

Six vie for three Fenton City Council seats

■ Three newcomers hope to unseat three incumbents

By Vera Hogan

Voters in the city of Fenton will go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 5 to choose who they want to represent them on the City

Council for the next four years. Three incumbents — Nancy Draves, Pat Lockwood and Cherie Smith are being challenged by newcomers — Brad Jacob, Sean

Sage and Damien Siwik.

Each were asked two questions. The following are their answers:

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Former food director pleads guilty

■ Court amends felony embezzlement charge to a misdemeanor; funds returned

By Sharon Stone

Karen Morris, 51, of Fenton Township pleaded guilty to an amended charge of embezzlement Oct. 2 in Genesee County Circuit Court. An agreement was made to amend the felony charge of embezzlement for an amount of \$50,000 to \$100,000 down to embezzlement of \$200 to \$1,000, a misdemeanor.

As part of the plea agreement, Morris must complete one-year

See **EMBEZZLEMENT** on 10



Visitors to the Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens in Midland walk along the elevated canopy path to one of three scenic overlooks on Thursday, Oct. 17.

See Michigan day trips story on page 22. Photo by Tim Jagielo

Trick-or-treating should be safe and fun

■ Parents should be aware of potential dangers and where sex offenders reside

By Vera Hogan

While it is meant to be harmless and fun, there are plenty of dangers lurking around Halloween that can send kids to the emergency room.

The nature of the holiday alone can make it dangerous, as children wear loose-fitting costumes they can trip over, candles glowing inside of pumpkins can cause fires and sharp props like sticks or plastic swords can cause eye injuries.

But of all dangers, car See **SAFE AND FUN** on 19

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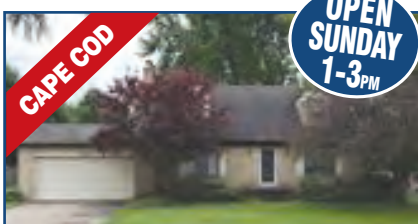
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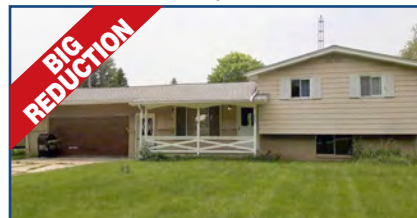
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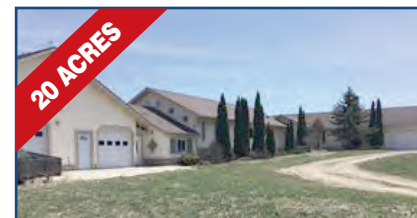
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'Winner Winner Turkey Dinner' contest starts Oct. 27

■ Participants will have a chance to win up to \$1,350 in prizes

By Vera Hogan

The Times' second annual "Winner Winner Turkey Dinner" contest will soon get underway. Details will be published in the Sunday, Oct. 27 edition.

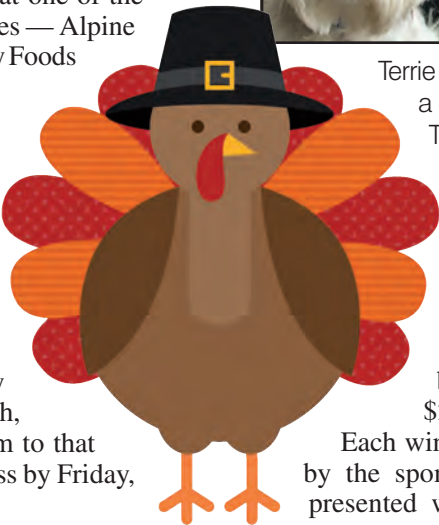
This year, participants have the chance to win up to \$1,350 in gift cards redeemable at one of the area's grocery stores — Alpine Marketplace, Holly Foods or VG's Grocery.

How it works

To enter, look for the entry forms in the Oct. 27 edition. Each form is sponsored by an area business. Fill out as many entry forms as you wish, and take each form to that sponsoring business by Friday, Nov. 8.



Terrie Fisher of Fenton was a happy winner of the Times' 2018 Winner Winner Turkey Dinner contest. *Times file photo*



On Monday, Nov. 11, at the end of the business day, each business will draw a \$25 gift card winner.

Each winner will be contacted by the sponsoring business and presented with the grocery gift

card. This year, there will be 54 participating businesses.

The winner's name will also be published in the Sunday, Nov. 17 edition of the Times. There is no limit to how many contests one person can win. If your name is drawn at all of the participating businesses, you could win \$1,350.

Good luck, everyone, and remember ... shop local this holiday season.

2018 winner takes a road trip and makes new discoveries

When Terrie Fisher opened her Weekend Times on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, the contest, "Winner Winner Turkey Dinner" caught her attention immediately.

Her first thought was, "I can do this," deciding to visit all 48 of the 2018 participating businesses personally to hand-deliver her contest entry tickets.

Fisher plotted her route, grouping businesses together geographically. "A few places I wasn't familiar with," she said.

See **CONTEST** on 13

Most popular Halloween candy in Michigan

■ Candy corn decreases in the ranks

By Hannah Ball

Starburst.

According to candystore.com, the individually wrapped bursts of colorful flavor was the best-selling candy in Michigan in 2018, selling 114,879 pounds.

Halloween is in approximately 13 days. Parents are preparing their children's costumes and beginning to fill bowls with candy.

The second most popular is candy corn, which is arguably the most debated candy that sees a resurgence every Halloween season. Approximately 106,295 pounds of candy corn were sold in 2018.

For the last few years, Michigan's most popular candy was candy corn,

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Mark my words

By Mark Rummel



Mark Rummel

Four Sunday moanin' changes

These are the first four things I will do if I become president (or king or czar or whatever). I don't expect that to happen, but we all should be ready for these changes — just in case:

CHANGE #1 — We should do away with the “half-holidays” we observe, such as Columbus Day this past Monday. American holidays should be special occasions for everybody ... or nobody.

It's not right that only governmental workers, financial people and a few others have these days off, while the rest of America works as usual. For the most part, there are no parades, speeches or observances on these smaller holidays anyway. This makes no sense, and it isn't fair.

It should be all or nothing for Columbus Day, Veterans Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, as well as the “big holidays” such as New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. We probably should throw Halloween into the new holiday group, too, since not much gets done on that sugar-charged day anyway.

CHANGE #2 — While we're at it, our new group of “Everybody-Gets-

The-Day-Off Holidays” should mean **EVERYBODY GETS THE DAY OFF**. Let's give airline and railroad workers that day off, too. Close all the restaurants, gas stations, factories, offices, department stores — everything. (Sorry, police, fire fighters and hospital staffers, but I know you understand.)

You could still drive somewhere if you want, but be sure you have a full tank of gas and enough milk, eggs and beer before the holiday begins. Again, why should some people get

to stay home, when restaurant servers and cooks, gas station workers, airline employees and others always have to work? Most would rather have a day off, instead of the double or triple time pay they get ... while the bosses stay away from the job those days anyway. **CHANGE #3** — If we're straightening up our government (good luck with that), let's do away with the U.S. penny and the U.S. nickel. Every price should be rounded up to 10 cents, and maybe even the U.S. dime should go, too. You cannot use pennies or nickels to buy 99.9 percent of things anymore, so let's let them retire gracefully.

See **MARK RUMMEL** on 21

Hotlines

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THE UAW DOES not have time to strike. Union workers still owe the American taxpayers \$10 billion for the bailout and saving their jobs. Get back to work and start paying down your way overdue debt.

■■■ **WHERE HAVE ALL** the true Democrats gone? They are now Socialists without any values, standards, or morals. They are alienating Christians, married heterosexuals, males and Caucasians. Their plans and proposals will destroy our democracy and America. Trump is all about America first and the best president we've had.

■■■ **WHAT ARE YOU** talking about? Trump always used non-union labor for his buildings. He absolutely does not support the UAW. Conservatives historically have opposed unions. Democrats showed up to march this strike. Republicans didn't.

■■■ **I CAUTION US** not to lose sight of the direct assault on our democracy by a foreign power and we must discover the truth about everything our president has done.

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What's your favorite and least favorite candy?

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“My least favorite is those little corn things. Candy corn. My favorite is PayDay.”

Tina Jimenez
Fenton



“My least favorite is those spicy jelly beans. Cinnamon jelly beans. My favorite is Reese's.”

Anderson Frieden
Linden



“My favorite is chocolate. Dark chocolate. My least favorite is the coffee jelly beans.”

Julia Frieden
Linden



“Candy corn is my favorite. Twizzlers would be my least favorite. I'm not really a candy person.”

Deb Buton
Fenton



“My favorite is Heath bars. I like the toffee. My least favorite is Mars bars. I just found the other one better.”

Tom Guzik
Linden

Former long-time council member seeks top office

■ Cheryl King is hoping to unseat incumbent B. Sue Osborn in race for Fenton mayor

By Vera Hogan

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the race for the office of mayor in the city of Fenton will involve two long-time public servants — incumbent Mayor B. Sue Osborn, who has served city government for 34 years, and her opponent Cheryl King, who previously served on the City Council for 24 years.

B. Sue Osborn

Age: 71

Length of residency: 44 years

Occupation: Retired income tax auditor

Education: Graduate of the State and Local Executive Program, Har-

vard University, J.F.K. School of Government and numerous college courses in Tax Law and Tax Theory

Family: My husband, David, passed away July 17, 2019. I have two sons, Chris Suszek 49, and Curt Suszek, 45, and one granddaughter, Payton Suszek, 18 years old.

What is your most important reason for seeking re-election to the office of Mayor of Fenton? I want to see downtown completed and business development, plus repair and replace local streets, increase shared services. I love this city and the people and want to continue moving Fenton forward.

What qualifies you for the job? I am a retired income tax auditor and understand city government. I received a \$10,000 Fellowship from Fannie



Mae to attend and graduated from the State and Local Executive Program, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government. I have over 34 years of experience in government and the last 21 years as your mayor.

I understand the budget and operations of the city. I led the city through a tornado and repaired the damage, the recession a few years back and kept our budget stable, built a new fire hall, new DPW garage, new downtown award-winning Streetscape, a new water plant, restored the library, all without a tax increase.

I have Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond Leadership levels through the National League of Cities. I have served on the Planning Commission, Board of Review, Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Authority, served on the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council for the nation and was vice-chair of Finance for the National League of Cities.

Cheryl King

Age: 71

Length of residency: 45 years

Occupation: Retired

Education: High

school graduate and one year of college
Family: Husband James D. King; two children, Jason King (1969-1998) and Melissa Scarberry; two grandchildren, Baylee and Logan Scarberry

What is your most important reason for seeking election to the office of Mayor of Fenton? I feel it is time for change. All issues coming from the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals should come with a recommendation. Council voting would be by individual voice vote (not group ye/nay). We need to open meetings

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NOVEMBER 2019 PRE-ELECTION COVERAGE **VOTE 11-5-19**

'We must take care of what we have'

■ Fenton Area Public Schools voters will decide whether to continue paying .8999 mills for another three years

By Vera Hogan

Voters in the Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) will make their decision on a sinking fund renewal proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot. Only this time, voters are being asked to renew the current .8999 mills being levied for another three years (2020, 2021 and 2022).

The current sinking fund millage expires Dec. 31. If approved, revenue collected in 2020 is expected to be approximately \$820,000.

On Aug. 6, citizens overwhelmingly rejected a new, 2.25 mills, 10-year sinking fund.

Superintendent Adam Hartley was asked: If approved, what is the most critical need these funds will cover? In other words, what is the first project the district will tackle?

"Sinking fund dollars are used to cover many projects within the school district's six school buildings and other facilities, such as our board office, operations department and athletic complexes," Hartley said.

"Sinking fund dollars are earmarked for both short term needs that arise each year such as parking lot upgrades and repairs and district wide long-term projects such as roofing up-

grades (ongoing), flooring upgrades (i.e. all of AGS next summer) and the replacement of the FHS track and turf field (very near future).

Hartley also was asked to provide a description of a few other projects that require sinking fund dollars to complete.

"With over 650,000 square feet of facilities, we continue to repair and upgrade necessities, for example electrical infrastructure, classroom and exterior lighting, heating and ventilation, plumbing, and other costly repairs and upgrades that arise each year," he said.

What happens if the sinking fund renewal fails?

"The sinking fund has been a key factor for our school district being a quality and safe district that both the school community and the Fenton community can enjoy," Hartley said.

"This renewal maintains the same tax levy our community has supported for the last 20-plus years and is the core of our success in fostering a safe and quality learning environment for our students," he said. "If the renewal fails, we would have an \$800,000 gap that our general budget would have to absorb. That could mean the general funds set aside for staffing costs, curriculum and resource updates and other teaching and learning needs would have to be reprioritized and reallocated to offset increased costs.

See THREE YEARS on 20

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Drivers be aware

■ Deer most active in fall — especially at dawn and dusk

By Hannah Ball

October through December is the time of year when vehicle-deer crashes are most common, with 22,545 crashes in Michigan in 2018.

Oakland (1,851) and Genesee (1,136) counties are two of the top counties for this type of incident.

F/Lt. David Kaiser of the Michigan State Police said dawn and dusk are when these accidents happen most. He said never to veer for a deer.

“Most people lose control and crash into something else like a tree or another vehicle,” Kaiser said.

In 2018, police responded to 53,464 vehicle-deer crashes in Michigan. Approximately 1,335 people were injured and 14 were killed.

The October-December time span accounted for 42 percent of all vehicle deer crashes in 2018, with November having the highest number.

The majority of these crashes occurred between 7-7:59 a.m., and the most common type of vehicle involved are passenger cars, SUVs and vans.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said his department responds to several deer-vehicle incidents a year.

“Keep an eye for more. If a deer crosses in front of you there is a likelihood that more will follow,” he said. “Deer are most active at dusk and dawn. Slow down and stay alert. Brake and don’t swerve. If you see a

deer stay calm and brake firmly. Do not swerve and stay in your lane.”

It is illegal to claim a deer carcass without a permit. If you do take the carcass, you must report the accident to the authorities. You can ask a law enforcement officer for a permit to keep a deer carcass. You can eat the meat yourself, or you can donate the meat to charity.

Source: Michigan Department of State Police, Office of Highway Safety Planning

“If a deer crosses in front of you there is a likelihood that more will follow.”

Scott Sutter
Linden police chief

SOME TIPS FROM THE MSP TO AVOID A CRASH:

- **Stay aware**, awake, and sober.
- **Vehicle-deer** crashes occur year-round, but be especially alert in spring and fall.
- **Signs are** placed at known deer crossing areas to alert you of the possible presence of deer.
- **Deer are** herd animals and frequently travel in single file. If you see one deer cross the road, chances are there are more following.
- **Be alert** for deer, especially at dawn and dusk. If you see one, slow down.
- **Don't rely** on gimmicks like flashing your high-beam headlights or honking your horn to deter deer.

IF A CRASH IS UNAVOIDABLE:

- **Don't swerve.** Brake firmly, hold onto the steering wheel, and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.
- **Pull off** the road, turn on your emergency flashers, and be cautious of other traffic if you exit your vehicle.
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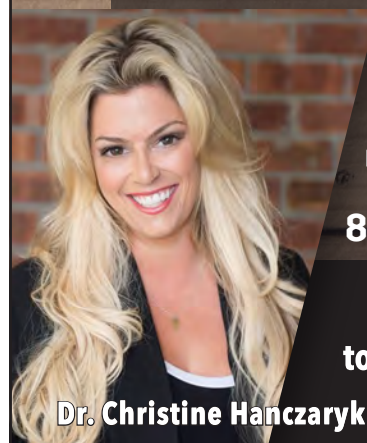
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Gaines residents will vote on police funding

■ Nov. 5 vote outcome could raise approximately \$300K in first year

By Hannah Ball

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Gaines Township residents will vote on a referendum for police funding.

The Gaines Township Board of Trustees approved the ballot question in July. If it passes, each parcel will be assessed \$115 annually for police services for a period of 10 years.

This vote will come months after the board attempted to pass a police assessment only to be stopped by citizen petition.

This past March, the Gaines Township Board of Trustees voted to direct Supervisor Paul Fortino to create a tax roll and calculate the assessment for each improved parcel. The proposal was to create a 10-year assessment and charge each improved parcel

\$115 a year. This would cost each assessed property approximately 32 cents a day.

However, in April, residents submitted a petition to the board with enough signatures to stop the board-proposed assessment.

Fortino has previously said that the past .5-mill tax to pay for police didn't bring in enough money to completely cover police services. The township has been digging into the general fund to make up the difference, but Fortino said the department has grown and the general fund cannot completely support it.

Where to vote

Voters in Precincts 1, 3 and 4 will vote in the Gaines Township Hall at 9255 Grand Blanc Rd. Voters in Precinct 2 will vote at the Gaines Village Fire Hall at 208 Walnut St.

See **FUNDING** on 23

Lake Fenton district seeks new 10-year sinking fund

■ If voters approve, safety, security and technology will be added to eligible expenses list

By Vera Hogan

Lake Fenton Community Schools will ask voters to approve a 1.25-mill sinking fund for the next 10 years (2020 to 2029).

According to Superintendent Julie Williams, sinking fund dollars can be used for renovation, repair, and construction of buildings, but recent legislation has allowed for expanded use. This expanded use now covers some expenses related to safety, security, and technology.

Sinking fund dollars cannot be used for any operating expenses such as salaries, benefits, or routine maintenance. In addition, the money cannot be used for textbooks or bus replacement.

Lake Fenton Community Schools currently has a Sinking Fund that was approved by voters in 2009 and expires at the end of this year.

"The district has used Sinking Fund dollars to complete renovations in three of our buildings, update parking lots, replace boilers, replace roofs, replace sidewalks, update playgrounds, add acoustical treatment to the auditorium, upgrade lighting systems, replace water filtration system at West Shore and the list goes on," Williams said.

If Lake Fenton district voters approve the 1.25-mill Sinking Fund, safety, security and technology will be added to the list of eligible expenses.

Areas of need include, but are not limited to: parking lots, boiler systems, replacement of sidewalks,

roof replacement as needed, abatement and flooring replacement, replacement of older windows, additional security cameras, student technology devices and more.

According to the Genesee County Clerk's (Election Division) website, the revenue collected in 2020 is expected to be approximately \$765,000.

According to Williams, the following are some specific projects the district plans to tackle if the sinking fund is approved. They include but are not limited to:

At **West Shore Elementary School**, plans are to install cabinetry for the art room and second grade classrooms, bathroom updates for family and staff and instructional technology updates such as digital displays.

At **Torrey Hill Intermediate School**, plans are to replace all old windows, replace asbestos tile floor in gym, replace the concrete at the front entrance, replace speaker system and data projector in gym, replace exterior doors to outside brick building to name a few projects.

At **Lake Fenton Middle School**, improvements will be made to the athletic fields and gymnasium sound system technology. Carpeting in the office, media center and GenNet room will be replaced. Hallway display monitors will be installed. Safety recommendations include outside speakers and additional 3M window film.

At **Lake Fenton High School**, vape detectors will be installed in bathrooms, new carpeting will be installed in the counseling office and counters will be removed in a few classrooms.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SHERIFF WARNS OF LATEST SCAM

Scammers are targeting area mental health professionals with claims that they have a warrant for their arrest, according to a press release from Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy. He said these scammers are identifying themselves as being employees of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office using the names of real current employees. One of the scammers manipulated caller ID to make it look like they were actually calling from the Sheriff's Office main line of (517) 546-2440. Murphy said these criminals are possibly using the internet directory "Psychology Today" to find their targeted victims. The scammer will call claiming there is a warrant for your arrest. They then try to get you to go buy a gift card or prepaid money card so you can pay for your warrant and avoid arrest. If you get one of these calls, tell them you know it is a scam and hang up on them. No legitimate government agency will ever request you to go buy a gift card or prepaid credit card to pay your fines or fees. Never wire money or provide the numbers from a gift card to someone you do not know.

Police to take back your unwanted meds

■ In 17 previous Take Back Day events, more than 11.8 million pounds — approximately 5,900 tons — of pills collected

Compiled by Sharon Stone

On Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Holly Police Department and Fenton Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 18th opportunity in nine years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Scott Fischer, acting Holly police chief, said to bring your pills for disposal to the Holly Police Department at 315 S. Broad St., in Holly. Drop-off sites cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Fenton's police station is at 311 S. LeRoy St.

Linden's police department participated in last year's event, however, it is not participating this year, said Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter.

Last fall, Americans turned in nearly 469 tons (more than 937,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 6,300 sites operated by the DEA and almost 5,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 17 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in more than 11.8 million pounds — approximately 5,900 tons — of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings

and overdoses due to these drugs.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else's medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the Oct. 26 Take Back Day event, go to DEATakeBack.com, call the Holly Police Department at (248) 634-8221 or Fenton Police Department at (810) 629-5311.

Michigan State Police's 30 posts also will participate in the one-day "Take-Back" effort, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, by serving as drop-off points. All collected pills will be destroyed, with no questions asked. Liquids, inhalers, patches and syringes cannot be accepted.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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THE '400' BILLS proposed by Democrats in Congress are largely frivolous bills that knowingly would not be passed. The do-nothing Democrats have spent all of their efforts trying to block Trump and have not passed the US-MCA trade bill, or immigration reform, infrastructure plans, or drug price lowering plans.

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PRESIDENT TRUMP'S RALLIES focused on our economy (best in 50 years), low taxes, most jobs ever for all groups of Americans, as well as support for the border, law enforcement and infrastructure. The Democrats, meanwhile, were discussing how to 'enforce' gay marriage at all churches and universities in America.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY has morphed into the Progressive/Socialist party, anti-religion and military secularists. They ignore immigration laws, disrespect the Constitution, religious liberty, law enforcement, hard-working, middle class Americans, taxpayers and families, and babies (with abortion at any time).

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Dort Federal Credit Union par-takes in CU Lunch Local effort

In coordination with International Credit Union Week, Dort Federal Credit Union highlighted the campaign celebrating credit unions by participating in CU Lunch Local. The nationwide event was created for credit unions to show their support for local businesses during International Credit Union Week, emphasizing that every dollar spent makes a difference when it goes to a local business. "All 11 Dort Federal Credit Union locations participated in CU Lunch Local Day, with each location purchasing lunch for team members from various local businesses in their community," said Deana Turcott, human resources director.

EMBEZZLEMENT

Continued from Front Page

delay of sentence. Upon successful completion, Morris would have her case dismissed. According to court records, Morris paid full restitution. Her next court date is Sept. 21, 2020.

Case background

Morris was arraigned June 12 in Genesee County Circuit Court on one count of embezzlement (\$50,000 to \$99,000), which is a felony that carries a possible sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

John Potbury, deputy chief assistant prosecutor for the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, said, "The actual amounts will have to be determined later should she be convicted."

"At the time of charging back in June,

the Lake Fenton schools indicated they would be calculating the amounts. She is alleged to have embezzled monies during the 2015/2016, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 school years (note that the 2016/2017 school year is not included)," he said.

Morris was the school district's food service director when the embezzlement occurred.

Superintendent Julie Williams said the suspicions were brought to her attention and the district conducted an internal investigation, turning over their findings to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, which provides police coverage to the school district in Fenton Township.

As reported by the Times in August, Williams said, "Although we are still

double checking numbers, between \$80,000 and \$99,000 is a more accurate number," she said.

"There were a variety of things taking place that included altering reports and voiding transactions. We have made changes to processes and protocols to prevent this type of activity from happening again.

"We have also reviewed student accounts and have not found any instances where a student account balance was compromised. Any money that was added to a student account remained on their account."

The school district terminated Morris' contract June 24. The district is contracting with Fenton schools to share Food Service Director Services, said Williams.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SINCE THE HOMECOMING parade was cancelled due to weather maybe the city can use the money they are saving to fix the side streets, which are an embarrassment.

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AN ALDI'S GROCERY store in the area would be nice. Aldi's has working human cashiers to wait on you, but you still have to bag your groceries, which I don't mind doing to save money.

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I READ THAT Holly Academy charter school went to Lansing to protest the

governor's veto of the increase in spending to charter schools. I wonder how much that trip cost and who paid for it.

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THANK YOU FOR informing me about Trump's salary.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY SHARON STONE

Financial Plus raises over \$5,000 during annual bake sale for Hurley's Breast Cancer Patient Navigation Program

Financial Plus Credit Union raised \$5,212.40 during its annual Pink Night Palooza bake sale that took place Sept. 27. All proceeds raised stay in the community to directly

benefit Hurley's Breast Cancer Patient Navigation Program, a vital year-round program that is a free service to help local men and women during treatment and recovery. If you were unable to attend the bake sale, Financial Plus will be selling "Pinkie" donor cards for a \$1 until Oct. 31. Place your name or someone affected by breast cancer on the card to be displayed at the Credit Union branches. As the founding sponsor of Pink Night Palooza they have donated nearly \$650,000 to the cause since 2007.



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Oakland Community College millage renewal on ballot

■Oakland County voters will decide on .7545 mill continuation

By Vera Hogan

Voters in Oakland County, which locally includes the village of Holly, Holly and Rose townships, and 16 voters in the city of Fenton (Water's Edge homes), will decide whether to continue paying .7545 mills for Oakland Community College (OCC) operating purposes for 10 years.

The actual ballot language reads: "This proposal authorizes Oakland Community College to continue to levy 0.7545 mill for operating purposes for 10 years as a renewal of millage previously approved by the electors in 2010, which expires with the 2021 tax levy. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied on all taxable property within the Oakland Community College district, State of Michigan, be renewed at a rate of 0.7545 mill (\$0.7545 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2022 through 2031, inclusive, to provide funds for College operating purposes? It is estimated that if the millage is approved and 0.7545 mills is levied in 2022, it would raise \$45,065,057 for the College."

A homeowner with a taxable value of \$100,000 pays \$75.45 per year.

About Oakland Community College

According to the college's website (oaklandcc.edu), voters established funding for the Oakland Community College District on June 8, 1964. The district encompasses roughly 900 square miles and has an assessed property value exceeding \$25 billion.

There are currently 28 public school districts with 45 public high schools, and 37 private high schools within OCC boundaries.

The college opened in September 1965, with a record community college initial enrollment of 3,860 students on two campuses — Highland Lakes, a renovated hospital in Union Lake, and

Auburn Hills, a former Army Nike missile site in Auburn Heights.

The Orchard Ridge Campus, with its award-winning architectural design, opened in Farmington Hills in September 1967, and was followed by a Southeast Campus System based

in leased facilities in Oak Park. That system quickly expanded through the remodeling and purchase of buildings in Royal Oak Campus, and the Oak Park location was replaced by a new campus facility in Southfield Campus in 1980. A new campus complex was

built in Royal Oak in 1982.

Across its five campuses, OCC has served one million students and become a source for community development and engagement since opening its doors.

Source: oaklandcc.edu

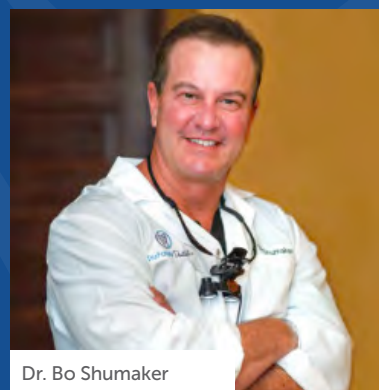
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Thank you for the privilege of being part of your family. I look forward to many more years of continuing to serve you, yes — I will still be practicing at the office. With the growth of our practice, we realize that delivering convenient hours for working individuals and families is very important. So, we will be adding another provider Dr. Ruchin Mandiwala, to our practice on Oct. 21. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry with high honors. He and his wife are also proud residents of Fenton.



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Please welcome me in joining Dr. Ruchin Mandiwala to the practice. Give us a call at (810) 216-5741 to make an appointment today. Our office is at 118 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton.



No background check required for private rifle, shotgun sales

■ Handgun buyers must have purchase license or conceal carry license

By Vera Hogan

Gun control and ways to keep lethal weapons out of the wrong hands will likely be debated for a long time. Mass shootings throughout the country have escalated over the past few years and lawmakers are now scrambling to find a way to combat the problem.

According to Michigan law (MCL 28.422), prospective purchasers of handguns must have either a handgun purchase license or a conceal carry license, both of which require a background check.

There is no background check requirement for private sales of rifles or shotguns.

According to abcnews.go.com, there have been three mass shootings over the past 20 years where guns were first purchased legally, and were then obtained by the shooters who were underage and would have been too young to procure a weapon on their own.

That was the case in Columbine

(April 20, 1999), where the guns were bought by people who are legally allowed — and in this case, old enough — to buy guns and then selling them to people who cannot legally buy them directly.

By contrast, statistics show that of all the 17 shootings over the last two decades where 10 or more victims died, each involved legally purchased guns.

The tri-county area has a number of individuals who operate in-home gun sale businesses. In Fenton Township, for example, four of them are seeking to renew their permits from the township's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) at its Oct. 22 meeting.

According to Mike Deem, zoning administrator for Fenton Township, the Home Occupations on the agenda for the October ZBA meeting are for renewals of existing Home Occupation



Permits. For renewals, the ZBA looks to see if applicants are in compliance with any conditions, they may have for their approval and if there have been any complaints since their last renewal.

“When the township receives a request for a Home Occupation, the ZBA looks at how the use may affect the surrounding neighborhood,” Deem said. “Typical considerations include the number of expected deliveries, increased traffic, if there will be on-site sales, etc. For Home Occupations relating to gun sales, the ZBA asks about the number of guns to be kept, the amount of ammo, and the method of securing the guns and ammo. If the ZBA grants approval for a Home Occupation for the sale of guns, the ATF and township fire department conduct in home inspections.”

State Rep. Michael Mueller (District

51) said his research shows that private dealers, as well as private dealers who sell long guns, must undergo background checks for themselves. Further, to be a licensed private dealer, one also must obtain a Federal Firearms License (FFL) even if you're selling from your own home. To obtain an FFL, you must first get approval from the local government and this is why these individuals are requesting hearings with the township.

Gun shows

Gun shows are temporary markets for guns and ammunition, usually held at meeting halls or fairgrounds, according to findlaw.com. Unlike gun stores, both federally licensed dealers and unlicensed sellers can sell guns.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) estimates on average 2,500 to 5,000 gun shows are held annually. In general, 25 to 50 percent of sellers are not licensed dealers. The access to anonymous sales and the availability of large numbers of secondhand guns makes gun shows attractive to criminals and other prohibited purchasers.

Sources: Michigan.gov; abcnews.com; findlaw.com

ROSE TOWNSHIP OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ACCESSORY BUILDING ORDINANCE November 7, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Rose Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Township Meeting Hall at Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019. The meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. The estimated time of the “Sec 38-397 Accessory Building Ordinance” public hearing is 7:10 P.M. The public hearing is for the purpose of considering Rose Township amended Accessory Buildings Ordinance.

A copy of the request is available for public inspection at the Rose Township offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan, during regular business hours Monday - Thursday. Written comments concerning the request may be submitted to the Township at the above location prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. For more information.

Persons needing assistance to attend the meeting due to physical handicap should contact the Rose Township Clerk, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township, Clerk
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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

October 9, 2019

Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Township Office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Miller, Gambka, Noble, Scheib-Snider
Board Members Absent/Excused: Blaska

Approved: Excuse Blaska from meeting.

Approved: Agenda for the October 9, 2019 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees as amended.

Approved: Consent agenda as presented.

Presentation: Maura Jung – Creating a Conservation Committee.

Presentation: Karen Gietzen-Stewart – Holly Blessings in a Backpack.

Approved: Proclamation celebrating the 200th birthday of Oakland County.

Approved: Renewal of Always Care Dental and Optical coverage for employee benefits.

Postponed: Conservation Committee until more information is received by Board of Trustees.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:09 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

Dianne Scheib-Snider
Rose Township Supervisor

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE MIDWEEK TIMES

COMPILED BY VERA HOGAN

The following are stories you may have missed in the **Wednesday, Oct. 16, Midweek Times**. To subscribe and receive both the Midweek and Sunday Weekend editions, please call (810) 629-8282 or go to myfenton.com.

2016-17 FHS homecoming king dies in Cheboygan County crash

Parker Dagenais, 20, was on his way back to college when wet roads turned to ice.

Grant for nearly \$1 million awarded for sewers, storm lines

Fenton City required to cover 10 percent for each dollar spent using the state grant.

'Broken' spring planting shatters fall harvest

Soy and corn farmers experiencing severe reduction in yields due to spring rain.

Historical homecoming win for Fenton

Tigers to play in Metro title game this Friday (Oct. 18).

No brooms, just tote bags

2019 Witches Night Out brings 325 visitors to downtown.

Sharin' the spotlight

Editor Sharon Stone says marching bands are like one big musical family.



Our Future

Meet Kendall Susack, a student at Fenton High School.

Fenton homecoming parade canceled

Weather nixes parade, which would have commemorated 50th year of high school building.

CONTEST

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Fisher got to 47 of the businesses, missing only one that wasn't open at the time she was making her rounds in the tri-county area. "It took me two days and about three or four hours to do it," she said.

But more than just a local road trip, this venture taught Fisher more about the local business community than she had ever known before. "I've always known that people in Fenton are friendly," she said. "But I didn't know

as many businesses in Linden and Holly. A lot of the places were just delightful."

She had a few pleasant surprises along the way, including a stop at Community Threads of Fenton. "I had never been there before, and I came back later and bought a few things," Fisher said.

When she stopped in at Fun With Frosting in Fenton, she made a mental note that this is where she'll go next time she needs a birthday cake or cupcakes.

At Mos' Art Jewelers in Fenton, the owner offered to appraise a few jewelry pieces she asked about.

Fisher entered her winning ticket at C&R Salon in Argentine Township. "Robin (the owner) was so welcoming and told me I can come back anytime," she said.

Fisher said her husband, David, teased her about spending gas money to earn a grocery gift certificate to Alpine Marketplace in Linden, but she felt the lessons learned about her community were well worth the gas and the time. "I was on a mission," she said.

Features writer Sally Rummel contributed to this article.

Hear What Former Guests Say About Their WellBridge EPIC Experience



"I've been here multiple times and I will return again if needed. It's wonderful!"
— WB Fenton

"Everyone cared for me so much!"
— WB Grand Blanc



"I have been here two times now, it's fantastic!"
— WB Fenton



"Everybody was so kind and thoughtful."
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CITY COUNCIL

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Nancy Draves (incumbent)

Age: 77

Length of residency: 50 years

Occupation: Retired school teacher, former business owner

Education: Bachelor's degree from MSU

Family: Married to Jim. We have three daughters and seven grandchildren

What is your most important reason for seeking re-election

to the Fenton City Council? I want to continue being involved and help where needed. I have spent my adult life giving back to the community, serving on boards and doing my part to make



Fenton a better place to live and work. I love Fenton and it's been a wonderful place to raise a family. There are a couple of big things I would like to accomplish in another term on the City Council. I find great joy in giving and contributing.

What qualifies you for the job? In addition to four years as a member of the City Council, I have served on the Fenton Planning Commission, Arts Council Board, Adopt-A-Pet Board and helped set up the F.A.R.R. (Fenton Area Resource and Referral) store. I owned a retail store for many years. I spearheaded the team that created the dog park on Thompson Road in Fenton Township. I currently serve on the Library Board, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Fenton Cultural Commission and the Fenton ArtWalk Committee. I believe that council members need to represent everyone and make decisions based on facts, not personal opinions.

Pat Lockwood (incumbent)

Age: 74

Length of residency: 47 years

Occupation: Public policy advisor

Education: Fleming Fellow Leadership graduate, 2001, Washington, D.C.; Michigan State University; Leadership in Public Policy, 2000

Family: Married to Ron for 52 years; three children, Heather and Dan Gundry, Brad and Laurie Lockwood, and Brooke and Steve Page; 10 grandchildren

What is your most important reason for seeking

a re-election to the Fenton City Council? I wish to continue to be the voice of the residents and businesses as we address numerous issues the city is facing, such as declining revenues, increased demands on public safety, aging infrastructure in which priorities should be placed on our deteriorating neighborhood roads and sidewalks. My vast experience and successful connection to the needs of our community encourages me to continue my commitment to the city.

What qualifies you for the job? My 28 years of public service has allowed me to bring that experience and knowledge of public policy to assist in the decision making that positively impacts our residents and businesses. My volunteer commitment and experience as chair of our Fourth of July and Jinglefest events, serving on the Fenton Education Foundation Board, the Beautification Commission and chair of the building of Fenton Veterans Freedom Park and the City of Fenton Arts & Culture Commission, along with numerous state and county committees, has given me the opportunities and tools necessary to continue to make Fenton a community that respects the past, loves the present and prepares for the future.



Cherie Smith (incumbent)

Age: 68

Length of residency: 27 years

Occupation: Former business owner, insurance agent, dietician EMU-BFA (bachelor fine arts) U of FL

Education: Eastern Michigan University, bachelor of fine arts; University of Florida

Family: Widow (married to former Fenton City Councilman Ben Smith for 42 years until his death in 2014)

What is your most important reason for seeking a re-

election to the Fenton City Council? It's essential to work together to make our city stronger and better by continuing to be a family oriented community and keep the momentum moving ahead, yet maintain our small-town feel. Cooperation and inclusion between council members is key to moving the city forward in a positive and productive direction. Cuts in state-shared revenue has had a profound effect on our budget. Local road funding has been hit hard. The solutions aren't easy, however, we need to present more available options in order to maintain and repair them. I'd like to facilitate more technology by live streaming meetings so residents have easy access to information that affects them. I feel citizen and student advisory positions could be implemented to have a fresh perspective and keep us connected to the grassroots of Fenton.

What qualifies you for the job? I have served four years on the City Council, four years on the Cemetery Board, 14 years on the Beautification Commission (12 years as chair), three and a half years on Parks Board. Past president and member of the Fenton Optimist Club. I was a member of original JingleFest Committee and volunteer for many community events, including Fenton Village Players, Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, Shiawassee River Clean up and more.



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Brad Jacob

Age: 47

Length of residency: 15 years

Occupation: Machine builder

Education: Eight years post high school, Mechanical Drafting at Baker College, Criminal Justice at Mott Community College, and Social Work at U of M

Family: Married to Beth Granger; two daughters, 20 and 11

What is your most important reason for seeking a seat on the Fenton City Council? I want

to see our streets

fixed. Clearly, this is the number one concern for our residents and businesses. I favor a comprehensive yet realistic approach that is fair to everyone. Piecemeal repairs are inefficient and expensive, and I am willing to have the tough conversations about how we get there. I will continue to help raise awareness about the seriousness of our predicament.

What qualifies you for the job? I'm honored to have served on City Council for two terms, from 2009 to 2017, out of recession to positive growth. I've served on a variety of boards and commissions for the city, including Parks and Recreation, Museum, Library, Fire, Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Board, and presently the Zoning Board of Appeals. I've also served as Fenton representative and founding board member for the I-69 Trade Corridor, Michigan Economic Development Corporation. I also am chairperson of the Keepers of the Shiawassee, a non-profit river advocacy group. My work experience includes 30 years as a union carpenter and machinist. My broad educational experience has served me well when learning about and discussing the wide variety of subjects that the council must consider.



Sean Sage

Age: 43

Length of residency: 16 years

Occupation: Manager at Kirby Steel, Inc.
Education: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Family: Wife: Karey Sage; children: John, 14, Aidan, 13, Teaghan, 11, and Rowan, 9

What is your most important reason for seeking a seat on the Fenton City Council? I believe that I

have a skill set that is under-represented on the board and would

be valuable to the city. And, because my family is from Fenton, because I live here, and because my children are growing up here and call it home, I feel a responsibility to play any part I can in its continued success.

What qualifies you for the job? I am experienced in the city (Zoning Board and Parks Board), and I have experience in construction bidding, contract law, scheduling, and a small business understanding that will be valuable on the council. I have also worked with children in a domestic violence shelter in Ann Arbor, been volunteer of the year at the Genesee-Lapeer chapter of the American Red Cross; coached youth sports, sit on the board of Kidz Theatre Kompany; and have volunteered with many other groups in town. These eclectic experiences have taught me that there are many individuals in this city with many individual concerns, and that it is important to bring a voice to issues, but equally important to be willing to listen to opposing opinions and vote in the best interest of the city instead of my own ego.



Damien Siwik

Age: 52

Length of residency: Six years

Occupation: Administrator with the University of Michigan

Education: Masters of Public Administration, from the University of Michigan-Flint, 2017

Family: Married to Pornsiri Siwik with three daughters: Elizabeth, Catherine and Marita

What is your most important reason for seeking a seat on the Fenton City Council? My most important,

personal reason for seeking a seat on council is to transition from a career of national service in the U.S. military and to carry on that legacy here in Fenton through community service. Since retiring and moving to Fenton, my family integrated and



enjoyed the benefits of our community. I want to give back.

What qualifies you for the job?

Three qualifications I have for service on City Council are experience, education, and perspective. During a career as a U.S. Army Medic, I faced and overcame many obstacles through critical thinking, leadership, and determination. I learned the goals, functions, and policies of city administration while completing a Masters of Public Administration degree. Having lived in communities all across our nation, I have a broad overview of how successful and failed city governments operate. Based upon my experience, education, and observation, I can add a fresh perspective to Fenton City Council.

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'Keeping it rural'

Rose Township officials consider formation of conservation committee

By Vera Hogan

The Rose Township Board of Trustees was recently favored with a presentation by Maura Jung of the township's Heritage Committee and Planning Commission member on the idea of forming a conservation committee in the township.

According to Jung's proposal, the Rose Township Conservation Committee would ideally be an active voluntary committee working with and appointed by the Board of Trustees with the express purpose for retaining the township's rural character.

The committee also would be tasked with preserving the township's heritage and conserving its valuable natural resources and "keeping it rural." This would include work to permanently preserve farmland and other natural resources including wetlands, woodland habitats, scenic views, open space, lakes, streams, drinking water sources, as well as the township's historical heritage.

The conservation committee could have limited duties or a wide range of duties as determined by the Board of Trustees, which include some or all of the following:

- Assist the township with implementing conservation-oriented goals and objectives as listed in the master plan

- Provide researched information and make recommendations to the Township Board on land conservation matters
- Create and distribute educational materials promoting the tools for farmland protection listed in the Farmland Best Practices for Agricultural Land Use section in the master plan
- Form partnerships with appropriate groups for creating programs for retaining rural character and agrarian heritage
- Explore funding opportunities to achieve conservation and preservation goals, including the DNR trust fund and the possibility of a township millage
- Enhance public awareness about identifying and controlling invasive species to retain the quality of natural resources in the township

Jung's presentation included information from several other Michigan communities that have implemented their own conservation committees.

Supervisor Dianne Scheib-Snider said she would like to create such a committee and come up with a mission statement. Treasurer Paul Gambka and Trustee Glen Noble said they believe the board needs to sit down and discuss how it will be done and how it will be funded.

The concept of a conservation committee will be placed on the board's November agenda for further discussion.

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Scott W Jewelry Repair now open in Holly

Scott W Jewelry Repair is open at 3040 Grange Hall Rd. in Holly. The office phone is (810) 730-4612. Business hours vary but are typically 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday by appointment. Scott Woods, owner, does all sorts of repairs on rings, necklaces, bracelets and more. He also can order any jewelry, including wedding rings, men's rings, earrings, necklaces, pendants, diamonds, gemstones and more. He is running a special on Rhodium plating regular \$55 per ring, now \$35. Scott W Jewelry Repair is on Facebook.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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V.F.W. Post 822 in Flint hosts events in November

V.F.W. Post 822, G-5062 S. Saginaw St., Flint, will host Friday Fish Fry, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., with karaoke, from 8 to 11 p.m. Burger Night is Wednesdays, from 5 to 8 p.m., with karaoke following. Open Mic Night is the first Wednesday of the month. Thanksgiving Dinner is Thursday, Nov. 28 for homeless veterans and anyone else that would like to attend. Doors open at 3 p.m., dinner is at 4 p.m.

NOTICE OF ELECTION ROSE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT #1, #2, #3 November 5, 2019

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Township of Rose, County of Oakland on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the following location:

Precinct #1 Township Office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442

Precinct #2 Rose Pioneer School, 7110 Milford Road, Holly MI 48442

Precinct #3 Rose Pioneer School, 7110 Milford Road, Holly, MI 48442

Please take notice that the Fenton School district will be voting on the following millage proposals as presented and listed below:

Fenton Area Public Schools Sinking Fund Millage Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the building and site sinking fund millage that expires with the 2019 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate of .8999 mill (\$0.8999 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Fenton Area Public Schools, Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 3 years, 2020, 2021 and 2022, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2020 is approximately \$820,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2019 tax levy)?

Oakland Community College Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal authorizes Oakland Community College to continue to levy 0.7545 mill for operating purposes for 10 years as a renewal of millage previously approved by the electors in 2010, which expires with the 2021 tax levy.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied on all taxable property within the Oakland Community College district, State of Michigan, be renewed at a rate of 0.7545 mill (\$0.7545 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2022 through 2031, inclusive, to provide funds for College operating purposes? It is estimated that if the millage is approved and 0.7545 mill is levied in 2022, it would raise \$45,065,057 for the College.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained Rose Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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Pay It Forward installs ramp at veteran's home

■Hunting incident puts Linden man in wheelchair

By Hannah Ball

The home of veteran Bob Brown in Linden now sports a shiny wheelchair ramp, thanks to Linden Pay It Forward, weeks after a hunting incident resulted in a broken back.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, volunteers with the organization installed the ramp in about four hours.

"It's a godsend," he said.

On Sept. 21, Brown was installing a new 17-foot-tall tree stand in a patch of woods in Big Rapids. His strap broke and he fell to the ground.

"I consequently broke my back," he said. "I could feel my legs but I couldn't move. I told my son to call the ambulance."

Emergency responders carried a gurney through the woods to find him. He was taken to Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, which Brown praised. He was out of the hospital by Wednesday, Sept. 23.

"The 12 vertebrae exploded. They can't

figure out how I'm walking," he said.

He now has two rods and nine screws in his back, plus a 16-inch scar and a back brace that he has to wear for six to eight more weeks. Brown is done with occupational therapy, but he's still doing physical therapy.

"It's been quite rough. My wife has to help me get dressed. She helps me shower," he said.

Brown can't bend over to grab things from the ground either.

"I'm quite restrained on what I can do and it's driving me crazy," he said. Using the walker exhausted him, and the wheelchair gives him the most mobility. Now, with the ramp, he can easily get in and out of his house.

"The walker is not real conducive to getting across parking lots and I can't walk very far," he said.

His daughter, Diana Fournier, called Linden Pay It Forward to see if they could help.

"When this accident happened to her dad, we were on board 100 percent to find ways to make this ramp work for them. Can't give enough thanks to those that



Three volunteers with Linden Pay It Forward installed this ramp at the home of veteran Bob Brown in Linden after a hunting incident. **Submitted photo**

jumped on the bandwagon. I love what Pay It Forward is doing in our community. It is definitely making a difference," said Denise Marks, founder of Linden Pay It Forward.

They've helped Fournier in the past with a flat tire, meals and borrowing a carpet cleaner.

"Denise has a heart of gold and really cares about her Linden neighbors. Without her, Pay It Forward would not be around. The group has done so much to help people. They've really been a blessing to my family as well," Fournier said.

Ed Steele from Veterans of Michigan found the ramp online and the previous owners donated it for free.

"They never would have been able to build one out of wood in four hours. Those guys were just fantastic. They're just veterans taking care of veterans," Brown said.

Brown enlisted in the Air Force in 1976 and retired in 2002 as a master sergeant.

"I couldn't be happier and I'm very proud they stepped up and helped me," he said.

Brown started hunting when he was 13 and has gone "many years" without getting a deer, but being out in the woods is more important to him. He usually goes out with his sons and grandsons, and he's been hunting with his best friend, who also retired from the Air Force, since 1981.

"They're gonna' have to figure out how to do it without grandpa this year, but I'm sure they'll prevail," he said.

Doctors expect Brown to be fully healed by spring 2020. He hopes to help install the ramp at another house of a veteran who needs it after him.

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SAFE AND FUN

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accidents are among the most common. Children are more than twice as likely to be killed by a car while walking on Halloween night than at any other time of the year, according to the organization Safe Kids USA.

Another potential danger at Halloween is trick-or-treating at the residences of registered sex offenders.

If parents aren't planning on personally accompanying their kids, or sending along older siblings on the trick-or-treat rounds, they should make sure they know where any registered sex offenders may reside.

In the **Fenton area (48430 zip code)**, there are currently 78 registered sex offenders. Forty of those 78 do not currently live in the Fenton zip code, but Fenton is listed as another known address.

In the **Holly area (48442 zip code)**, there are currently 79 sex offenders, 36 of whom do not reside in the Holly zip code but Holly is listed as another known address.

In the **Linden area (48451 zip code)**, there are 20 registered sex offenders with two of them listing Linden as another known address.

These lists can be found at michigan.gov/msp and click on sex offender registry. Or, simply Google Michigan sex offender registry. Information can be gathered about specific individuals by name or all offenders by city.

Members of the registry are not allowed anywhere within 1,000 feet of a school or playground and in some cases, are barred from certain jobs. While the list does keep neighborhoods informed of who is moving in next door, there are some who view the list as unfair to those who commit lesser crimes.

As long as convicted sex offenders let law enforcement agencies know about where they are living and working, it is their right to relocate to a new home. Since offenders frequently change their address, it is very important to always be informed.

Michigan began indentifying offend-

ers in three different tiers in July 2011.

TIER 1 offenders include those convicted of possession of child pornography, aggravated indecent exposure if it is witnessed by someone under 18, misdemeanor sexual touching if the victim is under 18, and taking photos of an unclothed person if that person is under 18.

All Tier 1 offenders must register with police once a year for 15 years.

TIER 2 offenses include soliciting minors for sex, distributing child pornography, using the internet to seek out children for sex, sexual touching if the victim is between 13 and 17 years of age, and soliciting a prostitute under

the age of 18.

These offenders must register twice a year with police for 25 years.

TIER 3 offenders include those convicted of rape, attempted rape, molesting a child under the age of 13, and kidnapping a minor, even if there is no sexual component to the crime.

Tier 3 offenders must report four times a year for life.

People concerned about sex offenders in their neighborhood and the type of offense that put them on the list should be aware that laws are strict in order to protect the public.

However, it is possible for someone to get on the registry as a Tier 1 offender for urinating in public, for example. It also is possible for someone to be on the registry as a Tier 2 offender if one person was 18 and the other 15 when they engaged in sexual activity. That couple could now be married and have children of their own.

If a person feels comfortable doing so, it is socially acceptable to ask why the neighbor is on the registry and get the reason straight from the source. It may give a clearer understanding of the offense and judge of character.

Those on the list face strict reporting requirements or face going back to jail or prison. They must report within three business days any changes in addresses and employment, new school enrollment, and the purchase or sale of a car. They also must report email addresses and screen names.



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“Our facilities would ultimately suffer as we have operated for many years with high expectations that our facilities be in top notch shape. This helps attract and retain families and is a source of community pride,” Hartley said.

Hartley said what voters will decide on Nov. 5 is not a tax increase as the renewal is a continuation of what our community has supported over many years. “We must take care of what we have,” he said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
I REALLY LIKE how the Fenton big-box store looks now. Wider aisles, brighter lighting and lots of self-checkout lanes. Now if only they would work on their customer service.

■■■
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■■■

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

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DOWNTOWN LINDEN HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

At 5:58 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9, the Linden Fire Department responded to a possible structure fire in the 200 block of East Broad Street in downtown Linden. Fire Chief Brian Will said he arrived quickly, before fire trucks arrived, and smoke and flames were already visible. He said he learned that low hanging wires from the telephone pole to the house possibly shorted out and caused electrical sparks inside the home on the first floor of the 1-1/2 story older home, which was recently remodeled. The fire chief said with the electrical energy in the home the fire spread quickly. He estimates the home was 50-percent damaged. His department cleared the scene at approximately 9:30 p.m. Assisting fire departments included Fenton City and the townships of Fenton, Argentine and Mundy.

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My homemade Halloween costumes were the best

My sisters and I never wore store-bought Halloween costumes, and we never asked for them. It was too much fun, with the help of our mom, making our own.

My favorite costumes were that of a gypsy and a hobo, alternating from year to year. Both terms are probably now considered derogatory, but I'm sorry, that's what we called them back then.

My gypsy costume involved a long flowing skirt with a big ruffled slip underneath. With it I wore a white blouse with puffy sleeves. We would tie a colorful scarf around my waist to serve as a belt. My hair was pretty long and curly, so we tied it up in a ponytail and wrapped one of my mom's big silky scarves around the base of the tail. We had a toy tambourine that we strung through the scarf around my middle so I didn't have to carry it. It made the greatest jingling sound when I walked. The best part was that I got to wear my mom's giant gold hoop earrings.

When I was 9 years old, I snuck off on my bike one early Saturday morning and rode about a mile to my friend's house. Her mother pierced my ears. I did not have permission and got into big trouble, but after my parents calmed down and saw that

my ears did not get infected, I was able to wear the hoop earrings.

Anyway, that costume was created from things we already had around the house and in our closets. The same is true for the hobo costume. I liked that one because I got to rip holes in my pants and then sew colorful patches over the holes. I wore dirty old shoes and socks that didn't match. On the top I wore one of my



VERA HOGAN

tees with one of my dad's old checked flannel shirts with the sleeves rolled up over it. The best part was I got to put dirt all over my face — not makeup to look like dirt, but real dirt. My dad got me a good sized tree branch, tied a big handkerchief around the end and *voila*, I was a hobo.

Once or twice, I went trick-or-treating dressed as a pirate. I decided, however, that only being able to see out of one eye because there was a patch over the other one was not a great idea when we were running around on a dark night.

My sisters favored the more spooky costumes that required a lot more work. But I didn't care, I didn't have to do it — and mine were always better.

Can you tell I'm the middle child?

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MAYOR

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by live-streaming them, thus communicating council meetings and annual budget sessions directly to the public so taxpayers can understand what is happening in our city and where our money goes.

What qualifies you for the job? I have served on the City Council for 24 years (1989 to 1997, and 1999 to 2015) with the gap between to handle family matters. I spearheaded the Shiawassee River Cleanup for 20 years. I was involved with the court-ordered Community Service

program, using offenders as volunteers and for 20 years walked side by side with them cleaning 6.1 miles of river. I am the past council representative to the Fenton Parks and Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Beautification Commission, Museum Board, member of the Michigan Municipal League, representative to Genesee County Sheriff Auto Theft Unit. I am a past representative to the Loose Senior Center Board, chairperson of three Loose Senior Center fundraisers and former mayor pro-tem on the Fenton City Council.

MARK RUMMEL

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Just because we did it that way 100 years ago doesn't mean it still makes sense (or cents) today. Besides, we're all headed toward digital currency soon enough. Bye-bye to those coins we love but never really use. Let's make our systems as efficient and logical as possible.

CHANGE #4 — Along that same line, let's do away with the U.S. \$1 bill. Instead, let's develop a \$1 coin that is more practical and lasts longer. Canada wisely has \$1 and \$2 coins — we should, too. All these changes could begin maybe Jan. 1, 2025, allowing us all to prepare for our total holidays, new monetary coins... and a little more time off for EVERY-BODY.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TRUMP TAKES ONE dollar for salary? I guess you all have your blinders on. He is the president who lives in the White House for free. All expenses are paid by taxpayers. Just like owning a business, I take a very minimal salary and buy everything through the business so it's a business expense.

■■■
I GREW UP with UAW parents, uncles, friends and neighbors, and thank them for contributing to our benefits and workers rights. The unions, however, are also responsible for the demise of AC and other GM sites and the movement of over 60,000 workers from Flint to Mexico and China.

■■■
THE SOCIALIST/ DEMOCRATS debating last night conveyed the following messages: No plans to grow the economy, serious plans to grow the government, massive tax increases on hard-working, middle class Americans, implementing multi-trillion dollar giveaway programs and an un-workable, ill-fated Medicare for all health plan.

■■■
NOW THE UAW wants to increase the production of gasoline powered vehicles in the U.S. and have electric vehicles produced in Canada and Mexico. I guess they should have thought about that before donating to the Democrats in 2016.

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Day trips: north, south, east, west

■ Take a leisurely drive before the roads get slick

By Tim Jagielo

Midland — The tree house sways gently when someone crosses the net bridge that connects the canopy walk and these unique pods 25 feet in the air at the Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens.

The Midland Dow Whiting Forest is 70 minutes away and features the largest forest canopy walk in the U.S. For some, this crisp fall weather before the temperatures drop is the best time of the year for a day trip. The Times has found selections from cities approximately an hour away in the four main cardinal directions.

North — Midland

Midland is approximately 70 minutes from Fenton. It's an easy drive up I-75, and it's part of the vibrant tri-cities area including Saginaw and Bay City.

This city is home to the Dow Gardens, the 110-acre "dazzling" display of



A family from Fort Wayne, Indiana, uses the net bridge to return to the canopy walk at Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens on Thursday, Oct. 17. Photo: Tim Jagielo

annuals and perennials coupled with a landscape featuring unique bridges, water features, "towering" pines and an award-winning children's garden, according to the website.

The Whiting Forest boasts 1.5 miles of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible hard-surface pathways in the 54 acres of woodland ponds, meadows, streams and apple orchards. It includes raised walkways and platforms 25 and 40 feet high.

The day price for both Dow Garden and Whiting Forest is \$10 per adult and \$2 for kids 6 to 17. Both facilities are open most days of the year, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Website: dowgardens.org

South — Detroit

There's always a lot to do in Detroit. There are seven unique neighborhoods including Corktown, Eastern Market and Rivertown. The District contains much of the new sports and entertainment developments. Every neighborhood has its own personality, food options and entertainment opportunities.

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) near Wayne State University is a year-round destination, and parking there puts you close to lots of food selections and the always grand Detroit Public Library.

There is too much to do to sum up in a paragraph, so click on visitdetroit.com for some guidance and ideas to visit.

East — Port Huron

Mid Michigan's easternmost city is 75 minutes away across I-69. Port Huron is on the St. Clair River and Lake Huron. In the summer, there are water activities,

but in the fall, there are strolling the city boardwalks and shopping and exploring the unique downtown.

There are unique eateries like The Raven Café, which is on the river. They describe themselves as "part Hogwarts and part Cheers." It's a place you can read, drink coffee or a cocktail and eat.

Port Huron also features the Port Gratiot Lighthouse, Huron Lightship and Port Huron Museum.

Website: porthuron.org

West — Lansing

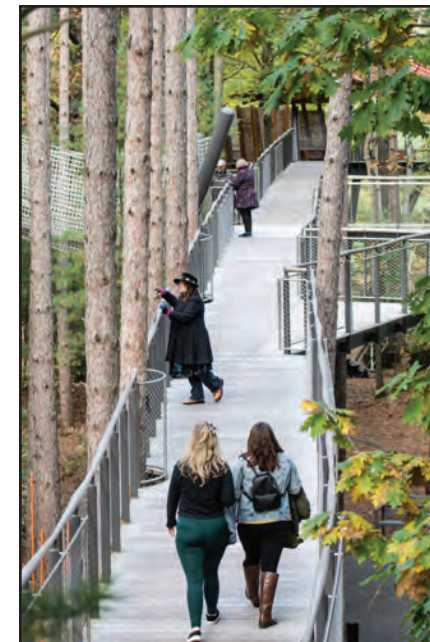
The seat of state government alone makes Lansing a great location for a day trip. The Michigan Library, Capitol building and Hall of Justice are all within walking distance of each other, and parking isn't too bad. It's best to park in a central spot, bundle up for your walk. It's a college town, so there are all kinds of pubs and eateries nearby.

There are several parking decks just south of the Capitol Building, which is located at 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing.

Lansing is unique in that you can take a fall color tour via riverboat on either the Michigan Princess or Grand Princess.

To top off your day trip, go to Potter Park Zoo.

Website: lansing.org



The Whiting Forest boasts the longest canopy walk in the U.S. It opened in the fall of 2018. Photo: Tim Jagielo

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From left are Dominick Pallone, executive director, MAHP; Sen. John Bizon (R), MD; Mary Lynn Clark, vice president Health Services, McLaren Health Plan; Nancy Jenkins, president and CEO, McLaren Health Plan; Lisa Farnum, managing director, MAHP Foundation. **Submitted photo**

McLaren Health Plan receives Pinnacle Award from Michigan Association of Health Plans

For the 14th time since 2003 — and the fifth consecutive year — McLaren Health Plan has been awarded a Pinnacle Award from the Michigan Association of Health Plans. Nine Michigan health plans from across the state submitted ground-breaking programs demonstrating creative approaches to innovation in the commercial, Medicare and Medicaid sectors to improve health care and lower costs for Michigan citizens. McLaren Health Plan's "Move on Up" program was submitted in the Business Operational Performance-Government Programs category and chosen to receive a Pinnacle Award for the innovative way in which it coordinates health care for children with special health care needs. "I'm extremely proud of the innovative work our team does every day," said Nancy Jenkins, president and CEO of McLaren Health Plan.

CANDY

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but Starburst dethroned the yellow, orange and white candy last year.

Third place went to Skittles, of which 86,221 pounds were sold in 2018.

However, according to a study by Bid-On-Equipment, the most popular Halloween candy in Michigan is Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. This study surveyed 2,004 people across residential neighborhoods.

Highlights from this study include the following:

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups are the most popular candy in 12 states. Airheads, Nerds, SweeTarts, and Gummy Worms are the least popular.

People with children spend on average \$35.01 on Halloween candy, \$10 more than the national average.

Forty-eight percent of Americans support moving Halloween to the last Saturday in October.

The ideal hours for trick-or-treating are between 6 and 9 p.m., and children age out of the trick-or-treating at age 15.

Nationwide

The top 10 Halloween candies in America are Skittles, Reese's Cups, M&M's, Snickers, Starburst, candy corn, Hot Tamales, Tootsie Pops, Sour Patch Kids and Hershey's, according to candystore.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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McLaren welcomes vascular surgeon to medical staff

Mohammad Abbasi, MD, a board certified vascular surgeon, has joined the medical staff at McLaren Flint. Abbasi is seeing patients at the Vascular Institute of Michigan, 1325 S. Linden Rd., Flint. Abbasi completed his residency at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. He earned his medical degree from Stony Brook University School of Medicine in Stony Brook, New York. Abbasi is accepting new patients and can be reached by calling (810) 535-5555.



Mohammad Abbasi, MD

FUNDING

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Ballot language for the Gaines Township Proposal Proposition to levy special assessment

"Shall the Township levy the amount of \$115 per annum on all improved parcels within the Township, those being all commercial units, industrial units, dwelling units or mobile home sites on each parcel of property within the Township, including those within the Village of Gaines (except for those parcels exempt from the collection of taxes under the general property tax act) for a term of 10 years, from 2019 through 2028 inclusive, to finance police protection services?"

"It is estimated that the special assessment would raise approximately \$303,000 in the first year of the assessment."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Dave Lucas of Peabody Insurance Agency recognized by Society of Certified Insurance Counselors

Dave Lucas of Peabody Insurance Agency, Fenton, was recently recognized for professional leadership and advanced knowledge by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors (CIC), a leading national insurance professional organization. Lucas was awarded a certificate marking more than 15 years of participation as a designated CIC, which requires annual completion of advanced education and training. "Your clients, associates and the insurance profession as a whole will benefit from such dedication and leadership," said William T. Hold, CIC, CPCU, CLU, president of the Society of CIC.

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LOOKING BACK at this week in HISTORY

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OCT. 20

1947: The notorious Red Scare kicks into high gear in Washington, D.C., as a congressional committee begins investigating Communist influence in one of the world's richest

and most glamorous communities: Hollywood. Whether out of patriotism or fear, some witnesses gave the committee names of colleagues they suspected of being Communists. A small group known as the "Hollywood Ten" resisted, complaining that the hearings were illegal and violated their First Amendment rights. They were all convicted of obstructing the investigation and served jail terms. Pressured by Congress, the Hollywood establishment started a blacklist policy, banning the work of about 325 screenwriters, actors and directors who had not been cleared by the committee.

OCT. 21

1921: President Warren G. Harding delivers a speech in Alabama in which he condemns lynchings — illegal hangings committed primarily by white supremacists against African Americans in the Deep South. Although his administration was much maligned for scandal and corruption, Harding was a progressive Republican politician who advocated full civil rights for African Americans and suffrage for women.

OCT. 22

1797: The first parachute jump of note is made by André-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris. Leonardo da Vinci conceived the idea of the parachute in his writings, and the Frenchman Louis-Sebastien Lenormand fashioned a kind of parachute out of two umbrellas and jumped from a tree in 1783, but André-Jacques Garnerin was the first to design and test parachutes capable of slowing a man's fall from a high altitude.

OCT. 23

1998: Dr. Barnett Slepian is shot to death inside his home in Amherst, New York by an anti-abortion radical, marking the fifth straight year that a doctor, who was willing to perform abortions in upstate New York and Canada had been the victim of a sniper attack.

OCT. 24

2003: The supersonic Concorde jet makes its last commercial passenger flight, traveling at twice the speed of sound from New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport to London's Heathrow Airport. The British Airways jet carried 100 passengers, including actress Joan Collins, model Christie Brinkley, and an Ohio couple who reportedly paid \$60,000 on eBay for two tickets (a roundtrip trans-Atlantic fare typically cost about \$9,000).

OCT. 25

1980: Australian rock band AC/DC earns its first pop Top 40 hit with "You Shook Me All Night Long." Back when they were releasing albums like "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap" (1977), AC/DC would have seemed an unlikely candidate to become one of the top-selling pop-music acts of all time.

OCT. 26

1984: At Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California, Dr. Leonard L. Bailey performs the first baboon-to-human heart transplant, replacing a 14-day-old infant girl's defective heart with the healthy, walnut-sized heart of a young baboon. The infant, known as "Baby Fae," survived the operation, and her subsequent struggle for life received international attention. Baby Fae died after holding on for 20 days.

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DRACULA'S CASTLE

Dracula's Castle in Transylvania, Romania, will be the site of a costumed Halloween party drawing about a thousand revelers from all over the world. Photo: exoticca.com

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in a series about popular
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Think you're not afraid of the dark? You will be, as a Halloween evening guest in this spooky Romanian fortress

By Sally Rummel

Dracula may have slept here, or maybe not. But one thing is for sure — this 14th century fortress, known officially as Bran Castle, is a national monument and landmark in Transylvania, Romania that truly “awakes from the dead” on Halloween.

Perched dramatically on a hill above a crown of trees in the Carpathian Mountains, its burnt orange-tiled turrets and steeples hint at the chilling history that gave rise to the name, “Dracula's Castle.”

While Dracula is the fictional character created by Irish novelist

Bram Stoker when he wrote the book, Dracula, in 1897, the basis of this character is chillingly real.

Evil 14th century ruler, Vlad Tepes, better known as Vlad the Impaler, was said to have killed 20,000 to 100,000 people during

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CASTLE

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the war between the Ottoman (Turkish) Empire and Wallachia.

His death method of choice was by impalement — impaling his enemies through the torso with large stakes and erecting these stakes in the ground, causing slow, agonizing deaths.

The fortress became known as Dracula's Castle because it is the sole royal estate that fits Stoker's description of the iconic vampire's castle, even though Vlad the Impaler never really lived there. Vlad the Impaler's family name was "Dracul," adding to today's fascination with the bone-chilling fictional story of Dracula.

While Dracula's Castle is open to visitors all year long, it really comes alive when the clock clangs midnight on Halloween.

G Adventures, a small group adventure travel company, offers a seven-day "Halloween in Transylvania" tour. The entire castle property has been rented

out this year for this spooky celebration. Food, drinks, and dancing in full costume is expected well into Halloween night. Ingrid Ream, owner of Superior Travel, with offices in Fenton and Lapeer, is pleased her two sons, Alec Schmitt and Derek Ream, both

23, will be making the trip to Dracula's Castle this year. "It's an event they'll never forget," she said.

The tour also includes visits to the medieval, cobblestone cities of Brasov, the capital city of Bucharest, the culturally vibrant town of Sibiu, and the nearby city of Sighisoara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that dates back to the 16th century.

Other castles also are on the itinerary, including the ruins of Poenari Castle, an actual former fortress of Vlad the Impaler, and a tour through the Rupea Citadel, on a hilltop near the Carpathian Mountains.

This entire region of Eastern Europe, including Romania, Slovakia,

“Embrace it (Eastern Europe) right now before it gets too ‘touristy.’”

Ingrid Ream
Superior Travel owner



Croatia, on the coast of the Adriatic Sea, is worth a trip for its beauty, history and friendliness. Photo: thevintagenews.com

Lithuania, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Poland, Russia, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Albania and Hungary — is no longer under Soviet rule, and these countries are becoming popular new tourist destinations.

Rich in culture and medieval architecture with as much grandeur as many other European destinations, many of these countries can be seen from the luxurious vantage point of a river cruise, said Ream.

"Avalon River Cruises offer a more in-depth experience for travelers," Ream said. "You can actually cook the cuisine of the region. The ships are also smaller, holding about 170 passengers, making a more personal travel experience."

Travelers to this region can expect to pay about \$800 to \$1,100 per person for airfare from Detroit to Bucharest, and about \$5,000 to \$8,000 per person for a river cruise.

Ream said that travel to Eastern



Vlad the Impaler, an evil prince in Romania's history, became the real life person behind the fictional character of Dracula. Photo: thevintagenews.com

Europe is still relatively new, and that now is the time to visit. "Embrace it right now before it gets too 'touristy,'" she said.

Sources: National Geographic, Lonely Planet

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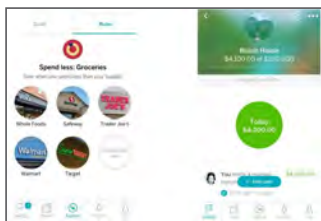
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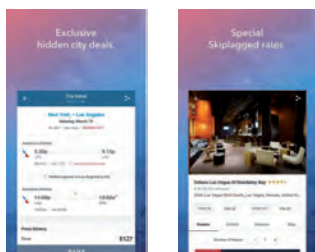
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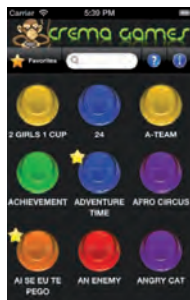
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FUNNY: Instant Buttons

This prank app for iOS has a menu of buttons that make a funny sound when pressed. If you're in a situation where you don't have the words to express your feelings, just press an Instant Button. Options include sounds such as "Angry Cat," "An Enemy" and "Adventure Time."



By Hannah Ball

Technology, especially smartphones, can be distracting, so it might as well be useful. Here are eight helpful apps for iOS and Android phones. Some are serious tools and others are for fun.

GAME: Triple Agent

This app has you and five to nine friends trying to figure out who is an agent of the Service or an evil VIRUS infiltrator in a game of social deduction. At the start of each round, players pass along the phone and learn who is good and who is evil. Players are given clues. At the end, the players vote on who they think is the VIRUS infiltrator.



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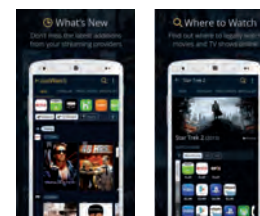
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ENTERTAINMENT: JustWatch

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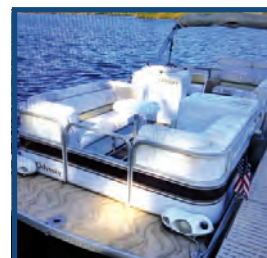
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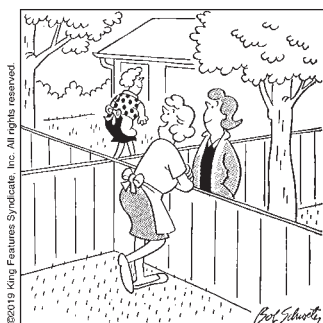
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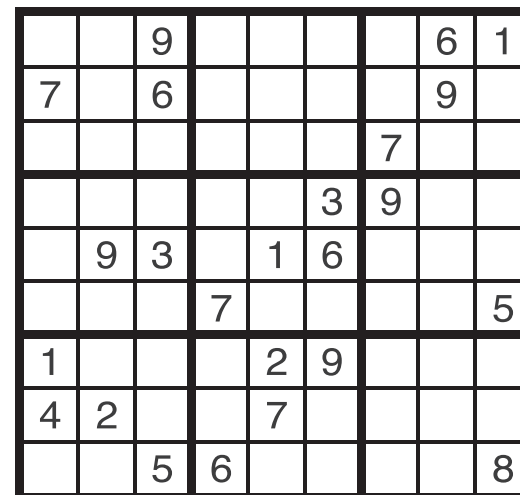
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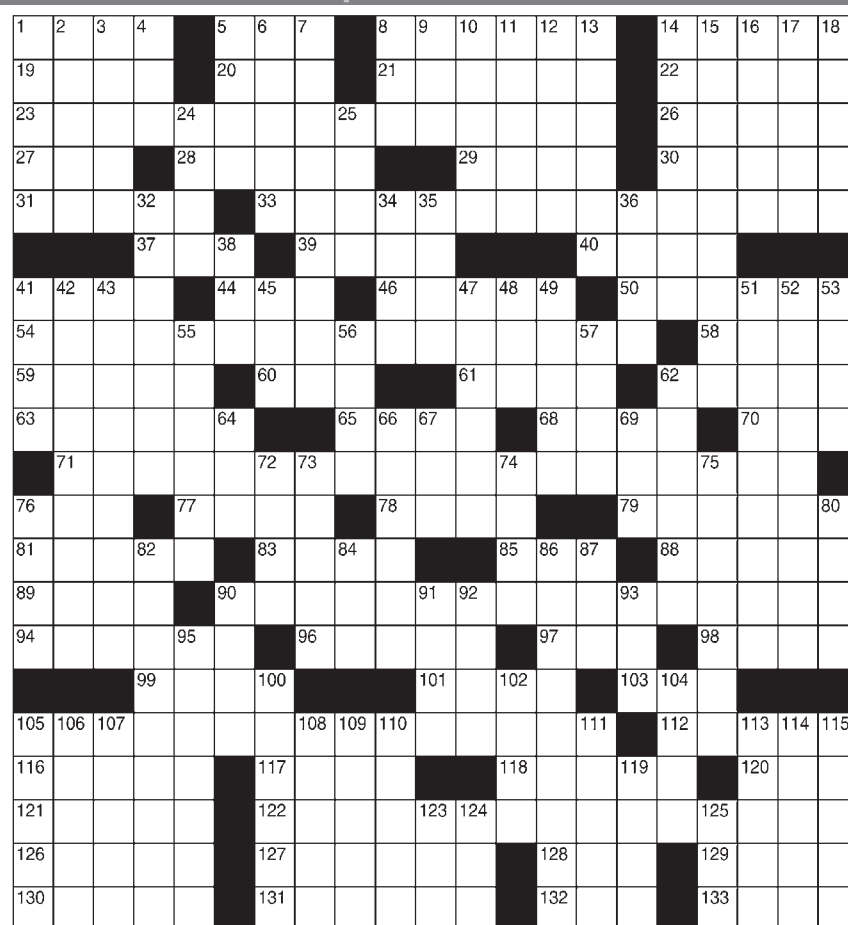
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Weekend Crossword

PUZZLE CLUE:
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ACROSS

- | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 Like history | 131 Dish? | 132 Riddle | 133 Driving req. | 134 in | 135 Abbr. |
| 5 Apt. divisions | 63 Relating to a heart part | 112 Pastry bag filler | 10 Got to one's feet | 51 Procession of cars | 90 Island near Java |
| 8 — -Lorraine, France | 65 Got 100% on, as a test | 116 Painter Matisse | 11 Something not to be missed | 52 Works such as "H.M.S. Pinafore" | 91 "— homo!" |
| 14 Flatten, informally | 68 "Eso —" (Paul Anka hit) | 117 Nastase of the court | 12 Viola's kin | 53 Ivanjica inhabitant | 92 "And fast!" |
| 19 Long (for) | 70 Eye, to a bard | 118 Saudi and Iraqi | 13 Witch on "Bewitched" | 55 One of the Skywalkers | 93 Breach |
| 20 Have an onstage role | 71 Riddle, part 4 | 120 By means of | 14 One doing a parody | 56 — Sea (Asian lake) | 95 With speed |
| 21 Coal miners | 76 One may cry "Foul!" | 121 Bowed | 15 St. Paul site | 57 "Close call!" | 100 Paradox |
| 22 Succinct and meaningful | 77 Tiki or Baal | 122 Riddle's answer | 16 Give voice to | 62 "It Takes a Thief" rapper | 102 U.S. territory since 1898 |
| 23 Start of a riddle | 78 "I came," to Caesar | 126 Ordinary | 17 Bamboo unit | 64 Pioneered | 104 "Aye aye," in Iberia |
| 26 Victorious | 79 Gives the most votes | 127 Sulky | 18 Sleep: Prefix | 66 Large grotto | 105 Cassidy of old pop |
| 27 Here-there link | 81 Celestial hunter | 128 Short history | 24 Hushed | 67 Lens locale | 106 Succinct |
| 28 Skilled forger | 83 Wish | 129 Ex-Dodger Hershiser | 25 Elisabeth of "CSI" | 69 That lass | 107 How actors should enter |
| 29 Largest city in Norway | 85 Crunches tone them | 130 Insolvent | 32 Semitic language | 72 Start of a pirate chant | 108 Augustus — ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" character) |
| 30 "That's a new — me!" | 88 Very angry | 131 "Knocked Up" director Judd | 34 Smelting refuse | 73 Faint from surprise, in slang | 109 Bejeweled headwear |
| 31 Party mixers | 89 Island of Alaska | 132 Stitch (up) | 35 Relative of -ess | 74 Omani money | 110 Spartan serf |
| 33 Riddle, part 2 | 90 Riddle, part 5 | 133 Funeral heap | 36 Large public show | 75 Like exercise that gets the heart going | 111 Holmes or Couric |
| 37 I-5, e.g. | 94 Cosa — (Mafia affiliate) | DOWN | 38 Display fallibility | 76 Horse coat pattern | 113 Elephant tusk stuff |
| 39 Hat material | 96 Coats with element #30 | 1 Lowly chess pieces | 41 "— way to go!" | 80 Court units | 114 NFLer of San Fran |
| 40 Adz relatives | 97 Nation north of Mex. | 2 Preceder of "Bless you!" | 42 Up until that time | 82 Fully extended, as arms | 115 Crystal of country |
| 41 Big name in razors | 98 "Porgy and —" | 3 Glass bit | 43 Puts new parts on, in a way | 84 Preceder of chi | 119 Arch above the eye |
| 44 JVC or Hitachi rival | 99 Shop draw | 4 Asian holiday | 45 — -Magnon | 86 Chesapeake Bay | 123 Abbr. in a personal ad |
| 46 Collection of maps | 101 Hamster holder | 5 Chicago's — Emanuel | 47 Increase in volume | 124 "Yuck!" | 125 Swiffer product |
| 50 Trailers, e.g. | 103 Follower of chi | 6 Occasional Golden Arches sandwich | 48 Toward a ship's rear | | |
| 54 Riddle, part 3 | | 7 Event with pig racing, perhaps | | | |
| 58 Hit the bottle | | | | | |
| 59 Giant | | | | | |
| 60 Rink legend Bobby | | | | | |
| 61 Six-sided state | | | | | |



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WEEKEND SCRAMBLE ANSWERS

Scrambles:
CONQUER, CHARGE,
SEVER, RELAX
Answer: **SQUEALER**

MIDWEEK SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEEKEND SUDOKU ANSWERS

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4	2	8	3	7	5	6	1	9
9	3	5	6	4	1	2	7	8

MIDWEEK JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles:
AGENT, BUNCH,
NEURON, WICKET
Answer:
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their kids were
spending too
much time —
ON THE WEB



MIDWEEK CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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NOR	SMITH	OSLO	ONEON
SODAS	BEUSED	TORE	REFERTO
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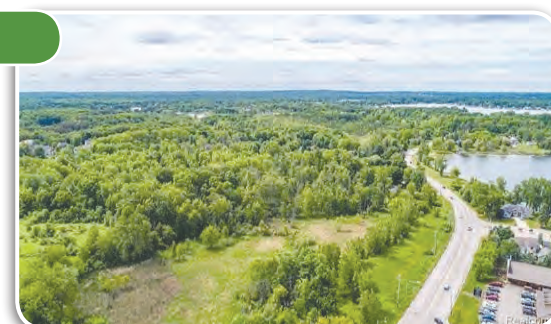
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Cindy Diane Anderson - age 62, of Howell, died October 16, 2019. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Monday, October 21, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Cindy was born March 26, 1957 in Flint, the daughter of Emil and Imogene (Byrd) Keene and was a 1975 graduate of Linden High School. Cindy had lived in the Howell/Linden area most of her life. She was married to Daniel Edward Anderson on August 3, 1985 in Linden. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; children, Jessica Anderson of Howell, Edward Anderson (Casey Foote) of Bay City, Rachel (John) Turnbull of Howell, Renae Anderson (Phil Barrett) of Howell; grandchildren, Hunter, Brooklynn, Ava, Tyler and Tucker; brother, James (Kim) Keene of Florida; sister, Karen (Rex) Allen of Ohio; several nieces, nephews and other children that called her Mima. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bruce and Michael Keene. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jean Loren

Jean Loren - age 82, died October 13, 2019. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gary Chazick, Sr.

Gary Chazick, Sr. - age 78, died October 14, 2019. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ronald Heidtman

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Julie (Jewell) Negley


1968-2019

Julie (Jewell) Negley - age 50, of Fenton, formerly of Ridgeley, West Virginia and Graham, North Carolina, passed away at home on Friday October 11, 2019, surrounded by her family. A memorial service will be held 3 PM Saturday, October 19, 2019 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Reverend Richard Jewell officiating. Visitation will be from 11 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the family for a college fund for her sons, Cameron and Hunter. Julie was born on December 30, 1968 in Cumberland, Maryland the daughter of Harold and Patricia (Norton) Jewell. She graduated from Frankfort High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Campbell University where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. Julie also served in the U.S. Army for two years. She married Theodore John Negley, Jr. on May 22, 1999 in Graham, North Carolina. She taught in the Alamance Burlington school district for ten years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Julie volunteered with kids in school and in athletics and she truly loved being a part of her kids' activities. She was also a member of The Rock Church in Fenton. Surviving are: husband, Ted; children, Cameron and Hunter, all of Fenton; brother, Rev. Richard (Karen) Jewell; sister, Patti (Denny) Corwell; nephews, Steven (Amanda) Jewell, Chad (Jennifer) Corwell, Chapin (Jenna) Jewell, and Shane (Melissa) Corwell, all of Ridgeley, West Virginia; many great-nieces and nephews and numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandmother, Faye Jewell. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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6 ways to keep an active puppy out of trouble

It is hard to resist the beckoning big eyes, soft fur and lovable kisses of a puppy. When that tail begins wagging, it can be easy to forget how much attention and work puppies require.

Puppies love to learn about the world and are naturally curious and energetic. Puppies also can become easily bored and mischievous if not given chances to expend their energy.

Puppies do not know what is right and wrong in their new environments and have to learn such lessons through trial and error, often getting into trouble along the way. However, puppy owners can take steps to curb potentially troublesome behaviors.

1. Provide a lot of exercise. A tired dog is a well-behaved dog, offer many experts. The American Kennel Club says that puppy parents should speak with their vets and/or trainers about what is a reasonable amount of physical activity for their dogs. Activity to burn off excess energy is vital.

2. Offer mentally stimulating activities. Problem-solving toys and challenges can keep puppies focused on healthy skills that build cognition to exercise the brain. Hide-and-seek, fetch and food-reward games can be great ways to exercise puppies' brains.

3. Keep an eye out. Puppies like to explore the world around them, and that can mean chewing, digging, soiling, and other negative behaviors. The advice site Daily Puppy recommends that owners watch their puppies and keep them in their sight as much as possible. Crating is an effective way to keep puppies out of trouble when owners cannot offer constant supervision. Crates can be safe havens when treated in the right manner.

4. Puppy-proof the home. Look around the house for possible hazards. Move trash

When that tail begins wagging, it can be easy to forget how much attention and work puppies require.

into hard-to-reach areas, erect gates to block restricted spaces, address cords and other electrical hazards, and clear counters or tables of easy-to-reach food scraps.

5. Use positive reinforcement. Rewarding dogs when they do the right thing rather than punishing them when they behave badly helps puppies learn manners and how to become good members of the family, offers the AKC. Teaching is also a way to offer exercise and stimulate dogs' minds.

6. Understand the breed. Some dogs are bred for their unique behaviors. For example, a bird dog like an English setter may seek out prey in the yard. Certain concessions may need to be made to keep puppies comfortable. Offering alternative activities that tie into this natural instinct also can work.

Keeping puppies out of trouble can take work, but as they become full-grown dogs, they will learn and negative behaviors will be abandoned.

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Fenton cross country runner Alexa Keiser won her fourth Metro League championship on Wednesday at the Metro League meet. Photo: David Troppens

Lady Tigers capture fourth consecutive Metro League crown

By David Troppens

Davisburg — Alexa Keiser has never known what defeat feels like in Metro League cross country action.

The same can be said about the Fenton varsity girls cross country team when it comes to winning league titles during the senior's four-year career with the Tigers.

Keiser beat the field by exactly 62 seconds, earning her fourth straight individual Metro League cross country championship on Wednesday at Springfield Oaks County Park at the Metro League Meet. The Tigers had their entire scor-

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Bronchos move into tie for first, defeat Flushing

By David Troppens

The Holly varsity volleyball team is in a position to do something the Bronchos haven't done since the 1993-94 school year.

What is it? To earn at least a share of a Metro League crown.

The Bronchos are tied in first place in the Metro League Stripes Division with Flushing after Holly defeated the Raiders 25-23, 25-19, 25-23 Wednesday at Flushing High School.

"This is definitely a big win for the program," Holly varsity vol-

leyball coach Deena Maher said. "This is one we really wanted. I think we needed to lose to Flushing earlier in the season to grow and become a better team. ... This is another step in the right direction. I couldn't be prouder of the girls and how they worked. It was amazing."

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Holly's Sarah Jewell



Tigers win district title in rivalry thriller

By David Troppens

Clio — Gannon Welch had to make the save.

If he didn't the Fenton varsity boys soccer team's season would've come to an end with a third straight loss to area rival Linden at Clio High School's soccer field Thursday.

The two teams were in the fifth round of a shoot-out tie-breaker in a district championship game that ended tied 1-1 after 100 minutes of play. And now, with the Eagles leading 4-3 entering the fifth round, anything less than a save and Fenton's district title hopes would've ended.

Welch made the save. And after teammate RJ Stack made his PK to tie the shoot out at 4-4, Welch made another save in the sixth round. That set up team-

mate Jimmy Myers's game-winning PK goal, giving the Tigers a 1-1 (5-4 on shoot-outs) district championship victory.

"It was really stressful," Welch said about the first save. "I had the whole team hoping I'd make that save. It was really stressful, but I am glad it came out good."

"The second save, I was just trying to choose my side. I chose it and it worked out good for me."

Of course the save wasn't enough. Myers had to make his shot and did.

"Honestly, I was just trying to get it on target and make (Linden keeper Ian Downarowicz) make that save. It was really stressful, but I'm glad it came out good."

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Fenton's Andrew Hutchins (right) and Linden's Devin Nowak compete for the ball in the Tigers' district championship victory Thursday. Photo: David Troppens

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Fenton boys XC collect fourth straight Metro crown

By David Troppens

Davisburg — Adam Jesse has been running on the Fenton varsity boys cross country team all four seasons he's been at the school.

His senior class also accomplished something that no other Fenton varsity boys cross country team has ever done. He's been a part of four straight league championships.

The Tigers earned their fourth straight crown by taking first place at Wednesday's Flint Metro League Cross Country Championships held at Springfield Oaks County Park. No Fenton varsity boys senior class can make such a claim.

"It's awesome," Jesse said. "I've been here for all four years and my leaders were like Andrew Bond and Dom Dimambro, and now I'm in the role they were in (when I first started racing). They kind of paved the way for me to do this."

"We all came prepared. We executed very well. Me, Logan (Canada) and Sam (Cox) were right with each other that entire race, so that was really cool to see. Sometimes there is much more of a

gap, but we were really close this time."

The Tigers had their entire starting five finish within the top 17 places, helping the Tigers score just 49 points. Linden was second with 63 points.

Canada, who joined the team his sophomore season, was Fenton's top runner, earning third (16:50.4). The rest of Fenton's scoring five runners were Jesse in fifth (16:52.1), Cox in eighth (17:08.4), Remington Stapp in 16th (17:35.2) and Josh Maier in 17th (17:37.1).

"It felt good to win that for the team and repeat the Metro League for four years in a row," Canada said. "We came out in tough conditions and we wanted to run a smart race."

"I'm most proud of how our guys did for various reasons," Fenton varsity cross country coach Jesse Anderson said. "Multiple guys stepped up to get the job done at different points in the jamborees. We had Mike Crane slot in as our No. 5 in the first two jamborees, and Josh Maier came up big with an all-time best jamboree performance Wednesday."

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Area runners compete at the Metro League meet on Thursday. Some of the local runners in the photo are Lake Fenton's Logan Whittecar (137) and Kyle Lewis (135), and Fenton's Remington Stapp (101) and Josh Maier (100).

Photo: David Troppens

Fenton soccer defeats Owosso

By David Troppens

Another Fenton-Linden boys soccer battle was set up for last Thursday.

The Tigers earned their spot in that a D2 district contest against Linden by defeating Owosso 5-0 in the team's district semifinal contest on Tuesday. To find out how Thursday's game went, read the story located elsewhere in this publication.

It didn't take the Tigers long to take the lead. In fact, it took 107 seconds. That's when Will Dickens scored on an assist by Ashton McKellar. Before the first 20 minutes of the first half were over, the Tigers already had an overwhelming 4-0 lead.

"We did a really good job of playing the ball out of our back line which is something we have been working on lately," Fenton varsity boys soccer coach Matt Sullivan said.

Austin Ames scored the Tigers' second goal about seven minutes later on an RJ Stack assist.

Andrew Hutchins blew the game open with two goals within about sev-

en minutes each other. The first came with 28:30 left in the opening half on an Ames assist.

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Fenton's Abigail Dolliver competes in a recent meet. Photo: David Troppens

Tigers collect key victory vs. rival Grand Blanc

By David Troppens

The Fenton-Grand Blanc swimming rivalry continued on Tuesday, with the Fenton varsity girls squad taking the edge in the most recent chapter.

The Tigers won eight of the 12 events defeating Grand Blanc in a dual meet 105-81.

The two area rivals have spent the 21st century battling for the No. 1 swim program in the Flint area. This season ended in a split decision with the Tigers winning

the dual meet and Grand Blanc winning the county meet.

Gracie Olsen continued her strong performances, earning firsts in all four events she competed. Individually, Olsen earned firsts in the 200 freestyle (1:57.35) and in the 100 butterfly (57.56). She also teamed with Abigail Dolliver, Halee Alexander and Lillie Kromer to win the 200 medley relay (1:53.61) and with Kromer, Delaney Fries and Dolliver in the 400 free-style relay (3:50.17). All four times were

state-qualifying times.

Kromer also was a four-time winner. Along with the relay firsts, she won the 50 freestyle (25.64) and 100 freestyle (56.57) individually. Dolliver and Emma Jump took Fenton's other firsts. Dolliver won the 100 breaststroke with a state-qualifying time of 1:10.90, while Jump won diving (230.65). The Tigers were particularly strong in diving, taking the top three places in the event.

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Linden's Buchanan wins third straight league title

By David Troppens

Davisburg — Tyler Buchanan has been the king of the cross country circuit the last two seasons, coming into Wednesday's Metro League Cross Country Championship as the two-time defending title holder.

By the time Wednesday's event was over, the Linden senior made it three league championships.

Buchanan beat the field by almost 30 seconds at the event held at Springfield Oaks County Park en route to this third title. He finished the 3.1-mile race in wet, muddy and windy conditions in a time of 16:17.4. Lake Fenton's Joseph Gilbert also had a strong showing, placing second with a time of 16:46.1.

Linden finished in second at the meet, placing second overall. Lake Fenton jumped to fourth at Wednesday's meet while Holly placed fifth. The two squads finished the season tied for fourth.

In the women's event, Linden placed third at the meet and third in the final standings. Lake Fenton took ninth at the meet and finished ninth overall. Holly was unable to field a complete women's team.

Buchanan ended his Metro League cross country career with nine straight Metro League jamboree or event victories. He never was seriously threatened Wednesday.

"It means a lot," Buchanan said. "For myself it shows that I'm really dedicated to the sport. I love the sport."

"There were a lot of muddy corners, and going down hills I had to slow my-



Linden's Tyler Buchanan won the boys race at the Metro League Cross Country Championships Wednesday.

Photo: David Troppens

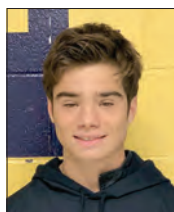
self up to make sure I wouldn't slide. It was pretty messy out there."

Linden's boys had all of its top five finish within the top 27 places. The rest of Linden's scoring five were River Meckstroth in sixth (16:53.8), Kyle Ebberhard in 10th (17:15.0), Liam Sack in 19th (17:38.0) and Simon Dicks in 27th (18:04.7).

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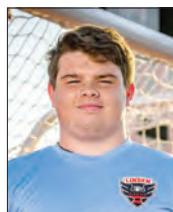
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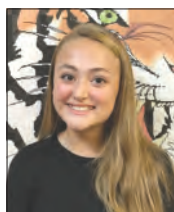
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ing five finish within the top 12 places, enabling the Tigers to win the meet with just 38 points and earn their third straight league meet victory this fall. Wednesday's victory ensured the Tigers won the title outright.

Keiser also broke another record. Since the Metro League has gone to the jamboree format, Keiser became the first runner to ever sweep all 12 Metro events during her prep career, usually doing it by overwhelming distances. Wednesday's victory in windy, wet and muddy conditions assured she was the only runner to finish with a time less than 19 minutes. Holly's

Andrea Ruiz finished second with a time of 19:36.6.

"I am so happy," Keiser said. "This is exactly where I wanted to be at the end of the season. I had some pretty slow times at the beginning of the year but I guess you just have to trust the process."

"This is pretty memorable because all the girls did exactly what we were supposed to do so I am happy about that," Keiser said when asked about her cross country highlights so far. "But I really liked my freshman year because I was able to run with my sister and that was memorable too."

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Fenton's Emily Grob (left) and Kaitlin Bayer (right) helped the Tigers earn their fourth straight Metro League cross country crown. Photo: David Troppens

Eagles crush Blue Devils, advance to district final

By David Troppens

Linden — It's been an outstanding season for the Linden varsity boys soccer team already.

The squad holds a 17-2-1 record and was one of the three teams to tie for the Flint Metro League title this fall. The team's defense has been outstanding, posting shutouts in 15 contests.

The Eagles earned a spot in Thursday's district final game after defeating the Lake Fenton Blue Devils 8-0 Tuesday in a district semifinal game. The championship contest against Fenton was played Thursday. The results of the game can be found else-



Linden's Tyler Light (18) eventually scored on this loose ball in the Eagles' 8-0 victory against the Blue Devils. Photo: David Troppens

where in this publication.

"I think it was a decent game," Linden senior Tyler Light said. "I was kind of disappointed with our finishing. I thought we could've ended the game a lot earlier."

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"I am very proud of our guys for meeting our goal to make a statement this year," Linden varsity boys cross country coach Brad Ferrara said. "Finishing fourth last year was not entirely fun and we knew we had a team this year that could bounce back and make some type of statement. Placing two spots higher than last year was definitely our league goal this year, but we always kept our eye on Fenton. They had another great season and we love all the competition around us in the league."

The Blue Devils made a nice move as did Gilbert. Gilbert was outside the top 10 early in the race, but by the end of it he moved forward and eventually took second by about four seconds with a time of 16:46.1.

"I really shocked myself today," Gilbert said. "I went out a little hot today with Tyler and I was afraid of going too hot but I stuck with it. ... I told myself mentally that I wanted to get this and I had to stick with the pack. I

stuck with them. Something happened and I had a great kick at the end, almost a second wind. It felt great.

"Going into the day I wanted to get top seven because I know if I got top seven I would've gotten first team, so that's my goal."

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VOLLEYBALL

► **Linden def. Swartz Creek:** The Eagles won in four sets, 25-16, 23-25, 25-9, 25-14, improving to 3-5 in Metro League play.

Payton Somers was strong on the service line, going 23-for-23 with five aces. She also set a strong game with 28 assists. Ellie Klockek had 11 kills while Katie Strickert had 10 kills. Defensively, Strickert had 13 digs while Klockek had five blocks.

► **Fenton def. Kearsley:** The Tigers improved to 5-3 in Metro League play with a 25-11, 25-13, 25-19 verdict.

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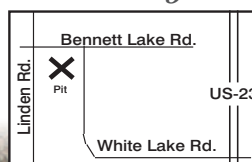
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