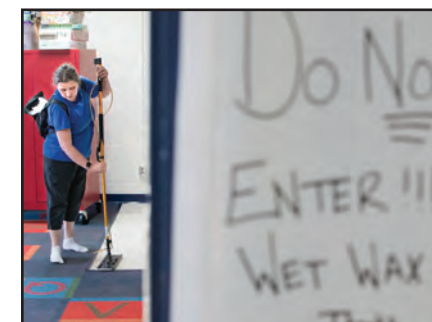
The high school has new flooring on the second floor, office renovations, refinished gym floor and new turf field. The field is still under construction, but is visibly mostly completed.

Linden Community Schools

According to Superintendent Russ Ciesielski, projects included a new roof on the bus garage, milling and repaving the entrance to the high school and Argentine Early Childhood Center, resurfacing the Linden Middle School gym floor and striping all drives and parking lots.

Regular maintenance included painting building interiors, replacing damaged sidewalks and cleaning building rooftops.

“We also have our annual summer cleaning program for each building that is wrapping up,” Ciesielski said. “We are really excited to get the 2019-2020 school year kicked-off.”



Linda Cason of High Tech Services waxes the floor of a classroom in Argentine Elementary School on Wednesday, Aug. 21. Photo: Tim Jagielo



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WATER SKIER

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Silver Spray Sports in Fenton, won first place in the 25 to 35 age group at the state competition, Michigan State 3 Event Championships, in slalom water skiing in July. She then competed at the Master-Craft Midwest Regional Championships and won first in slalom.

And on Saturday, Aug. 10, Burnash competed at the 77th GOODE Water Ski National Championships in West Palm Beach, Florida, when she came in first again for her age group.

"It was definitely really surprising that I did that well. Obviously you always hope for the best, but there are a lot of really great water skiers in the country," she said.

Jeff Smith also competed this year, winning first at the state competition, tying for first at regionals and taking home the silver medal after the tie break. He then won seventh at nationals in the 60 to 65 age group.

Burnash, who does multiple types of water skiing, has done the sport since she was a kid, most often with her father. Smith is a national barefoot water ski champion as well as a national slalom



Whitney Burnash, 32, stands on the first place spot at the 2019 GOODE Water Ski National Championships hosted by the American Water Ski Association. This Fenton Township resident won first place in her age group, 25 to 35, in the state, regional and national competitions. **Submitted photo**

champion. Burnash first water skied at age 2.

She prefers slalom, which involves weaving around buoys placed in the water. With every round, the tow rope becomes shorter, making it harder to get around each buoy.

Burnash competed in the AWSA for years when she was younger, but stopped in 2015 and focused on local and state tournaments after an incident in Florida. While on vacation just after Thanksgiving, she was driving the boat and her father was water skiing when he went into full cardiac arrest.

"Essentially, his heart just stopped. It was not a heart attack, it's a little bit different than a heart attack ... Because I was by myself and he was in the water, I had to get him back into the boat and start CPR," she said. They had a special certificate that didn't require them to have an extra person on the boat, and he was wearing a life jacket.

Other people on the lake saw what happened and came to help. Medical personnel took Smith to a hospital. Ambulance reports said he was defibrillated a total of four times, two of which were done on the engine box on the boat.

"It was not necessarily the best experience," she said.

After a few days in a Florida hospi-

“The more you're out on the water, the more comfortable you feel in different water conditions.”

Whitney Burnash
Fenton Township resident

tal, he was airlifted to the University of Michigan. He now has a defibrillator.

"It's just something we have to monitor," she said. For six months, he couldn't do much physical activity. They focused on other family activities they wouldn't normally have time for. In those few years she competed less, Burnash earned her pilot's license.

As Smith slowly became stronger, he was cleared to exercise more. This eventually included water skiing.

They trained together this year, even though it was a tough season with the rain in April and May, which is when they would usually start training.

It's important to stay in shape and not get injured, she said. When she isn't able to water ski, she'll go snowboarding in the winter, do yoga and other exercises.

"The more you're out on the water, the more comfortable you feel in different water conditions. We typically ski just about every night. If I'm not able to get out on the water for slalom skiing just because of the conditions ... we try to do other things," she said, such as wake surfing or trick skiing.

Skiing with her dad again was "very cool," especially because she sometimes had concerns he wouldn't be able to.

"Everybody was very excited to see him back skiing again," she said. "The ski community is a pretty little group, but they're an amazing group of people."

Burnash said "most likely" they're going to compete again next year.



Jeff Smith and his daughter, Whitney Burnash, pose for a photo with their gold medals at the 2019 Michigan State Championships. Both won first place in their age groups. **Submitted photo**

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DDA holds informational meeting on Public Act 47

■ The authority must hold, at a minimum, two informational meetings each year

Compiled By Vera Hogan

As required by Public Act 57 of 2018, the city of Fenton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) held an informational session about the Act at its Tuesday, Aug. 20 meeting.

In late 2018, the Michigan legislature made some changes to Public Act 57, changes that call for more transparency and additional reporting requirements.

Public Act 57 of 2018, otherwise known as The Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act consolidated tax increment authorities under one statute and established new reporting requirements.

This Act went into effect Jan. 1 of this year and consolidated the ability to create and operate tax increment authorities (other than brownfield redevelopment authorities) into a single statute.

All previously created authorities remain; however, the following acts were repealed and the corresponding authorities now operate under the new act:

- Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Act (PA 197 of 1975)
- Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Authority Act (PA 450 of 1980)
- Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Act (PA 281 of 1986)
- Nonprofit Street Railway Act (PA 35 of 1867)
- Corridor Improvement Authority Act (PA 280 of 2005)
- Water Resource Improvement Tax

Increment Finance Authority Act (PA 94 of 2008)

- Neighborhood Improvement Authority Act (PA 61 of 2007)

The above acts were repealed and recodified into the new act.

By April 1, each authority was required to submit its currently adopted development plan or tax increment financing plan to the Department of Treasury.

Annually, after Jan. 1, 2019, each authority must submit a comprehensive annual report to Treasury, the governing bodies of its related municipality, and each taxing unit levying taxes that are captured by the authority.

Within 180 days after the authority's fiscal year end, subsequent to Jan. 1, 2019, the municipality which created the authority must give public access (either on its website or at a physical location within the municipality) to the following documents:

- Minutes of all authority board meetings
- Current authority staff contact information
- Authority's approved budgets and annual audits
- Currently adopted development or tax increment financing plans.

The authority must hold, at a minimum, two informational meetings each year, and give a 14-day advance notice to the public and to the governing body of each taxing unit. These meetings may be held in conjunction with other public meetings of the authority or municipality.

Source: plantemoran.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
THE RICH CAN buy anything they desire, including good health care, good accountants to not pay taxes, etc. Under Trump, the rich are richer, the poor are poorer. It's clearly democracy for the rich.

■■■
I CONSIDER MYSELF a Democrat, so I think the reactionary Hot-liners who think they know us are seriously flawed. I am for human rights, government programs, such as FDR's

and Johnson's, sensible and humane immigration and fair taxation. You don't know what you are talking about.

■■■
I LIKE THE idea of President Trump buying Greenland. He could give all the radical left a one-way ticket there where they could live in Socialistic bliss.

■■■
IN RESPONSE TO another Hot-liner. If you're in this country illegally, you're not even supposed to be here. Why in God's name would we give you a driver's license? Seriously? Pretty easy stuff here.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

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, Aug. 16.

The legislature remains on summer break with no votes expected until September. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions.

House Bill 4720: Authorize new birth certificate based on gender assertions

Introduced by Rep. Rachel Hood (D), to permit an individual who asserts a gender identity different than the one on their birth certificate to get a new birth certificate that reflects this. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

BUILDING

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This would change the current ingress and egress flow with the gas station, which occurs right from Broad or Bridge streets and is often busy.

The Linden Planning Commission approved the conditional rezoning, special land use and preliminary site plan applications at its Aug. 5 meeting. The plans involve tearing down the current gas station and the vacant building at 111 S. Bridge St. The site totals 14,450 square feet and is zoned central business district (CBD).

The owners wish to rezone the property to general commercial district (GCD) with conditions.

The gas station is currently out of compliance because CBD zoning does not allow gas stations. A GC Zoning District does allow them. As a special land use, GCD also allows “automobile service stations and washes subject to the requirements set forth in Section 154.094,” according to a Linden Planning Commission staff report by Adam Young, city planner.

Linden City Council will consider the rezoning request Monday, Aug. 26.



The owner of Beacon & Bridge in Linden plans to build a new two-story building that will hold the convenience store. **Project rendering**

“B&B will need to submit a final site plan that will go to the Planning Commission once they submit it,” said Scott Sutter, Linden interim city manager and police chief.

Background on property

In 2014, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) discovered a gasoline leak coming from an underground storage tank at the Beacon & Bridge gas station, owned by Quick-Sav Food Stores, Ltd. PM Environmental previously installed 19 wells to monitor the gasoline levels in the soil in September 2015.

Beacon & Bridge went back and forth with the DEQ for years before finally settling on a final assessment report on March 19 of this year.

Beacon & Bridge hired PM Environmental for remediation services, said David LaBrecque, assistant dis-

trict supervisor of the Remediation and Redevelopment Division from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

The corrective action plan includes a multi-phase extraction system. It’s projected to be operational sometime this fall.

“The proposed time frame for operation of the MPE (multi-phase extraction) system is for a period of 36 months, after that time they will evaluate whether continued operation of the system is required, supplemental corrective actions are required, or that the site conditions support pursuing closure,” LaBrecque said.

They will monitor the wells during these months, and once everything is complete, PM Environmental will continue to monitor the wells for another two years after they are shut down.



Plans to redo Beacon & Bridge include having the convenience store on the north end of the property, fronting Broad Street, and placing the gas station portion to the south. **Project rendering**

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LOOKING BACK at this week in **HISTORY**

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AUG. 25

1939: "The Wizard of Oz," which will become one of the best-loved movies in history, opens in theaters around the United States. The film starred Judy Garland as the young Kansas farm girl, Dorothy, who after being knocked unconscious in a tornado, dreams about following a yellow brick road, alongside her dog Toto, to the Emerald City to meet the Wizard of Oz. Along the way, Dorothy encounters the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and the Wicked Witch of the West. Though the scenes in Kansas were shot in traditional black and white, Oz appears in vivid Technicolor, a relatively new film process at the time.

AUG. 26

1986: Jennifer Levin, 18, is found dead in New York City's Central Park less than two hours after she was seen leaving a bar on the city's Upper East Side with 19-year-old Robert Chambers. The tall, handsome Chambers was soon arrested and charged with murder. The tabloid media dubbed Chambers, who had attended Manhattan private schools, the "Preppy Killer." The case shocked the city and raised questions about underage drinking, drug use and casual sex among New York's privileged youth.

AUG. 27

1883: The most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurs on Krakatau (also called Krakatoa), a small, uninhabited volcanic island located west of Sumatra in Indonesia. Heard 3,000 miles away, the explosions threw five cubic miles of earth 50 miles into the air, created 120-foot tsunamis and killed 36,000 people.

AUG. 28

1917: President Woodrow Wilson is picketed by woman suffragists in front of the White House, who demand that he support an amendment to the Constitution that would guarantee women the right to vote.

AUG. 29

1958: Pop sensation Michael Jackson is born in Gary, Indiana. Jackson began

Sharp Funeral Home – Miller Road Chapel is back open

■ Family hosting open house Sept. 8 to celebrate rebuilding after 2018 fire

Sharp Funeral Home, a landmark in Swartz Creek and Genesee County, has risen from the ashes and has returned to serving the community.

The Miller Road Chapel was destroyed by fire May 16, 2018. At that time, Roger L. Sharp Sr., founder and CEO, vowed to rebuild the flagship location. And, rebuild he has.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m., the Sharp family will open the doors for an open house at the Swartz Creek location, 8138 Miller Rd., and introduce the new look to the public.

Roger L. (RJ) Sharp II, president of business operations, is looking forward to the open house as an opportunity to say thank you to the community for the continued support throughout the construction process and to spotlight improvements de-

signed to improve the already quality services offered.

On that fateful night in 2018, surrounded by the ruins of the building they had occupied since 1969, the Sharp family stepped up and did not miss a beat.

With the support of the three other area Sharp Funeral Homes and Hill Creek Church, funerals continued without interruption and reconstruction began.

Sharp II said the 18,000-square-foot building reflects the comforting and comfortable surroundings families have come to

expect from Sharp Funeral Homes.

The family also added improvements to available services. In addition to five chapels available for services, Sharp II pointed to the modernization of the audio and video capabilities. This technology upgrade, he said, will

add increased quality to music, sound, and videos that have become staples in today's funeral services.

The one-level facility also features a new reception area for after service gatherings. Additionally, office spaces

and other work areas have been improved to target family convenience and satisfaction.

However, among the changes, there are two items making return appearances keeping the Sharp traditions alive — the Diana Grandfather Clock and the fall

scene mosaic art piece.

Thanks to the generosity of a GRWC Swartz Creek Women's Club fundraiser, the stately grandfather clock that was lost to the fire has been replaced. According to the fundraiser

See SHARP on 20A

“They made sure we got back up as quickly as we could. We couldn't have done it without them.”

Roger L. (RJ) Sharp II
Sharp Funeral Homes
president of business operations

performing with his four brothers in the pop group the Jackson 5 when he was a child. The group scored its first No. 1 single in 1969, with "I Want You Back." By age 11, Jackson was appearing on TV, and by age 14 he had released his first solo album.

AUG. 30

1983: U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Guion S. Bluford becomes the first African American to travel into space when the space shuttle "Challenger" lifts off on its third mission. It was the first night launch of a space shuttle, and many people stayed up late to watch the spacecraft roar up from Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 2:32 a.m.

AUG. 31

1955: William G. Cobb of the General Motors Corp. (GM) demonstrates his 15-inch-long "Sunmobile," the world's first solar-powered automobile, at the General Motors Powerama auto show held in Chicago, Illinois. Cobb's Sunmobile introduced, however briefly, the field of photovoltaics — the process by which the sun's rays are converted into electricity when exposed to certain surfaces — into the gasoline-drenched automotive industry.

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PROPOSED MICHIGAN 'RED Flag' law: 1) Why isn't the mentally ill person deemed a threat arrested or detained? 2) What protections are there against government over-reach or a vengeful ex? 3) Why is the 271 mass shootings figure used versus FBI figure of 17?

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I HELPED WITH Adopt-A-Pet's rummage sale recently and put a painting in it to sell by mistake. If someone bought it, I would like to buy it back. It was painted by a family member with sentimental value. Picture has birds and is signed by J Chapman. Please contact Adopt-A-Pet at (810) 629-0723.

■■■
RIGHT TO KEEP and bear arms. This isn't even what gun background checks are about. Not everyone should have a gun.

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I'M ASKING REPUBLICANS, do you care about federal spending and national debt? This would be a change, generally, for what the GOP represents.

■■■
WHEN DR. SPOCK told all those young parents in the early '60s to 'be a pal' to their kids, he was the cause of the liberal child-rearing movement that is the cause of the tragic state of our schools today. You cannot allow an adolescent to make his own decisions regarding his behavior. Chaos and pandemonium are the results.

■■■
UNTIL LIBERALS REMOVED prayer and personal responsibility from our schools, there were practically no shootings in our schools.

■■■
ARE CARS THE reason for texting deaths? No. Guns are not the problem for shootings either. Limited access has not helped Chicago, NY, LA, etc.

CITY MANAGER

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community that has amazing potential, and it was the perfect opportunity for me to take that next step in my career and be with the city long term," she said.

She attended Lansing Community College and Central Michigan University, where she earned her degree in public administration and community development. Her municipal work began 13 years ago when she became the deputy clerk at the village of Vernon, and then became the clerk within a year. The majority of her responsibilities mirrored a municipal manager.

Glass is also a certified grant administrator through the Michigan Economic Development. She's a recent graduate of the 16/50 project with Michigan Municipal League, which is a leadership pro-

gram for the professional development of female municipal executives.

Glass was drawn to municipal work because she wanted the ability to "positively impact peoples' lives."

Scott Sutter, Linden police chief who's been the interim city manager since September 2018 when Paul

Zelenak left the position, has been helping Glass and the city with the transition.

"Chief Sutter has been very helpful and welcoming, and I'm looking forward to getting started in Linden and working together," she said.

When asked what problems are facing Linden, Glass said she sees them as challenges. These include a street improvement

program, a utilities system upgrade, downtown revitalization, and a long range plan and maintenance program for the historic Linden Mill building.

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Ellen Glass
Linden city manager

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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'LAWN JOBS' IN ARGENTINE UNDER INVESTIGATION

On Sunday, Aug. 4 at approx 2:39 p.m., Argentine Township officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of Hilltop Drive reference a destruction of property complaint. Officers found that the caller's backyard had been driven on causing extensive damage. Officers were informed that other residents' yards also had damage. Police Chief Dan Allen said the backyards had several tracks through the yards, which appeared as though someone purposely tore up the yard doing a "lawn job." Video footage showed a vehicle entering from the west at approximately 5:19 p.m. and driving on the lawns, doing donuts and causing the damage. In the video, viewers could hear the engine of the vehicle revving excessively as it drove through the yards. The case remains under investigation based on the video footage and witness statements.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP MAN ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING WOMAN

On Aug. 14, at approximately 1:24 a.m., Argentine Township officers responded to a 911 call of domestic disturbance on River Circle in the Pine Ridge Mobile Home Park in Argentine Township. The caller was a third party who heard a male and a female arguing in the street. Officers were able to locate the address where the assault took place. From the victim had multiple minor cuts on her right leg that were bleeding. She also had bruising around her right eye. Police Chief Dan Allen said the woman had been assaulted by her boyfriend, who also had stolen her 2012 black Chevrolet Equinox after the assault. The vehicle was later recovered by Argentine Township officers on southbound U.S. 23 near North Road. Officers were able to make phone contact with the suspect, who agreed to meet them to resolve the matter. When officers arrived at the location the suspect was not there. The case remains open and referred to the court for warrants.

FSBO

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There are some major risks with going FSBO (For Sale By Owner), from a lower sales price to landing in legal hot water.

Before you pursue this route, here are a couple things to consider when contemplating selling your home yourself, according to Patrik Welty, owner/broker of Legacy Realty Professionals in Fenton.

It is important to consider security.

"When real estate agents schedule a showing on your home you usually do not know the buyer but we capture the name, company, phone number, and license number of the agent showing the home," Welty said. "When a FSBO gets a call from a potential buyer they have no idea who they are meeting."

A Realtor will qualify buyers.

Welty said, "A buyer will rarely tell a seller about their financing or the lender they are working with. Although there are some buyers that play it close to the vest with their personal information, most agents collect the pre-qualification or pre-approval letter in advance from the buyer they are working with. A good agent also is familiar with which lenders are best at qualifying buyers and bringing the deal to a successful closing."

Negotiating a deal takes training.

"Studies have shown that even sellers that are well informed, and price their homes with the assistance of an appraisal or a competent market analysis, tend to lose more than what they would have paid a real estate agent in the negotiations," Welty said. "Most sellers are not trained to negotiate and buyers take advantage of that fact."

Real estate professionals have the power of marketing.

Welty said, "Today there are a number of online locations where sellers can advertise their homes but these are inferior to the exposure an agent can get through their Multiple Listing Service and the many websites that their data is syndicated to."

According to realtor.com, one key thing a real estate agent will do for you is create an eye-catching ad for your home, with attractive photos and a winning description that will reel in buyers. Sure, you can prob-

ably cobble together your own ad, but there's one thing you absolutely can't do if you go FSBO as Welty said, which is post that ad on the multiple listing service.

Carol Ray, associate broker with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services (Michigan Real Estate) in Fenton said, "A Realtor's knowledge is priceless. In reality, a home sold by a Realtor will net a higher sale price than a FSBO."

"FSBOs will sacrifice time and energy showing their home to unqualified buyers and 'door-kickers,'" she said. "Also, they are opening their doors to strangers."

Ray says Realtors have many marketing tools and resources to assist such as appraisers, home inspectors and great handymen that can do minor repairs. "Relocation is a consideration," Ray said. We work with corporations moving employees on a daily basis. Employees relocating do not have the time or knowledge of an area to consider a FSBO. Our goal is a successful sale.

"Great agents spend hundreds of dollars of their own money to market, stage and hire professional photographers in

order to sell your home," Ray said. "If it doesn't sell we are out the time and money, not the homeowner."

Tammy Tipton, associate broker for New Michigan Realty (Tammy Tipton Team Realtors) in Fenton, summed it up when she said, "We work for you and with you. We are strong negotiators and get the deal done right for you."

Safety should come first, Tipton said. "You don't have to show strangers or non-buyers homes, we do that all for you. You will save time and frustration," she said.

"We know the market," Tipton said. "Even though you pay a commission to a Realtor, you end up with more money and less stress at the end of the day. We're strong negotiators and will get you the most money possible."

"We do this every day so we know the ins and outs and trust me it can be stressful, but not for you," she said. "We can get you where you're going. Most of the time you are selling to buy and we can coordinate both sales for a very fun time. Which home buying should be — fun!"

Tipton said 90 percent of FSBOs end up using a Realtor.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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McLaren Flint welcomes internist to medical staff

Zirka Kalynych, MD, a board certified internist specializing in geriatric medicine, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Kalynych is seeing patients at McLaren Flint Internal Medicine Faculty & Residency Group Practice, G-3230 Beecher Rd., Suite 2, Flint. Kalynych completed her residency at



Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She earned her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. Kalynych is accepting new patients and can be reached at (810) 342-5800.

SHARP

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website, the clock was replaced “to demonstrate community support for Roger Sharp and family.”

The fall scene mosaic that hung in the funeral home was a family rescue. After the fire, the senior Sharp’s children retrieved the artwork without their father’s knowledge. After sending it off for restoration, the piece was revived and now hangs in the building in honor of the man who started it all.

Sharp II views the clock and mosaic as perfect examples of why Sharp Funeral Home succeeds and continues to thrive in Genesee County. They represent family and community. He said the fire pulled his family together and that “They stepped up and pulled together and made it work.” Referring to the helpfulness of city and county staff and officials, he said, “They made sure we got back up as quickly as we could. We couldn’t have done it without them.”

Finally, Sharp II said, it was the community as a whole offering support with continued business and donations for the clock. While the fire brought a cloud of darkness, Swartz Creek and Genesee County brought the Sharp Funeral Home and Sharp family a silver lining.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Linden Class of 1969 to hold reunion

A 50th Class Reunion is planned for classmates of Linden High School from 1969. It will be at Johnnies in Fenton where many of the kids hung out after games. The reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. for cocktails (cash bar) and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person at the door. Please leave a message by phone or text (810) 252-3754 to RSVP.

NEWS BRIEFS

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The Zonta Club of Fenton presents ...

The Zonta Club of Fenton presents a movie/documentary on the facts and myths of domestic violence Thursday, Aug. 29. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Zonta will show the movie at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. This film is for those who want to know more and all the details — what, when, hows are covered. Zonta also has a comprehensive guide to share. Nearly one in four adult women and approximately one in seven men in the U.S. report having experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime. RSVP by Tuesday, Aug. 27 by emailing zontacrazy@gmail.com or calling (810) 730-7755.

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Swartz Creek man killed in Gaines crash

■ Michigan State Police continue to investigate rollover on Reid Road

By Sharon Stone

Terry Johnson, 47, of Swartz Creek was killed in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Aug. 20 in Gaines Township.

According to Special F/Lt. David Kaiser of the Michigan State Police, Johnson was thrown from his vehicle after it flipped over following a crash in the 7000 block of Reid Road, just west of Elms Road in



Terry Johnson

Gaines Township.

Police and first responders were dispatched to the crash site at 12:50 a.m. Kaiser said Johnson's vehicle overturned several times and came to rest in a ditch. Johnson was soon located and pronounced deceased at the site.

Kaiser said nearby residents were questioned about the crash. Witnesses reported hearing the crash but did not see any other vehicles involved.

The crash remains under investigation by the Michigan State Police. Autopsy and toxicology results are pending.

Health and Human Services to help in creating the required plans. The bill prescribes what such a plan must include. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4702: Require state insulin price investigation

Introduced by Rep. John Chirkun (D), to require the state Attorney General to investigate insulin prices, and recommend new laws to prohibit pricing practices that agency officials deem "unconscionable." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4705: Prescribe deadline for investigating child abuse

Introduced by Rep. Matt Hall (R), to require that within 24 hours of authorities receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, a contact must be made that provides information on the well-being of each child in the suspect household. House Bill 4706 would prescribe more specific and rigorous assessment and follow-up standards for potentially ambiguous "Category III" cases, defined as there being "a preponderance of evidence of child abuse or child neglect... (with a) low or moderate risk of future harm to the child." Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4716: Require officials investigate road salt alternatives

Introduced by Rep. Brian Elder (D), to require the Department of Transportation to implement a pilot program on using organic additives with or instead of salt to control ice on public roads, highways, and bridges. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



— Compiled by Sharon Stone —

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, Aug. 16.

The legislature remains on summer break with no votes expected until September. Rather than votes, this report contains some interesting or noteworthy recent bill introductions.

Senate Bill 390: Streamline process for welfare recipients getting heat and light subsidies

Introduced by Sen. Peter MacGregor (R), to require that the state welfare agency and state utility regulators give electric and gas utilities a list of households eligible for low income heating bill subsidies to facilitate providing this social welfare benefit. Funding for the subsidies comes from taxpayers and from surcharges imposed on utility bills. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 4700: Require pre-release mental health discharge plan for prisoners

Introduced by Rep. Mary Whiteford (R), to require that before a prisoner who is receiving mental health treatment including drugs is released on parole, the Department of Corrections must create a mental health discharge plan, and require the Department of



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THINGS AREN'T THAT bad. Vice president hasn't killed secretary of state, like it happened in the past.

BUYING A HOUSE
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The rule at MSU is that only one non-family member can reside in the home. "Kevin owned the home and took on roommates," Cathy said of his four years there. "The (roommates') parents said it was much more affordable for them as well. We owned the home for approximately 10 years and both our children graduated from MSU and the best part — debt free.

"We had several of our friends reach out to us to purchase the home when we were ready to sell as they felt it was a better alternative to renting or dorm living. We had always said we would not keep the property as the compliance obligations would not make fiscal sense," Cathy said. "The family that ultimately purchased the home has a large family and the first child is attending MSU and is a medical student and will be there for a long time. Their other children (twins) will graduate in 2020."

The family expressed desire for MSU and will all live in the home, she said.

The house that Kevin and Kelley lived in was a great investment for the McKays. "In our case, the market was very affordable and the numbers worked for us," Cathy said. "I am not sure if it would apply in a seller's market but that would be a decision to weigh."

Ken and Cathy did the same thing in Mt. Pleasant in 2009. "That was a foreclosure home that was in need of work before we could move our oldest son Patrick into it," Cathy said. "It took a bit longer to sell that home because it was in a more residential area not on the campus housing area."

The Mt. Pleasant house was larger with four bedrooms and three baths. It included a separate mother-in-law living area.

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Dress for (school) success

■ With back to school coming, students and parents are reminded to 'dress tastefully'

By Sally Rummel

Remember the days when a young female student might be sent to the principal's office for wearing a short skirt, having to kneel down to see if her skirt touched the ground? If it didn't, she likely was sent home to change her clothes.

Those days may be long gone, but dress codes are still regulated as part of the daily education process at area high schools.

Fenton High School (FHS) Principal Mark Suchowski has a saying, "We like

to see you, we just don't want to see all of you," which pretty much sums up his view of students — both male and female — wearing appropriate clothes to school.

With the school year just about to begin, what students choose to wear as a fashion statement and for comfort might be at odds with what school officials deem appropriate. For the most part, however, local dress codes are more common sense than anything.

"One thing we would like parents and students to know is that you are here for an education, and if your manner of dress is getting more attention than the lesson being presented, it's an issue that needs to be resolved," said Laura Lemke, CTE director/assistant principal at FHS.

This may be especially true during the hot, summer days early in the school year, when students of both sexes may be tempted to wear "short shorts" or tops that show a lot of skin.

Disrupting the educational environment with provocative clothing is a dress code no-no at all area schools, and includes halter tops, bare midriffs,

tank tops, very short skirts, exposed undergarments, etc.

"Shorts, skirts or holes in jeans must be at least mid-thigh or below fingertip length when arms are at the side," states one section of the Lake Fenton High School dress code in its 2019-2020 Student Handbook.

Leave your slippers, pajamas and blankets at home, as well as, hats, caps, bandanas or sunglasses that block a student's eyes.

Clothing that advocates or promotes

drug use, alcohol or tobacco-related messages aren't allowed at any area high schools, nor is clothing that incites violence, is discriminatory to other people or urges violation of the law.

"Student dress may not display lewd, vulgar, ob-

scene or offensive language or symbols, including innuendos (pictures of symbols relating to topics inappropriate for a school setting)," states a portion of the Holly High School dress code in its 2019-2020 Student Handbook.

Students who wear inappropriate clothing to area high schools will be asked to change their clothing, and may be provided with a shirt or gym clothes to wear instead.

"Our philosophy is to try to remedy the dress code situation quickly and get the student re-focused back on their education and back in class," Lemke said.

"That might mean turning a shirt with an inappropriate message inside out, or letting the student change into his/her gym clothing. It might mean letting the student choose from the closet of clean, never used old homecoming/sports team T-shirts. We really try to solve the problem here at school, without having to have a parent bring clothes to school. That would be a last option."

Review entire parent/student handbooks online with links provided with this story.

“Our philosophy is to try to remedy the dress code situation quickly and get the student re-focused back on their education and back in class.”

Laura Lemke

Fenton High School assistant principal

SUMMARY

■ A dress code for appropriate school clothing is still alive and well at area high schools.

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which would run along Sliver Lake Road. Organizers have announced fundraising events.

- Comedy Night at Loose Senior Center on **Sept. 6** at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each, which includes meal by The Laundry and Crust, beverages and comedy show by Billy Hoffmann. Tickets can be purchased at laffpathways.com/events or by contacting Ginger Virkler at (810) 845-4158 or glvirk@gmail.com.
- Peabody Cider Cycle on **Sept. 21** at 3 p.m. This is an inaugural bi-

cycle ride leaving from Peabody Ice Climbing Experience at 12326 Foley Rd., in Fenton. Choose a 15- or 30-mile route on country, low traffic, unpaved roads past scenic lakes. Registration is \$35 before Sept. 17 or \$45 after that date. Price includes a free doughnut at Diehl's Orchard, a food ticket from D&W's Street Eatery, a glass of Blum hard cider or Diehl's regular cider, and entertainment from 6-9 p.m. from local band "Driven" and local musician Patric Parker. Register online at laffpathways.com/cycle-for-cider.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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McLaren Flint offers free seminar on Makoplasty hip and knee replacement

McLaren Flint invites area men and women to attend a free seminar on Makoplasty hip and knee replacement on Sept. 11, at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. Seann Willson, MD, board certified orthopedic surgeon, who is fellowship trained in lower extremity reconstruction and hip and knee replacement, will discuss minimally invasive surgical options for hip and knee pain including the new Makoplasty procedure now available at McLaren Flint. Mako robotic-arm assisted surgery is a procedure designed to relieve the pain caused by joint degeneration due to arthritis. By selectively targeting the damaged cartilage, the surgeon can spare the healthy bone and ligaments surrounding the arthritic portion of the joint. Registration is required.

Seminar Details
Wednesday, Sept. 11 — 5 to 6 p.m. Fenton Community and Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. Registration required, call (810) 342-4473 or visit fentonkneepain.eventbrite.com. Refreshments will be served.

McLaren Flint welcomes nephrologist to medical staff

Kunal Singh, MD, a board certified nephrologist, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Singh is seeing patients at Nephrology & Hypertension, PC, G-1071 N. Ballenger Hwy., Suite 310, Flint. Singh completed



a fellowship in nephrology at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He completed his residency at CMU College of Medicine in Saginaw. Singh earned his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine in Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies. Singh is accepting new patients and can be reached at (810) 238-4172.

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Free carpet squares for teachers

For the third consecutive year, Skaff Furniture Carpet One, 5301 Hill 23 Dr., Flint, will hold an event to support local teachers. This year Skaff will give away 6,000 carpet squares to teachers. Dick Skaff said it's become an important event. "Every year in late summer we would have teachers come to us to see if we had discontinued carpet samples we could give them. We gave away all we had

every year. Then a few years ago we decided to really respond to the need," he said. That year the furniture and flooring company posted an offer on Facebook. This year Skaff has scoured the state looking for carpet squares, collecting discontinued samples from retailers and manufacturers so they won't run out. "We don't want to disappoint any teachers," Skaff said. "This year we have enough for 200 classrooms. We are really excited to help out this way."

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

TOOTHPASTE

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I welcome your questions and comments.
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CHIP WATT

Wild game is the healthiest meat one can eat

■ Michigan deer, elk hunting seasons are right around the corner

By Vera Hogan

People are becoming more health conscious than ever, and realizing that what they eat makes a big difference in their health and their overall wellbeing.

Hunters already know this, but others may wish to consider a sport that can provide healthy meat for the family. Wild game sometimes gets a bad rap from people who think it tastes bad or they don't like the idea of eating wild animals.

Here are a few reasons wild game is a great choice, according to grandviewoutdoors.com:

Fat and the Meatloaf Test

There is virtually no fat in wild game. Nothing drives this home more than the sight of meatloaf made with wild game versus a loaf made with beef. The grease that pools in the bottom of the Pyrex dish when meatloaf is made with beef is the only endorsement many will ever need in favor of wild game.

Low fat content can be attributed to the active lifestyle and natural nutrition of wild animals. Their nutrition statistics are very similar to a skinless chicken breast, with most cuts having around 110 to 130 calories, 2 grams of fat and 25 grams of protein for a 3-ounce serving. Deer, elk and antelope are good sources of iron niacin and riboflavin."

No Hormones or Antibiotics

The mixture of fats found in wild game including venison and elk meat help lower cholesterol and reduce other chronic disease risk.

While research suggests the effects of natural steroid hormones have a negligible human health impact, it seems the negative impact of antimicrobials pose a more significant risk. These injections are used for growth promotion in animals and have an adverse effect on the normal human intestinal flora.



Inherent Flavor

Wild game has the edge when it comes to flavor. And before you assume flavor is subjective based on the desires of the palate, you'd be wrong. Exercise boosts blood circulation and this resulting increased blood circulation boosts flavor. So an active, wild animal's meat is likely tougher than a less active, farm-raised animal's meat, but it's also packed with more flavor compounds.

Essential Fats

Hunters who eat wild game benefit from essential fats, specifically omega-6 and omega-3, which are critical components of a healthy diet. The mixture of fats found in wild game including venison and elk meat help lower cholesterol and reduce other chronic disease risk.

Source: grandviewoutdoors.com

Upcoming seasons

The start of the big hunting seasons in Michigan are just around the corner, starting with **Hunt Period 1 for elk**, which is Aug. 27-30, Sept. 13-16 and Sept. 27-30. Elk hunting is restricted by a lottery permit system.

Early antlerless firearms season in Michigan takes place Sept. 21-22 and the **Liberty Hunt** (for youth and hunters with disabilities) takes place Sept. 14-15. This **firearm deer hunt** will take place on private or public lands in Michigan. During this two-day hunt, a deer or deer combo license may be used for an antlered or antlerless deer.



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Holly's Lesperance football era begins Thursday

By David Troppens

There is a new leader for the Holly varsity football team.

Dallas Lesperance is not new to the Holly football program. He's been an assistant coach in the past for ex-coach Ryan Culloty. However, this will be the first time he's at the helm.

His goal? To continue the tradition created in the recent decade or so.

"A lot of great

things have happened for Holly football the last 10 to 12 years, and we just want to build on that," Lesperance said. "We are building off of what has already been built."

The Bronchos saw their record fall to 3-6 last year, but the three previous seasons the squad posted 5-4 regular seasons, earning a playoff bid in 2015. Since 2010, Holly has recorded six winning regular season records, including earning a co-league title in 2011. Prior to that, Holly

recorded only two winning seasons since 1989, so with the Culloty era the Bronchos did enjoy elevated results.

This season, the program enters with more than 80 players among the varsity, JV and freshman squads.

"We have good numbers," Lesperance said. "We are very pleased with where we are at. I'm very happy where we are heading."

As the varsity squad prepares for the

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Kolten Steele is one of Holly's top returning players from last season's 3-6 record. He'll be playing at running back and linebacker.

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Sports Time

Lines should lead 2019 Blue Devils

By David Troppens

In football it's frequently said that games are won in the trenches.

The trenches, for those who may not know, are the players who compete on the offensive and defensive lines.

Lake Fenton varsity football coach Marty Borski thinks that's the area of the team he's most excited about as the 2019 season begins Thursday.

"We are only going to be as good as our offensive line. When our line is right, so are we. When they struggle, so do we," Borski said. "There's no other way to sugarcoat it. But, to be honest, I don't think that group would want it any other way, and we certainly think that's going to be a strength for us."

So who are these linemen? On offense the Blue Devils have returning linemen Carter Foerster, Ben Muenzer and Alec Moser. Muenzer is a three-year starter and will probably play at one of the tackle spots. Moser was a guard last year and could move to the other tackle spot. Meanwhile, Foerster is at center.

The other spots should go to Matthew Turgeon, Mason Cook or Nathan Luokkala.

"They are pretty good," Borski said. "We aren't huge. We rarely are, but these kids work well together which is the key to any offensive line. We get off the ball quick."

The same is true about the trenches on the defensive line. Cook, Muenzer,

Moser and Turgeon are in the mix on that side of the ball as well. So is two-time all-league defensive end James Hamilton. Returning senior Lucas Simpson also is a key member to that unit.

"Our defensive line is very good," Borski said. "Some of our best leaders on the team are those guys mentioned, so I'm not surprised so many of them are two-way starters. We've been grooming them a few years as well."

Going back to the offensive side of the ball, expect to see

See DEVILS on 31A



Michael O'Brien is one of the Blue Devils' top players returning this fall. Lake Fenton is joining the Metro League and will be playing in the Stars Division.

Fenton boys tennis showing progress, captures Lapeer quad title

By David Troppens

Gary Ballard is encouraged. The Fenton varsity boys tennis coach saw his squad lose to Davison, Goodrich and Lapeer a year ago.

However, that trend is over. This season, the Tigers have already beat all three squads

at the Lapeer quad. The Tigers went 21-3 in all of the flight matches among the other three schools, earning the quad championship.

"We lost to all three teams last year so to come back here and almost sweep the tournament is a huge jump from

our play from last year to this year," Ballard said. "I'm quietly optimistic moving forward."

Fenton won five of the eight flights with three of the Tigers' four doubles flights earning titles.

The No. 1 doubles team of

Jack Gundry and Bradley Trecha earned a title by going 3-0. The No. 2 doubles team of Trevor Bloss and Mitchell Sheer also went 3-0 as did the No. 4 doubles team of Nate Dymond and Tommy Lockwood.

In singles matches, Fenton's

two-time returning regional champion Gabe Hand won the top flight. No. 2 singles player Sheldon Hand also won.

Joe McCarthy and Gavin Suber shared time at No. 4 singles and put together a combined 2-1 record.

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Spencer's next bout date slated, hosting fundraiser for Hatton

By David Troppens

Joey Spencer is going to be a busy professional boxer during the next month, and some of his work won't involve boxing.

Of course, boxing is a part of the itinerary. Spencer's ninth professional bout will be Sept. 28 in Los Angeles as part of the Errol Spence vs. Shawn Porter undercard. His

opponent has yet to be determined.

Spencer has a few events slated before the bout. He'll attend a fundraiser for Argentine Township firefighter

Frank Hatton who is seeking funds for a lung transplant.

The entry fee for today (Aug. 25) concert at the Birchview Outdoor Wedding and Event Center is \$10.

On Tuesday, anyone interested in experiencing an open workout with Spencer can do so at the Flint location Buffalo Wild Wings. The event starts at 6:30 p.m.

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Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Golden Pond Improvement Special Assessment District Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan

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Young Fenton golfers off to a strong start : Tigers' numbers, enthusiasm remain high

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity girls golf team was a dominant squad a year ago.

The Tigers crushed their Metro foes and had a strong run into the state tournament series.

However, the squad graduated three first-team All-Metro League players from last year's team, meaning there was going to be some serious change to the squad.

So far, the Tigers look just fine with the changes.

Fenton competed at the Lober Classic on Monday and Tuesday, earning a fifth-place team finish in the D2 portion of the tournament. The Tigers followed that effort by scoring a 185-215 Metro League victory against Swartz Creek at Tyrone Hills on Wednesday.

"I thought we did a good job," Fenton varsity girls golf coach Kurt Herb-

See **GOLFERS on 31A**

By David Troppens

Fenton — The Fenton varsity boys soccer team lost a large senior class from its 2018 team this fall.

And while that has happened, many boys soccer teams in the tri-county area have experienced drops in their numbers.

So, with the loss of 13 seniors one would think that maybe Fenton's defending Metro League championship squad may be one of the teams hurting due to numbers. However, that thought would be wrong.

The roster handed out at Tuesday's home contest against Brother Rice had 45 names listed on it — 24 on the varsity squad and 21 more on the JV

team. Numbers are plentiful. And so is enthusiasm.

Fenton has started its season with its typical tough non-league schedule. The schedule has included road games at Detroit Country Day and Powers Catholic and Tuesday's home game against Brother Rice, which had to be moved to Friday due to lightning. The team's other contest was a road game at area rival Linden.

The results have been losses to Linden and Country Day and a tie against Powers. However, that doesn't bother coach Matt Sullivan who sees way more positive to the team's start than negative.

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Alex Flannery (left) chases a ball down during the start of Fenton's contest with Brother Rice on Tuesday. Photo: David Troppens

Bronchos earn first soccer win of season, defeat Cavaliers, 2-1

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity boys soccer team has its first victory of the season.

In its first home game of the year, the Bronchos scored two second-half goals and captured a 2-1 victory against Carman-Ainsworth.

The contest remained scoreless until 17 minutes into the second half. That's when senior captain Ben Gramer made a strong throw-in in front of the net

where the team's other senior captain, Nick Rees, converted the goal with a diving header shot.

Just eight minutes later, the Bronchos (1-1) made it a 2-0 lead when Kyle Sherrer placed a ball in front of the net. Jase Van Tassel got to it and took a shot. The rebound came to Rees who scored his second goal of the night with his rebound shot.

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HOLLY'S

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2019 season, Lesperance looks at the defensive side of the ball as being their strength.

"We are undersized but quick," Lesperance said. "I think we have some good talent on that side of the ball and I am encouraged how they are rallying. That side of the ball will compete and compete hard. I'm excited about our defense."

Returning captain Kye Snodsmith

will lead the secondary as will Jacob Hild. They should be two of Holly's key defensive leaders.

At linebacker, Kolten Steele is a two-year player and will be a key leader with that unit. Meanwhile, on the defensive line, Delrico McDonough is a two-year starter.

On offense, the Bronchos entered camp with four players fighting for the quarterback spot.

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Linden's Aiden Miller tries to capture possession of the ball during a past Eagles' contest. Photo: Mark Bolen

Linden defeats Fenton, working on getting better

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys soccer team has low numbers.

The varsity squad didn't play in a summer league together either.

So it would make sense that the Eagles could be a bit behind their area competition as the high school season begins.

Based on some of the results the Eagles don't seem too far behind.

Linden opened its season with a 2-1 victory against area rival Fenton, but did lose to Powers Catholic in its second contest.

In the victory against Fenton, Alex Smith and Ryan Gillespie broke what was a 1-0 lead for the Tigers at one time with goals. Smith also had an assist while Aiden Miller had an assist. In net, Ian Downarwoicz had six saves.

Despite the win, Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fieber-

nitz said the squad was hurt by the summer layoff.

"I may have made a mistake not having them play at all during the summer time. We played some pick-up soccer, but you could tell Fenton had played (more organized summer soccer)," Fiebernitz said. "I am a little disappointed the MHSAA started practices on Monday (Aug. 12) which meant our first game was (Aug. 16). Usually our first game isn't until the next coming Friday or Saturday.

"You could tell they were a little more advanced than we were. We did better in the second half. We switched some things."

Linden played at the East Lansing Tournament on Saturday. The team's first Metro League game is Monday at Goodrich.

GOLFERS

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Herbstreit said about the team's performances during the week. "We have a very young team. We have no seniors at all so we have a lot of players that have not played a ton of varsity golf so there are going to be some highs and some lows for sure."

At Traverse City, the Tigers shot a team score of 371 on the Wolverine Golf Course with Brook Herbstreit leading the squad with an 83. Olivia Herbert shot a 94 while Katelyn Burkett carded a 96. Victoria Carnell shot a 98 to complete the team scoring.

The Lober Classic continued at Spruce Run Golf Course on Tuesday with the Tigers shooting a 396 on the tougher 18-hole layout. Herbstreit led the way with an 84 while Carnell carded a 103. Herbert shot a 104 and Burkett had a 105. Herbstreit's two-day total of 167 put her in fifth place among all D2 squads.

"It wasn't bad," Kurt Herbstreit said. "I obviously liked the 371 a lot better. We had four players under 100. But Spruce Run is a very difficult course. Wolverine is not easy by any means, so that tells you how hard Spruce Run is."

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PREP REPORT

GIRLS GOLF

► **Holly 196, Owosso 237:** The Bronchos (1-0 in the Metro League) were paced by Kelsey Malone who won match medalist honors with a 42 at Heather Highlands. Kate Brown followed with a 44 while Kendall Stillwell shot a 51. Ella Bush capped the Bronchos' team score with a 61.

Holly faces Goodrich on Monday in Flint Metro League action.

BOYS TENNIS

► **Holly at Midland Dow quad:** The Bronchos took fourth in an event with many strong squads — Dow, Grand Rapids Christian and Carlson — and finished in fourth.

"We played some great tennis against some of the best teams in the state," Holly varsity tennis coach Will Sophia said.

BOYS SOCCER

► **Holly JV 4, Carman-Ainsworth JV 0:** Joseph Loeffler scored two goals while Nick Gramer and Chance Stulberg had a goal each.

DEVILS

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the Blue Devils to be what most fans are used to seeing — a strong running team.

Hamilton returns at running back as does four-year varsity player Michael O'Brien. Kyle Parker, Dylan Byers and Walker Ridgeway will get their carries as well.

The quarterback will be a new face, sophomore Reed Shumaker. He was on the JV a year ago.

"He's very intelligent, a natural leader and he can make all the throws and the correct reads," Borski said. "We are going to bring him along slowly as we can because he's still only 15-years old, but I have all the confidence in the world if we have to turn him lose, he can play fast and get it done."

Ryan Muraney and Zachary Coon are the backup quarterbacks. The receivers include Coon, Muraney and John Grigg.

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