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# Weekend **Times**

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A North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) member helps a child with the fire extinguisher at the Oct. 6 open house in Rose Township. **See story on Page 6A.** Photo: Hannah Ball

## Fenton man arrested in New Mexico

■ Facing multiple felonies after allegedly breaking into Porsche

According to an Oct. 3 press release by the Roswell Police Department (RPD) in Roswell, New Mexico, a Fenton, Michigan man who told police he may have had "a little too much to drink," ended up in jail Monday, Oct. 1

**See ARRESTED on 15A**



Robert Abraham  
Clark

## Area resident charged over threatening voicemail

■ Allegedly tells bank employees he's going to rob and burn down bank

A 67-year-old Fenton Township man was arraigned Oct. 5 on one

count of false report or threat of terrorism in Genesee County 67th District Court. The charge is a 20-year felony if convicted.

Lt. Jeff Cross said the  
**See CHARGED on 16A**

## Gov. Whitmer's veto a 'major issue' for local charter school



Holly Academy students protest outside Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's office in Lansing on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Submitted photo

■ Elementary students protest proposed funding cuts to charter schools

**By Tim Jagielo**

Holly Academy fourth graders learned about budgeting, civic participation and how government works all in one experience on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

**See PROTEST on 13A**

Fenton grad becomes contestant on NBC's 'The Voice'

**See Page 5A**



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“By golly I finally saw a butterfly at the garden.”



“I would like to take a moment to thank our Fenton police and fire department. Kevin, thank you for taking my call. To the firefighters who left their families to run on our non-emergency call at 1 a.m. Monday morning, we were completely at a loss over what to do. We can't thank you enough. Thank you.”



“Such a shame, animals outside all day, but what about the ones locked up inside all day while you work for 14 hours, then have to rush home to let your dog out instead of stopping by to visit your grandson? Don't get a dog if you can't take care of it properly.”

## COMMENT OF THE WEEK

“Can officers of a homeowners association be sued for failure to hold an annual association meeting? Haven't had one in almost three years and wondering what's going on.”





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# Fenton’s Ghost Walk shares town’s haunted past

■It’s coming soon to haunt you Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19

By Sally Rummel

You’re about to get haunted in the city of Fenton.

The fourth annual Fenton Historic Ghost Walk will feature entirely new haunted tales Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19 in this unique collaboration between the Fenton Village Players and the Fenton Historical Society.

“Our Ghost Walk gives guests an opportunity to hear stories about the ghosts that still haunt the Fenton community,” said Bev Tippet, co-chairperson with Toadie Middleton. “Hear tales, past and present, of spirits while walking in Fenton’s historic district.”

**See GHOST WALK on 19A**

# ‘But I know I love you’

■Local dad brings awareness to rare childbirth complication causing brain injury, memory loss

By Sally Rummel

The happiest day of a woman’s life is often the birth of her firstborn child.

But for Camre Curto, 31, of Tyrone Township, this milestone is one she has no memory of — along with a lifetime of memories erased, when her son Gavin was born Oct. 9, 2012.

Camre suffered from pre-eclampsia, a rare complication of pregnancy characterized by high blood pressure and often resulting in a series of seizures. An emergency C-section was necessary to save both mother and baby, so Gavin arrived healthy but small, a month early.

Now 7 years old, Gavin has no health issues from his premature birth, but his mom has had to adjust from a life-threatening brain injury to a new reality of a life with no memories.

After her son’s birth, Camre didn’t recognize her then-fiancé, Steve Curto, even though they had been together for years. Nor did she know her parents, who had been her constant bedside companions while she was fighting for her life. Camre didn’t even remember giving birth to Gavin or any of the medical emergencies that led up to his birth.

“It’s basically like a stroke, she lost all of her long- and short-term memory,” said Steve, whom Camre married four years ago.

When Camre and Gavin were both eventually released after a month-long hospitalization, a new normal



Camre, Steve and Gavin Curto make sure to make new family memories after many of Camre’s lifetime memories were erased during a complication from pregnancy. Submitted photo



settled in for the Curto family.

Camre needed occupational therapy to re-learn the skills of daily living that were lost — from tying her shoes to applying makeup, using a stove, grocery shopping and personal hygiene skills like brushing her teeth.

“It’s everyday things that we take for granted,” said Steve, who was able to change his job in the auto glass industry to work from home.

**See I LOVE YOU on 15A**

Donna Lyons & Beth Bryant

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## Just sayin'...

## Texting while driving — people just don't get it!

**T**wo weeks ago, I was on my way to work and was stopped at a four-way just around the corner from my house. There were four cars (including mine) at each stop sign, waiting for our turn to proceed.

Before any of us had a chance to go, a big white car zooms around the black car waiting at the stop sign to my left and speeds through it. The woman driving was holding her cell phone against the top of the steering wheel (12 o'clock position) and was texting. She was driving with the palms of her hands and her eyes never left her phone.

Today, I stopped at a Silver Lake Village store during lunch. As I was leaving the parking lot, the driver of a white SUV that appeared to be parked to my right suddenly swings around and would have run right into me head on if I had not layed on my horn. She was texting.

Every once in a while before work, I like to stop in McDonald's drive-thru for a coffee. And occasionally I will pick up fast food for lunch. I am not lying when I say that one out of every three times I



VERA HOGAN

am in line to pull up and place my order, the driver in front of me is texting on his or her phone and I have to honk my horn to get them moving along.

I have to ask these drivers — what is so important that you can't put your phone down while driving? Do you have a death wish?

It amazes me that after all we hear and read about in the news that people still do this and think they are safe. They are not safe. One day they are going to kill or be killed due to texting and driving. None of the

drivers I mentioned here were teenagers. They always get the bad rap for texting and driving, but it's not always them. It's men and women, adults who should know better.

Distracted driving is a huge problem and seems to be getting worse. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), distracted driving includes talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system — anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

See **TEXTING on 10A**

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**WITH ALL THE** phony crimes the Democrats have accused President Trump of committing and now impeachment for inquiring about the crooked Ukraine dealings of Biden's son, the only way to stop the Dems is to start indicting them for all the crimes they have gotten away with, starting with Hillary.

**I'D LIKE TO** advise the people that are lamenting about being poor that they are there because of the choices they made.

**I WISH ALL** law officers would wear head protection when they deal with people. At least they would stand a chance to be safe.

**ANYBODY THAT HUNTS** deer in Michigan will contract some form a disease. At least that's what Lansing is hoping for.

**YES, MCCONNELL IS** sitting on Democrat bills. Let's see, the latest (HR 3525) requires Homeland Security to develop a medical database for illegal border crossers, oh yeah, within 90 days while they're at it. The vets — they can wait.

Compiled by Hannah Ball, staff reporter

## How has your life changed in the past year?

## | street talk



"It's been a very busy year. I got married. I got a condo. I adopted another dog. We have two dogs and a cat. I just bought a new car."

**Angela Webb**  
Holly



"Very very busy. My husband is ill and my mother is ill. It's almost like I have to reset my life."

**Luce Daly**  
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"My two oldest boys both got married to two wonderful, lovely women who I'm proud to call my daughters-in-law."

**Tim Szczepanski**  
Tyrone Township



"Having two kids full time in college. It's less communication and I'm just worrying about how they're doing."

**Tom Joachimi**  
Fenton



"My husband had multiple strokes so I'm more of a caregiver than a wife. It's good he's still here with me. He's a vet. I want to praise the V.A. because they get a lot of supplies for me."

**Barbara Hamilton**, Holly



## Fenton grad makes it through blind auditions

■ Becomes contestant on 'The Voice' reality TV show

By Sharon Stone

Fans of the popular NBC reality TV show, "The Voice," have a local contestant to cheer for.

Brennen Henson, 20, performed "Riptide" by artist Vance Joy during the blind auditions. His segment aired Monday, Oct. 7. Henson is a 2017 graduate of Fenton High School.

Less than a minute into his live audition, judge Gwen Stefani pushed her button to turn her chair around. At the very last second judge Blake Shelton, and Stefani's boyfriend, too smacked his button to turn his chair around. Judges Kelly Clarkson and John Legend did not try to be Henson's coach.

Stefani and Shelton would both try to convince Henson to pick either of them to be his coach for the show. Henson told the audience he was from Flint and Stefani tried to convince him that they had a connection since her father

**See THE VOICE on 10A**



Brennen Henson, a 2017 Fenton High School graduate, auditions for The Voice, a reality TV show on NBC featuring people in a singing competition.

Photo: NBC.com

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Lt. Scott Blaska, fire prevention officer with NOCFA, talks to the crowd while he puts on his firefighter gear before doing the live fire demonstration. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

## NOCFA open house welcomes hundreds

■ Live fire demonstration, helicopter landing, bomb squad appearance

By Hannah Ball

**Rose Twp.** — “We don’t leave our candles burning unattended, right? Does anyone light a candle in their kitchen and then walk away? What about leave the house?”

Lt. Scott Blaska, fire prevention officer of the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) posed these questions to children and their parents minutes before setting a curtain on fire in a smokehouse meant for live burning demonstrations.

The moveable smokehouse had glass doors for onlookers. Kids watched with rapt attention as the curtains went up in flames in minutes and smoke filled the room.

This live fire demonstration, a helicopter landing, and robots were only a few of the attractions at the Sunday, Oct. 6 NOCFA open house at the Rose Township station.

Hundreds of people attended.

“It’s going great,” Blaska said.

Attendees learned about the importance of planning an escape route in the event of a fire. The theme for this

year, set by the National Fire Protection Association for October, which is National Fire Prevention Month, is “Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape.”

Children were delighted to see the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office helicopter circle around the fire station and then land in the open adjacent field.

Jessica Pinckney of Holly attended the event with her daughter Madison, son Gavin and husband, Mike.

“It’s really cute, really fun. Our kids are super shy,” she said. “They went and looked at the fire trucks. They

had doughnuts.”

The most popular feature was a live fire station, in which firefighters used a machine that starts a small fire in a metal tray and kids would use a fire extinguisher to put it out. It’s a controlled fire, so if the kids couldn’t aim correctly, the workers could put it out quickly.

“It teaches the kids how to actually use a fire extinguisher,” he said. More than 100 kids did it.

Other stations included the Jaws of Life demonstrations and a station where kids could use a fire hose to put out a fake fire in a small cutout of a house.

**See NOCFA on 16A**

**“It teaches the kids how to actually use a fire extinguisher.”**

**Lt. Scott Blaska**  
North Oakland County Fire  
Authority fire prevention officer



# Bomb squad robots save police from bullets

■MSP unit responds to suspicious packages, sweeps stadiums and more

By Hannah Ball

**Rose Twp.** — Instead of opening doors, potentially getting shot at, and searching for bombs, two robots used by the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad were featured at the Sunday, Oct. 6 North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) open house.

This was the first time for the bomb squad at a NOCFA open house. However, Spl./Sgt. Scott Reynolds, bomb technician with the MSP, said an important part of his job is community outreach.

Their main job is ensuring the safety of Michigan residents and police.

“Our main job is bomb squad but we also support our tactical team. If there’s a bad guy in the house with a gun, instead of sending an officer in there, we can send our robots because basically our robots can do everything



A robot from the Michigan State Police bomb squad has a few indents from bullets. Photo: Hannah Ball

that a human can do,” he said.

This includes climbing stairs, opening doors, and more.

F/Lt. Michael Shaw of the MSP said the Michigan bomb squad was established in 1970 in response to a rash of political bombings. It’s one of the top 10 largest bomb squads in the nation.

See **ROBOTS** on 16A

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## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

### POLICE INVESTIGATE TWO RELATED HIT-AND-RUN CRASHES

On Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6 a.m., Fenton police responded to the intersection of S. Adelaide Street and Shiawassee Avenue on a report of a hit-and-run crash. Witnesses reported that a white Ford F-250 pickup truck rear-ended another vehicle and drove away. At 6:19 a.m., Fenton police received a call reporting a white Ford F-250 pickup truck had driven through a resident's yard and crashed into their vehicle, which was parked in the driveway. The sound of the crash awakened the residents. When they went outside to check, they saw the truck with its doors open and the engine running. The driver had apparently fled on foot. The license plate indicated the owner of the truck is a Fenton resident. The truck was impounded. Anyone with information is asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

## Long time volunteer becomes 'honorary firefighter'

Compiled by Tim Jagielo

A dedicated volunteer for the Fenton Fire Department (FFD) was recognized for his years of service this summer.

At the Aug. 15, training meeting the FFD presented an "Honorary Firefighter" helmet and plaque to local resident and volunteer Cade Scott.

"He is a regular around the station during the daytime," said Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff. This includes helping keep the station clean.

Cairnduff said Scott started coming to the station while in high school (about eight years ago) as part of a trial program that placed kids with special needs into the workplace to help them develop life and work skills.

Cairnduff said Scott fell in love with the fire service and he still comes to the station to help wherever he can.

Scott's family told



Cade Scott, a long-time volunteer at the Fenton Fire Department was given the title of honorary firefighter Aug. 15. Scott was part of a pilot program to

give students with special needs real world experience. Submitted photo

**“He loves the fire department and being here so much that he still comes and helps clean the station.”**

**Bob Cairnduff**

*Fenton Fire Department Chief*

Cairnduff that his experience at their station opened the doors for many other children with special needs to get out into

the workforce in Genesee County.

"They were extremely grateful for his time here and how we have accepted him as part of the team," Cairnduff said.

Lt. Dustin Lucius headed this special project. "He did a great job presenting Cade with the special honor," Cairnduff said.

## Fenton man wins nearly \$600K in lottery

■ Locke's Party Store is where winning ticket was purchased

By Hannah Ball

A 70-year-old Fenton man, who wishes to remain anonymous, won \$585,204 playing the Michigan Lottery. He matched the Fantasy 5 numbers on Saturday, Oct. 5 with the winning ticket. Locke's Party Store is at 1228 N. LeRoy St.

This wasn't the first time this Fenton man won money from the Michigan Lottery.

"Last fall, I won \$5,000 playing Lucky For Life, \$2,500 playing Lotto 47, and \$1,000 on an instant game all in a few weeks," he told the Michigan Lottery. "I'm hoping this is the beginning of another streak like that and the prizes keep getting bigger."

His winning numbers for the Oct. 5 ticket were 10-11-12-13-23.

"When I first saw the numbers that were drawn, I figured the jackpot was going to roll again because the numbers were all pretty close together. When I looked at my ticket later, I knew right away I'd won."

## Fenton road work sign system purchased

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton Department of Public works (DPW) will have another "work zone" sign and on Monday, Oct 7, Interim DPW Director Dan Brisson made a presentation about it to the City Council.

According to a memo by Brisson to City Manager Lynn Markland, the DPW did not have all the needed temporary signs to establish work zones in a roadway per Part 6 of the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Operations Manual.

Earlier this summer, three DPW employees attended a workshop for temporary traffic control training. The DPW now has five employees that are trained/certified to properly establish construction work zones, Brisson said.

Different types of work zone signage

were explored and Brisson recommends a temporary sign system called Wind Master.

"I have personally used this sign system at the Pontiac Silverdome and Palace of Auburn Hills parking operations and find the product to be extremely durable and long lasting," Brisson said.

An appropriate package to meet the DPW's needs for temporary traffic control signage has been purchased from Cougar Sales & Rental of Novi at \$4,223. Pricing also will be obtained from Carrier & Gable in Farmington Hills and the purchase will be made from the vendor with lowest pricing.

Brisson said when discussing budget for the current year, \$5,000 was requested out of operating supplies from major and local street accounts.

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# Nerve Pain Treatment Breakthrough

■ By Erica Rainer

Reprint due to successful response.



If YOU suffer from Neuropathy, Pain and Numbness in your Hands and or Feet, we have some news, though Drugs, Surgeries and Injections are Failing, there is now new hope for you, and anyone suffering with this life altering condition.

Neuropathy is a term used to describe the breakdown and damage to the nerves in the hands, arms, legs and feet due to a lack of blood supply and nutrients getting to the nerve. It can be caused from Diabetes, Peripheral Vascular Disease, Poor Metabolic Health, Chemo Therapy, Agent Orange Exposure, Misaligned Spinal Bones and so on. "Patients experience extreme sensations, loss of feeling or even **no feeling in their hands and/or feet** along with muscles spasms, pain, weakness, numbness, tingling and burning sensations and have a very hard time with balance" says Dr. James Ide, clinic director at Painless Chiropractic of Fenton. Other symptoms associated with the condition are problems with urination, bladder and bowel control, sexual dysfunction, vomiting, nausea and dizziness among others. **This condition can eventually lead to further nerve damage causing complete loss of leg and/or arm leading to amputation, along with organ failure in some cases.**

Are you or someone you love suffering with weakness, numbness and pain from Nerve Damage in your hands and/ or feet? You are not alone. More than 20 Million people across the United States are dealing with some form of Neuropathy. Most commonly noticed first in the hands and feet, causing weakness, numbness and tingling pain and most debilitat-

ing... balance problems. "Most people find themselves feeling frustrated with no place to turn and no hope of recovery. By the time they come see us, they feel like they have tried everything. Their primary care doctor put them on Anti-Seizure or Epilepsy medications like Gabapentin, Neurontin, Cymbalta or Lyrica and told them they will just have to live with the pain." said Dr. Ide.

**That is until now.** With recent advancements in nerve regeneration technology and treatment options, clinics all over the world are seeing larger success rates and faster results for their neuropathy patients. "This new technology paired with a multifaceted approach has been life altering for our clinic and our patients. The development and success of the Painless Neuropathy Protocol by Dr. James Ide and his care team at Painless Chiropractic in Fenton has been the talk of the town in recent months. "We have seen an increase in Neuropathy patients and the results that they are getting in such a short amount of time is truly amazing" said Kaitlin Johnson, the Patient Advocate & Coordinator at the Fenton clinic.

*"I dealt with neuropathy in my feet along with low back pain for years. Balance was very difficult, and I had to use a walker at times. After starting with Dr. Ide and the Neuropathy Program, I feel 100% better. Each day I can tell a difference in my feet, my back pain is gone and I'm now sleeping through the night. I am just so thankful that I will be able to fully walk again."*

- Henry P.  
Brighton MI

There are some things people can do at home to aide in the healing process of their neuropathy however healing neuropathy is an all encompassing process that will require

lifestyle changes along with guidance from a medical professional that is experienced and skilled at doing so.

**Your Invitation for a comprehensive Neuropathy consultation and examination to determine the level of progression your Neuropathy has reached and if you are a candidate for treatment...**

The Times has teamed up with Dr. Ide once again to help our readers learn about new options for getting the healthcare and relief they deserve! All you have to do to receive a comprehensive Neuropathy Consultation and Examination with the most advanced Electrodiagnostic Testing and along with easy to understand report of findings who Dr. Ide is call 810-214-2532.

Mention this article (Code: NEUR092219) and the team will happily reduce the usual consultation and exam fee of \$210 to just \$47. But hurry, due to the number of patients the office is able to see, this is a limited time offer with **only 30 appointments available** and they will be on a first come first serve basis at this exclusively discounted rate.

**My advice, don't wait around suffering a moment longer...**

If you or your loved one is experiencing pain, numbness, tingling, pins and needle sensations, cramps and spasms of your legs, hands or feet, along with the many other bodily symptoms this horrible condition pel-ages people with, take action.

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*nerve areas of the body, enabling them to reactivate and function at an increasingly higher rate over time while also increasing the patient's quality of life."*

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## TEXTING

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Texting is the most alarming distraction, according to the NHTSA. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 miles per hour, that is like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. What part of that don't people get?

Opinions offered in Just Sayin' are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email Vera at [vhogan@tctimes.com](mailto:vhogan@tctimes.com).

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**OBAMA DID NOT** double the presidential salary. What he did was double the national debt to over \$20 trillion, nearly destroying the U.S. economy, along with higher taxes, uncontrolled spending, and a very low GDP. President Trump has worked hard to reverse Obama's damage to our country.

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## THE VOICE

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grew up on 8 Mile (Detroit). She also told him he was cute.

Shelton just knew Henson would pick Stefani and all but admitted defeat with convincing Henson to pick him as his coach. In the end, Henson did choose Stefani as his coach.

Henson said he's drawn to alternative, folk pop type music and added, "I like my originality."

In his bio for The Voice, Henson said he saw firsthand how the water

crisis in Flint, just north of Fenton, can bring people together. He said his father encouraged him to pursue his passion for music. He joined a church worship band, learned guitar and won his first talent show as a junior in high school.

Henson has been living in Nashville, Tennessee for the past few months and works as a server while writing music.

Laura Lemke, assistant principal at Fenton High School, said, "He is a cool kid. He graduated in 2017 and came back in May 2018 to sing/play guitar at our Baccalaureate celebration when his younger brother graduated (2019)."

Henson has two younger sisters who also attend Fenton Area Public Schools, Isabella and Victoria.

Lemke said Henson was in music and drama while at FHS and she remembers him best for his role as one of the princes in the musical, "Into the Woods," when he sang the "Agony" song.

He's "funny, kind, compassionate, and musically talented," Lemke said. "I think the one judge on The Voice said it best when she said, 'You are more of an artist, than a vocalist' and I believe that to be true."

Lemke said it will be fun to see his progress on the show and no matter the outcome, what he will learn, musically, will help him to continue to grow his talent and follow his dream.

To follow Henson and the other contestants of the show, download The Voice app on your smartphone, follow on Twitter or go to [nbc.com/the-voice](http://nbc.com/the-voice).

## About The Voice

"The Voice" is a show about real talent. Four famous musicians search for the best voices in America and will mentor these singers to become artists. America will decide which singer will be worthy of the grand prize.

The show's innovative format features three stages of competition. The first begins with the blind audition, then the competition enters into a battle phase, and finally, the live performance shows. Each coach will have their best contestant left standing to compete in the finale.

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## GUEST VIEWPOINT

By Adam Harlley  
Fenton Area Public  
Schools superintendent



### FAPS Sinking Fund renewal

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) will have a Sinking Fund renewal on the Nov. 5, ballot. The renewal is a three-year levy at .899 mil. This renewal means no new taxes to homeowners while maintaining the much needed high level of support from our community.

A Sinking Fund is critical to school districts across the state and has allowed FAPS to repair and upgrade our facilities and grounds over the course of many years. FAPS has over 650,000 square feet of facilities that are used by thousands of citizens each year. We must take care of what we have.

It is imperative that our community is informed before the November election and we want to make sure we have done everything in our power to answer questions you may have regarding the renewal. **On Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m., FAPS will host a Sinking Fund Informational meeting at the Fenton Cultural and Community Center, 150 S. LeRoy.** You may also visit [fentonsinkingfund.com](http://fentonsinkingfund.com) or contact me directly at (810) 591-4701 or [ahartley@fenton-schools.org](mailto:ahartley@fenton-schools.org).

We have been able to keep our buildings and grounds up to date over many years due to the Sinking Fund. Our efforts to keep over 650,000 square feet of facilities up to date helps us attract and retain families. Having the current Sinking Fund has allowed us to use general funds to purchase new curriculum resources, maintain our staffing levels and focus those dollars on teaching and learning.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to the FAPS Sinking Fund renewal.

## Book Author Series planned in Fenton

■ Meet local authors and have their books signed in upcoming Tuesday evening events in October and November

By Sally Rummel

A Book Author Series, a new opportunity to meet local authors and celebrate books, will take place for the first time in Fenton on special dates in October and November.

Book signing dates will be Tuesdays, Oct. 15 and 29, and Nov. 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 S. LeRoy St.

Guests will have a chance to meet the authors and discuss their books. There is a small fee for each event, with the exception of the Nov. 12 signing, which is free. Fees will be returned to the guest with the purchase of a book. Light refreshments will be served.

These events will be held in partnership with Karen Piacentini, owner of Fenton's Open Book in downtown Fenton.

"Because of her ownership of the bookstore, we thought it would be a great partnership," said Pat Lockwood, chairperson of the city of Fenton Arts & Cultural Commission.

The first event will be Tuesday, Oct. 15, featuring four local authors:

- **Boyd Craven**, of Grand Blanc, who has penned more than 30 books
- **D.L. Gould** of Chicago, science fiction author of "The Lazarus Vaccine"
- **Tina Truax**, award-winning essayist and author, biographer
- **Brenda Haas**, of Fenton, award-winning author and writer



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The Oct. 29 event will feature a discussion and book signing from **John U. Bacon**, author of "Overtime: Jim Harbaugh and the Michigan Wolverines at the Crossroads of College Football."

The Nov. 12 event will include a book discussion and signing from author **Andy Bartonwak** of Birmingham, author of "A Christmas to Remember" and **Denise Brennan-Nelson** of Howell, children's book author.

"This is the first event like this of many, I hope," Piacentini said. "Support your local authors, the bookstore and the community."

This series is made possible through a grant awarded this year to the Fenton Arts & Cultural Commission.

The city of Fenton was awarded \$29,000 to use for art and cultural events through Share Art Genesee grants in Genesee County, which will help fund these author events.

The funds were also used to sponsor Kids Art Camp and an upcoming public charette session on Nov. 6, to get public input on the local need for art and cultural events.

Book Author Series tickets are available at Fenton's Open Book or on the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation website, [slpr.net](http://slpr.net).

“This is the first event of many like this, I hope.”

**Karen Piacentini**  
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# CHAMBER UPDATE



## Fenton & Linden regional chamber of commerce endorses candidates for mayor and city council

The Fenton & Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to announce their endorsement of candidates running for City of Fenton Mayoral and Council seats. The Chamber's Political Action Team received approval for their recommendation from the Board of Directors to endorse the following candidates:

**Mayor:** Sue Osborn  
**City Council:** Brad Jacob,  
Patricia Lockwood and Sean Sage

The election date is Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The Chamber's comprehensive endorsement process is based on several factors including the candidates voting

record, public comments by the candidates, responses to the questionnaire, and their performance at the "Meet the Candidates" event. The categories listed in the endorsement policy scoring are Business Issues, Community Issues, Creativity/Policy Expertise, Experience/Community Service and Public Speaking and Presentation.

"On behalf of the Political Action Team and the Chamber Board of Directors, we appreciate the people of this community attending," said Shelly Day, Executive Director. The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this free event and will continue to encourage pro-business candidates at both the State and local levels of government.



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**October 17 Networking @ Noon**  
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**October 25 Joint Networking**  
with Flint/Genesee Chamber at Flint Firebirds  
• 5:30 – 8:30pm  
**October 31 An Event So Good It's Scary** • 1-6pm  
**November 2 A Joyful Noise Studio**  
Ribbon Cutting • 3:30pm  
**November 8 Annual Awards Dinner**  
YMCA Camp Copneconic • 6-11pm  
**November 9 Linden Ladies Night Out**  
Downtown Linden (Fire Station) • 5-8pm  
**November 13 Networking After Hours**  
Sawyer Jewelers • 5-7pm  
**November 19 Iris Eye Care**  
Ribbon Cutting • 4:30pm  
**November 21 Networking @ Noon**  
Genesee Health Plan • 11:30am – 1:30pm  
**December 7 Jinglefest** • 10am, **Jinglejog** • 3pm  
**December 19 Networking @ Noon**  
Financial Plus @ Fenton Community  
and Cultural Center • 11:30am – 1:30pm

## Ho Ho Ho: Jinglefest is coming to town

**By Sally Rummel**

Your entire family will enjoy a full day of Jinglefest events Saturday, Dec. 7.

The day will begin with Brunch With Santa, sponsored by the Fenton Kiwanis Club. Kicking off the afternoon events will be the Jingle Jog 5K Run & Walk at 3 p.m.

Enjoy holiday shopping and ice sculptures displayed throughout town. Entertainment Jingle Tents will open at 3 p.m. with music and refreshments. Visitors will enjoy a Live Nativity at Fenton United Methodist Church, Santa Paws photos and more.

Santa Claus will lead the Lighted Parade at 6 p.m., followed by a community tree-lighting and fireworks.



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Students protest the proposed budget, which eliminates the standard increase in per-pupil finding for charter schools. **Submitted photo**

## PROTEST

**Continued from Front Page**

Teacher Becky Maly said her students along with students from Tracy Vana's class experienced "authentic learning" about the state government during a field trip that included touring the Capitol building and the Michigan Hall of Justice, which houses the Michigan Supreme Court.

This annual trip also included making signs protesting Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's veto of the regular annual increase in Michigan charter school funding and then protesting in front of her officers.

According to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Whitmer used line item veto to strike the annual standard increase in per pupil funding for charter

schools. Under the plan, they're now funded \$240 less per pupil than even the lowest-funded public school districts.

Under the governor's budget, these charter schools will stay at the \$7,871 in per pupil funding. "This is a serious issue for us, which impacts every student and staff member at our school," said Maly in an email.

So, students made signs and fought for their own school funding. They made signs with their own slogans and according to Maly, chanted passionately in front of the governor's offices.

"They learned how they can use their voices to stand up for public policy issues that are meaningful to them," Maly said. She said they were interviewed by reporters from two Lansing TV stations, as well as Detroit newspapers, and the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA.)

"We believe charter school students are just as important as traditional public school students," Maly said. "It is unfortunate that we are caught in the middle of party politics in this situation."

Ken Kander is director of finance and operations at Holly Academy. He said the last time charter school budgets

were cut was in 2012. He said this proposed budget would cut approximately \$110,000 from the next budget year. He said the money might have to come from streamlining staff, whether through

reduced hours or terminations. He said all 620 students would be impacted by this.

The budget is not yet in effect. According to the Detroit Free Press, Whitmer is calling on the GOP-led legislature to create supplemental bills to restore some of the funding she cut with line items totaling \$1 billion.

**“They learned how they can use their voices to stand up for public policy issues that are meaningful to them.”**

**Becky Maly**

*Holly Academy fourth grade teacher*

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHEN ASKED,** I find that very few Republican and Democrat voters can articulate the policies of one or both sides. Most just repeat emotional talking points they hear on propaganda TV. I think we all need to take action to become better-informed voters.

**GOV. WHITMER,** if you enforced laws already on the books you wouldn't have to create new laws. Vape products were already illegal for minors. All you did was take away the products for legal users. This is what Dems want to do with your rights because the government knows better than the individual.

## Magoo's ribbon-cutting



Magoo's Pet Outlet in Fenton off Silver Parkway is officially open, offering discounted prices for pet products and food. The ribbon-cutting ceremony took place Saturday, Oct. 5. From left are Will Stiverson, Fenton Chamber of Commerce ambassador, Jen Wojtaszek, chamber member, Courtney Versola, owner operator, Braelynn Versola, 9, Susie Versola, owner operator, Trisha Chilner, manager of Magoo's, Sherry Russell, and Meghan Grimshaw, events coordinator for the chamber. **Photo: Hannah Ball**

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In addition to online registration, registration is available at Fenton United Methodist Church during regular office hours.

**UPWARD SPORTS**



# Linden AYSO home in question

■ Tense talks as Southern Lakes investigates running 40-acre soccer complex

By Tim Jagielo

Hundreds of young soccer players and the people who developed the fledgling organization for 25 years might be looking for a new home.

Linden's AYSO 417 (American Youth Soccer Organization) is in talks with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation (SLPR) concerning its continued use of the Deer Run Soccer Complex at 16021 Linden Rd. in Fenton Township. This is because its lease with Genesee County Parks and Recreation (GCRC), which owns the 40-acre property, is about to expire, and it might be SLPR that takes over the management of the property for the first time.

For 25 years, Fenton Township has been the holder of the sublease from GCPR, which will only deal with a government entity and not a private organization. As a result, the township gave a concurrent 25-year sublease to AYSO.

Thomas Broecker, deputy clerk and

operations manager for Fenton Township, said that in February 2020, both the township and AYSO's leases expire, and a new one must be created.

Earlier this year, Clerk Robert Krug, Broecker and Genesee County Commissioner Shaun Shumaker (District 6), a Fenton Township resident, met with GCPR to discuss a possible solution. Broecker said it is the township's goal "to no longer have a role."

Twenty-five years ago, there was no metropolitan parks and recreation authority, but now that SLPR is in place, it was suggested to GCPR that it be considered to manage the soccer program, and the county agreed. In June, the township proposed the idea to SLPR, which took the ball and started investigating.

In the 25 years of the lease, the AYSO has been responsible for everything involved in running the facility. It includes grounds and equipment maintenance, restroom, concessions and game equipment. "We certainly recognize that AYSO is responsible for the development of that facility," said Broecker.

Tapping SLPR for the task raised seri-



Soccer tournaments like this one in May 2017 attract up to 1,000 people to the Deer Run Soccer Complex in Fenton Township. **Times file photo**

ous concerns for the organization that has run the facility for a quarter century, and the parents who have children in the program.

"We are doing our due diligence to create the best situation for Deer Run Soccer Complex," said Vince Paris, SLPR executive director.

He's currently in talks with AYSO,

Laforza Soccer Club and a travel league to establish what it costs to run the facility in order to draft an operating proposal.

Sometimes these talks have been tense and communication styles criticized. "AYSO families built that field," said Amy Converse, regional commissioner

**See AYSO on 19A**



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## ARRESTED

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after a “bit of a criminal adventure” in the Walmart parking lot in north Roswell.

Robert Abraham Clark, 31, of Fenton, was charged with multiple crimes after Roswell police officers were called to the store at 4:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30. Police were called after someone saw Clark using an object to break out the rear window of a Porsche Cayman parked in the lot, according to the press release.

Witnesses reported Clark then crawled into the vehicle through the shattered rear window.

When the first officer arrived, he found Clark sitting in the driver’s seat of the Porsche. Roswell police reported that Clark refused to get out of the car so the officer opened the door, removed him and handcuffed him. The officer found a screwdriver jammed into the ignition of the car, a common method used when someone is attempting to improperly start a vehicle in order to steal it. An empty liquor bottle, later determined not to belong to the vehicle’s owner — was found inside the car as well.

Clark was found without any form of identification and gave officers different

names and birthdates when asked who he was multiple times. Officers noted the Michigan license plate on another vehicle witnesses said Clark had gotten into at least once after breaking the Porsche window but before officers arrived.

Believing the vehicle could be that of the suspect, officers asked a dispatcher to contact Michigan State Police, who were able to use the license plate number to identify the suspect as Clark. Officers also noticed the year on the registration sticker on the plate had been scratched off.

Since Clark had blood on his hands — believed to be injuries that resulted from the broken window — officers took him to be checked out at a local hospital. While waiting in the emergency room, and still handcuffed, Clark began to walk toward an exit door before being stopped.

Clark was arrested and booked into the Chaves County Detention Center on charges of burglary, criminal damage to property, concealing identity, falsifying title and registration (altering), and resisting, evading or obstructing an officer. A magistrate judge released him on his own recognizance Tuesday, Oct. 1 pending further court proceedings.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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## I LOVE YOU

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Most important were the parenting skills she needed to care for Gavin, with Steve by her side. It took about a thousand diaper changes for Camre to be able to transition into her new role as a mother, which she had to learn — one diaper at a time.

Steve is amazed at the progress Camre has made in the past seven years.

“Early on, I sat on the couch with Camre, and I’ll never forget the words she said to me,” Steve said. “She said, ‘I

**“It was very therapeutic for me to write, but it was also my goal to share our story of hope and faith, and to tell people not to give up.”**

**Steve Curto**  
Tyrone Township  
resident, author

have no idea who you are. But I know I love you.”

Those prophetic words became the title of a book Steve wrote about his and Camre’s experiences with childbirth and brain injury.

“I started the book one-and-a-half years ago and I just released it on our fourth anniversary,” he said. “It was very therapeutic for me to write, but it was also my goal to share our story of hope and faith, and to tell people not to give up.”

The book, “But I know I love you,” is available at Fenton’s Open Book and online.

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manager of a bank in the 16000 block of Silver Parkway in Fenton called police to report a threatening voicemail left for bank employees. A man, later identified as Leonard Cwiklinski, left a message allegedly saying he was upset with bank services and wanted to withdraw his money.

Cross said that in his voicemail, in which he provided his name, Cwiklinski allegedly threatened to rob and then burn down the bank. The man added that he would stop by the next

morning to get his money.

Police reviewed the voicemail and made contact with Cwiklinski as part of their investigation. With the information gathered, Fenton detectives obtained a warrant for Cwiklinski's arrest on one count of false report or threat of terrorism.

Fenton police and Genesee County Sheriff's deputies went to Cwiklinski's home on N. Fenton Road in Fenton Township to take him into custody.

A \$50,000 cash bond was ordered during his arraignment and a probable cause conference is scheduled for Oct. 17 at 8:30 a.m.

**ROBOTS****Continued from Page 7A**

The bomb squad has 14 robots in all, each different sizes with different uses. Seven regional teams with 15 officers each are used to respond to suspected explosive devices and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents, according to michigan.gov.

Squad members are certified bomb technicians and HAZMAT (hazardous materials) technician level trained, and they are a part of the Michigan Regional Response Team Network (RRTN), which was established to provide a quick response to anywhere in the state in the event of WMD or terrorism incidents.

Each squad uses bomb suits, X-ray equipment, explosive containment transport vessel and the robots.

The bomb squad averages approximately 500 calls a year. Some of these calls come from bomb threats at schools. Shaw said the K-9 units usually handle the schools, and the bomb squad only goes if a threat is credible.

Reynolds said these situations can range from investigating a suspicious package found at a crowded football stadium, collecting evidence at bombing scenes, training on bomb threat awareness, to an active shooter who's barricaded in a house.

In June 2018, the MSP used a robot to go into a home in Fenton. After a do-

mestic violence situation the day prior, a man had barricaded himself inside the home. Police heard a gunshot and thought the man was an active shooter. With help from the robot, which was used to explore the house with an attached camera, police discovered the man had shot himself.

Multiple robots have been shot. At the Oct. 6 NOCFA event, he pointed out to attendees a few of the indents on the robots were caused by bullets.

"Had it been an officer, there's a good chance it would have been an officer that got shot," Reynolds said.

The bomb suits were on display at the NOCFA open house. These are full-body pads, which make up a suit, made to protect police. The entire suit, made of

Kevlar and ceramic, weighs 80 pounds.

"If you have to get in the suit, physically you have to be in shape for that as well," he said.

If there's too much smoke in the air, they'll wear the specified helmets and breathing apparatuses, which add another 25 pounds.

Reynolds said these events are good for the community.

"It's nice to get out and talk to them (kids) and then they're not afraid of you. If they're involved in an incident, and they're talking to a police officer, you goof around with them a little bit, and if they ever get in a bad situation, then they'll trust you," he said.

**“Had it been an officer, there's a good chance it would have been an officer that got shot.”**

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Blaska mentioned how fire spreads more quickly now than in years past because more things in a household are made with plastic rather than natural fibers and wood.

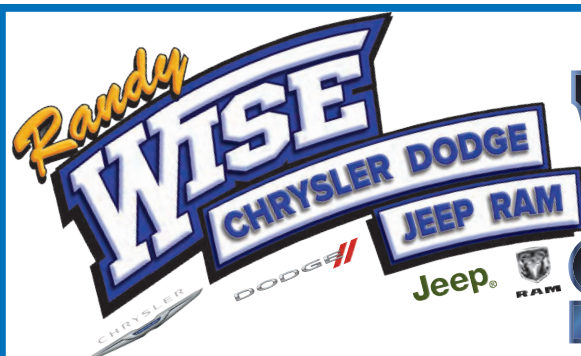
"Plastic burns a lot hotter and it's more toxic. You have less time to get out (of the house). I think they're saying three to seven minutes is the timeframe," he said. "It used to be 15 to 20 minutes."

The Holly Area Community Coalition had a booth, and volunteers spread

awareness, especially for teens, about drugs and smoking. Representatives from the Detroit Medical Center talked to attendees about hospital services.

Blaska said many people don't know that NOCFA often takes people to the Detroit Medical Center Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital if the cases aren't major. If it is major, they take patients to Ascension Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township.

The Michigan State Police Bomb Squad was also on scene at the event with two robots. Read the story that begins on page 7A for more information.



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The 2016 Fenton Ghost Walk featured several actors portraying different local historical figures as ghosts who may haunt the Dibbleville buildings. *Times file photo*

## GHOST WALK

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Guests will be led by a pair of hauntingly knowledgeable guides who will share information about Fenton along the way. At each stop, ghostly characters will share their story.

While this sounds scary, the Ghost Walk is actually a walk that combines heritage, folklore and stories about ghosts of Fenton.

The Ghost Walk is about one mile in length, so organizers suggest that guests wear comfortable footwear, bring water to drink and carry a flashlight.

The tour begins at the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum, Fenton Historical Mu-

seum, 310 S. LeRoy St., beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are sold for a specific time and will leave every 15 minutes.

**“Our Ghost Walk gives guests an opportunity to hear stories about the ghosts that still haunt the Fenton community.”**

**Bev Tippet**  
Event co-chairperson

Nearly 50 community members volunteer to help with the event, said Tippet. The First Presbyterian Church of Fenton provides the final stop with refreshments and music.

Tickets are \$12 (up to two hours before the event) and \$15 at the door, if still available. “Past tours have

sold out so guests are encouraged to buy their tickets early,” Tippet said.

Limited tickets are available at The UPS Store in Silver Lake Village, Fenton’s Open Book in downtown Fenton and online at [Fentontheatre.org](http://Fentontheatre.org).

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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■■■■ **JOHN MCCAIN WOULD** have taken Lindsey Graham out to the woodshed for his position on presidential obstruction.

## AYSO

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for AYSO. “All those people put in a lot of hours ... why change something that’s not broken?”

Converse would like to see the SLPR allow AYSO to keep running the facility as it has been. Converse has received strong support from families who spoke positively about the complex. She said they’ve received numerous awards for the complex including “region of the year.” Converse said families are “devastated” that something might change.

While communication between AYSO and SLPR can be terse, the main concern by AYSO is that if SLPR runs the complex, prices to participate could increase. Today it costs \$140 for a 16-week season, according to Converse, who circulated an email to families suggesting that prices could increase to more than \$200 per child under SLPR, because instead of the army of volunteers that maintain the facility, they would have paid employees.

Converse said she sent an itemized expense list for running the facility to Paris that cost \$116,000 annually,

taking into account there would be no donations of items or volunteer time. She said in reality it costs about \$80,000 to \$100,000 to run the facility with help and donations.

Paris said he’s offered no budget or costs for operating the facilities, and that he can only go off what the organizations will share with him.

AYSO has suggested that they may need to change facilities, and therefore may be pulling up their game equipment to move to another place. While she is open to working with SLPR, Converse said, “There’s too many unknowns with Southern Lakes.”

Paris said he wants the facility to be self-sufficient, and have a capital fund for repairs and upgrades. He reiterated that he wants local children to be able to play on their local field, and that AYSO would get first priority with scheduling.

Talks are continuing as the deadline for AYSO to find a new home or stay, looms. Broecker said if all parties involved can come to an agreement, it will be a great thing for the community.

*Associate Editor Vera Hogan contributed to this story.*

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Fenton's varsity girls golf team placed third at the regional meet, qualifying for the state tourney. **Submitted photo**

## Tigers place third at regional meet, qualify for the D2 state meet

**By David Troppens**

Apparently this year was never a rebuilding season for the Fenton varsity girls golf team.

The Tigers' senior-less regional squad captured a spot in the D2 state tournament by taking third in the Mason regional at Eldorado Golf Course on Thursday.

Fenton took third with a team score of 363, 10 strokes ahead of fourth-place East Lansing. Mason (362) finishing second while Pinckney (357). The top three teams qualify for the state meet.

Holly placed eighth (402) at the event while Linden (405) was ninth.

Fenton had a team of three juniors, one sophomore and a freshman. Brook Herbstreit finished third overall with an 18-hole score of 81. Katelyn Burkett shot a 90 while Olivia Herbert carded a 91. Victoria Carnell shot a 101 and Elise Roberts carded a 107.

Holly's Kate Brown and Kelsey Malone led the Bronchos, each shooting 96s. Kendall Stilwell (102) and Makayla Bilbia (108) completed the Bronchos' team score.

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# Fenton, Holly finish 2-3 at Metro tennis meet

**By David Troppens**

For the first time since the 1987-88 school year, there is a two-time Metro League champion that isn't named Holly in varsity boys tennis action.

Flushing earned five flight championships at the Flint Metro League tournament, earning the Raiders their second

straight league crown.

Fenton took second at the tournament and finished second at the league meet. The Holly Bronchos took third in both.

Fenton had three flights make it to the finals, with all winning championships. Holly had four flights make it to

the finals, but all settled for runner-up performances.

The top individual performance was recorded by Fenton's Gabe Hand.

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## Sports Times

Fenton's Gabe Hand



## Young Blue Devils advance in district soccer tourney

**By David Troppens**

**Lake Fenton** — Preston Evans and the Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team began its district opening contest with the Flint Jaguars, they had scored seven goals all season long.

The team ended up scor-

ing more than that during the 80-minute contest.

Lake Fenton had its best game of the season, earning an 8-1 victory against the Jaguars, also earning the squad a contest against Linden at Linden High School Tuesday.

Evans was one of the players who had a big game, scoring a three-goal hat trick. He entered the game with five goals all season long.

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**Photo: David Troppens**

## Bronchos lose defensive contest in district opener versus St. Clair, 1-0

**By David Troppens**

The Holly varsity boys soccer team had two foes during its district opening contest.

The first was St. Clair. The second may have been the long travel distance.

After an hour road trip, an unusual distance to travel for a district contest, the Bronchos competed well against the Saints but lost a 1-0 verdict.

"With our 3-5-2 formation we were

able to control the middle of the field and keep it in their half most of the opening part of the game," Holly varsity boys soccer coach Matthew Sherrow said.

**See ST. CLAIR on 23A**

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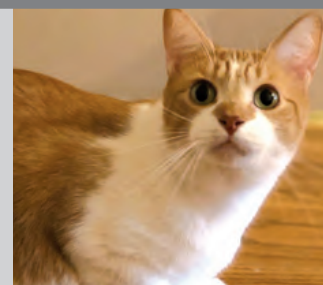
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## Linden soccer earns spot in district semifinals, beats Mustangs, 4-1

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity boys soccer team will be moving along in the Division 2 Clio district tournament.

The Eagles scored a goal late in the first half and earned a 4-1 victory against the Clio Mustangs in the opening round Wednesday.

The Eagles won a tough game against the Mustangs 2-1 on Sept. 23.

"This game went kind of like the last time we played them," Linden varsity boys soccer coach Kevin Fiebertz said.

"It was a struggle at the beginning and they made it a little difficult for us because they are a pretty aggressive team and their field is a little smaller than what we are used to playing on."

The Eagles had plenty of chances to score in the opening half, but didn't score until the final 30 seconds before intermission. Aiden Miller took the initial shot, but it was saved. Ryan Gillespie got the rebound and scored.

The Eagles (17-2-1) took a 2-0 lead about eight minutes into the second half

and eventually took a 4-0 lead later in the period. Unfortunately, the Eagles saw a string of eight straight shutouts end.

"I was a little peeved because we try to teach the guys to make good decisions and that wasn't a good decision," Fiebertz said.

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Ryan Gillespie (right) scored three goals in a victory against the Clio Mustangs. Photo: David Troppens



Fenton's Jordan Conn won the Metro League title at No. 3 singles.

Photo: David Troppens

## TENNIS

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Hand became only the second four-time Metro League boys No. 1 singles flight champion in league history by winning this year's title against Flushing's Matt Birchmeier 6-3, 1-6, 6-1.

Hand won his first two matches at the tourney relatively easily, beating Holly's Walker Glass 6-0, 6-0 and beating Goodrich's Will Nicklas 6-1, 6-1 before the tight battle with Birchmeier.

Fenton's other two flight champions were Jordan Conn at No. 3 singles and Jack Gundry and Bradley Trecha at No. 1 doubles.

Conn, a freshman, defeated Flushing's Cameron Gray 6-4, 2-6, 7-6(5) in the final. He also beat Brandon's Cayden Lewis 6-0, 6-2 and Goodrich's Nick Henke 6-1, 6-0 in the earlier two matches.

Holly had three doubles flights finish in the runner-up spot, losing each match too a Flushing foe.

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# Bronchos defeat Fenton, set up match with Flushing

By David Troppens

**Fenton** — The Holly varsity volleyball team has had a season to remember already.

In the past, the Bronchos have struggled against the Fenton Tigers, but that has changed this season.

Holly has defeated the Tigers three times this year — twice during league play and another time in a weekend tournament. The third time happened Wednesday when the Bronchos de-

feated the Tigers 25-14, 25-23, 25-23, remaining a loss behind the Flushing Raiders from the top of the Metro League standings.

"I hope so," Holly varsity volleyball coach Deena Maher said when talking about if the three wins breaks a mental barrier against Fenton. "But we are also trying to think bigger than our league. We don't want this to be the most important match of our season. We want to go further than this and the league."

The Bronchos have steadily improved during Maher's time as Holly varsity volleyball coach, and its recent success against the Tigers shows it. That said, the Tigers played Holly

See **BRONCHOS** on 23A

Fenton's Anna Weigle (center) tries to get a hit between Holly blockers Kennedy Hogan (left) and Nicole Jewell (right). Photo: David Troppens



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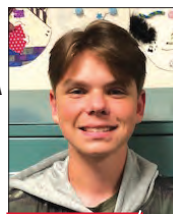
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Lake Fenton celebrates a kill during a past match. Lake Fenton defeated Byron in a five-set match Thursday. Photo: Christopher Summers

## Blue Devils win thriller vs. Byron, lose close contest vs. Mustangs

By David Troppens

**Lake Fenton** — It was a good week to be on the Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team.

The Blue Devils ended the week with a 25-22, 27-25, 15-25, 17-25, 15-11 victory against the Byron Eagles, on Thursday. The week began with a competitive four-set loss to Clio on Wednesday.

In the victory against the Eagles, Lake Fenton had plenty of players have big contests. Offensively, the Blue Devils had three players with double-digit kills. Christina Lamb had 15 kills while Cola Sisk had 14. Morgan DeRidder followed with 10. Ruby Todd and Leah Rockman were the team's setters, collecting a combined 50 assists.

Defensively, Sydney Johnson led the team with 20 digs while Sisk had seven digs. On the service line, Johnson, Sisk, DeRidder and Todd had two aces each.

"It was a fun game with lots of amazing rallies," Lake Fenton varsity volleyball coach Allison von Daggenhausen said. "It was a great team effort and was a good battle on both sides."

In the loss against Clio, Lamb and Sisk had 11 kills each while Bailey Wilson had eight kills. Emily Elrich had five kills. Ruby Todd had 38 assists. Defensively, Johnson had 15 digs while Bri Mance had eight digs. Todd also had six digs. Elrich had two blocks.

Lake Fenton travels to Owosso Wednesday for another Metro contest.



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much better in the third version of the rivalry than they had the previous two. Fenton certainly had great chances to win the final two sets against Holly. There were periods in both sets that each team grabbed momentum, and the team statistics were pretty similar. Fenton had 23 kills in the final two sets compared to Holly's 21. Both teams had six hit errors. However, the one area that probably decided the match victor was the service line. Fenton had 14 service errors in the contest while collecting just one ace during the final two sets. Meanwhile, Holly had its share of service errors, but had more aces resulting in Holly's victory.

"The girls are doing a lot better at staying calm and executing the game plan," Fenton varsity volleyball coach Meghan Polce said. "We've been watching film and talking about not being such an emotional roller coaster and just focusing on the plan and staying and sticking to it."

"The one thing we didn't do was serve and that kills me. In practice we are so good doing it, but in the pres-



The Holly Bronchos defeated the Fenton Tigers in a Metro League volleyball match on Wednesday. Photo: Christopher Summers

sure situations we still break down a little bit. Overall the girls played well today. We definitely competed. ... The girls did a really good job executing the game plan and showing that mental toughness and competitiveness, but we still have to clean up a few little things."

However, about 20 minutes into the first half, Nick Rees was called for dangerous play and was given a red card, dropping the Bronchos to just 10 players. Holly continued to play strong defensively, but the Saints eventually scored on a free kick and scramble in front of the Holly net, resulting in the Saints' 1-0 halftime lead.

Holly (7-13) had its chances in the second half, but were unable to score.

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"We had several good opportunities on goal, but each were stopped by their keeper. The Saints' offense struggled early against our offside trap that seniors Ben Gramer, Owen Garber and Jacob Osborne ran so well. Many of their attacks were stopped dead in their tracks with a whistle. Anything that did get through were stopped by our senior keeper Mitch Tiell."

## Linden volleyball falls to league-leading Flushing Raiders

By David Troppens

The Linden varsity volleyball team probably had to play its best match of the league season to defeat the defending Flint Metro League champion Flushing Raiders.

Linden played well for large periods of time but were unable to defeat the Raiders, losing 29-27, 25-12, 25-16.

"We definitely had moments of greatness and could have finished that first set more than once," Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori Mason said. "Unfortunately, the night didn't go our way overall."

Avery Koan had a strong defensive performance, recording 15 digs. Linea Wittbrodt had eight digs. Ellie Klocek led the defense at the net with six blocks.

Offensively, Klocek had 10 kills while Wittbrodt had four kills.

Linden returns to Flint Metro League action Wednesday at Swartz Creek on October 16.

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