Dominick Calhoun murder trial yet to be scheduled

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It’s been nearly one year since 4-year-old Dominick Calhoun was beaten to death inside his Argentine Township apartment. A combined trial was set to begin this past week, however, with the number of motions Corrine Baker and Brandon Hayes’ attorneys have filed, the jury trial date is yet to be scheduled.

Hayes and his attorney James Piazza went before Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Richard Yuiile on Tuesday, asking that Hayes’ confession to police and a handwritten letter of apology be stricken from evidence.

Piazza said his client only remembers bits and pieces from the murder and has no recollection of the events.

“We anticipate going to trial, because he is not guilty.”
James Piazza
attorney for Brandon Hayes

Traffic signal project on Owen Road begins

Most of $700,000-plus cost comes from federal grant

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Fenton — Area motorists might have noticed new traffic lights on Owen Road, part of an approximately $1 million project to synchronize signals. Most of the funding is a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, to lessen traffic congestion and improve air quality from automobile exhaust.

Lights will be synchronized from Owen Road at Jennings Road to Owen Road at Shiawassee Avenue/Adelaide Street.

Which traffic lights will be affected?
• Owen Road at Jennings Road
• Owen Road at Silver Parkway
• Owen Road at southbound U.S. 23 exit ramp
• Owen Road at northbound U.S. 23 exit ramp
• Owen Road at Target driveway
• Owen Road at Donaldson Drive
• Owen Road at Shiawassee/Rounds Drive
• Shiawassee Avenue at Adelaide Street

SeaWorld killer whale makes first appearance since trainer’s death

Theme park appeals citations

By Sharon Stone
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Thirteen months after a killer whale attacked an animal trainer at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla., the sea creature is back in the pool and performing for audiences. At the same time, park officials are appealing citations SeaWorld was issued after an independent investigation found several safety violations.

See KILLER WHALE on 10A

Fenton Township man accused of secretly filming stepdaughter

Video cameras hidden in her bathroom

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A 50-year-old Fenton Township man will face a jury trial on May 17 on 16 felony counts, including eight counts of using a computer to commit a crime, seven counts of capturing and distributing images of unclothed women, and one count of attempting to access a minor.

Summary

If found guilty as charged, a Fenton Township man faces up to life in prison for secretly videotaping his juvenile stepdaughter while she showered and used the bathroom.
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New light options are bright

Incandescent bulbs phase out in 2012

By Sally Rummel
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Soon, it will be “lights out” for some of the incandescent bulbs you’re using in the light fixtures in your home.

A phase-out of the old incandescent bulbs has already begun in California and will begin nationwide in January 2012, starting with the 100-watt bulb. That will be followed by the 75-, 60- and 40-watt bulbs by 2014, according to Home Depot’s headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. These changes are part of the Federal Energy Independence and Security Act, which was passed by President George W. Bush in 2007, as a step to reduce energy use.

However, have no fear, light bulbs in these wattages will still be available until the supply runs out, including at local hardware stores. “We’ll still be selling the incandescent bulbs until we run out,” said Dale Taylor, of Taylor Hardware, who said that many customers are now buying the more energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), which are the most common alternative to the incandescent lights. “People who use them really like them, especially now that they’re much more reasonably priced.”

See LIGHT on 6A

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Not every student goes to Florida or Cancun during spring break to soak up the rays and lie on the beach. While most students are looking for some “fun in the sun,” others prefer to spend their leisure time in a more active pursuit of volunteerism or mission work.

Some young people choose to volunteer for a worthy cause like Habitat for Humanity, while others participate in an organized mission effort for their church. Some look forward to spring break as they pursue further education in a foreign land, where they can learn the culture and language.

Seven students from Holly Academy left Thursday morning for Ecuador. They will spend the next week with Spanish teacher Lydia Tobor, as they traverse the mountainous region of South America. The students will hone their language skills and learn about this foreign culture. It’s a trip that middle school students took last year, and it was such a positive experience, that another group is going again this year, according to representatives from the school.

See BREAK on 23A
The government is our enemy

Every year, millions of poor and uneducated immigrants, both legal and illegal, pour into the United States from alien lands. Today, 21 percent of the U.S. population is foreign-born or children of foreign-born. This massive influx of the uneducated poor drives up the demand for income-support (code for entitlement) programs, while driving down the taxable wages in jobs, as higher-paying manufacturing jobs leave the country. Each time we buy a product, any product, not made in America, we contribute to this fiscal suicide.

The result is that this boat called America is sinking — with us and our population is foreign-born or illegal, pour into the United States, driving down our wages, while driving down our prosperity. Each time we buy a product, any product, not made in America, we contribute to this fiscal suicide. It’s societal suicide. And you and I are a part of it. We are a part of it each time we purchase products or services that are not American-made.

It’s laughable to hear Americans call for legislation to limit imports. We don’t need the “stinkin’ legislation. All we need to do is BUY AMERICAN! It’s our choice. From cars to food, to paper products to electronics, to light bulbs to clothes to shoes to... well, everything.

If you want your voice heard, shout it out: BUY AMERICAN. Shout it to your kids, your friends, your co-workers, but mostly to the corporations. When you shop, ask the clerks for American-made products. If they don’t have them, don’t buy them. Tell the clerk to tell their boss that you will be back when they buy, advertise and sell American-made products.

When you call a corporation’s service or helpline and get a foreigner, demand to speak to an American.

Look at the domestic content on any vehicle. If it isn’t primarily American-made, don’t buy it. If it isn’t an American manufacturer, don’t buy it. It doesn’t do America any good to buy a Toyota or BMW that is assembled here, but with primarily foreign-manufactured parts. The real damage is done when the profits leave our country and fuel our runaway trade imbalance. It’s fiscal suicide.

And most of all, quit waiting for ‘legislation’ that favors buying American. Are we complete idiots? We don’t need the government to tell us to buy American — we need to do it ourselves. The government is our enemy.

Buy American. Be an American.

It’s that simple.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter

**What is your favorite pizza topping?**

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Holly schools technology to cost $340,000

By Tim Jagielo
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While the Holly Area School (HAS) Board of Education is closing Sherman Middle School to save the district money, HAS director technology Matt Mello is making an argument for further investment in technology. “We know that hardships are there, and we wouldn’t come before for the board unless a compelling reason was there,” said Mello during his presentation to the school board Monday evening.

“We always take the approach of the tech plan being a needs-based vehicle,” said Mello.

According to Mello, proposed purchases are driven by the real-world needs of the classroom, and he believes that the student’s achievement is linked directly to the educational tools at their disposal. “We have to modernize the tools,” he said.

The technology teachers and students rely on now is eight years old, two years past its maximum life expectancy.

The computers they use cannot run Windows 7, which is required to upgrade to the newest version of Internet Explorer.

There are also educational web sites the faculty uses that require Internet Explorer 9 to function properly. Student projects and video viewing are hampered by the older machines, Mello said.

The investment would be $85,000, annually, for four years.

What does $340,000 buy? For the money, the district would receive 360 Apple computer products, including 182 iMac desktop computers, 70 iPad tablet computers, and 108 Mac Book laptops. At this price, each unit would cost less than $950, on average.

The 108 IBM laptops currently at the high school would be switched to middle school use, and are still considered “viable.”

The proposal also includes a one-time cost of $31,515 to update Microsoft Office suites, affecting 573 student and staff licenses.

All of these investments are part of the “Secondary Student Computer Proposal.” This proposal is part of the HAS Technology plan, that is updated and adopted by the board of education about every two years.

The board of education will vote on the technology plan update in mid April.
LIGHT
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At McKay’s Hardware in Holly, customers have the added advantage of coupons offered to about half of the Holly area residents who are DTE customers. “In our area, we’ve given cash coupons that our customers can use at the time of purchase,” said owner Ken McKay. “They’ve really helped take the bite out of the higher price tag for CFLs.”

Not all of his customers are sold on the new energy-efficient lighting. “Some people are concerned about the mercury and the disposal of the CFLs because of it, while others don’t like to be forced into the new lighting without being sure that the savings will be worth it,” said McKay. He adds that he will continue to order incandescent bulbs and fluorescent lighting as long as he is able to.

Jan Witt, assistant manager at Ace Village Hardware in Linden, sees CFLs selling almost as well as the incandescent, especially now that the CFLs are on sale for almost the same price as the old bulbs. “We’re beginning to phase out the incandescent bulbs,” said Witt.

Gary Florkowski, 54, of Argentine Township has been using CFLs for five years, at both his Michigan and Florida homes. “I like them, they’re saving power,” said Florkowski. “I don’t miss the incandescents at all. These last six times longer.”

According to master electrician Len Harrington, of Home Depot’s Lighting Department in Fenton, homeowners who re-light their entire house with CFLs will notice a 25-percent drop in their electric bills. Those figures are enough to inspire Florkowski to keep a watchful eye on the new lighting technology.

“I’m thinking about buying an LED (light-emitted diode) bulb for our range-hood at home,” said Florkowski, who was shopping for new, energy-efficient lighting with his wife, Sandy. “They only use 12.5 watts of energy, as opposed to 60,” he said.

“These LEDs come at a high price — the one he was looking at was $39.97 — but they are the longest lasting of the new technology and are steadily coming down in price, according to Harrington. He notes that many older customers still buy incandescent bulbs because they don’t like change, while younger customers are all about the energy-efficiency savings.

One of the biggest concerns for the future is the proper disposal of the CFLs because of the mercury content. Even though the levels are quite low and experts say it doesn’t pose a risk for individuals, it could be a problem in landfills, if not disposed properly.

Home Depot is one of several national retailers with an active hazardous materials recycling program for CFLs. “Please don’t throw them out in your regular trash,” said Jen King, spokesperson for Home Depot headquarters. “We will recycle any CFLs that you bring in, no matter where you bought them. It’s an added convenience for our customers.”
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WOMAN TOO SMART FOR SCAM

FIREIGHTER REAR-ENDED ON WAY TO ACCIDENT

On March 19, a 32-year-old on-call employee of the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCSA) responded to an emergency call on Milford Road, near Chana Road in Rose Township. While enroute, his vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle as he was stopped at an intersection. The emergency worker told the other driver he had to respond to the call and would return to the scene. When he returned, the other driver was gone. The suspect vehicle was a green Chevy pickup truck with damage to the front end. An older white male was the driver. State police are investigating the hit and run.

MAILBOX STOLEN

On March 26, a 54-year-old resident on Eagle Road filed a stolen mailbox complaint with the Michigan State Police Groveland Post on March 26. The man said his mailbox had been vandalized in the past and recently suspended the mailbox from a tree to prevent further damage. This time, someone pried the eyebolts open and yanked the entire mailbox from the tree. There are no suspects.

SUPER DRUNK

At 2:30 a.m. on March 18, a Holly police officer patrolling spotted a blue SUV running a stop sign and traveling faster than posted speeds. The officer followed the 2000 Ford Explorer and initiated a traffic stop. The 23-year-old driver told the officer that he was going home to Clarkson. Suspecting the driver had been drinking, field sobriety tests were done, as well as a preliminary breath test, which resulted in an alcohol level of .19 percent. The man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Police are seeking a warrant for driving while intoxicated.

CRASH LEADS TO ARREST

On March 16, Holly a woman responded to a home on the corner of North Holly Road and Saginaw Street for a two-car crash. There were no injuries. A 25-year-old driver from Holly was driving with a suspended license. He was arrested.

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Woman kicks at door

On March 30, at 5:30 p.m. Holly police were sent to a home on College Street to investigate a complaint. The resident said a woman was yelling and kicking at her apartment door. The officer located the suspect. When the officer told her to stop and put her hands in the air, she dropped the bottle of liquor she was holding. The woman blew a .275 on the preliminary breath test. She was ar-
rested for disorderly conduct.

ID THEFT

On March 17, a 43-year-old Holly Township woman filed an identity theft complaint with state police troopers at the Groveland Post. The woman had learned from her bank that suspects across the U.S. had used her credit card to make unauthorized purchases. The bank blocked her credit card.

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individuals and one count of sexually abusive activity, which carries a sentence of 20 years to life.

Gary Anthony is accused of video-taping his stepdaughter without her knowledge while she showered and used the bathroom. Now an adult, the woman found the images on his laptop computer and went to the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. Anthony was arraigned on the charges on January 29 and bound over to circuit court. The circuit court judge ordered a cash/surety bond of $325,000 after a not-guilty plea was entered. His trial is set to begin on May 17.

MURDER TRIAL
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that police interview. He said Hayes had been beaten in jail and was going through drug withdrawal. He also said that Hayes had been diagnosed as schizophrenic at a psychiatric hospital in Ypsilanti.

Piazza has motioned for Hayes’ trial to be separate from Baker’s and in another county. The attorney also motioned to have testimony given by Dominick’s older half-brother Tyler Baker suppressed, since Hayes was not permitted to be in the courtroom when he testified. Piazza said his client had the right to face his accuser in court. Due to Tyler’s testimony, another count of child abuse was added to his string of offenses.

The motions were taken under advisement and the judge will now have to decide whether the confession Hayes made to detectives after his arrest should be allowed as evidence in his trial. He will also have to rule on the other motions.

The confession Piazza spoke of was revealed at Hayes’ preliminary hearing last July by the detective that interviewed Hayes after his arrest in April. Sgt. David Dwyre of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department testified that he questioned Hayes on April 12, 2010 following Dominick’s death. Dwyre told the judge that Hayes told him that he beat the boy because he had bathed without permission.

Dwyre testified last July that Hayes told him that he also beat Baker when she confronted him about beating her son. The detective said that Hayes told him he was in a rage over Dominick urinating on the sofa, for Baker not providing enough pills to him and Dominick’s biological father not providing enough financial assistance.

During the preliminary hearing, Dwyre read a portion of a letter of apology, handwritten by Hayes. In that letter to the judge, Hayes admitted he was a drug addict, apologized for what he had done and promised never to do it again.

On Wednesday, Piazza said no new trial date has been set. “We anticipate going to trial because he is not guilty,” he said.

Baker was in Yuille’s courtroom on Wednesday for another motion hearing. Her attorney, Fred Meiers motioned that her out-of-court statements be suppressed and to possibly recuse the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office. The judge took the motions under advisement and will give his ruling at a future hearing, not yet scheduled.

Background

Argentine Township police responded to the apartment off Harper Street on Sunday, April 11, 2010 after a report of an injured and beaten boy. Dominick was rushed to Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Due to the extent of his injuries, doctors were unable to save him. He was taken off life support one day later. Dominick’s mother, Corrine Baker, 26, and her boyfriend, Brandon Hayes, 25, were arrested for his murder. Hayes is facing several felonies, including murder, torture, child abuse and drug offenses. Baker is facing second-degree murder and child abuse charges. Hayes remains lodged at the Genesee County Jail with no bond, and Baker is serving time in prison for a parole violation conviction out of Livingston County. She, too, awaits trial in Genesee County.
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Sherman Middle School closing
The Holly Area Schools Board of Education voted 6-1 on Monday to close Sherman Middle School. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

Former Olympic runner inspires students
Former Olympic runner Jeff Galloway visits North Road Elementary School last Friday to provide motivational tips to members of the Crim-sponsored Mileage Club. Galloway has the undivided attention of students Trey Hale, Austin Firby and Samuel Levi. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

New driving restrictions for teens take effect today
The Michigan Vehicle Code has been amended with a couple of significant changes that teen drivers and their parents need to be aware of. It is 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 for a teen to drive alone between 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. unless he or she is driving to or from work. See complete story at www.tctimes.com

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Tilikum, a 12,000-pound killer whale, brought attention to how dangerous they can be a year ago, when it attacked one of its trainers after dragging her into the pool by her ponytail. On Feb. 24, 2010, Tilikum attacked Dawn Brancheau, a 40-year-old animal trainer with local ties. Brancheau was married to Scott Brancheau, the son of John and Terry Brancheau, of Fenton Township.

Morning television news shows featured Tilikum this week on their broadcasts. According to those on-site, some of the safety changes made since Brancheau’s death include trainers being banned from entering the water during the shows that killer whales are in, and trainers only being allowed to get close enough to feed the whales. Absent from view were ponytails on trainers.

Also in the works are rising pool floors, which will push the animal and trainer above the water in case of an emergency. Terry said she could not really comment because she was not aware of what, if any, changes have been implemented at the theme park. She added that the family is just trying to move on after Dawn’s death.

Summary
There is pending litigation between the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and SeaWorld in Orlando. OSHA cited SeaWorld for violations it found after an animal trainer was attacked by one of the park’s killer whales. The trainer whale that attacked Brancheau was back in shows this week.

Video footage showed the whale repeatedly striking and thrashing her, and pulling her under water even as she attempted to escape. The autopsy report revealed she died from drowning and traumatic injuries.

OSHA cited SeaWorld for three safety violations, including one classified as “willful,” a $75,000 fine. “SeaWorld recognized the inherent risk of allowing trainers to interact with potentially dangerous animals,” said Cindy Coe, OSHA’s regional administrator in Atlanta, Ga. “Nonetheless, it required its employees to work within the pool walls, on ledges and on shelves where they were subject to dangerous behavior by the animals.”

The whale that attacked Brancheau was also involved in the death of an animal trainer in 1991, at a park in Canada. SeaWorld had forbidden trainers from swimming with this whale because of its dangerous past, but allowed them to interact, by touching him while they were lying on the pool edge in shallow water, according to OSHA investigation.

The OSHA investigation also revealed that SeaWorld trainers had an extensive history of unexpected and potentially dangerous incidents involving killer whales at its various facilities, including its location in Orlando. Despite this record, management failed to make meaningful changes to improve the safety of the work environment for its employees.

The company was given 15 business days from the Aug. 23, 2010 notice of the citations to comply, request an informal conference or contest the citations and penalties before the OSHA review commission.

Update on investigation
Now more than one year later, the case is in litigation.

“After OSHA issued its citations in August 2010, SeaWorld chose, as is their right, to appeal those citations to the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission,” said Michael Wald, regional director for the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Public Affairs.

“Because the case is now in litigation, I am sorry, but we cannot comment on it.”

SeaWorld representatives did not respond to an inquiry by press time.
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Orange barrels are back

Phase 2 of Adelaide Street project begins this week

By Anna Troppens atroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Fenton — Orange barrels are up along Adelaide Street — again. The final part of the two-phase project is scheduled to be completed by the end of summer. The first phase, from South Holly Road to Silver Lake Road, took place last year.

Barrels are up and some asphalt and concrete cutting are taking place. However, the real construction on Phase 2 is set to start up Monday, said Director of Public Works Daniel Czarnecki. It will include a new roadway, replacing the aging water main, and installing sidewalk ramps for handicap accessibility.

In addition, some driveways will need to be lowered, and some areas of sidewalk will be replaced. New stretches of sidewalk will be 5 feet across instead of 4 feet, since 5 feet is the current standard, Czarnecki said. When the 4-foot sections were installed, 4 feet across was the standard.

On Tuesday, workers are scheduled to begin laying water main.

There will be some lane closures, he said. Flagmen will help traffic through the area. In addition, motorists can travel one block east to LeRoy Street, and there is a back road to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, via Lincoln Street.

Construction will also include water main and paving for part of North Road, to Oak Park. Areas where the road will be dug up for a new water main will be resurfaced, Czarnecki said.

He is certain people will be excited to have Adelaide Street fixed. DPW workers have been out every day patching potholes, on Adelaide Street north of Silver Lake Road and in other areas of Fenton, he said.

There have been problems with aging water mains breaking on Adelaide Street and North Road.

Funding

Adelaide Street’s cost is estimated at $2.25 million, and Fenton is using Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding from Genesee County to pay for part of it.

In addition, city council has approved Super Build America Bonds for the work. The federal government sells this type of bonds, paying 40 percent of the interest. Fenton will pay bond debt for the water main portion of the project with money from water rate increases approved in January 2010.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SEIU STEPHEN LERNER, speaking at Pace University, told of his plan to destabilize capitalism in this country to gain more government and union control of this country. One of their plans is to encourage homeowners to stop making mortgage payments, throwing the banks into chaos. According to the video, this will start in May. He has visited the White House four times for unknown reasons.

I AM GLAD they are getting the lights timed on Owen Road, but $700,000 for the job is highway robbery.

TO THE FEMALE Argentine police officer, I pass you day after day and you’re talking on your cell phone. Us taxpayers are not paying you to talk to your friends. We are paying you to protect our community. Better yet, why don’t you be an example about the dangers of talking on a cell phone and driving? Get off your phone and do your job.

UNITL THE GOVERNMENT stops paying for Viagra, then they can eliminate funding of Planned Parenthood. What’s good for the goose is good for the gander.
Big Boy serving Fenton customers for 36 years

By Tim Jagielo
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McKay’s is one of 10 chosen nationally

To participate in Kreg Tool merchandising display program

McKay’s Hardware was recently asked by Kreg Tool to be one of only 10 dealers nationally to participate in a new merchandising display program. Kreg has introduced a “store within a store” display area, which shows all of their products in an attractive, easy to shop setting. Kreg Tool is an innovative manufacturer of woodworking tools, pocket joinery jigs, measuring tools, and router tables and accessories. The company has expanded from the popular Kreg Jig to include a full line of woodworking tools.

“It’s very rewarding that the hard work of our employees and the loyalty of our customers has resulted in our being recognized as a premier dealer for a large company like Kreg Tool,” said Kevin Coombs, general manager. “It proves to us what we have always believed — a local, independent retailer who is willing to do the work and make the investment can be just as good a choice for the customer as any chain store or online presence.”

According to Coombs, McKay’s has grown to become one of Kreg Tool’s largest customers.

“At the end of 2010 we had become the largest Kreg dealer in Michigan,” he said.

“We stock the entire Kreg product line. I think the best thing about the Kreg brand, other than the fact that they are a U.S. company making high quality products, is that all of the tools are well thought out and planned from the ground up.”

“With each tool release, it seems that they have studied a task or problem and figured out the best approach to it, rather than modifying or trying to improve an existing idea or product.”

Coombs used the Crown Pro as an example. He said the Crown Pro, a simple jig for setting crown moulding at the correct angle to cut on a miter saw, looks fairly similar to a couple of other products. But, when you really look at it and how it actually works, it is essentially different, he added.

“It is a better executed solution to a very common and difficult problem in carpentry. In fact, with the Crown Pro and a good miter saw, anyone can make accurate cuts for any ceiling.”

They even include the angle finder you need to measure the exact angle where walls meet,” Coombs said.

Over the last few years in particular, Kreg’s has expanded considerably in several areas: Adding a convenience lumber department, a garden center and indoor growing department, and expanded and revamped paint, electrical, automotive, and tool departments are just a few of the things going on.

“If we expect the consumer to buy locally, then we need to be a complete and correct choice for them,” Coombs said. “It is a relationship; a two-way street. We know that everyone here works hard to meet our customers’ expectations and the expectations we are setting for ourselves.”

Coombs also said he has used a lot of Kreg’s products himself, and some of the other employees have as well. “Kreg Tools are quality tools that we feel 100 percent confident selling.”

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“‘It’s not as simple as just changing the lights’

— Daniel Czarnecki, Fenton Director of Public Works

“TRAFFIC SIGNAL
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The Fenton Local Development Finance Authority (L DFA) paid $180,000 for the design engineering, said Assistant City Manager/Downtown Development Authority Director Michael Burns. In addition, the federal funding is being administered through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Work began approximately two weeks ago, and should be completed by the end of May, said Daniel Czarnecki, director of Public Works for the city of Fenton. It will include new lights and control panels, and electronics.

Sensors will detect when cars stack up at an intersection and transmit information to a controller to make traffic run more efficiently, he said. When there is no traffic stopped at intersections, sensors will convey this information so the light stays green. Boring is now taking place to install a conduit, and a mast arm will be placed at Shiawassee and Adelaide streets, Burns said.

Who’s paying for it?

• Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (federal) grant to pay for synchronizing traffic lights, control panels and electronics.

• LDFA will pay $180,000 for engineering.
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REPEAL ORDINANCE NO: 53-A-3

An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 53-A-2

The Township Board of the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan Ordains:

SECTION 1

The Ordinance 53-A-2, An Ordinance Amending and Updating the Fee Schedule, is hereby repealed. The repeal does not affect or impair any act done, offended committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred prior to the time enforced, prosecuted, or inflicted.

SECTION 2

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect immediately after publication.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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 a recommendation made by the Fenton Township Planning Commission, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton will conduct a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of revising the PUD conditions and site plan for previously rezoned property, more commonly known as the Gal-Reds North Shore Condominium Development, local adjacent to Brown Street and Bowles Street, in Section 11 of the Charter Township of Fenton. Parcel numbers for the subject property are 06-11-626-005 through 06-11-626-015. Addresses for the property are 12004, 12022 & 12024 Brown Street, and 12016, 12020, 12022, 12024, 12025, 12028, 12030 & 12032 Bowles Street.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the legal description of the subject property is as follows:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, T5N-R6E, TOWNSHIP OF FEN-
ton, Genesee County, Michigan, described as follows: LOTS 15 THROUGH 24, BLOCK 4, AND LOTS 12 THROUGH 21, BLOCK 5, AND PARTS OF LOT C AND LOT D OF BAYPORT PARK, AS RECORDED IN LIBLE 2, PAGE 6, GENESSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN RECORDS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHWEST-
ERY LINE OF BROWN STREET OF SAID BAYPORT PARK, SAID POINT ALSO
BEING THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF LOT 21, BLOCK 5, BUT EXCISING
THEREFROM THE SOUTH S 35°46'00" E, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE.
263.10 FEET (RECORDED AS 286.6 FEET) TO THE SOUTHERNMOST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4; THENCE N 54°14'00" W, ALONG SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12 AND SAID LINE EXTENDED 119.60 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT D; THENCE N 24°54'00" E, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE, 174.60 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT D; THENCE N 89°19'34" E (DESCRIBED AS N 88°57" E) 190.01 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND ALSO BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHEASTERly LINE OF SAID NORTH SHORE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL ADJACENT TO BROWN STREET, THENCE S 35°46'00" E, ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 24, BLOCK 4; THENCE N 89°19'34" E (DESCRIBED AS N 88°57" E), ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 24 AND SAID LOT C, 88.00 FEET TO THE WESTERNLY LINE OF BOWLES DRIVE, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF SAID LOT C; THENCE S 89°19'34" W, ALONG THE SOUTHERN MOST CORNER OF LOT 13, BLOCK 4; SAID "BAYPORT PARK"; THENCE N 35°46'00" E, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 13 AND LOT 14, BLOCK 4, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF SAID LOT 14; THENCE N 54°14'00" W, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 14, AND RECORDED AS 50.00 FEET), TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID BROWN STREET, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF SAID LOT 14, BLOCK 4; THENCE N 35°46'00" E, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE, 253.54 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, contained a bounded area of net 2.14 acres of land, more or less, and being SUBJECT TO ANY RECORDED OR UNRECORDED EASEMENTS OF BENEFIT OR BURDEN.

PLEASE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively scheduled the first reading of the proposed amendatory ordinance to be conducted concurrently with the public hearing.

PLEASE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed amendatory ordinance may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantonawka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the Township commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written comments regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment that might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing. All interested persons are also invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit verbal comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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Kaitlin Guzowski, of Fenton, spent one of her college spring breaks at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

“I was close to a local church group called His House,” said Guzowski. “I actually went into town and taught English to the students there, while others stayed and helped build at the orphanage. It was a very enlightening experience and made me thankful for what I have and for the people I have in my life.”

Linden resident Diana Voges, now a GM software engineer, recalls one of her best spring breaks as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer in Dulac, La., which, at the time, was recovering from the ravages of Hurricane Andrew. “I knew, as a student, I couldn’t contribute enough money to positively impact the situation, but I could volunteer about 40 to 50 hours of my time,” she said.

Even though these opportunities are much more work than play, many of them are offered at sunny locales and provide at least a glimpse of vacation weather, while students are hard at work. “It was a fantastic experience,” said Voges. “I got very close to the people I was working with and we still got to enjoy the warmth of spring break.”

Opportunities abound for students who want to spend their leisure time benefiting others in a positive way. • **1 to 1**, a nonprofit student volunteer vacation organizations, matches young people with opportunities in conservation and home building in distant places like Central America. • **United Way** sponsors a number of ways for students to help — from rebuilding national park trails to rebuilding communities after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. • **Habitat for Humanity** is always looking for students to pound nails in the storm-slammed Gulf Coast communities.

**Projects Abroad** offers short-term volunteering abroad opportunities specifically designed for one-week spring break trips.

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TO THE GUY in the dark blue SUV, Friday morning on U.S. 23 at about 8 a.m., just before Thompson Road, the ice you lost off the top of your vehicle, smashed my entire front windshield. Lucky for me, I was able to get off the road safely and call for help. I was told this could have been fatal. Please clean the ice and snow off the tops of your cars.

REAGAN WAS ELECTED to the presidency in 1980, not 1981. He was sworn in office in 1981. If you’re going to present your case using facts, please make sure you get them straight.

MORE BUDGET CUTS at Fenton schools and, again, on the backs of the support staff. The teachers’ contract is currently expired. Seems like a perfect time to let them volunteer for some real concessions like other staff and the rest of the public have taken. Come on, teachers. Wake up. If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem.

I JUST WANT to say that I am very proud of the Fenton High School wrestling team. I really enjoyed watching each and every one of you wrestle. You are all great kids. Thank you for a terrific season.

A RECENT HOT line blamed Gov. Granholm for leaving Snyder a $500 million deficit. The right-wingers want you to forget that Granholm inherited a $2 billion deficit from another Republican, John Engler. She reduced the deficit from $2 billion to $500 million without raising your taxes. See for yourself at the Citizen’s Research Council of Michigan’s website.

IT’S JUST LIKE a Democrat to play the class card — I’m middle class and I’m not rich. Wake up, people. Stop believing the Democrat way is the only way. They don’t care about you. They only care about their rich. Wake up, people. Stop believing the

Web Poll

Should the Dominick Calhoun murder trial be moved to a different county?

YES 8%

NO 92%

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LAST WEEK’S RESULTS

Do you see a recovery in the housing market?

YES 8%

NO 92%

It’s getting better 18%

It hasn’t hit bottom yet 10%

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HEARTBURN
What causes that painful, burning sensation?
By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Sometimes, it’s not a matter of what type of food you’re eating that causes heartburn. It can be pizza, tacos, chocolate or other common heartburn triggers. More often, it is how much you eat and when you eat it.

“Too much of any food can trigger heartburn,” said health experts from WebMD. “Consuming a large meal right before you lie down will likely cause heartburn, even if it doesn’t include any of these common heartburn foods.”

Nighttime heartburn happens because lying down leaves stomach contents to flow upward.

See HEARTBURN on 4B

Trigger foods...
• Tomatoes
• Onions
• Garlic
• Chocolate
• Peppermint
• Fatty foods
• Citrus fruits
• Beverages like coffee, tea, soda, alcohol, tomato juice or orange juice

America’s favorite food
Local chefs share their secrets
By Tim Jagielo
4jagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Delio Barletta is one of the longest-running Italian restaurant owners in the tri-county area, having arrived in the United States 47 years ago from Italy.

At John’s Pizzeria Restaurant, Barletta draws the line between his and other pizzas with his crust. He said most other pizza shops add ingredients like sugar and dry milk to make the crust soft.

Barletta’s crust only has a few ingredients, which yields firm dough that he says cannot be stretched by hand. “Our pizza has to be rolled by the rolling pin or by a machine,” he said. “We’d have to throw it in the air about 20 times before it’s stretched.”

See PIZZA on 12B

Summary
Every pizza shop is different, and every pizza has its own reason for being great. How it is prepared, the type of crust, and toppings all make the difference.
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**Strawberries**
The bold berry is rich in collagen-firming vitamin C and lightens skin spots.

**Kiwi**
The fuzzy fruit serves up skin-smoothing vitamin E and helps banish blemishes.

**Mushrooms**
They’re a top source of skin-saving B vitamins and may short-circuit sun damage.

**JUST THE FACTS**
**WOMEN STILL GOT** 91 percent of all cosmetic surgeries in 2010, but men — particularly aging baby boomers — are showing up at plastic surgeons’ offices in growing numbers. The number of male face-lifts increased 91 percent, while Botox treatments for men rose 9 percent, to 336,834.

**CATS KILL ABOUT** 500 million birds a year in the U.S. — more than a thousand times the number of birds killed by wind turbines. The American Bird Conservancy says it’s time to “Stop minimizing and trivializing the impacts that outdoor cats have on the environment.”

--- self.com

--- Los Angeles Times

--- Source: ShopSmart

--- The Improper

--- TIP OF THE WEEK

**BE SMART**

**HOW TO CREATE SECURE PASSWORDS**
Remembering your password is a hassle, but never make hackers’ work easy by using a pet’s name, the word “password,” or anything else that’s “easily guessed.”

**BE A CHAMELEON**
Using only one password is the “online equivalent of wearing a sign that says “Kick Me.” Come up with a “core” password and modify it by adding different prefixes or suffixes, then test your passwords’ strength at passwordmeter.com.

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---*In the end of the day are you having problems with restless, tired legs?

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Church needs help cleaning four miles of highway

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — It’s about a 4-mile walk on U.S. 23 from Owen Road to the rest stop, south of the Thompson Road exit in Fenton. Walking the distance can be tough enough for some people, but imagine while you walk, you’re also picking up all scraps of garbage you see — on both sides of the highway.

Last year, the Shepherd of the Lakes Church of Fenton accomplished the task of bagging all the garbage along the stretch of highway they were assigned by the Michigan Department of Transportation. “I take pride in my community,” said mission member Joan Zeeb. “That’s one of the reasons I do it.”

The group collected 192 bags of garbage on one side of the highway last year, with only 12 people, and Zeeb is looking for more help. The next highway clean-up starts Saturday, April 9, at 9 a.m., and could run to April 16 if the volunteers cannot finish the stretch on one day. “If we could get both sides done in one day, that would be wonderful,” said Zeeb.

Refreshments are provided, and so is transportation to the clean-up site. Volunteers will meet at the church and be shuttled out to the highway location, after watching a short instructional video. The group will also clean the same stretch of highway in July and September.

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WebMD

Volunteer highway cleaning

April 9-16 • 9 a.m.
Shepherd of the Lakes Church
34160 N. Fenton Rd., Fenton
Anyone over the age of 12 can volunteer to pick up garbage along U.S. 23 from Owen Road to the rest stop south of Thompson Road.
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TYRONE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD 7:00 P.M., MARCH 29, 2011

The following actions were taken:
1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Dave Kurtz, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Jim Kolhoff, Don Peitz, Steve Hasbrouck and Colleen Ameel.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed Communications #1-2 on file as presented.
4. Approved the AT&T-Fortune Wireless Communication Tower Site Plan and Special Land Use Permit as recommended by the Planning Commission.
5. Approved the Agent of Record change on the Worker’s Compensation insurance policy.
6. Approved the fire and emergency contract with the City of Fenton for a period of 5 years.
7. Approved the Supervisor’s appointment of Colleen Ameel as the Strategic Planning Committee Chairperson.
8. Approved the removal of uncollectible invoices prior to 2008 from accounts receivable.
9. Approved the adjustment of the 2010-2011 Departmental Budgets as amended.
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NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham                  Clerk Keith L. Kremer

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Staying calm in crises

In his article, “Keeping Calm,” World Magazine editor Marvin Olasky asks a question that may be on your mind: ‘Is the current financial storm a cold fall rain that will soon pass by or a 100-year flood that will inundate a decade?’ Then, he states this unchanging truth about the projected end of any crisis: ‘God knows but we do not.’ In view of this settled fact, he correctly concludes that all of us have good reasons to refrain from panic during any financial crises. He could have omitted ‘financial’ and still been correct.

A woman once called and surprised me by saying I had saved her life. ‘What do you mean?’ I asked. ‘You once told me that nothing takes God by surprise,’ she replied. Then, in Paul Harvey style, she told me the rest of the story.

She had been in a serious auto accident caused by a drunk driver and was waiting in an emergency room for word from the doctor about her condition when she overheard him say he thought she might have to amputate her leg. Panicked followed the doctor’s words, she said, until she remembered mine—then peace came. Since this crash hadn’t taken God by surprise and He knew all about the outcome of her injuries, why should she be afraid?

Thankfully, the amputation wasn’t necessary and now she wanted me to know that faith had made it possible for her to be calm through this crisis and enabled her to remember God’s faithfulness in others that might follow.

Sometimes, in trying to find a safe retreat from all crises, a place of perfect peace, we forget that there is no carefree place on earth.

After careful research, a man left his Canadian home and moved his family to a quiet island where the main occupation was raising sheep. What could be more tranquil than a daily view of shepherds going about their ancient tasks?

But, this prospector for peace chose the Falkland Islands, and not long after he moved to this peaceful paradise, it became one of the most dangerous places on earth. The sound of bleating sheep was soon replaced by the roar of British and Argentine fighters and bombers, battling over this tiny piece of real estate; stealing this transplanted Canadian’s dream and revealing that peace isn’t found in a particular place, no matter how tranquil it may seem to be.

Where then can we find a calm harbor during life’s storms?

How can we be calm in crises?

The Psalmist invites us to find peace through faith, writing: ‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble’ (Psalm 46:1).

Notice that there are no limitations to this good news. God meets us in every crisis of life, inviting us to trust Him, trading our fears for faith and restoring both the present and the future in His loving hands.

God will enable those who trust Him to be calm in every crisis.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at roger@campbellnet.net.
It’s becoming too expensive to fly

If the major airlines don’t stop nickel and dime the public with all sorts of new fees and fare increases, potential passengers may consider using other modes of transportation. Air travel has become quite an unpleasant experience for a number of reasons.

It’s almost impossible for the average person to figure out how much they’ll actually have to pay before boarding a plane. It’s not until we get to the airport and start checking in that we realize it might cost an extra $100 to fly somewhere if we check our bags. There are still airlines that allow you to check the first bag free, but additional bags cost $25 to $55, each. And God help you if the bag you check is overweight; then the airlines charge you from $50 to $150.

There’s an airline that charges you for carry-on bags that don’t fit under the seat in front of you. I remember reading that that airline thinks charging this fee will help in the boarding process and allow the plane to have an on-time departure. Whom are they kidding? My suggestion to anyone who flies is to pack light.

If you want to eat something on a plane, most airlines now charge you for a snack or a meal. Some airlines do still hand out a free bag of peanuts or pretzels.

If you travel with your dog, some airlines charge you an extra $150. The airline should just give your pooch the seat next to you if you have to pay $150 more.

Do you remember pay toilets? If the airlines have their way, someday we’ll have to insert four quarters to use a lavatory on plane. When is this madness going to end?

I have some advice for the airlines: Just start with the base price of a flight. For example, if your fare is $250 or more, you can purchase the tourist-class package, which includes two checked bags under 30 pounds, a seat of your choice anywhere in coach, two trips to the bathroom, two bottles of water, a pillow, a small sandwich with a bag of peanuts, and a copy of the New York Times. Air-conditioning and seat belts are, of course, always provided to each passenger free of charge!
Dorian Cheff

My earliest memory is: a memory that might have come from a photograph. Seeing my grandma for the last time before she died. I think that’s when I was 3 or 4.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?: I’d like to fly. I think it would be cool to get from one place to another without having to buy a plane ticket.

I always: fill every single second of my day with activities. So, I’m pretty busy.

I never: clean my room. It’s probably bad. I get in trouble for it.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be?: You can’t eat pizza on Tuesdays. I don’t like pizza. On Tuesday nights, my family always gets pizza, and I don’t get to eat anything.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for?: I like where I am right now, I’m not mad about anything in my past.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be?: Phineas Gage was a railroad worker in the 1860s. He was pounding dynamite. A spark exploded the dynamite, and (the iron spike) went through his head. It was the first neurologically based surgery, and I want to be a neurosurgeon. A doctor kept him alive.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?: The sign would probably say ‘Peace and Love’.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?: Spring break. Me and a couple of my girlfriends are driving to Pompano Beach, Fla. I’m really looking forward to it.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing?: I’m really into country, so I’d probably say Brad Paisley. That would be pretty sweet.

What has been the best day in your life so far?: My dad works in St. Louis, so I only see him every three months or so. He surprised me and came to one of my softball games. I just tackled him. It was cool.

What are your plans after graduation?: Over the summer, I want to work a lot. I don’t know where I’m going yet, but it’s between State and U of M. I also want to have fun over the summer.

How are you preparing for college?: I visited all the colleges a lot. I’m trying to narrow it down, doing a lot of research, scholarships, of course.

My parting advice for a better world is: acceptance. It doesn’t matter if someone else is different. You have to accept everyone and embrace it because (there are) different intellectual abilities.

Holly High School
17-year-old senior

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:
I’m a major volleyball player, and I’m also on the softball team here.

DREAM CAR:
Actually, the truck that I’m driving now. It’s a 1984 Chevy S-10. It’s got dual twin exhaust, and it’s a stick shift.

ALL TIME FAVORITE MOVIE:
‘The Italian Job.’ It’s been on TV at random times, and my family all watches it and I get really excited.

By Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter
Locks of Love

Laura Hecox, of Fenton, donated two ponytails (8 inches each) to Locks of Love. One of the ponytails is in honor of her cousin, Jana, and the other is for children with hair loss in honor of her niece, McKenzie. This took place at Brynn’s Hair Play in Fenton.

For more information on Locks of Love, visit their Web site at www.locksoflove.org.

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Steven D. Hopson 1959-2011
Steven D. Hopson - age 51, died Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Williamsville Medical Center, Boone N.C. after a lengthy battle with cancer. Steven was born October 26, 1959 in Flint, the son of the late Gordon R. Hopson Jr., and Phyllis Fish Hopson. He was a lumber department manager for Lowes Hardware in Boone. Steven was a 1977 graduate from Holly High School and was an avid fisherman and golfer. Mr. Hopson is survived by his four sisters, Terry (Steve) Gaumer of Chesaning, Annette (Richard) Yager of Swartz Creek, Kathy Darrow and friend Rick Huffman of Boone, N.C. and Nadine (Gary) Anderson of Whitewood, S.D.; and one brother, Gordon R. Hopson III of Linden. A celebration of Steven’s life will be held Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 11-2 PM at Linden Free Methodist Church, 13274 S. Linden Road, Linden. Luncheon provided.

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**BY STEVE DALE**

My cat world

Q: My beautiful Siamese cat, Nina, is on a Prednisolone (a steroid) due to the loss of her fur from fleas. Dr. Brian Holub, of Chelmsford, MA, says, “Because Nina’s referred so harmful (despite the famous “double-dipping” model of “Senfeild” that has been burned into our collective memory). And then I made some calls. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are taking a different approach. Several Royal Canine prescription diets offer a topical lipid treatment may bolster the dermis protection that’s referred to as a PINCH cocktail (of supplements), as suggested by the above cartoon. So you have to ask yourselves: Are you on kissing terms with your in-laws?

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Please write about migraine headaches. My granddaughter, age 22, suffers from them. She is a college student and also works. What causes these headaches? — E.F.

**ANSWER:** Migraines start out as one-sided throbbing headaches that can last 24 on THE BASER. As time passes, the entire head might hurt. Along with the pulsing pain, nausea often strikes, and sometimes people have to vomit. Migraine sufferers are sensitive to light and sound, so they may avoid bright lights and loud music. Women often find that menstrual periods will usher in the headaches. Stress, both physical and emotional, can start them. Foods that often serve to initiate a migraine are chocolate, cheeses, fatty foods, sausage, salami, oranges, tomatoes, onions, red wine, peanuts and hot dogs. In the past 20 years, triptans have brought a marked change in the treatment of migraines. Sumatriptan (Imitrex), zolmitriptan (Zomig), almotriptan (Axert), rizatriptan (Maxalt), frovatriptan (Frova) and naratriptan (Amerge) can control severe migraines and are available as pills, nasal sprays and self-administered injections. For less-intense pain, aspirin, Tylenol, ibuprofen and naproxen are sufficient. When migraines recur with disrupting regularity, preventive medicines have a place in treatment. They include propranolol (Inderal) and verapamil. The booklet on headaches deals with the common varieties, including migraines. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue – No. 901W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose check or money order (no cash) for $.75 U.S./$6 Canada with the recipient’s printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.
 Hot Line

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WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE tell us what in the world is going on at Otten & U.S. 23 with traffic lights? I counted 14 lights hanging at the ramp intersections. Folks, this is a simple on/off ramp to a city street, not a cloverleaf. Who is paying for all these lights and what will they do that doesn’t already work there?

IT’S SUCH A relief to see that the state has finally done something about these young drivers. I’m glad they won’t be out on the roads when I’m out and about. There should be some revisions in the driver’s training courses, as well. Teens just seem to think driving is not as serious as it really is. When you’re driving a car, you’re basically driving a weapon. You can kill people.

SORRY TO TELL you that it is, in fact, the average American’s fault for the situation in this country. We could have thrown Billy out long ago but didn’t for whatever reason. The real reason is the politicians kept giving us something, and we gave them votes.

REGARDING THE DISPOSAL of no longer needed prescription medication, my pharmacist told me that if I have a cat or know someone who does, to put the pills into the bag of kitty litter that is to be thrown out. If you don’t fit into that category, ask your pharmacist.

Village and township of Holly

Notice is hereby given, that the village of Holly council will hold a public hearing on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, at the Village Council Chambers, 315 S. Broad St., Holly, MI 48442 and the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) as follows: THE VILLAGE OF HOLLY Reprogram 2008 Program Year Funds from Downtown Revitalization and an existing Parks-Recreation Facilities - Fund safety fence and gate at entry and install six foot bench style swing with frame at Lakeside Park and purchase and install six foot bench style swing with swing frame at Ganshaw Park to the Parks-Recreation Facilities – Construct a pole barn type roof structure over existing cement slab to be used as an ice rink during winter months at Lakeside Park; THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY Reprogram from 2008 Program Year Funds, 2009 Funds and 2010 Funds from Remove Architectural Barriers – ADA Doors Parks to the same project listed above.

A copy of the Holly Village Proposed Reprogramming Resolution No. 2011-14 is available public viewing at the Village Clerk/Treasurer’s Office; Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. except holidays.

A copy of the Holly Township Proposed Reprogramming Resolution No. 2011-07 is available public viewing at the Clerk’s Office; Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except holidays.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on the proposed activities, particularly from low and moderate income persons. The hearing is open to the public to voice their views or submit written comment. The Village Council and the Holly Township Board will consider any public comment received on this matter at this time. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Village of Holly Clerk/Treasurer at 202 S. Saginaw or the Holly Township Clerk at 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan 48442. For further information or services please call the Township: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301 or the Village at 248-634-9571.

Handicapped individuals, who require assistance to participate or to attend this meeting, are requested to contact the Township Clerk or Village Clerk/Treasurer at the number or address above at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

Cherie Hedrick
Holly Village Clerk/Treasurer

What makes your pizza great?

“Our sauce is probably one of our main reasons we do so well. They use different spices that are made fresh every day, real cheese, and fresh, hand-cut green peppers and onions.”

Bill Talbot, owner/manager
Little Caesar’s of Linden

“The flavored crust, it’s free. Hungry Howie’s was the first to offer flavored crust, and now it comes in eight different flavors.”

David Frison
Hungry Howie’s of Holly

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Whether soft or crunchy, thick or thin, every pizza at every pizza shop has something that sets them apart, and keeps customers coming back.

Barletta’s pizza crust ends up being firm and crunchy when cooked. His pizza is not traditional Italian, either. “The pizza in Italy is thin, like a taco shell,” he said.

The secret to Mancino’s of Fenton’s success is, literally, a very well kept secret. The recipe for Mancino’s crust is only known by owner, Mark Rummel, who pre-packages the dough for his staff to cook. His wife, Sally, does not know the recipe. “You have to agree to that before you can get a Mancino’s franchise,” said shift manager Jenny Spencer.

Another unique thing about Mancino’s pizza is that many of the ingredients excluding items like olives and tomatoes are cooked inside the pizza. “Anything that’s juicy goes on top so it cooks better.” said Spencer. This means that the cheese is browed slightly in the conventional oven.

The pride of a business handed down from generations is what sets Red Devil Pizza of Holly apart.

“It’s a family business,” said owner John Iatonna. “It’s something we’re proud of. It’s a lot more than just throwing together a product.”

He describes his crust as soft as the inside, crunchy on the outside. The pizza sauce is also a secret family recipe. Pizzerias also cook their pizza differently. According to Barletta, and Calabria Village owner Lisa Varacalli, a stone oven is best, while Mancino’s relies on a conveyor-type oven.

Fresh cut ingredients are a hallmark of a great pizza, and a trait that many pizza shops in the area share. Varacalli said she has the best cheese, and Rummel said they have a thin crust pizza “to die for.”

After 47 years of running a pizza shop, what does Barletta prefer in a pizza?

Regular crust, pepperoni pizza. “I never changed a pizza in 47 years,” he said.

For Iatonna, it’s a deep dish pepperoni pizza. “That’s the best tasting pizza you can have,” he said.

Callabria Village co-owner Lisa Varacalli pulls a fresh pizza out of her stone oven Wednesday afternoon. A stone oven requires the pizza to be turned by hand every few minutes.
HAZMATs win design award

Robot earns award at FIRST competition

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton HAZMATs robotics team was the winner of the “General Motors Industrial Design Award,” for their robot that competed at the FIRST District Championship last weekend in Ann Arbor.

The award celebrates form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively achieves the game challenge.

High school teacher and coach for the robotics team, Jean-Ann Webster said the team was eliminated in the quarterfinals with a hard-fought 2-1 playoff.

While competing in Ann Arbor, the team earned 25 more points to add to its state ranking. It finished its regular season with 81 points. Their current score is expected to get them into the state finals at Eastern Michigan University beginning on April 7.

What is FIRST?

FIRST is an acronym meaning, “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.” It was founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology.
By Sharon Stone  
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People in the area are apt to start seeing a bold new bumper sticker in town, which reminds everyone to report any drug activity to their local police department.

The bumper sticker, in big red letters states, “Be a hero, turn in a pusher.”

Ray Lord, of Fenton Township has ordered the vinyl bumper stickers and offers them free to anyone who would like to join the movement of ridding the area of drugs and drug dealers. He said he is very upset with the recent fatal heroin overdoses.

Not one to sit by and do nothing, he sprang into action on his own with his latest project — the bumper sticker.

Lord is convinced that the young people are more loyal to the drug pusher than they are to the school counselors and even their parents. “The kids know who are responsible,” said Lord.

“We need to get to them and pluck at their conscience.”

In addition to these bumper stickers, Lord is also ordering lapel stickers that say, “Protecting pushers kills your friends.”

Summary

> Fenton Township resident Ray Lord has ordered vinyl bumper stickers in bold red letters, “Be a hero, turn in a pusher.” The bumper stickers are free and remind people of all ages to report drug activity.

Passport Day set for Saturday, April 9

Oakland County — Oakland County Clerk Bill Bullard Jr. announced today that his office will be participating in the national Passport Day in the USA on Saturday, April 9, from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. at the main office at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

In addition to processing passports, the Vital Records section of the Clerk’s office will observe Saturday hours and assist with, business/assumed names registrations, on-the-spot copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, marriage license applications,/notary services and concealed pistol license applications.

To assist residents, the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office will also be open finger-printing service, which is required for CPL applications.

The cost of a passport for applicants age 16 and older is $110. For applicants under the age of 16, the cost is $80. Both are payable via personal check or money order to U.S. Dept. of State and a $25 processing fee payable by cash or credit card to Oakland County Clerk. Photos, which are required, can be taken on the spot for a fee of $10 at the Oakland County Clerk’s Office.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Applicants must be present** when submitting the application and must have a valid driver’s license or state identification card.
- **Parents requesting a passport for minors under the age of 16 must both be present at the time of their application, unless one parent has a notarized consent form signed by the absent parent.**
- **Minors applying for a passport must appear in person with their parent.**
- **Applicants must bring a certified copy of his or her birth certificate or naturalization papers.**
- **For those born in Oakland County, birth certificates are available at a cost of $15 (cash or credit card) for the first copy.**
- **Applicants must bring a check or money order as a portion of the fees is sent directly to the U.S. Department of State.**
- **For full passport requirements, visit the Clerk’s website at www.oakgov.com/clerkord.**

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**Academic achievements**

Andrea Whalen, of Linden, was named to the Dean’s List in her second term of study at Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is the daughter of Janice and Barry Swan.
Holly softball opens season with DH split vs. Powers

By Al Zipsie
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Holly — Under new varsity softball coach Jame Miller, the Holly varsity softball team came up with its first win in just its first doubleheader of the season. And the Bronchos did it in thrilling fashion.

Knowing the game was going to be called at the end of the fifth inning, Holly trailed 2-1 entering the bottom of that inning.

The Bronchos tied the game at two-all, and then Rebecca Harrison scored with Hanna Steigerwald hitting her in for the 3-2 comeback walk-off win.

On the mound, Michaela Green yielded just three Power hits to earn the win.

The Bronchos made a nice comeback in the opener, but still lost 11-7. The first game win started the season in the right direction.

“Hannah put the ball in play to get the winning run home. I feel great for the girls to get the win,” said the first-year Holly coach. “They were nervous in the first game. The biggest thing is this group has lots of heart and never gives up. They have worked hard in the winter offseason and in practice over the last three weeks.

“They have the philosophy they have nothing to lose after winning just three games last year, and they are sticking together. They are setting goals like having at least a .500 record this year and to be in all of the Metro League games.”

In the season debut, the Bronchos showed character, bouncing back from a 7-0 deficit going into the bottom of the fourth. However, Holly cut the gap with two in the fourth, and then tied it at 7-all with a five-run fifth. During the rally the Bronchos put together five straight hits. Steigerwald and Sam Moore hit back-to-back.

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Bronchos’ bats break out

By Al Zipsie
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Linden boys track takes second at MSU
By Dave Troppens
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It was a good start for the Linden varsity boys track and field team at the MSU Indoor Invitational on Wednesday.

And no one had a better meet than Kyle Fisher.

Fisher took a first and helped lead the Eagles to a second-place team finish in the 15-team field.
Fisher won the shot put (53-4), winning the event by almost four feet against the rest of the competition. He also took second in the high jump (6-0). Both events were personal bests. He also ran 55 seconds in the second leg of the 1,600 meter relay, helping the team of him, Garrett Bolen, Taylor Anderson and Kyle Susalla to a fourth-place finish (3:45.64).

“Kyle Fisher did pretty much everything except hot dogs at the concession last night,” Linden varsity coach Nick Douglass said. “He was the talk of the meet.”

Others had strong showings individually. Kevin Baker took third in the long jump (21-10-1/2), while Connor O’Connell and Max Belbol each tied for eighth in the pole vault (10-0). Others earning individual top-10 performances were Mark Wright, eighth in the 1,600 (4:54.24); Roger Phillips, sixth in the 1,200 (10:48); and Tyler Spano, tied for 10th in the high jump (5-6).

The 800 meter relay team of Lucas Belbom, Baker, Anderson and Ted Parcher also earned a third-place finish (1:37.78).

“I thought we performed very well,” Douglass said. “Not just because of our places, but more so because of the performances were in regards to times, heights and distances.”

“So far, this year’s team seems to be very hard working and willing to do the extra little things that matter in the end.”

The Linden girls also competed and took sixth. The team had three thirds. Sydney Elmer took third in the 1,600 (5:43.31), while Alexis Downes took third in the shot put (30-3). Meanwhile, Heidi Sack, Mayce Varcalls, Danielle Stairs and Elmer placed third in the 3,200 relay (10:29.5). Stairs also took sixth in the 800 (2:38.31), while Ellen May tied for seventh in the pole vault (7-6).

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Linden’s Max Belbot pole vaults during a meet last season. He tied for eighth in the pole vault in an indoor event at Michigan State on Wednesday.

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sixth. McNeely, batting clean up, finished the day with two doubles, a triple and a home run.

In the second game, Holly’s offense was potent enough to score nine runs in just two innings of work, capping the 9-1 victory after just three innings.

In the opening inning, the Bronchos’ first five batters reached base. Matt Beckner, Ordiway, McNeely and Max Lambert had hits, while Smiles drew a walk.

Lambert knocked in the two runs with a single, and freshman Joel Perry ripped a double for a 4-1 lead after the first frame. Holly scored five runs in the second inning, putting together six straight hits. The hits were provided by Smiles, McNeely (triple), Lambert, Todd Ray, Perry and Joe Thomas.

“I just hit where the ball was,” McNeely said. “All the coaches have helped me a lot on hitting. On the home run, I hit a good pitch and got a hold of it.”

“We showed some good things,” Parker said.

Linden softball battles Hartland tough, but falls in season-opener

By Al Zipsie
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Hartland — Last season, Gordon Jamison led his doubles softball team to a 9-2-6 record, during his first year, but then responded with a district title at the end of the season.

Jamison hopes his team hits its stride earlier this year.

Linden ran into a solid non-league foe Thursday, losing both games of a doubleheader against Hartland 4-3 and 10-4.

Linden lost four starters to graduation including Jenni Jamison, who is playing at Rochester College. A fifth player, a cross country runner, opted to run track instead of play softball. The Lady Eagles do have a good mix of experienced players and some solid sophomore players, along with a strong group of incoming freshmen.

“I feel good about this year, and we have some good pitchers,” Jamison said. “Last year we had trouble at times catching the ball, and that hurt. The defense looked much better today.”

“We are hoping for a realistic goal of .500 in the (Metro) League. I think we will have a good showing this year. We will work on the lineup, and to want and be ready for another run when it comes to the district.”

The girls played harder tonight with more heart than any game all of last season. They gained confidence with winning the district last year and are more optimistic that they can win this season.”

Senior pitcher Paige Harwood held Hartland scoreless through the first four innings of the first game, and Linden led 3-0 going into the bottom of the fifth, scoring single runs in the first, third and fourth frames. Hartland then started chipping with a run in each of the last four innings. In the bottom of the eighth, Hartland got a double from Shelby Hard. She scored the winning run on a hit by Kayla Gustius’ single.

In the nightcap, the Eagles did score a run in the third on a Morgan Grantner double, but the visiting team trailed 5-1 entering the fourth. Linden scored three runs, cutting the lead to 5-4 in that stanza.

Maia Satkowski had an infield hit with one out to get it rolling. Katie Berlin, who had two hits in the first game, then drew a walk. Katelyn Webster drove in a run, and a fielder’s choice scored Berlin. Webster raced home on a passed ball to cut the lead to 5-4. Brianna Senter was up with runners on second and third, but was robbed with a shoestring catch in right field to end the inning.

Hartland went on to add a pair of runs in the fifth inning with a two-out rally. After a double and a pair of base hits, Grantner relieved starter Julie Guckian. Linden trailed 7-4, but Hartland would add three more insurance runs to seal the win.

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doubles. Later, two base hits by Syd Aukeybrooke and Dorian Cheff chassed home runs each. The rally continued on a Jenna Carter slap single.

Powers then added two runs each in the last two innings for an 11-7 victory.

“It was a huge victory tonight in both games,” Miller said. “We came back from seven runs down. Despite the loss, that was huge for confidence.

“And then we had the win in the second game in our last at bats. The umpire said it would be our last at bats (in the fifth due to darkness) and we came through.”

The Bronchos are excited about their immediate future.

“I think we are going to be a really good team this year,” said Holly pitcher Alyssa Boten. “We are working hard and trying to make a statement this year.

“Having comebacks are good signs and something we did not do much last year.”

The pitching distance from the mound to home plate has been increased from 40 feet to 43 feet. This was Holly’s first game with the new distance.

“I really did not notice any difference,” said Boten.

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Linden's Max Belbot pole vaults during a meet last season. He tied for eighth in the pole vault in an indoor event at Michigan State on Wednesday.
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“This year I started wearing my glasses instead of contacts,” Evans said. “When I put those on, I have a better feel for the ball. I put a level swing on it, and it went to the outfield.”

Fenton had Ryan Surface single and Patrick Leaske walk in the fourth, but Kirk got the final two outs on flyouts to the outfield. His last jam came in the sixth after a one-out double to Surface. He got the next two batters out on a strikeout and a pop out.

Kirk earned the win with four innings of relief, allowing two hits and walking one. He struck out three. Fenton hurler David Lenzii tossed three innings of shutout ball to start the game, allowing just one hit and one walk, while striking out five batters.

“We had a ton of opportunities in the first game,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “We had six or seven guys on with one out, but you have to give their pitchers credit. Kirk came in and wiggled out of trouble and the first kid did OK. They made the plays. One clutch hit and we may win.”

In the nightcap, Fenton dominated, tossing a no-hitter. Surface tossed three innings of that no-no, sparking the win. Offensively, Fenton scored two runs in the second inning and another nine in the third. Corey Kline hit an RBI-double in the two-run second, while Rusaw, Eric Mowery, Chad Schupbach and Jamie Garcia had RBI-singles in the third.

Surface started the rally with a double, while Neil Kennings had a suicide squeeze that scored one and then another on a throwing error. Rusaw also plated another run with a bases-loaded walk.

“We didn’t have any hits in the first game and we weren’t swinging very good,” Rusaw said. “It was real good (to get hits in the second game), but they were putting in their secondary guys. We have a pretty good team, and I was pretty confident we’d get at them the second time around.”

Both teams are excited about their seasons.

“My personal goal is district champs,” Rusaw said. “I believe we can do it. Last year we came pretty close to winning the league, so that’s in our sights, too.”

“We stick together,” Evans said. “We are a team, and that’s the biggest part. We rely on one another.

“We want to compete for league, for sure, and another district title would be huge. Then maybe go on farther in regionals.”
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