



## Witches' Luncheon

## More morning light starting next week

■ Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday – remember to turn your clocks back one hour

By Sharon Stone

On Nov. 3, Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends. When local daylight time reaches Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 a.m., clocks are turned backward one hour to 1 a.m., local standard time. For most of us, our electronics take care of the resetting of clocks and smartphones, however, older clocks will still need to be changed manually.

Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier

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Holly Hotel server Robert Routis brings cocktails to a table during Witches' Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 25. Seated (from left) are Christine Finch of Davison, Nicole Schornberg of Fenton, Raina Kuptz of Ypsilanti and Nichole McLaughlin of Kawkawlin. **See story on 2** Photo: Tim Jagielo

## The FHS parade will go on

■ Fenton High School to host 'Spirit Parade' on Friday; makes up for loss of canceled Homecoming Parade

By Vera Hogan

The Fenton High School students are going to have their parade after all. On Monday, the Fenton City Council voted favorably to allow the Student Council and Principal

Mark Suchowski to conduct a "Spirit Parade" on Friday, Nov. 1.

Earlier this month, the 2019 Homecoming Parade was canceled due to inclement weather and the Spirit Parade

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## Linden turns 150 in 2021

■ Residents ask council to help plan 'huge' celebration

By Hannah Ball

**Linden** — In 2021, Linden will celebrate its 150 birthday, it's sesqui-centennial.

At the Monday Oct. 28 Linden City Council meeting, Pete Maas, president of the Linden Historical Society and a member of the Linden Mill Building Advisory Committee, asked the council if the city could have a celebration.

"I have discussed this little project with several people in the community who are very supportive and willing to help in this endeavor and get it off the ground," he said. "The planning part of it and the organizing part of it is going to take time... We want it to be huge."

Maas called the centennial celebration a "huge, huge" success.

"Some of us, including myself, we were here for the centennial. It was a huge celebration bringing a lot of notoriety to, at that time, a village," he said.

Maas suggested the theme could be "restoring and preserving our mill," which could help with funding for the building. The current building, built

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“To the ‘Millie’ in the white Chevy Malibu who swerved into my lane while texting then flipped me off.

It was wise of you to run the red light to avoid being next to me. You were about to get a lesson in driving etiquette, but I'm sure there is one in your future. Karma. Put away the phone when driving.”



“Update Fenton's master plan and fix the sidewalks? Save money

and go walk somewhere else that has walkable sidewalks or pathways.”



“Denton Hill is not an expressway.”





# Witches dine on 'eye of newt' and other ghoulish fare

By Tim Jagielo

**Holly** — For one weekend each year, the Holly Hotel is taken over by witches who are served spooky food, spirits and teas by wait staff dressed as ghouls.

On Friday, Oct. 25, 150 "witches" attended the Witches' Luncheon, a 15-year tradition that draws great-looking costumes, fun conversation and Halloween-themed food for \$36 per guest.

The menu included spiced pumpkin curry, marshmallow web, toadstool risotto, "eye of newt" barley and desserts like "poison" poached apple.

There also were sessions on Saturday and Sunday that sold out at 150 each, according to co-owner Chrissy Kutlenios.

Some guests make it an annual tradition, like Karen Pollock of Clarkston, who has attended with several friends for about eight years. On Friday, they celebrated Lisa Berra's birthday at the



Karen Pollock of Clarkston celebrates the birthday of Lisa Berra (right) of Rochester Hills during the Witches' Luncheon with several friends on Friday, Oct. 25. Photo: Tim Jagielo

table in their witch's hats.

A new tradition might be started for Nicole Schornberg of Fenton and her other three friends from Davison, Ypsilanti and Kawkawlin. "I like the atmosphere and all the costumes," she said, as they sat for their second time at Witches' Luncheon.

## FHS PARADE

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was created to make up for this loss.

"We think this will be a fun way to kick off the football game Friday night and wind up the other fall sports," Suchowski said.

All of the participants scheduled to be in the Homecoming Parade have been invited to participate in the Spirit Parade on Friday. That includes the Senior representatives: Olivia Battaglia and Grant Bluthardt, Addison Taylor and Andrew Donar, Jaidynn Rogers and Owen Koza, Josie Rollier and Luke Laursen; Homecoming King John Sabato and Homecoming Queen Jenna Maher; Freshman representatives Lily Reese and Ayden Gray; Sophomore representatives; Bridget Beebe and David McDermott; and Junior representatives: Jillian McVey and Remington Stapp. Athletes from other sports and more are also invited, he added.

Fenton's soccer and cross-country teams also have done very well this year and this will give them a chance to be honored as well, Suchowski said.

The parade will begin at 5 p.m. with line up starting at 4:15 p.m. The parade will precede the hosted opening round


of the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) playoff football game at 7 p.m.

Fenton will face South Lyon in the first playoff game. This is Fenton's 12th time winning a spot in the district playoffs.


According to Fenton Police Chief Jason Slater, the parade participants will line up in the AGS Middle School north Parking lots (near the little league fields). The proposed route is to assemble in that parking lot near the baseball fields, travel south on Donaldson Drive to West Shiawassee Avenue, east on West Shiawassee and then north into the AGS south bus loop entrance. The parade will disassemble back in the north lot.


Slater said the parade is expected to last approximately 25 minutes with road closures on Donaldson Drive and West Shiawassee Avenue.

Suchowski said that next year when the district approaches the Fenton City Council for Homecoming Parade approval, they will ask for two days to be approved. If for some reason the big Friday afternoon Homecoming Parade going through the downtown is canceled again due to weather they will at the same time ask for a smaller parade the next day (Saturday) using this same Donaldson Drive route.



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# One ringy-dingy ... two ringy-dingy ...

■ Fenton man recalls his early years as a switchboard operator in a female-dominated industry



Scott Grossmeyer of Fenton retired from AT&T as a “combination man” after nearly 38 years in the industry. He’s worn several helmets as his company changed names. Photo: Tim Jagielo

**By Sally Rummel**

Remember Lily Tomlin as Ernes-tine, the snarky telephone operator on the ground-breaking television show, “Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In” 50 years ago?

It was a real-life stereotype for the times, when switchboard operators, party lines and pay phones still dominated the telecommunications industry.

For Fenton resident Scott Grossmeyer, 62, working as a switchboard operator for what was then Michigan Bell was his entrance into the working world in a female-dominated industry when he was just 16 years old.

“I turned 16 in March and was hired in to the Flint office of Michigan Bell as a co-op student on June 11, 1973,” said Grossmeyer, a Fenton City councilman and community booster. “I was a long-distance operator and believe I was only the second male in the Flint office to do this job.”

Behind the tangled chords of the switchboard is where Grossmeyer said he learned the meaning of hard work and punctuality.

“I had those chords like Lily

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# Fenton newspapers influenced coming of first phone lines

■ Independent, Courier used creative tactics to make it happen

**By Vera Hogan**

If Fenton’s founding families could see in the future, they would likely be astounded that nearly every man, woman and child would have a personal phone that serves not only as a telephone, but a personal communication device complete with the internet ... the what?

In her chapter called “Let’s have a telephone!,” Ruth Anne Silbar, author of “A Time to Remember,” a chronicle of Fenton history, describes in great detail the growing pains associated with acquiring the then-village’s first telephone lines.

“The 1880s in Fenton were years of significant change and among the improvements was the telephone, which came to town in September 1883,” she wrote.

In this part of the state in 1883, a telephone line from Detroit to Port Huron

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# Sharin' the spotlight Our front office angels

By Editor Sharon Stone

**W**hen you have a quick question about your child's school, who do you call? When your child feels feverish or has a stomachache, who do they go to for immediate comfort? The answer is simple — the school's front office secretary.

These front office workers know everyone who is entering their school and over time, they come to learn about every young student that goes there. While they have two kids waiting off to the side for their parent to come pick them up, they are fielding calls from parents and taking care of all the office duties. They seem to know where everyone is at any given moment.

When my kids were young, there were times when they started feeling lousy once they got to school. They knew they could go to the office and be taken care of while waiting for us to pick them up and take them home. If they forgot an assignment or book, they knew they could go to the office so that one of the workers could call me or my husband. It's like having an extra mom keeping an eye on all our kids. Schools tend to keep extra kid-sized clothing on hand just in case a mud puddle consumes a pair of sneakers or slacks. Those secretaries keep track of it all.

We at the Times often rely on these secretaries and office workers to help us with our job, too. Occasionally, we ask a specific grade level a question for our Street Talk feature. We too, want to hear what our youngest residents' opinions are on various topics. A quick call to the secretary gets the ball rolling. They know which students can have their photo taken by media and they coordinate the question time with the kids.

The secretaries, aides, and other employees in the front office are the eyes and ears of each school. When a parent or visitor stops by, office employees have control over who enters the building. These same employees put Band-Aids on scraped elbows and keep track of any medication on file for

each student. Some students walk down to the front office each day to take a prescribed medication. I've heard that a piece of candy goes a long way to make a medicine stop at the office much better, not that I want to get anyone in trouble.

Administrators typically have their offices behind the front office desk. Appointments to see the principal, athletic director, counselors and others go through the school secretary all while they are juggling students stopping by with a need or a parent dropping off items for their kids. Talk about multi-tasking.

It's apparent that these office angels love what they do and I'm sure the next time you walk into the front office of your child's school you will be met with a warm smile and helping attitude.

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**WHEN A PLAYER** on the Fenton football team asks his coach why he's not playing, what kind of coach tells him 'You're not good enough?' Obviously, he should not be a coach in the first place and demonstrates perfectly who is not really good enough. Sad.

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Compiled by Tim Jagiello, media editor

## What has been your favorite Halloween costume?



"The only Halloween costume I had was that of a hobo. It was the easiest."

— **Jon O'Connell**  
Holly Township



"I was a scarecrow. My mom made it for me. I had straw and raggedy clothes on over that but no mask; my mom wouldn't let us."

— **Betty Reschley**  
Fenton Township



"We don't really celebrate Halloween in the same way in Sweden, but we're here this year and our daughter will be Pippi Longstocking."

— **Malin Haak**  
Sankt Olof, Sweden



"I was Wooderson from 'Dazed and Confused.' The character is so funny in the movie and people who saw it recognized the costume."

— **Cal Sawyer**  
Fenton



"My husband was King Neptune, and I was a mermaid. It was really fun."

— **Tracy Sargent**  
Fenton Township

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was working well and plans were underway for another line from Detroit through Royal Oak, Birmingham, Pontiac and Holly. It would eventually go to Owosso and west to Grand Rapids.

"Of course the pros and cons were debated by clusters of town philosophers congregated in their favorite sitting places in stores and shops, and the merits of the invention were thoroughly discussed," Silbar said.

They debated the questions ... Were there enough people in town who would use the line? Would there be enough to make it pay? How expensive was this new thing?

Fenton's newspapers, the Independent and the Courier backed the proposition 100 per cent and made snide remarks about how towns much smaller than Fenton were getting the telephone.

"Shall Fenton allow the little towns of 1,000 to 1,500 inhabitants to join the telephone exchange and not make any movement whatever toward securing this valuable communication," the Courier asked.

The Independent said, "There is a prospect that Fenton will soon have the telephone and can say hello to the outside world. At least a very small part of our citizens will secure this much desired means of communication."

After no action was taken for a con-

siderable length of time, the Courier impatiently said, "If you know of a good item of news, don't imagine that we are connected by telephone for five miles around and hear of everything five minutes after it happens."

A local businessman named George W. Barbour got the ball rolling and approached the town's businessmen to promote a Fenton exchange as part of the Michigan State Telephone Company, as Michigan Bell was then known.

In order to secure the \$400 they needed to get started, the Courier tied its subscriptions to the effort. "By the terms of the subscription, the amounts promised will not be given to the (phone) company, but will be placed to the credit of the subscriber who can have the use of the telephone at the ordinary rates until the amount of the fees equal the subscription," the newspaper said.

Once collection of the \$400 was achieved, Mr. Forbes, an agent with Michigan Bell Telephone, said the work could commence very soon.

"The connection would be made with the line running from Holly to Flint and in about three weeks, the people would have an opportunity to exercise their lungs," Forbes said.

What followed were determining where lines would be placed, what fees would be charged, but the rest, as they say, is history.



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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**THE MARGARET DRIVE** paving project includes widening it an additional 2 feet on the lakeside of the street where the right-of-way is. So if you live on the east side you are going to lose parking space between the road and your garage. Oh, by the way, good luck jumping that new curb.

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**IT'S TRUE THAT** if you vote 'yes,' your taxes will not increase. It's also true that if you vote 'no,' your taxes will decrease.

**ELIJAH CUMMINGS WAS** part of the decimated civil rights movement. God Bless, my friend. Thank you.

**A HOT-LINER RECENTLY** said that they wouldn't want the people of California and New York to decide who would be president. I wonder, are the people different there, are they not Americans? I guess having Florida, Alabama and Wyoming deciding elections is better somehow. Dump the electoral college; one person one vote.

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**“Everyone should chip in and be a part of it and make it huge.”**

**Pete Maas**  
President of the Linden Historical Society and a member of the Linden Mill Building Advisory Committee

## LINDEN 150TH

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in 1871, is the third mill. The first two burned down.

“Things have changed in the last 50 years, but one thing that hasn’t changed is this wonderful place that we live in,” he said.

He asked the council for guidance and said he’d be willing to serve on any committee.

“I feel that this needs to be total Linden involvement all the way from churches to businesses to government to schools to civic groups, all the organizations and private citizens alike, everyone should chip in and be a part of it and make it huge,” he said.

Mayor Danielle Cusson said she thinks it’s “great.”

She made a motion to create an advisory committee to work on the sesquicentennial celebration. In November she will be appointing and reappointing people to different committees.

Residents can expect to see information about the sesquicentennial celebration and how to get involved online at [lindenmi.us](http://lindenmi.us) in the near future. The Tri-County Times also will provide updates when available.

### Linden’s history

The city’s history is known back to the 1830s, when settlers started building mills

along the Shiawassee River, according to [michmarkers.com](http://michmarkers.com).

As other industries followed, the city became a center for buggy and barrel manufacturing, cement production, and foundry work.

Seth Sadler and Samuel W. Warren, who were local residents, built a saw and grist mill from 1845-1850, which operated with the earlier facility. This complex became known as the Linden Mill building, which is on Tickner Street along the Shiawassee River.

The Mill Building operated as a grist mill in 1956, after which the machinery was dismantled and sold at auction. It was purchased by the village of Linden, which is now a city, that year to be used for municipal offices and a library.

Approximately four years later, the municipal offices were moved to the current city hall on East Broad Street and the first floor was remodeled for a meeting room. The second floor was remodeled for the library. In 1961, the mill reopened as the community center and in 1976, the Linden Mills Historical Society Museum opened.

Linden’s cultural land marker was the first structure in Genesee County to be placed on the national register of historic places in 1972. Linden’s Bridge Street Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

## Fenton, Holly and Linden have ghostly tales to tell

■ Bar/restaurants no longer accommodate ‘live’ overnight guests

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The tri-county area features three “hotels,” all of which have their own ghost stories to share. All three are now bar restaurants. Who would dare spend the night, or sleep, in one of these historic establishments?

### Fenton Hotel (Tavern & Grille)

The historic Fenton Hotel, built in 1856 (now the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille) has long been said to be haunted. Stories of strange noises, doors slamming shut by themselves, water turning on by itself and eerie voices are among the hauntings.

There are tales about Emery, the former hotel bartender (or was he the custodian) whose favorite drink was Jack Daniels (whiskey). This drink just happens to show up at a certain table in the bar area. But when it is served, no one at the table has ordered it.

Early one morning after the hotel had closed, a cleaning woman, was scared out of her wits when someone (no one was there) tapped her on the shoulder while she was vacuuming. Other staff members have been frightened when entering a storage area.

According to the [thrillist.com](http://thrillist.com), servers

have reported getting goosed after hours. Glasses have shattered when nobody is around, and some people have reported seeing full specters in the place.

In 2002, Owner Nick Sorise told former Features Editor Jan R ynearson that he heard all the stories when he purchased the hotel, but didn’t take much stock in them until one night when a man’s voice came over the speaker telling him emphatically to “sit down.”

### Linden Hotel

According to a story by Dan Asfar, in Ghost Stories of Michigan, what was once a hotel in Linden, established in 1840, now houses a family restaurant on the ground floor and a sports bar upstairs (The Crow’s Nest).

During their two visits to the Linden Hotel in 1999 and 2000, the Southeast Michigan Ghost Hunters Society (SEMGHS) became well acquainted with the ghosts of Linden’s past. One of the most dramatic was a girl ghost. She was described as having blonde hair wearing a white nightgown, standing on her tip toes.

A man named Charles whose friends called him Chuck was a regular at the Linden Hotel during its heyday.

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The historic Fenton Hotel, built in 1856 (now the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille) has long been said to be haunted. Photo: [Fentonhotel.com](http://Fentonhotel.com)

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### Raising the age for adult prosecutions in Michigan — Part II

Before I continue with Part II here are two corrections of last week's Part I column.

The first is that 17 year olds have been considered to be adults in criminal prosecutions since 1912 (not 1988) and second there are 18 bills that have been sent to the governor (not 16). I apologize for the errors.

With that having been said the following is a brief summary of what the bills provide.

An "Adult" for criminal prosecutions and other related matters will now be defined as a person who is at least 18 years old.

This means that in criminal cases, 17 year olds are juveniles and unless they are charged as adults, will be under the jurisdiction of the Family Division of Circuit Court.

Under existing law, if a juvenile is found guilty of a crime it is not considered to be a "conviction" but is instead called an "adjudication" with juvenile sentencing.

The law prohibiting juveniles from being held in the same facility as adults will now apply to 17 year olds and when they are in custody will be held in separate facilities subject to a limited exception.

Because the bills add to the number of juveniles in the court system with a resulting increase in costs there is a new "Raise the Age Fund," which will be used to reimburse counties for the extra expenditures.

There is a law called the Youthful Trainee Act, which allows young defendants to plead guilty on a deferred basis to certain offenses committed when they were 17 to 23 years old. If they then comply with certain conditions, the case is dismissed and there is a nonpublic record.

The law will be amended to make the lowest age 18 with 17 year olds being eligible for a different type of deferral.

The age for adult sentences will be raised to 18 for violations of Personal Protection Orders. Seventeen year olds will be subject to juvenile contempt of court sentences.

Age eligibility for appointed counsel will be changed to reflect the new definition of an adult.

Those are the main highlights. Additional details are available at the Michigan Legislature's website at [www.mich.gov](http://www.mich.gov).

If the bills are signed they will take effect Oct. 1, 2021.

## WINTER 2019

■ Absence of El Niño or La Niña could result in large swings in temperature and precipitation

Compiled By Vera Hogan

Warmer-than-average temperatures are forecast for much of the country this winter, according to NOAA's (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Climate Prediction Center.

Although below-average temperatures are not favored, cold weather is anticipated and some areas could still experience a colder-than-average winter. Wetter-than-average weather is most likely across the Northern Tier of the U.S. during winter, which extends from December through February. Michigan is one of the states in the Northern Tier.

While the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) climate pattern often influences the winter, neutral conditions are in place this year and expected to persist into the spring.

Without either El Niño or La Niña conditions, short-term climate patterns will drive winter weather and could result in large swings in temperature and precipitation.

The Northern Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley, and the western Great Lakes have equal chances for below-, near- or above-average temperatures.

No part of the U.S. is favored to have below-average temperatures this winter.

Wetter-than-average conditions are most likely in portions of the Northern Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley, the Great Lakes and parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

NOAA's seasonal outlook does not project seasonal snowfall accumulations as snow forecasts are generally not predictable more than a week in advance. Even during a warmer-than-average winter, periods of cold temperatures and snowfall are expected.

Sources: [noaa.gov](http://noaa.gov); [weather.gov](http://weather.gov)

## Sixth annual book lovers' craft fair is Nov. 2

■ Genesee District Library and Flint Handmade partner to highlight area artisans

Compiled by Sharon Stone

The Genesee District Library (GDL) and Flint Handmade (FH) will host the sixth annual Book Lovers' Craft Fair at the Grand Blanc McFarlen Library on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A dozen local artisans will sell an assortment of modern book-themed, handmade goods with most prices ranging from \$1 - \$20. Vendors will include Allora Art and Design, Chic Mom Designs, Chicaloo Kate, Chocolates by Jamie, Lounies Soap Co., LUMINIST, Madge and Gert and Stardust Studios.

New this year will be the Flint Handmade Artisan Gift Shop. Products will be available for purchase from the Flint Candle Company, Flint Coffee Company, Luna Rosa Boutique and more.

"We're very excited for our sixth year of hosting the Book Lovers' Craft Fair in partnership with the Genesee District Library," said Crystal Pepperdine,

executive director of Flint Handmade.

Children may participate in a free make-and-take ornament craft for all ages. Supplies will be provided.

"The GDL values the partnership with Flint Handmade, and we're excited for the sixth annual Book Lovers' Craft Fair," said Kelly Flynn, community relations manager for GDL. "Book-related items are perfect for our patrons. They love everything book-related, and we love our patrons. It's a perfect match."

Flint Handmade, which was founded by Pepperdine in 2007, supports the local handmade economy by organizing and promoting craft markets, offering opportunities for social crafting, and educating the public about the personal and commercial value of handcrafting.

Admission is free. For more information, including a list of vendors with links to their websites, please visit [flinthandmade.org](http://flinthandmade.org).

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## Our Future

Meet

## Michael O'Brien

- Lake Fenton High School senior
- Three-sport athlete
- Self-described 'band nerd'

By Sally Rummel

Michael O'Brien, 17, is a senior at Lake Fenton High School. His parents are Rob and Amanda Meyers, and he has a sister, Mariah Wysocki, 16. He is involved in football, symphony band, marching band, Advisory Club, and track.

### What stereotype do you completely live up to?

In all honesty, I don't have a stereotype like most teenagers these



days. I'm a three-sport athlete, so some look at me like I'm a jock. I am in the band, so some can see me as nerdy. I have a wide variety of people who I tend to hang out with and talk to.

### What are two things you couldn't possibly live without and why?

I couldn't live without my parents. Without their support, I wouldn't be who I am today. Something else I

couldn't live without is my phone. It gives me almost everything I need to stay on top of schoolwork, stay in touch with coaches and friends, and provides entertainment when I need it most.

### If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

If I could live anywhere in the world, it would have to be Florida. I know all the crazy storms they get down there are a little wild at times, but I fell in love with the culture and warmth over spring break last year.

### What has been the most challenging part of high school?

The most challenging part of high school would have to be the first month of freshman year, trying to figure out where you belong, coming out of middle school realizing that what you thought high school was like, isn't anything like it at all. Once you survive that first month and get some kind of relationship with your teachers, everything is a breeze.

### What do you think is the biggest problem facing the U.S. right now?

The biggest problem I think that America is facing now is young teens, and anyone under the age of 18, "vaping." It's been growing over the past years as the next cool thing, but many kids don't realize how bad it is for them.

### What would be your ideal way to spend a weekend?

My ideal way to spend a weekend would have to be sleeping in on Saturday, hanging with a few friends, watching some type of sports, staying in or going out whatever the mood is. Then I'd like staying up late playing video games, waking up Sunday and hanging out with the family.

### What career possibility excites you?

A career that excites me would have to be being an athletic director.

### What accomplishment are you most proud of?

A few accomplishments I'm proud of include my football varsity letter from freshman year, my first all-conference my junior year, my regional championship in the 300 meter hurdles and the many "Student of the Month" rewards I have received.

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### 'Dover's Free Haunted Trail'

Dover's is hosting a free walk-through haunt at 5222 Don Shenk Dr., Swartz Creek. They have all new scenes for 2019 and it covers the entire property. The community is invited to stop by for a quick scare and maybe a few pieces of candy. The haunted trail will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 31 (Halloween).

### DAYLIGHT SAVING Continued from Front Page

on Nov. 3, than the day before and there will be more light in the morning. DST in most of the United States starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. The current schedule was introduced in 2007 and follows the Energy Policy Act of 2005, according to timeanddate.com. Most of Arizona and Hawaii don't use DST and Indiana introduced DST in 2006.

## NEWS BRIEFS

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### Old Newsboys of Flint's Christmas sign-up begins Monday, Nov. 4

The Old Newsboys of Flint will open enrollment for the Christmas Box Program on Monday, Nov. 4. The Christmas Box program has been serving children from low income families throughout Genesee County since 1924. Applicants may sign up at the Old Newsboys office at 6255 Taylor Dr., Flint, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; closed for lunch, from 12 to 1 p.m. Enrollment begins Nov. 4, and runs through Dec. 20. Please contact the Old Newsboys at (810) 744-1840 with questions about required documentation.

"Spring forward, fall back" is one of the little sayings used to remember which way to set your watch. You set your clock forward one hour in the spring when DST starts, and back one hour when DST ends in the fall.



## GHOSTS

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haunted DJ booth used to be his bedroom when the second floor was still used for guests. Chuck is Linden's resident friendly ghost, remaining behind in the old hotel because he loved the place that much when he was living.

A SEMGHS physic said as for the girl in white, sometime in the 1800s, she was involved in a romantic affair with one of the hotel's regular patrons (not Chuck). One night a fire erupted from the small wood-burning stove in her room and she died there of smoke inhalation. Chuck and this young woman seem to be the most prominent spirits in the Linden Hotel, but there is evidence of others.

While the spirits have rarely interfered with day-to-day business in the Linden Hotel, there have been other incidents (see lindenhotel.com).

### Holly Hotel

By all accounts, the Holly Hotel, built in

1891, does seem to be one of the few active haunted hotels where the occurrences continue repeatedly.

For example, many people have smelled cigar smoke, even though they didn't know that original owner of the inn, Mr. Hirst, smoked cigars. He passed away in the 1920s, but his spirit seems unable to pass on to the afterlife due to the great fire at the Holly Hotel in 1913, which ended his reign. He does not like noise, nor is he happy with renovations at the Hotel House being made on his property.

Nora Kane, a petite, beautiful lady seems to be the hostess of the house. From historical accounts, Nora had a love of music and seems to still enjoy playing a good melody now and again. Nora's most common haunting is one that appeals to your sense of smell. Her perfume is described as a sweet, flowery scent that can be picked up in any room in the house, although the scent is most common in the turret area in the main bar.

Nora loved music, and she carried that

love into the afterlife. She has been heard playing the piano.

In the restaurant at the end of the main hall, you can find the Hotel's kitchen. It is here that you can find one of the Holly Hotel's most active ghosts. This spirit may be one of two (or maybe both) girls who died young.

The playful little ghost seems to enjoy passing her eternity by toying with the many kitchen items placed within the room, most often the meat cleaver. This is also the ghost or ghosts who are frequently

heard running up and down the stairways.

These ghosts are generally the most active as apparitions in the Holly Hotel, but there are others who also seem to reside within its walls (see hollyhotel.com).

Sources: *Hollyhotel.com; Thrillist.com; Lindenhotel.com*



Photo: Hollyhotel.com



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(Left) While the spirits have rarely interfered with day-to-day business in the Linden Hotel, there have been some incidents. (Top) Ghosts are generally the most active as apparitions in the Holly Hotel, but there are others who also seem to reside within its walls.

## SWITCHBOARD

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Tomlin," Grossmeyer said with a laugh. "There were 15 or 20 chords, with multiple calls going on at the same time. It was very high stress. It taught me so much about work ethics and responsibility as a very young guy."

This was back in the day when most long distance calls had to go through an operator.

"In Fenton, you could dial direct, but in Linden, you'd have to go through an operator and you couldn't make a long distance call from a hotel or a business," Grossmeyer said. "Any calls from a pay phone would have to be a collect call or I'd have to wait to hear the change being deposited into the coin slot before putting a call through."

Grossmeyer worked on shifts with women between the ages of 18 and 80, and his mother had worked there, too. "I couldn't get away with anything," he said. "You couldn't be late or absent, or get up and leave your post for a second without putting up a card that said, 'emergency,' if you had to go to the bathroom. Being late sent a snowball of everyone else being late, so it wasn't tolerated."

He recalled some frantic calls back in those days, because every call went through the switchboard. "There was

no 9-1-1," he said. "They called an operator, and then we rang the police or fire department."

He also remembers the excitement of one call — from Paul McCartney of the Beatles when he was in town one time in 1975 or '76. "I was a temporary supervisor of the operators and he called and asked to speak to a supervisor," Grossmeyer said. "He needed to place a call home and didn't want anyone to know he was in town."

Grossmeyer was an operator for just three years but those years grounded his career as a full-time employee for what later became AT&T.

"I came out to Fenton in 1976 and worked as a 'combination man' in Fenton, Holly and Byron, doing everything from installation to repair, pay phones and installing business lines, climbing poles, too. There were very few buried cables back then. Everything was up in the air."

Grossmeyer retired in 2010 at age 53, just four months shy of 38 years of service.

But his three years as an operator still dominate his memories. Every year, he attends the "Past and Present Operators Dinner" in Flint, relaxing, not working with these women who were his co-workers and bosses as he climbed the corporate telephone ladder of his career.



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# Fenton XC teams make big statements at regional meet

By David Troppens

The Fenton varsity cross country programs may have had the greatest regional meet performance in school history.

All the teams did was have one squad win a regional title, both teams comfortably qualify for the Division

1 state meet and both had an individual regional champion. If that wasn't enough, 12 runners had personal best times between the two teams.

Fenton's Alexa Keiser and Adam Jesse won individual regional championships and the

Fenton varsity boys won their team regional cham

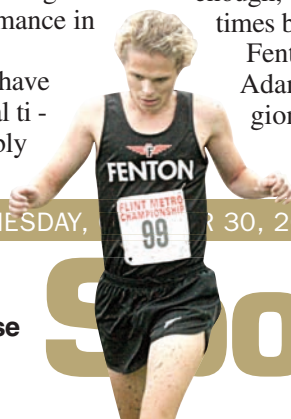
pionship highlighting an outstanding Saturday for the Tigers at the Saginaw Heritage regional meet. The girls also qualified by taking a very comfortable third-place team finish.

"We had one individual and one team champ in 2006 with Joe Dimambro and the guys in D2," Fenton varsity cross

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Fenton's  
Adam Jesse



## Sports Times

### Eagles victorious in battle of renewed rivals

By David Troppens

**Linden** — It's been a tough season for the Linden varsity football team.

The Eagles entered Friday night's battle with neighborhood rival Lake Fenton with a 3-5 record, losing four of those contests by a combined 23 points. The tough losses cost the Eagles a chance of making the playoffs for a second straight season.

However, the Eagles didn't let those frustrations bother them Friday night when they played the Blue Devils for the first time since 1981. Instead, the Eagles, led by many members of their senior class, had what may have been their best game of the season by defeating Lake Fenton 60-22.

Senior quarterback Colby Komescher completed 25-of-32 passes for 324 yards and an eye-popping seven TD passes and fellow senior Brenden Miller caught a TD pass and caught two interceptions, leading the Eagles to the impressive victory.

"I just wanted to go out there and not forget," Miller said. "I didn't want to regret or dwell on how things went this season. I wanted to look forward to something good and go out with a bang."

"It was great. We started the rivalry again," Komescher said. "I was super confident in our team and what we could do offensively, and we did it. I'm proud of my team."

"It has been frustrating because we've played better than a four-win team," Lin-



Lake Fenton's James Hamilton (left) gets swarmed by the Linden defense during Linden's 60-22 victory against the Blue Devils. Photo: Mark Bolen

den varsity football coach Denny Hopkins said. "We didn't make some plays down the stretch in a couple of places and it hurt us. But we learned from it."

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Brandon Miller (left) and the rest of the Fenton Tigers begin playoff action Friday at home against South Lyon.

Photo: Christopher Summers

### Tigers begin playoffs at home against South Lyon

By David Troppens

When the football playoffs begin at Fenton High School, the Tigers could easily argue they are the hottest squad among the four teams in Division 2, Region 2, District 2.

Three of the squads are 8-1, but the Tigers are on an eight-game winning streak, outscoring opponents 324-83 during that time. The Tigers will get a chance to remain hot and remain at home for at least the first round of the playoffs when the second-seeded Fenton hosts South Lyon for a 7 p.m. contest Friday. On the other half of the bracket, top-seeded Walled Lake Western (8-1) faces Flushing (5-4). It sets up an interesting Flint Metro League vs. Lakes Valley Conference battle in each contest.

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# Linden XC teams take second, LF boys place third at D2 regional meet

By David Troppens

The tri-county area made a huge statement at the D2 regional cross country meet at Linden High School on Saturday.

Linden and Lake Fenton competed at the meet and all four squads left with representation headed to the Division 2 state meet Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Both Linden teams finished in second place, while Lake Fenton's boys placed third. Lake Fenton's girls took just eighth, but also had an individual state qualifier. And, finally, Linden's Tyler Buchanan earned an individual regional championship for the third straight season.

Buchanan won the race with a time of 16:14.29,

about 31 seconds better than Goodrich's Gabe Tudeau's second-place time of 16:45.90. They were the only two runners to finish with a time better than 17 minutes. Lake Fenton's Joseph Gilbert continued his recent run of strong races, placing third (17:02.68) while Linden's River Meckstroth was fourth (17:03.03).

Linden had its scoring five finish within the top 18 places and was the only team to have all seven runners finish within the top 25 positions. The rest of the Eagles' scorers were Kyle Eberhard in 12th (17:40.37), Liam Sack in 17th (17:56.36) and Jacob Monaghan in 18th (17:59.79). Ryan Blackwood (22nd in 18:07.31) and Simon Dicks (25th in 18:20.04) were Linden's

other two male runners.

This season marks the 14th straight year the Eagles have qualified for the state meet.

The Linden girls had each of its seven runners finish within the top 23 overall, while no other squad had them finish within the top 40. The team's scoring five were all within the top 19 overall, earning a second-place finish. Bloomfield Hills Marian won with 59 points, three less than Linden's 62. The top three teams in each race automatically qualify for the state meet.

"It always hurts when it is that close, but we are very happy to be heading to states as a team," Linden varsity girls cross country coach Benjamin Cox said.

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Linden's Tyler Buchanan (left) won the D2 regional men's race at Linden High School on Saturday. Another state qualifier from the area was Lake Fenton's Claire Hunt. She placed 11th in 20:40.99. Photos: David Troppens

## Tigers cruise past Walled Lake Northern

By David Troppens

If the Fenton varsity football team was trying to make a statement during Friday night's final regular season game of the year, the Tigers did it.

Fenton defeated Lakes Valley Conference foe Walled Lake Northern in impressive fashion, defeating the Knights by a 58-7 score at Fenton High School.

The win set up the Tigers' home playoff game against South Lyon on Friday at 7 p.m.

The winning score was impressive enough, but the victory was probably not even as close as that lopsided score indicated. Fenton led 44-0 with 3:10 left in the opening half, scoring almost at will. Brandon Miller scored the team's first TD on a 10-yard run and eventually scored three TDs. The second was a five-yard run, making it 37-0 with 7:24 left in the half. The final came on a 42-yard pass play from Dylan Davidson, giving the Tigers their 44-0 lead.

After Miller's first TD, the Fenton defense forced a Knights' fumble and



Fenton's Logan Angel runs downfield during the Tigers' victory against Walled Lake Northern. Photo: Christopher Summers

set up the Tigers' next TD. This one was a Davidson TD pass to Brady Triola from 35 yards out, making it a 14-0 Fenton lead. Before the first quarter was over, Logan Angel scored on a 29-yard TD run, making it 21-0.

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### VOLLEYBALL

► **Fenton at North Branch Invitational:** The Tigers defeated Dryden, but lost to Corunna, Cadillac and Powers. The Tigers were missing some of the players in their lineup, but had others step up.

Emily Starr was 27-for-28 serving with four aces. She had nine digs. Mallory Lehmann was 19-for-20 on service reception while Samantha Whitten was 8-for-8 with her service reception and also had three digs.

Sydney Sahr had 21 kills to pace the offense while Lydia Podlesak and Anna Weigle had 17 and 16 kills, respectively. Adrie Staib had six kills and Korryn Smith had four kills. Sydney Acho had 56 assists, 18 digs, five blocks and five aces while Jesse Bright was 21-for-23 at the service line with three aces. She also had eight digs. Abby Lamb was 18-for-19 at the service line with an ace while Bella Henson was 8-for-9 with service reception and had four digs.

## Holly's Ruiz headed to XC state meet

By David Troppens

Holly's Andrea Ruiz is headed to the Division 1 state cross country meet Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Ruiz qualified by taking fourth at the Holly regional meet with a time of 19:08.9. The top three teams and those who finish within the top 15 who aren't on a team that qualifies, earns a spot in the state

meet. Ruiz finished the meet 28 seconds behind first-place finisher Clarkston's Mia Patria (18:40.9) and pretty comfortably in a state spot. Sixteenth place finished with a time of 20:12.90.

The Holly boys fielded a complete team and placed 11th overall. Nolan Weisdorfer led the Bronchos with a 33rd-place effort (17:16.4). The

rest of Holly's scoring five runners were Bradley Baxter in 54th (17:47.7), Mason Rosa in 58th (17:54.2), Griffen Rose in 74th (18:27.8) and Gabe Sanchez in 82nd (18:53.3). Holly's other two runners were Zachary Rockafellow in 92nd (19:32.4) and Roger Reppuhn in 105th (23:19.90).

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Holly's Andrea Ruiz

## Bronchos conclude football season with loss vs. Goodrich

By David Troppens

Holly's varsity football team competed reasonably well against a strong Goodrich team Friday night.

Just a week after the Martians played the Fenton Tigers in the Flint Metro League's first-ever championship game, the Bronchos were Goodrich's next foe.

Holly's defense played well enough to

earn a victory, but the offense was shut-out for the fourth time during the season, resulting in a 20-0 Holly loss.

Goodrich scored all of its touchdowns in the first half. The first came on JaCoby Brandon's nine-yard run with just three seconds left in the first half. Goodrich missed the kick and led 6-0.

The final two TDs came in the second quarter. Tyson Davis took a lateral and ran it 67 yards for a score with 8:24 left in the half. With 1:56 left in the half Gage Ashley caught 28-yard touchdown pass from Adan Rubio.

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## FENTON

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country coach Jesse Anderson said. "So to have both teams go, one win and two individual champs probably be - comes our most successful regional weekend in our history."

On a weekend with a bunch of highlights, Jesse and Keiser were the two biggest stars. Jesse won

his first race since his sophomore season, taking the boys' race in 16:01.36, about three seconds ahead of Saginaw Heritage's Brady Neumann. Meanwhile, Kesier, who has won 24 races during her Fenton career, won her first regional race ever, taking the top spot with a time of 18:13.81.

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Fenton's Alexa Keiser

## REGIONAL

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"Races like these are what makes the sport great and exciting. This year has been pretty cool because of our depth. You never know the exact order the girls will come in, but you can count on the whole pack on them rolling through towards the top of the field. It is nice to know that if someone has an off day their next teammate won't be far behind to pick up the slack."

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Linden's Kathryn Walterhouse and Hannah Wabel

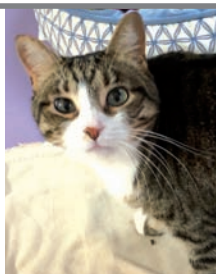


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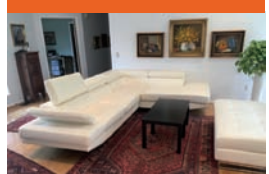
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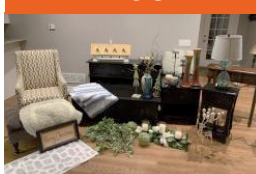
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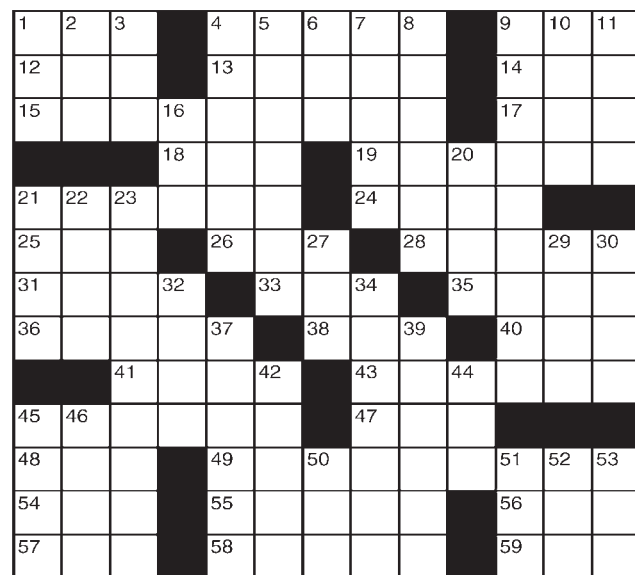
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## Midweek Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Donkey  
4 Portion of an act  
9 Mischievous tyke  
12 Hawaiian garland  
13 Overuse the mirror  
14 Ultra-modern prefix  
15 Clarified  
17 Auto fuel  
18 Upper limb  
19 Lack  
21 Uses tweezers  
24 Long story  
25 A billion years  
26 Male offspring  
28 Jockey's handful

- 31 "No — luck!"  
33 Phone bk. data  
35 Winter forecast  
36 Different  
38 Charlotte's creation  
40 Greek H  
41 War god  
43 Muffle  
45 Landi of 1930s movies  
47 Plant bristle  
48 Lair  
49 Didn't vote,



## DOWN

- 1 Heady brew  
2 Gender  
3 Taste a drink  
4 Activates  
5 Shade of red  
6 Still, in verse  
7 Requirements

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## Midweek Sudoku

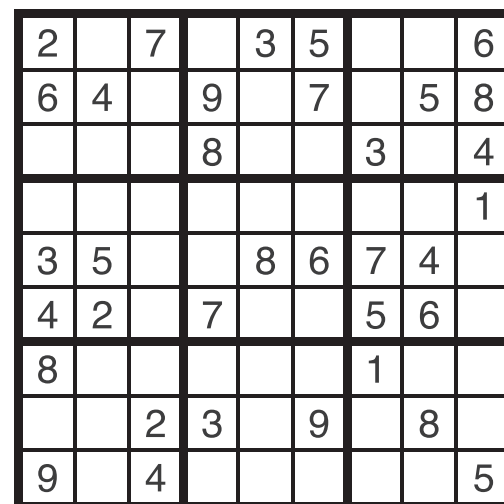
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## Midweek Jumble

## JUMBLE

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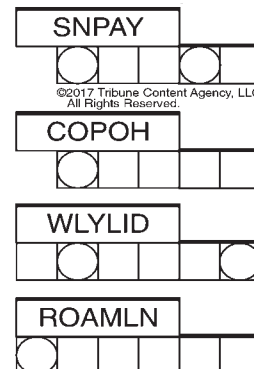
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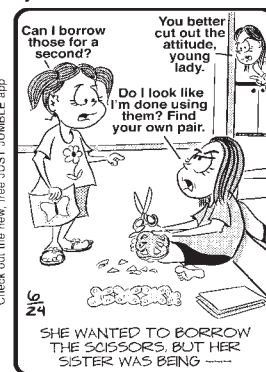
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## Horoscopes

For the week of  
Oct. 28, 2019

## ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week may start off somewhat unbalanced. Work may be demanding more of you, and you're finding it tough to even out the field. By midweek you'll regain control.

## TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Make the necessary changes in your life to get back on target, Taurus. These goals may run the gamut from fitness to career. Put the future in focus.

## GEMINI

May 22/June 21

You may be inspired to do something creative but don't know where to focus your attention just yet, Gemini. Look to Sagittarius as a good source of inspiration.

## CANCER

June 22/July 22

Cancer, this week you may be unable to keep everything as organized as you would like. Take a cue from someone you know is always organized.

## LEO

July 23/Aug 23

Take control of a situation that comes to light this week, Leo. No one seems willing or able to grab the reins, but you can be an excellent leader in this situation.

## VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Expand your social circles and you may meet some influential people, Virgo. This can help spread the word about your stellar reputation and open doors to opportunities.

## LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, after you get through an exciting event, life may slow down for a little while. But you can find plenty of ways to infuse some excitement into your days.

## SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

You cannot seem to focus your attention on one thing for more than a few minutes, Scorpio. Random thoughts, however distracting, can inspire new ideas.

## SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may like to tackle projects all by yourself, but sometimes letting someone else get the job done frees up opportunities to recharge your batteries.

## CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

It may finally be time to get serious about getting out in the job market once more, Capricorn. Whether you're looking for a new job or returning after a hiatus, retool your résumé.

## AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

While success brings you many things, it can feel lonely at the top, Aquarius. Surround yourself with associates who can be a sounding board and offer assistance.

## PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

Take time to listen more and speak less, Pisces. Doing so allows you to make a better assessment of what those around you need and want.



**PUBLIC NOTICE****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING****PAVING PROJECT FOR MARGARET DRIVE AND RUTH DRIVE  
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**To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of the proposed district, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to repave Margaret Drive and Ruth Drive, and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

**All parcels of land with frontage on Margaret Drive and/or Ruth Drive**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$1,425,000, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the special assessment district. The Township Board has also tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday November 4, 2019.

At the hearing, the board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments or changes to said plans, estimates, costs or special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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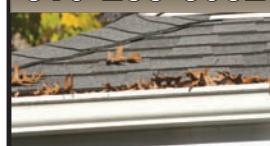
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