Looking for a fuel-efficient vehicle?

▶ A quick guide on gas-sipping cars and where to find them

By Tim Jagielo

When Linden resident Anita Gramer is in the market for a new car, the first thing she looks at is the estimated miles per gallon (mpg) on the sticker. “We need the mileage,” she said.

On Monday, Gramer was looking at a brand new Chevy Cruze in the showroom of Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. Her husband’s family lives in Farmington Hills, and the round trip from Linden can really add up. “It takes a lot of gas,” she said.

Many people today are concerned about the impact gasoline has on the environment, and their wallets. Manufacturers have responded with more efficient cars and utility vehicles that are available locally. Here is a list of the most fuel-efficient vehicles available in the area, by manufacturer:

CHEVROLET

The most efficient vehicle by Chevrolet is the Volt, an electric/fuel hybrid. When its smaller gas engine is engaged, it gets 37 mpg. It can travel 35-45 miles on a single vehicle charge, and costs about $1 per day to charge, said Matt Stevens, general sales manager of Vic Canever Chevrolet.

The Chevy Volt can be ordered at the dealership. Stevens said Chevrolet is working on producing 120,000 units this year.

The most fuel-efficient car that can be bought off the lot at Vic Canever is the Chevy Cruze, which replaces the slightly smaller Cobalt.

The four-cylinder “Eco” model with a six-speed manual transmission fetches 42 mpg on the highway and 37 mpg with automatic transmission.

New driving restrictions for teens take effect today

▶ Significant changes tighten reins for new drivers

By Sharon Stone

The Michigan Vehicle Code has been amended with a couple of significant changes that teen drivers and their parents need to be aware of. If a young-looking driver has several traffic infractions, his license can be suspended.

Statistics

Mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers.

County-wide ambulance ordinance dropped

By Sharon Stone

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to rescind a contro- versial ambulance ordinance last Wednesday that it approved in December 2007. The ordinance was never implemented.

The ordinance was designed to split Genesee County in half and the county would contract with one or two ambulance providers for coverage.

Decision: Close Sherman Middle School

By Tim Jagielo

Anita Granje, of Linden, checks out a new Chevy Cruze in the showroom of Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton with the help of sales representative Lou Columbus.
Council praises city manager’s performance

By Sharon Stone
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Linden—Linden City Council gave City Manager Christopher Wren a score of 4.27 out of a possible 5 points in his performance evaluation for 2010. The results were announced and accepted at their council meeting on Monday.

Wren was hired in 2007 as city manager with an annual salary of $63,000. His annual salary since 2009 has been $67,500, plus $300 per month car allowance.

The council rated the city manager in nine areas, including relations with city council, planning, organizational skills, budget, community relations, personnel relations, management skills, leadership and intergovernmental affairs.

Wren heard praise from council members as they expressed their appreciation for his dedication to balancing the city’s budget.

Councillor Charles Ross said Wren has a vision for the city and is a team builder. “He’s not afraid to delegate,” he said. He added that Wren has said in the past that he wanted to stay with Linden forever. Ross hopes that comes true.

Councillor Ed Ciesieliski said Wren has kept the city’s head above water when it comes to finances.

Wren thanked council members for their comments and said he gives credit to the city employees for helping him through the budget issues. “I do appreciate council and staff,” he said.

A committee comprised of councillors Ray Culbert, Danielle Dixon and Ross will review Wren’s evaluation and bring back a recommendation to city council regarding his salary.

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While this cold spring season is frustrating to most Michigan residents who are eager for warmth, conditions are almost perfect for one of Michigan’s premier natural resources — maple syrup.

Ranked sixth in the United States for maple syrup production, Michigan’s cold days and even colder nights in March have made it a “sweet season” so far. However, like any crop, you don’t know if it’s a good year or bad year until the season is done.

See MAPLE SYRUP on 13

Former Olympic runner inspires students

Former Olympic runner Jeff Galloway sets the pace for members of the Mileage Club, a sponsored fitness program at North Road Elementary School and other local schools.

Summary
Former Olympic runner Jeff Galloway visited North Road Elementary School on Friday to share an outdoor run and provide motivational tips to members of the Crim-Sponsored Mileage Club.

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Former Olympian runner Jeff Galloway believes that just about anyone can be a runner. While not a “natural born” runner, Galloway’s success as a runner and his innovative ideas have opened up the possibility of running and completing a marathon to almost everyone.

Just ask the students at North Road Elementary School in Fenton. The students enjoyed an outdoor run with Galloway last Friday, when he stopped by for a motivational visit with members of the Mileage Club — A Crim Youth Training Program that collaborates with area schools to motivate students to run/walk daily around a ½-mile marked trail.

This program is an offshoot of the Crim Festival of Races set this year for Saturday, Aug. 27 in downtown Flint. Galloway was in town for the weekend to kick-off the Crim Adult Training Program.

See RUNNER on 12
HOLLY SCHOOLS, WHY would we shut down our best school and move our kid’s back into the oldest school that is crumbling down. You are only saving $69,000. When you sold us the new high school, you said the old one was unsafe, poor air quality and had asbestos issues. Now, all of sudden the problems went away! I will not send my children to that school. The recall petition has begun. Parents unite.

TO THE PERSON who said I should be happy the anti-union bill passed in Wisconsin. I am happy it passed, because it has enraged many Americans and is gaining votes for Obama. With the fact that the Republicans have declared war on the middle class, they’re guaranteeing an Obama victory in 2012. Four more years.

HAVING EVER noticed that when you drive through Linden everybody is driving the speed limit whereas in Fenton half of the drivers are speeding, running red lights or talking on his or her cell phone? Maybe the difference is the Linden police are out there enforcing the traffic laws. Come on, Fenton, slow these people down.

HOLLY ROSE/GROVELAND TOWNSHIP residents, up to a 30 minute state police response for even the worst storms is that what we want? Get involved and let’s contract the Holly Police Department so we get a police response to an emergency within a half an hour.

AMERICANS ARE FRUSTRATED with the direction our country is taking. The sad fact is we are all tired of working harder and not being able to improve our standard of living. Politicians tell you that all you have to do is sacrifice more for the state. Either you will have higher taxes or many services will be cut in order to balance the budget, as if it’s somehow the average American’s fault for this economy.

POLICE LEAVING their cars running for good reason. It ensures they will not have starting problems when returning to the car. Sometimes, they have a real emergency to react to.

SOME CREDIT CARD companies do put a $75 limit on the card when buying gas. This is only to protect the cardholder from fraud. If you ave the card again after putting in $75, it will usually allow you another $75 bucks.

IN THESE TOUGH times, I would think that Fenton City would be looking at ways to continue using the current library and forget about expansion at this time. Spending any dollars on elective things does not make any sense. Business people that have held back because they don’t have the money or fear they will not have the business to support new initiatives.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY UNIONS are fine. They realize that if they go too far they will all be out of jobs. Public sector is clearly different in that they believe the taxpayers’ pocket is limitless and they try and often force foolish policies that put the government beyond their ability to deliver any services. Like it or not, the government sector is the only sector that has not improved productivity in the last 20 years.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.

What is the funniest April Fool’s Day prank you have experienced?

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“Both my once taped down the sprayer on the sink and when I went to use it, it sprayed all over me. My brother got me good.” — Tony Trujillo, Fenton

“I’ve never been much of a joke, and people around me always knew it. Maybe this year.” — Edward Reed, Holly

“I always try to come up with something good for April Fool’s Day, but I never succeed.” — Jesslyn Race, Fenton

“A friend played a trick on me by giving me information about a winning lottery number that I thought was mine. For a few minutes, I thought I had won.” — Ned Powell, Linden

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AMBULANCE

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Several local officials, as well as the nearly dozen independent ambulance companies serving Genesee County expressed opposition to the ordinance, fearing that response times could increase, rather than decrease. Swartz Ambulance and Patriot Ambulance had filed a lawsuit in 2008 against the county because of the ordinance, which they believed would have negatively affected their business. The lawsuit was recently dropped.

Joseph Graves, county commissioner for District 6, was pleased that the ordinance he campaigned against in 2010 was dropped.

Linden and Fenton have non-monetary agreements with STAT EMS for ambulance coverage. The cities provide housing while the ambulance company provides service to the residents.

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“We want to provide a time,” said Graves. He intends to stay involved with the 911 board to ensure that the transition to the new system goes smoothly and that it’s done properly.

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The latest news on driver’s licenses

It has often been said that driving is a privilege and not a right. I believe this to be an accurate assessment and I can think of very few instances when people who have come before me charged with driving without a license were happy that they didn’t have one. Currently, for those who qualify, the privilege of having a license should not be underestimated for more reasons than I can go into here.

Along these lines, I want to report two important current developments regarding driver’s licenses. The first involves newer drivers and a new law that goes into effect today for those who hold what is commonly called a Level 2 graduated license.

Under Michigan law, there are various types of driver’s licenses available to the public, including a standard operator’s license, a chauffeur’s license, a commercial driver’s license and a graduated driver’s license. As to graduated licenses, the law allows for a gradual increase in driving privileges for drivers under 18 years of age. This is accomplished by using a series of three steps of graduated licensing, which ultimately can result in a Level 3 full driver’s license being issued to a driver when they become 17 years old if all the training, educational and other requirements have been met.

Without going into all the details, typically, Level 2 drivers are 16 years old and can only drive under certain conditions including unsupervised driving for only a part of the day.

Effective today, the driving while supervised start time has been changed from 12 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and continues until 5:00 a.m. in the morning. This means that a Level 2 driver can’t drive a vehicle during this time, unless they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or by a designated licensed adult driver over age 21 or they are driving to and from employment.

Additionally, a Level 2 driver can’t operate a motor vehicle carrying more than one passenger who is under 21 years of age unless the passengers are members of the driver’s immediate family or the travel is to or from school or a school-sanctioned event.

The second bit of news is that Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced on March 28, all Michigan driver’s licenses will soon have an entirely new look with added security features involving such things as the Mackinac Bridge picture, the great seal of Michigan, the driver’s photo and date of birth, and other special imprints.

More information on all of this is available on the Secretary of State website.

SON ASSAULTS MOM

At 6:50 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, Argentine Township police responded to the 15000 block of Lost Creek Road to investigate a domestic assault complaint. The police chief reported that a woman said her 53-year-old son was armed with a baseball bat and assaulted her after an argument. The woman declined medical treatment. Her son was transported to the Genesee County Jail and lodged for felonious assault. Linden police assisted with the call.

UNLOCKED AUTOS ENTERED

The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department recently received a couple of larceny from automobile complaints from Fenton Township residents. Sgt. Mike Ignash said complaints came in from a resident on Eastview Drive and one from the 2000 block of Fenton Road. The vehicles entered were unlocked. There are no suspects.

HIT AND RUN

At 11:30 a.m. on March 27, Linden police responded to a hit and run complaint from the 400 block of Maple Street. The complainant said a red car struck two vehicles in their driveway. The officer located the owner of a red Oldsmobile, suspected of being the hit-and-run driver. The man admitted to being distracted when he ran off the road and struck the two cars in the driveway. He was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident, careless driving and having no license.

TEEN DRIVER ATTEMPTS TO FLEE

At 11:30 p.m. on March 25, Linden police initiated a traffic stop to a 1999 Saturn. When approaching the driver, the officer detected the odor of marijuana. While patting the driver down, the 17-year-old Linden male attempted to run from the officer. The teen was caught and arrested. He was ticketed for possession of marijuana, resisting and obstructing and defective equipment.

TEEN SHOPLIFTS CLOTHING

On March 26, Fenton police responded to a clothing store on Silver Parkway to investigate a retail fraud complaint. A 19-year-old female concealed more than $100 worth of clothing in her purse and exited the store. The teen was arrested and issued a court appearance ticket for third degree retail fraud.

MOTORCYCLE STOLEN

At 2:30 p.m. on March 27, Fenton police responded to a home in the 800 block of Silver Lake Road to investigate a theft report. The resident said someone stole her black and yellow Yamaha Y280 motorcycle, which was parked in her garage. There are no suspects at this time. The bike is valued at $150.

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State police post in Groveland to close

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The Michigan State Police (MSP) post at Grange Hall Road and Dixie Highway in Groveland Township is one of 21 posts slated for closure, as part of MSP’s regional policing plan. The closures will take effect in October.

The adoption this month of the regional policing model has been designed to provide increased services while relying less upon traditional “bricks and mortar” post buildings. The plan emphasizes enhanced technology and data-driven policing.

And, there will be no layoffs. Under the regional policing model, MSP will reduce the number of posts from 62 to 29. Twelve posts will become detachments.

Troopers will be deployed throughout the state from posts, detachments and as resident troopers.

Posts will remain fully operational and open to the public while detachments will serve as buildings where troopers can start and end their shifts, accomplish administrative tasks, and meet with the public by appointment.

Detachments are not open for regular business hours. Resident troopers are assigned to rural areas of the state and work directly from their home.

The new regional post locations were selected for their strategic locations in the region, their long-term structural viability and for their ability to accept new technology.

Sgt. Lynn Walker, of the Groveland Post, said although the post will close, MSP would continue to service Rose, Holly and Groveland townships just as it has in the past. “We just don’t know where we’ll start and finish our shift,” she said.

Walker added that the Groveland post could be a detachment for the Flint post, which is the closest MSP post. However, nothing has yet been finalized.

Implementation of this plan will help the department meet the $20.7 million general fund reduction in the upcoming budget.

For more information on the plan, click on the regional policing plan link on the left side of the MSP Webpage at www.michigan.gov/msp.

Rose Township Supervisor Alison Kalce said when she ran for office, the residents in this rural community made it clear to her that they did not want an increase in services.

After hearing about the post closures and that there are no expected changes in service, Kalce said no problems. “That’s all we’re looking for with them (state police),” she said. “As long as there is no cutting of services.”

Kalce said she expects this topic to be discussed Thursday when representatives from Holly, Rose and Groveland townships, as well as Holly Village meet with area law enforcement officials for their ongoing intergovernmental meeting. These meetings are held regularly to keep each other abreast of what is going on in each community.
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Ford Fiesta
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HOT LINE CONTINUED
THANK YOU TO the man who turned my purse in at the VG’s store on North LeRoy Street Thursday afternoon. You are a gentleman and a scholar.

I JUST READ the article about the new support group for family and friends of addicts. Jeff, this isn’t anything new. This program is called Al-Anon and has been around for decades. Al-Anon isn’t only for family and friends of alcoholics, but addicts in general. Get online to find meet-ings all over the area. Hope to see you at a meeting.

UNIONS DID A great job in earlier years. They forced employers to do the right thing, i.e. safe working conditions, pay, etc. It is a shame that they have become exactly what they were against — bloated, misinformed, unrealistic group of bullies.

I CAN’T BELIEVE how many people like Snyder’s idea to tax the poor and the elderly so that he can give his rich, business man cronies tax cuts. I thought we were all in this together, but appar ently, everybody must think they’re a rich businessman. Where’s grandma going to live when they take the rest of her little bit of money? Those in power need to help our economy, not ruin it further.

SPEAKING OF COMPETENT teachers, I’ve noticed a bigger problem with incompete nt non-union Republican legislators. We need to get rid of them. Anyone with me?

PEOPLE HAVE THE wrong perception of organized labor. The media wants you to believe that collective bargaining means take all you can or we’ll strike, when all it really means is that we choose to negoti- ate as a group and not an individual. Just as an individual would go to management for a raise, we choose to do it as a group. If the company has no money, we don’t get a raise.

FOR THOSE OF you who don’t approve of Obama’s interaction in Libya, read your history. In 1805, Thomas Jefferson sent a Marine force and 100 Arab mercenar- ies led by William Eaton to overthrow the ruling pasha in Tripoli. They restored the rightful ruler. This is where the phrase ‘to the shores of Tripoli’ came from in the of- ficial song of the Marines.

HEY, SNYDER, WHERE are the jobs?

IB DOES NOT generate revenue? Here are some facts: IB costs Fenton less than 1 percent of the entire budget. This equates to a one-time increase of about 25 students. When IB began, enrollment increased by 85 students. More than 60 indicated that IB was the reason for their decision. Although IB is not intended to provide revenue, it has been intended to provide a better future for our children.

ALL THE LAKES have geese and ducks, but they were here before. We are the ones who are invading their territory. We keep cutting down our forest and building subdivisions, and the animals have no place to go. And for this, you want to kill them. Maybe, someday, nature will decide that we are a pest and get rid of us.

I WILL SUPPORT the teachers when ten-ure is eliminated, they pay (save) for their retirement and retirement health care, they pay for their current health-care plan, and they work a full year like all other working-class people. Rais es are earned by merit and not rubberstamped for all. Teach- ers, join the rest of your neighbors and taxpayers who fund your life. You will be welcomed.

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**April Fool’s Day history**

Every year, pranksters anticipate April Fools’ Day so they can play tricks on the unsuspecting people in their lives. While many take April 1 for granted as a fool’s paradise, others might be surprised to learn just how this day of fun came to be.

Although there is no concrete historical proof about the origins of April Fool’s Day, there are some assumptions based on historical references.

During the 15th and 16th centuries, the Gregorian calendar was still a work in progress. For centuries, many Western nations followed the Julian calendar, set in place by Julius Caesar. With this calendar, Jan. 1 was designated as the start of a new year. However, the Julian calendar had flaws, eventually causing the solar year to diverge from the calendar year.

In addition, during the 14th century, Christianity was becoming more widespread across Europe. Christian leaders wanted the calendar to coordinate with significant events in Christian history. Many people, especially those in France, began using April 1 as the start of the new year, to coincide with Spring and Easter time. Much of Europe was using March 25, or the

Feast of Annunciation, as the beginning of the new year. Others continued to use Jan. 1.

Eventually, Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar to be issued that would replace the old Julian calendar and coordinate the calendar on a larger level. With the Gregorian calendar, the start of the new year would again be restored to Jan. 1.

France and other nations adopted the new calendar relatively quickly. However, many individuals refused to celebrate on Jan. 1 or simply had not heard about the switch from April to January. Rumor has it that there were many people who continued to celebrate the new year on April 1.

Those who were not in tune with the calendar change were the subject of pranks from those who were caught with the changes. One prank in France was to stick paper fish on the back of the people celebrating in April. These became called, “Poisson d’Avril,” or April Fish.

To this day, the term remains the French version of “April Fools.”

There are also theories that April Fool’s Day comes in conjunction with the “spring fever” that often occurs at the beginning of April. There may be something about the spring season that fits with the theme of light-hearted pranks. Today, the holiday is celebrated throughout the Western world. It is common to play tricks on others, including getting them to believe things that are normally ridiculous. Year after year, unsuspecting people fall for the folly of April Fool’s Day.
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HOT LINE CONTINUED FOR ALL HUMAN resource managers, please do not discriminate against older workers. They have a lot to offer and I would quote George Burns. ‘Retirement at 65 is ridiculous. When I was 65, I still had pimples.’

MARL LAKE DOES not have a monopoly on the goose problems. You should see our lake in the summer. If they destroy all the nests on Marl Lake, they will go to all the other lakes. It’s just nature.

IS THERE GOING to be a drug acceptance at the police department about Darvocet? I don’t want to flush it or throw it away. How can I get rid of this medication?

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WHY IS THE Democrat senator John Gleasom whining about the new 20 weeks of unemployment versus 26 weeks? Every time we turn around the Democrats are extending it again. Do you know anyone who has collected 26 weeks of unemployment and that was all they received? It’s a fact, most don’t even start looking until they are nearing the end of the gravy train and then it gets extended again. Hogwash.

SOMEONE NEEDS TO do something with that dog. He charges after people and it’s not right. We have to hear it late at night, too.

I WORKED AT a gas station, if you run your card at the pump, it will cap off at $75. If you come in, you can fuel any distance at the police department about Darvocet. I don’t want to flush it or throw it away. How can I get rid of this medication?

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That’s the word from veteran maple syrup producer, Currey Farms, which just this year moved its seasonal operations from Fowlerville up to Charlevoix, where the Currey family has been farming for five generations.

When the weather gets warmer in February and March, the 320-acre Currey Farm springs to life, and the maple sap starts to flow, according to family patriarch Jan Currey.

“The maple syrup season is whenever the temperatures go below freezing at night and above freezing during the day,” said Currey, whose sugar maple stands hold 7,000 taps. “So you know, but our season is generally the busiest during the month of March.”

The Michigan maple syrup season is only about two months long, starting as early as three weeks into February and extending well into April. In fact, the month of April is home to the state’s two maple syrup festivals: the Vermilionville Maple Syrup Festival (southwest of Lansing) and the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival (between Alma and Mt. Pleasant), both held the same weekend, April 29-30 and May 1.

Currey Farms Pure Maple Syrup has earned many awards from the Michigan Maple Syrup Association, competing with other producers in the state for flavor, color and density. But, their most unusual honor came when it was selected by Trump International Hotel and Trump Tower in Chicago to accompany its room service breakfast orders.

Locally, their product has been marketed in gift baskets along with Westwind Mill’s organic pancake mix, produced locally in Argentine.

When shopping for pure maple syrup in the store, look for different grades that will match the purpose you intend for the syrup, which is graded according to federal USDA regulations, and is based on both color and flavor.

- **Grade A Light Amber** (or Fancy) is very light in color and has a delicate maple flavor. This grade is widely used on pancakes and in making maple candy.
- **Grade A Medium Amber** is darker and has a stronger maple flavor. It is mostly used on pancakes and waffles, and in baking.
- **Grade A Dark Amber** is very dark and has a strong maple flavor. It is most widely used in cooking and baking.

Interesting facts about Michigan maple syrup
- **Michigan maple syrup** is approximately 33-percent water and 67-percent sugar, and is a 100-percent natural and organic product. There are no additives or preservatives.
- **Maple syrup** is only produced in North America, since Europe does not have the proper weather conditions conducive to producing meaningful amounts of sap. It is one agricultural crop in which there is no surplus.
- **Maple syrup can** be boiled even further to produce maple cream, sugar, candy, and is considered a natural sweetener with many health benefits. It will even beat asparagus and rhubarb on many health benefits. It will even beat asparagus and rhubarb on many health benefits.

- **Grade B**, sometimes called cooking syrup, is extremely dark in color and has an intensely strong flavor. It is used mostly in baked goods.

Most experts agree that maple syrup should be refrigerated, even if it has not yet been opened. The quality of the syrup will remain high for three to four months in a porous, plastic bottle and up to a year in a glass bottle.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

I COULD BE Vivian Stoll, same life. It is hard working two and three jobs, and this year, I owe the government even more money. How can that be? I do nothing but work, try to make ends meet and still owe. Hang in there, Vivian. There are many of us in the same boat.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the two adults who egged my car Friday night. It was lots of fun trying to clean it off to get to work early Saturday morning. Congratulations, for targeting the car of a pregnant woman. It must be a new low for you.

UNIONS HAVE GIVEN us so much. How wonderful it is to actually endanger hundreds of lives and receive only a suspension from work. Oh, that’s right, I suppose the air traffic controller was grossly overworked, and without a doubt tremendously underpaid. Certainly, this fully justifies sleeping on the job.

I FOUND IT very interesting, but also quite disturbing, that the superintendent of Fenton schools listed many things in his proposed cuts that will directly affect my kids and the rest of the students. There was not one mention of a cut to his pay or to anyone else in upper management.
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rest of us who come to the festival year after year? Thirty-seven years of a great tradition down the drain because of small town politics. Thanks a lot for ruin ing it for the rest of us.” -- Michelle

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ANSWER: Melatonin is a hormone secreted by the pineal gland, a small gland attached to the brain. It conditions the body to adapt to day-night cycles. Melatonin secretion is 10 times greater at night, with peak secretion occurring between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. Evidence suggests that this hormone shortens the time it takes to fall asleep and lengthens the time spent in uninterrupted sleep. Melatonin production wanes with age, and its lack could explain your sleep problems.

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occupants in a car or that driver is out after 10 p.m., they should be prepared to be pulled over by police throughout Michigan.

Beginning today, it is against Michigan state law for teens with a Level 2 graduated license to drive alone from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., unless they are driving to or from work. The old law said it was legal for these same drivers to be out until 12 a.m.

This group of licensed drivers may still drive during this time if they are accompanied by their parent, legal guardian or a licensed driver, over 21, designated by their parent or legal guardian.

Also taking effect today is an amendment to the law that states that teens driving with a Level 2 graduated license are prohibited from driving with more than one passenger under the age of 21 unless that person is an immediate family member or they are traveling to or from school or a school-sanctioned event. Drivers found to be in violation of the new law face a traffic citation and an extension to the time they must stay at level 2.

Research reveals inexperience and immaturity, combined with speed, drinking and driving not wearing seat belts, distracted driving (cell phone use, loud music, other teen passengers, etc.), drowsy driving, nighttime driving, and other drug use, contribute to the crashes, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said he has already been getting calls from parents concerned about how the law is changing and how it will affect their children who might be out after 10 p.m. or attending school activities. He encourages his officers to initiate traffic stops if drivers fit this description, but to use discretion when issuing traffic citations. Aro said if the young driver with a Level 2 license is driving after 10 p.m., he or she has a legitimate excuse and driving responsibly, he would not require the officer issue a ticket.

CORRECTION
The article “Fenton schools mulls $1.7 Million in cuts,” published Wednesday, March 23 referred to the remodeling costs involved in moving the seventh-grade students to Donaldson Drive as costing $300,000. It should have said the remodeling would cost $200,000 out of the sinking fund. It would not reduce the sinking fund below $500,000 after the expense. The article said the middle school remodeling would cost $200,000 out of the sinking fund.

Summary
State legislators have amended the Michigan Vehicle Code, which makes it illegal for teen drivers with a Level 2 license to drive with more than one passenger under the age of 21. It will also be illegal to drive alone between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless he or she is driving to or from work.

It’s all a matter of safety. Aro said he and his officers have seen problems late at night and the likelihood of alcohol and/or drugs increases.

If the driver violates these new laws, an additional 12 months of restricted driving could be tacked onto their Level 2 license, or until they turn 18, whichever comes first.

Aro said, to his understanding, parents, are receiving letters from the state notifying them of these changes. Parents with additional questions can contact the chief at (810) 629-5311.

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) is a driver licensing system designed to teach teens to drive by gradually increasing their driving privileges as they advance through the system. The three levels in GDL are:

1. Supervised learner’s license (Level 1 License).
2. Intermediate license that limits unsupervised nighttime driving (Level 2 License).
3. Full-privilege driver license (Level 3 License) issued after a teen driver has successfully completed all previous instructional and driving requirements.

GDL license levels 1 and 2 have certain restrictions to limit teens’ driving exposure to high-risk situations and help protect them while they are learning to drive.

Statistics
Mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. Young drivers, ages 15- to 20-years old, are especially vulnerable to death and injury on our roadways – traffic crashes are the leading cause of death (35 percent) for teenagers in America.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Central Michigan University had named the following students to the Fall 2010 Honor Students List: (Fenton) Morgan Brandt, Arielle Bryant, Andrew Burrows, Madeline Chopski, Amanda Conway, Tara Doyle, Shannon Fagan, Kristi Farrell, Jordan Garcia, Megan Cyrbowski, Laura Hall, Sarah Hall, Jeffrey Horning, Rebecca Kerster, Jean King, Nicho- las Laue, Kristi Lega, John Murray, Sara Randall, Chelsea Rummell, Jeanne Seargent, Lauren Stewart and Paul Taylor. (Linden) Kevin Devoe, Kaylen Dickerson, Jessica Miller and Megan Roberts.

Rachel Carter, daughter of Glenn and Michelle Carter of Fenton, has been named to the dean’s list for the winter quarter 2010-11 at Ohio Northern University.
This year it’s Ryan’s turn to top our hoops team
A year after his brother wins the honor, Hickoff is named Tri-County’s Basketball Player of the Year

By Al Zipkie
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Jess Hickoffs are known for their boundless energy and competitive and, yet, fun one-on-one basketball games in the Hickoffs’ driveway between Twins Dylan and Ryan.

Fenton’s Ryan Hickoff is this year’s Tri-County Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

And now, that puts the twins on an equal level, as both have now won the honor once. Dylan Hickoff earned the honor last season.

And the fact Ryan won it over his brother this season does not mean that Dylan is not the same impact player he was as a sophomore.

Dylan is just more of a compliment to Ryan, who stepped up his game to a higher level.

After averaging 10.2 points, 5.9 rebounds, 1.5 blocks and 1.6 assists his sophomore year during Metro League contests, Ryan saw all of those numbers improve during his junior year. The 6-foot-3 standout averaged 18.0 points, 6.1 rebounds, 3.3 steals and 2.7 blocks in his 15 Metro League contests this year.

Overall, he averaged 17.2 points a game this year, playing in 19 of the Tigers’ 21 games. Dylan’s numbers were pretty nice as well. He averaged 12.2 points, 5.6 rebounds, 3.0 blocks and 3.1 steals a game, but this season, Ryan got the nod.

“Last year, Dylan won (Player of the Year),” Ryan said. “We poke around a little bit about who is better. We play a lot of one-on-one basketball games in the driveway. We have the whole driveway set up like a basketball court since we were real young, so it’s nice to be on the same team, knowing where the other one is going on the floor.

“We are both the type of players that are best when we can run the floor.”

Ryan Hickoff showed he could attack the basket strongly this year. He made 71 attempts at the free-throw line in 15 Metro contests this season, as opposed to just 39 in 18 games a year ago. Apparently, he attacked the rim harder.

“My defense was better this year, and I attacked the basket,” Hickoff said. “I have worked hard in the off season, and it’s nice to have it pay off some.”

“Ryan climbed the ladder this year with his level of play,” Fenton coach Tim Olaszewski said. “His mindset is that of a leader, and he has become a vocal leader.”

He improved on defense. He finished stronger to where he has become a difficult player to stop. His hard work has paid off. Ryan and Dylan play so well together, knowing where the other will be, and they compete hard and push each other.

Ryan had the tough luck of having to sit out the district opener with a stress fracture in his leg, which happened in the previous game, against Flint Powers. Fenton struggled without him and lost to a Clarkston team who won its 18th straight district title. The Tigers ended their season with a 17-4 mark and an outright Metro League title, their third league championship in his three-year varsity career.

For the second straight year, Hickoff has won our Tri-County Boys Basketball Player of the Year award. This time, though, it was the other twin. Ryan Hickoff netted 327 points in 19 games this season, leading help the Fenton Tigers to their third straight Metro League title. The Tigers won the league with a 14-2 mark. Hickoff averaged 18 points, 6.1 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.7 blocks in the 15 Metro League contests he played. His twin brother, Dylan Hickoff, is also on our First Team and was last year’s winner of the award.

“Ryan is just the kind of player who makes the coaches look good,” said Olaszewski. “He and Dylan could be a part of a varsity that has won a league championship all four years, if we win it next year.

“We can build around Ryan and Dylan. We lose a solid point guard (Mowery), but the fact is we just have to adjust to the change.”

See HOOPS TEAM on 19
Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach and father, Vance Corcoran, hugs Zach Corcoran just seconds after the senior wrestler won an individual state championship at the Palace of Auburn Hills. This moment was just one of many that the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team experienced during the 2010-11 winter sports season, earning them the No. 1 spot in our Top Teams of the Winter poll.

**TOP FIVE TEAMS**

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But did compare well against the programs located more in this area of the state.

**No. 2 Holly wrestling** — The Bronchos steamrolled the Flint Metro League, en route to the league title. And when the postseason began, they only got better.

The team dominated districts and regionals, earning their second trip to the Team State Tournament in school history. In the individual tournament series, they may as well have brought their entire team to the Palace of Auburn Hills, since an eye-popping 11 qualified for the state meet. Shawn Scott finished 57-2 and was a state runner-up. Four others placed fifth or better.

Now the key is seeing if the Bronchos can keep up that success entering the 2011-12 season.

No. 1 Lake Fenton wrestling — The Blue Devils came into the season with high expectations on their backs, and they only flourished with those pressures.

Ranked about No. 3 the entire season, the Blue Devils cruised to the state tournament and then opened more eyes while at Battle Creek, making it to the state championship match. Their crowning moment of the season came in the state semifinals, when the Blue Devils defeated No. 2 Dundee 37-33.

Or maybe the top highlight came a week later at the Palace of Auburn Hills when the Blue Devils took 10 wrestlers to the state meet. They did more than just show up.

Zach Corcoran, Connor Branchue and Justin Melick each left home with state titles, while four others also placed. The winter of 2010-11 was definitely owned by Lake Fenton wrestling.

**HOOPS TEAM**

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If the Tigers do adjust to that change, they can do something that Fenton did in between 1975 to 1978 — that’s win four straight league titles.

“Ryan and Dylan should be proud to be part of the guys who have built this program,” Olszewski said. “Next season, we are looking to be only the second team in the Metro League history to win four straight championships.”

If it happens, the Hickoffs twins would be the only players who were on a league title team during all four years.

And who knows, maybe one of the Hickoffs will break that 1-1 tie with the Tri-County Player of the Year honor. Don’t bet against them.
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William Wilson Henry 1936-2011 William Wilson Henry - age 74, died Saturday, February 12, 2011. Memorial services were held at 11:00 AM, March 20, 2011 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, MI. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was from 10 AM until the time of the service. Mr. Henry was in Pontiac on December 31, 1936, the son of Philip and Mar- celle (Riddle) Henry. He was retired from the Water Department and was preceded in death by his daughter Valerie (Gay) Greenway of Flint, MI. Mr. Henry was survived by his daughter Virginia (Quinones) Pond and his brother Philip Henry of Linden. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean Joseph Henry. Memorial donations may be made to the Dryer Funeral Home.

Kenneth B. “Bruce” Schnepf 1937-2011 Kenneth B. “Bruce” Schnepf - Grand Blanc, Mich. Memorial services will be held at 3 PM Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Springview Funeral Home, 1225 West Saginaw Highway, Perry. Visitation will be from 3 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tri-County Animal Shelter, 205 West Hickory Haven. In loving memory of Kenneth B. Schnepf, a 74 year old resident of Grand Blanc, passed away on March 30, 2011. Kenneth was born on January 27, 1937, the son of William and Genevieve (DeMorrow) Schnepf. He was a graduate of the Flint Southwestern High School Class of 1955. Kenneth was a United States Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. Kenneth was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Grand Blanc, the American Legion Post 98, and the VFW. Kenneth was a member of the Bad Axe Catholic Church. Kenneth was a former employee of Michigan Consolidated Gas for 27 years and then for 15 years at General Motors. Kenneth loved spending time with his family and enjoyed going on trips with them. He was a great landlord and enjoyed helping others. Kenneth also loved taking care of his chickens and cats. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, William and Genevieve Schnepf. He is survived by his loving wife Patricia Schnepf; 2 daughters, Kimberly M. (James) Connell and Jessica M. (Brian) Berger; 2 sons, Kenneth M. Schnepf and William M. Schnepf; 16 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren. Kenneth's life will be remembered at a Memorial Service to be held at 3 PM Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Springview Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tri-County Animal Shelter.

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Charlotte was born in West Virginia, Charlotte Tabor Morye and husband George of Fenton and Patricia Tabor Dunn and husband David of State Road, NC.

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