Sixth-graders move to middle school in the fall

**Summary**

Sixth-graders in the Fenton school district will be placed into the AGS Middle School starting next school year. It will save the district a projected $1 million over the next three years.

**Will save district $1 million over the next three years**

By William Axford

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Fenton — Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education unanimously voted in favor of the Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School configuration at Monday night’s special meeting. Starting this fall, all sixth graders in the school district will be integrated into the middle school. The move is projected to save the district $330,000.

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I understand the move from a financial point of view, but from a social standpoint, I don’t think it’s appropriate. Dan Zawlocki parent

Face painting at the fun fair

Mariah Manchester uses her artistic talent to paint a Lake Fenton logo on the face of Bella Retlano, a second-grader at West Shore Elementary School. Face painting was just one of many activities taking place during the annual West Shore/Torrey Hill Fun Fair on Saturday. The event raises funds to support both schools.

**What’s a bridge card, anyway?**

In March alone, Michigan paid out over $264 million in EBT food assistance.

**Summary**

The Michigan Bridge Card replaced food stamps as the means for dispersing food assistance to people in need.

By Tim Jagielo

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Just what is a bridge card, anyway?

The bridge card, similar to a debit card, replaced food stamps as a means for dispersing food assistance to those in need.

In 2009, Reuters reported that 35 million people used the Michigan bridge card for food, with an average monthly benefit of $133. In 2010, that number climbed to 40 million, with more than one in eight people receiving food assistance, costing taxpayers around $5.3 billion annually.

About two million Michigan residents received food assistance through the bridge card in March, and around 225,000 received food assistance through the bridge card in March, and around 225,000 received food assistance through the bridge card in March, and around 225,000 received food assistance through the bridge card in March, and around 225,000 received food assistance through the bridge card in March, and around 225,000 received food assistance through the bridge card.

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**FOOD ASSISTANCE BY COUNTY**

**Genesee County**

Payments: $15,875,272
Average monthly payment per person: $139.73

**Oakland County**

Payments: $16,645,459
Average monthly payment per person: $134.68

**Livingston County**

Payments: $1,894,605
Average monthly payment per person: $126.08

**Bizarre behavior at convenience store results in two arrests**

**Heroin paraphernalia found, stolen vehicle impounded**

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — Suspicious behavior of customers at a convenience store, resulted in one man being turned over to Unadilla Township police and one woman being transported to Genesys Health Park. The vehicle they were traveling in was

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**Holly police forced to shoot aggressive dog**

**Owner ignores demands to restrain pet**

**Summary**

Holly — A Holly police officer shot a large aggressive dog after it growled and showed its teeth as it approached two officers on Sunday.

According to the Holly Police Department, two officers responded to the area of the Hawaiian Gardens Trailer Park

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**See EBT Cards**

Electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards, commonly referred to as bridge cards, are used at more than 4,000 retailers and 4,000 ATMs, according to www.michigan.gov.
CONGRATULATE your graduate

By Cheryl Dennison
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It’s graduation time. High school seniors in the tri-county area are preparing to take that walk across the stage to receive the diploma he or she has worked so hard to receive.

The Times is offering a special opportunity for proud parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles and friends to congratulate the graduate in their life.

A special graduate section is being published in the Sunday, June 5 edition of the Times. In this keepsake is the opportunity to send a personal message to the graduate. The cost is $49 and includes the personal graduate advertisement and three copies of the keepsake booklet.

The booklet will also include 2011 graduate lists for Fenton, Linden, Lake Fenton and Holly high schools, photos of students throughout the year, the Top 10 graduating seniors with their photos and profiles, and business congratulations message.

To reserve a spot, call (810) 629-8294. The deadline is Friday, May 27.

LIONS CLUB MEMBER GETS GENEROUS DONATION

Lions Clubs International is a volunteer organization dedicated to leadership development through community service. Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. They are known for working to end preventable blindness.

$100 bill left in jar during White Cane drive

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Although they were hidden behind dark glasses, emotional tears welled up in the eyes of Lions Club member Dan McClelland on Thursday, when a $100 bill was spotted in a collection jar. On Thursday, Fenton Lions Club member Mary Ann Brostek and McClelland took part in White Cane Awareness by collecting donations. McClelland, 72, of Fenton lost his eyesight in 1996. When sorting and counting the donations, Brostek poured out the contents of McClelland’s container and to their astonishment, she spotted a $100 bill amongst the loose change and dollar bills.

“It was the greatest thing in the world,” Dan McClelland visually impaired Lions Club member.

“We couldn’t believe it,” said Brostek. “We have no idea who donated it. It’s the people’s generosity in Fenton that helps the Lions.”

McClelland said, “It was one of the greatest things in the world. I thought that was really something. Money is a little tight so that was real surprising to me.”

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The Tri-County Times is publishing a booklet that will give area graduates a special send-off for their exciting future.

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• Family graduation messages
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The booklet will be distributed with the Sunday, June 5th edition of the Tri-County Times.
No ordinary job

Some tri-county residents choose unique, unheard of career paths

By William Axford
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There are so many options when it comes to choosing a career, some more unusual than others. Here is a brief glimpse at a few odd jobs people in the tri-county area choose to work in.

Designated Driver

Drunk driving can lead to some serious and dangerous consequences. Without a taxicab service in Holly though, people find their options limited when it comes to finding a reliable ride home. Greg Frixen, 21, aims to alleviate the problem with his gray station wagon.

I really love helping out the community.

Greg Frixen
designated driver

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Greg Frixen works as a designated driver in Holly. More concerned with helping out rather than making money, he doesn’t charge for his services and accepts donations to cover the cost of gas.

Serving the community.

Target shooting fun for men, women, and children

By Tim Jagielo
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Archery may be one of the world’s oldest sports. The earliest evidence of bows is from 9000-8000 B.C. The bow and arrow was historically used for hunting, warfare and sport. The once formidable military weapon has perpetuated into a hunting and target sport.

Jim Beasley, of Holly Township, owns Spot Shooter Archery in Holly. He shoots everyday, and is a nationally recognized champion. “Archery is a sport that anyone over the age of four can do,” he said. “This is huge; this is a sport anyone can get into.” Beasley describes archery as an individual sport, where physical prowess does not affect one’s ability to be successful. “It’s something where you get what you put into it,” he said.

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Getting fit

Yes, one of my New Year’s resolutions was to lose a little weight. But for most of the winter, I sat on the couch, thinking about how I needed some research, to find a good exercise program. And, that takes time. (It was cold outside, and much easier to sit in front of a fire, snuggled in a blanket, with some chips and dip, reading a book or watching a good movie.)

I was always thin. I was one of those people who could eat everything and anything I wanted, and I never gained a pound. It was a wonderful thing called metabolism.

Then, somewhere around the age of 50, that metabolism changed. All of a sudden, every potato chip, every cookie, every delicious bowl of ice cream soon began to turn into an extra pound or two around the waist.

I went to the doctor’s office in February, to be treated for a sinus infection, was weighed (don’t own scales, myself) and my eyeballs nearly flipped out of the sockets.

After seeing the number, (that was growing by a few pounds every year) I realized — now I have to do something.

So, I found an exercise program when checking Tri-County ads. I found a fitness class that combines cardio, strength, and stretch moves for a total body workout. The first few times I exercised, I thought I was going to die. The sweat was pouring down my neck. The other ladies would dance to the left, I’d go right. I was gasping for breath and grabbing my water bottle after every set.

But, after a few weeks, I started feeling pretty good, learned the routines, feeling more confident every time I went. Then, my clothes started fitting just a little better. And after six weeks, the scale is (finally) moving in the other direction. (Yes!)

Some people choose to run, walk, join a gym, find a diet plan, etc. But this is the exercise plan that works for me.

Happy ending

Last week, in my column, I wrote about my son’s missing dog, Jack. Well, the story has a happy ending. Jack was found, and returned home safely by a woman who had at one time owned a Yorkie named Jack. Her name was not provided, but if she happens to read this column, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Enjoy your week.

What is the most unusual job you’ve held?

“Working in a steel warehouse. I had to climb 30-foot racks with a crowbar and chains.” — Ben Camere, Fenton Township

“I retired from the railroad as a train dispatcher. You don’t hear about a lot of people doing that.” — Larry Shepard, Dimondfield Township

“The painting foreclosed homes. It was horrible. It was a bad part of town. They were broken into often.” — Diane Diener, Tyrone Township

“Providing IT (tech support) for prisons. Being locked inside, you were not allowed to take your mobile phone in.” — Shirley Chard, UK

“Providing care for the elderly. Increased care needs.” — Michael Jones, Fenton Township

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A little help from a friend

Powerful speech to board of education allows senior to walk in graduation

By William Axford
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Super strength, super speed. Leaping building to building in a single bound, saving the world from eminent doom. These are all characteristics attributed to Superman. But for Fenton senior Alissa McChlmins, Superman isn’t a man in tights and a red cape. It’s a fellow classmate and best friend Tamara Johnson.

But sometimes even Superman needs help. Tamara has been battling leukemia since the third grade and due to weakened immune system, Tamara has provided me with her values the person I am proud to say I admire…

Tamara’s mother, Sheri, was deeply moved by the speech, the board unanimously voted to allow Tamara to walk with the rest of her classmates at graduation. Alissa almost missed her chance to voice her opinion to the governing body of the district to do so. However, Alissa was determined to see her friend’s wishes to walk with the rest of her class come true, and went straight to the top of the district to do so.

At the Fenton board of education meeting on May 2, Alissa delivered a powerful speech to the board members, advocating that her friend be allowed to walk at graduation. “Tamara’s hope, as well as her mother’s, friends and family, alongside me, is that the school will simply let her walk,” Alissa said. “Some question to the Fenton board of education is this. Are you willing to make this wish come true?”

Moved by the speech, the board unanimously voted to allow Tamara to walk with the rest of her classmates at graduation. Alissa almost missed her chance to voice her opinion to the governing body of the school district. With the school year dwindling to an end, she had one board of education meeting left to deliver her speech. She adapted the speech from an essay she wrote for a college scholarship.

“I’ve been to the Mountain Top: Martin Luther King’s last speech, given in 1968. The speech called for nonviolent protest and that America reach its full ideal of “justice for all.” He was assassinated the next day. Alissa’s speech was awesome,” she said. “It was the first time I ever heard it. It brought back a lot of memories and the things Tamara’s been through.”

Because of chemotherapy and a weakened immune system, Tamara has been home schooled off and on for the past nine years. Alissa has always been her daughter’s friend and helped her with her schoolwork, to ensure the two would graduate at the same time. Currently, Alissa is helping with algebra while another friend, Chris Smith, is helping with social studies.

“It’s all Tamara’s ever wanted, to walk at graduation with the rest of her classmates,” her mother said.

Beyond graduation, the two friends will take different career paths. Sheri said her daughter wants to be an elementary school teacher and work with younger kids. Alissa will attend Michigan State University in the fall to study human resources management. Before the two move on into the adult world, however, they will be sitting side-by-side at graduation.

When summing up her superhero, Alissa said “Tamara is my Superman, the person I am proud to say I admire… Tamara has provided me with her values that have helped shape mine.”
The man was taken into custody on the warrant and eventually turned over to Unadilla Township police.

Police observed something stuffed into the waistline of the woman’s pants. A female officer was requested to the scene for a pat down. The female officer found four syringe needles, cotton swabs and a spoon covered with residue, in the woman’s pants. She was taken into custody and checked out by EMS.

The woman eventually told police that she and the man had gone to Pontiac to buy heroin and got lost. She said that they had used up all of their heroin that day. The woman was transported to Genesys Health Park for evaluation. The vehicle, which turned out to be a stolen vehicle out of Wixom, was impounded.

The case remains under investigation.

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impounded, following a call from a party store clerk in Argentine Township last Friday.

According to Argentine police, an officer was sent to the store after the caller reported seeing a man and woman, possibly under the influence of drugs.

Upon arrival, responding officers observed a white female, later identified as a 24-year-old Munith resident, standing at the front counter. Police reported that she was swaying, laughing and behaving in a strange manner. Officers also observed a white male, later identified as a 32-year-old Stockbridge resident. Both were observed laughing, sweating, speaking with a hand on their skin and asking for something to drink.

The man and woman denied using drugs. When asked if they knew where they were, they said they thought they were in Holly.

The man and woman were just about to drive away in a 2004 Land Rover Freelander. They told police it belonged to a friend who was in jail. A computer check revealed that the man had a felony warrant out of Unadilla Township, for possession of dangerous drugs. The woman’s license came back clear and valid.

SUMMARY
A 32-year-old Stockbridge man and a 24-year-old Munith woman, suspected of using heroin, were taken into custody by Argentine Township police last Friday evening after a store clerk called police for their strange behavior.

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**Police & Fire report**

**TEEN ASSULTS MOM**
At 7 a.m. on Monday, May 16, a Linden police officer responded to a call about a family fight, taking place in a vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer met with the victim, the mother of a 14-year-old boy, who reported that he had head-butted her and twisted her arm. Police arrested the teen for domestic assault and petitioned probate court. He was transported and detained at the Genesee Valley Regional Center in Flint.

**ELDERLY MAN SHOPLIFTS RAZOR**
On Sunday, May 15, Fenton police responded to a retail store in the 1300 block of North LeRoy Street to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said an employee saw an elderly man conceal a razor in his jacket pocket and exit without paying. The employee confronted the man, who denied taking anything. Police made contact with the Fenton man at his home. The 80-year-old man was arrested and taken to the police station. He has a court date of June 20.

**DINGS ON RENTAL CAR**
On Monday, May 16, a Fenton police officer was sent to the 16000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. A Fenton woman returned a rental car on May 15. On May 16, she received a call from the rental company informing her that there were several small dings on the passenger side of the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time and it has not been determined what caused the damage.

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**Three-vehicle crash snarls traffic on Friday**

Fenton — A three-vehicle crash snarled traffic Friday afternoon in the area of Fenway Drive and Silver Lake Road. Fenton police and fire departments responded to the scene.

A 79-year-old Fenton man, driving a Buick Terraza was westbound on Silver Lake Road and waiting to turn onto Fenway Drive. As he started to make his turn, his vehicle collided with an eastbound Jeep, driven by a 30-year-old Fenton man that was traveling at a high rate of speed in the right turn lane. Witnesses reported that the Jeep switched from the right turn lane to the through-lane as it was struck by the Terraza.

As a result of that collision, the Jeep then struck a Chevy, driven by a 36-year-old Fenton man, who was waiting to make a right-hand turn from Fenway Drive onto Silver Lake Road.

The driver of the Jeep was ticketed for improper lane use and was placed at fault on the accident report. He was treated on scene by STAT EMS for possible injuries.

The driver of the Terraza was also placed at fault. This driver and his 48-year-old female passenger complained of pain, however, they refused transport to the hospital. They were checked by STAT EMS. The driver of the Chevy was not injured.

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totaling to a million dollars over the next three years.

Despite the savings the decision will bring, there is some opposition to the move. Excessive traffic, child-care programs and the difference of maturity between sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are a few of the concerns brought up to the board.

“I understand the move from a financial point of view,” said Dan Zawlocki, a high school counselor. “But from a social standpoint, I don’t think it’s appropriate. The difference of maturity between each grade is huge.” Zawlocki also questioned whether the board had the move as well planned out as it should be and if the money saved was going to be reinvested into the district.

Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said that the money being saved will help keep the general fund balanced as Fenton Area Schools will be receiving less per-pupil funding in the next school year.

Parents weren’t the only ones with concerns. Board secretary Nora Kryza said there hasn’t been a good traffic situation for the school district since she’s been a board member, making it her biggest pet peeve. Trustee Sandra Matthews-Barnes questioned what would happen to child-care programs such as latchkey.

“Sixth graders should not be turned loose,” said Matthews-Barnes. “They’re still only 11 years old.”

Jalkanen said that classes will not increase in size and that the cafeteria won’t be overcrowded. The administration plans to have separate lunch hours for each grade and assured parents that sixth-graders would have their own pod in the middle school, separating them from the other grades.

Although the board has not resolved all of the concerns raised because of the decision, Jalkanen is sure that the district will try to make the transition as smooth as possible.

“We’ll have it all sorted out by next fall. We’re just exploring the options right now,” Zawlocki didn’t agree.

“They (school board) didn’t look at other avenues that are associated with schools,” Zawlocki said. “Why would the board do reconfiguration without having a plan prepared for the public?”

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**JOB**  
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“It’s more of a service than a business,” said Frixen. “I don’t accept money, but passengers usually donate money for gas anyway. I drive just to help people out, make sure they get home safely.”

Frixen started driving people around last November. He said that he knew many people within the community that need designated drivers or simply do not have a car. After stopping by in a few bars like Jay’s and The Moose, Frixen found people who needed a ride.

“He’s our designated and personal driver,” said Debbie Baren, an employee at Jay’s. “He saves a lot of money and trouble for people. Holly needs more services like this.”

Frixen’s most memorable drive came when he drove a family from up North to a Grand Blanc hotel after they became stranded in Holly. He said the family was very grateful and that he’s happy just to help.

“I really love helping out the community,” Frixen said. “I won’t do it forever and if I get another job, I’ll have to cut back. But for now I’ll be the town’s driver.”

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**Body Piercing**  

Austin Conquest, 21, works as a body piercer at Aviator Studios in Clarkston. He admits that it’s a unique career choice that he didn’t expect himself to get.

“I had been studying political science at Oakland University for a few years and I eventually realized that I was doing school, so I was doing it,” he said. “Having an interest in body modification, I chose to become a body piercer. It seemed like it would be an enjoyable trade and one where I wouldn’t have to compromise my appearance.”

Conquest began piercing in November of 2009 at a tattoo parlor in Grand Blanc, where he was an apprentice for nine months. He started out with apprenticships and learn about sterilization, different needles and piercing merchandise. Some piercings that he’s done have been on ears, eyebrows, belly buttons and septums.

Although he loves his job and said that there is a spiritual nature attached to it, since it involves someone’s appearance, Conquest has faced days where business is slow and has few customers. He is paid by the job instead of by the hour, so having clients is crucial.

“There are days when my profession is difficult, sure,” he said. “A particularly nervous customer can often be a pain to deal with, but when they see their new piercing in the mirror, give a big smile and tell me how happy they are, it makes me fall in love with my job all over again. I wouldn’t trade it for anything in the world.”

**Mobile DJ**  

Casey Lambert works as a mobile DJ and plays at a variety of different venues. From weddings to birthdays, to sporting events and school dances, Lambert has been doing this for the past three years.

“I play for at least 100 people at every show, and the most I’ve performed for is about 1,000,” Lambert said.

It took him about $2,000 to purchase the needed equipment, lights, turntables and speakers. He attributes using the internet and customer satisfaction as the source of his success as well as his specialization as a mobile DJ that can play anywhere. “It all comes down to originality and recognizing the mood of the crowd,” said Lambert. “I’m always upgrading my equipment, trying to put on a better show for people who love music.”
BRADECARD
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received cash assistance, said Gisgie Dávila Gendreau, marketing and public relations director for the Department of Human Services (DHS). The federal government provides these funds.

Electronic benefits transfer (EBT) is the federally mandated system for delivering this government food and cash assistance in the United States. These benefits do not include welfare and unemployment insurance payments.

In Michigan, the DHS administers the EBT. The bridge card delivers two types of assistance, food and cash, which functions as a debit card and more than 4,000 retailers and 4,000 ATMs, according to www.michigan.gov.

To qualify for the bridge card, one must be a U.S. citizen, or a legal alien. Food assistance is determined by earned and unearned income and family size. Expenses like rent are considered. The DHS uses the Michigan Assistance and Referal Service (MARS) to determine how much food assistance a person can receive.

In March, $264,489,389.60 was paid out to clients in Michigan with an average monthly payment of $135.77 per person. Genesee County received $15,875,272 in federal food assistance a person can receive.

To vote Republican.

The department is looking at ways to fight fraud, waste and abuse, and to make our limited resources go to people that need it the most,” said Gendreau.

According to Gendreau, the DHS has added 30 new anti-fraud agents. For every dollar spent on agents preventing fraud, the DHS saves $10. For every dollar spent investigating fraud, the DHS saves $5.

On Saturday, the DHS arrested a storeowner in Columbusville for food stamp racketeering to the tune of $22,000.

In February, Corrigan announced changes to the bridge card system cutting out many college students from receiving assistance. Historically, college students could easily obtain a bridge card, and receive $200 in food benefits each month.

Now, a student must also be working 20 hours per week, or be supporting a child to receive benefits. Enforcement of the new guidelines began in April.

“We’re ready to extend a helping hand to any citizen who is truly in need — including college students who care for young children and are taking the right steps toward becoming self-sufficient,” Corrigan said in a DHS news release.

According to Michigan Policy Network, the new policy excludes 28,000 students who previously had EBT benefits.

“Because we’re in a time to start driving dollars to those who care for young children and are making our limited resources go to people that need it the most,” said Gendreau.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AGREE WITH the person writing about tarring each other down. What is wrong with people who take pleasure in bringing down other people’s salaries to meet theirs? Sorry, this is wrong. We should be supporting a right to make a fair standard of living, something minimum wage does not handle. A person making minimum wage usually ends up on public assistance. So we subsidize businesses so CEOs can get the big paychecks.

THERE ARE ONLY two kinds of people in America now, the rich and everybody else.

I AM APPALLED that the National Teacher’s Union is endorsing Obama for his next run for president. No organization that influences our children as much as teachers should have the ability to bestow their own personal values on our kids. Children should be taught at home, by their parents, to vote Republican.

I JUST WANTED TO send a very sincere thank you to the kind man and nice Fenton school bus driver who helped keep a little girl safe on Silver Lake and Ripley roads the other day. She had wandered into the street and these two compassionate citizens took the time to stop and help. These two add a great deal to our community. Every day super heroes.

THE POINT OF having a business is to make money. An excellent businessperson provides a service or product, and jobs and money. Exactly how does that ruin our country?

OK, CITY OF Fenton, time to start driving around and either cutting and charging for or putting notes on people’s doors of their lawn. Tired of living around slabs.

“The department is looking at ways to fight fraud, waste and abuse, and to make our limited resources go to people that need it the most,” said Gisgie Dávila Gendreau, Marketing and public relations director, DHS.
Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright (left), West Shore Elementary School Principal Sonya Shaughnessy, art teacher Cindy Cederholm, former astronaut and Lake Fenton graduate Michael Bloomfield, teacher Jennifer Williams and Torrey Hill Intermediate School Principal Kathleen Conover attend a dinner Saturday to honor Cederholm and Bloomfield.

Bloomfield receives Lifetime Achievement Award

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Lake Fenton — Michael Bloomfield, a former astronaut and a Lake Fenton graduate, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation on Saturday evening.

During his visit to his hometown this weekend, Bloomfield made the most of his time. On Saturday afternoon, he signed autographs and posed for photos at the annual Fun Fair. He attended a formal dinner at Spring Meadows Country Club in the evening where he was presented the award.

“I always enjoy coming back home and spending time with family and friends,” he said. “This weekend was especially nice because I had so many of my classmates and peers from Lake Fenton High School, along with many of the teachers, coaches and others who make Lake Fenton such a great place to live and grow up.

Bloomfield will always have a close connection with his hometown and the residents who made him what he is today. “It’s always about the people,” he said. “I miss being around all the folks that had such a positive and enduring impact on my life.”

“My mom and dad taught me about unconditional love, Lake Fenton Methodist Church gave me a strong spiritual foundation, the teachers and leaders in the Lake Fenton school district gave me outstanding academic tools, the football and baseball coach taught me teamwork, discipline and endurance, and the rest of community made sure I didn’t wander off course.”

“So when I come home, it’s wonderful to be able to spend time exchanging memories with all of these great people.”

Currently, Bloomfield is vice president and general manager at Oceaneering, a company designs and manufactures space hardware for this country’s human space flight program.

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Wright said, “I feel strongly that it is impor- tant we honor our employees who take that extra step to be the best they can be and go the extra mile for the children.” Cederholm was honored at a dinner on Saturday.
TO THE PEOPLE who are whining about the library milling, wake up. These are tough times. We should only be concerned with the essential things to survive right now, like our police, fire, and schools. Maybe those 16,000 people using the library in Fenton each month can read up on fire suppression, home protection, and self education techniques because that may be all you have in the future. How much does a librarian make?

TO THE PERSON who is upset that teachers wear flip-flops. You’re kidding, right? I work in a classroom with 30-plus students, with no air conditioning. If I want to wear flip-flops for comfort, so be it. Come on, there are bigger fish to fry than if a teacher wears flip-flops.

THE KING HIT the nail on the head with teachers and spouses on school boards in other districts. They get the benefits because they all have the same union. Therefore, they should not vote on any issues concerning money, employees, etc. It is a conflict of interest and I hope someone sues over the issue. School board members cannot be on a city board for the same reason and it is clear in Michigan law.

DOES YOUR SON or daughter have a new iPod touch? My son’s was stolen out of the Fenton library on May 5. You could take it back to the school, no questions asked.

WAKE UP, MICHIGAN. You are broke. Gov. Snyder must make unpleasant decisions to avoid going bankrupt. To do anything otherwise would not keep his pledge to the state.

THE GLOBAL NATIONS have allowed OPEC to set oil prices. American drilling wouldn’t affect prices at the pump, but it would provide jobs, and the money from the oil company profits and the money we pay foreign countries for oil would remain in America. Also, we wouldn’t have to support foreign countries because we need their oil.

STATES RANKED FOR usage in food stamps. Michigan has been ranked No. 5 of the Top 10. This system is abused and results over the issue. School board members cannot be on a city board for the same reason and it is clear in Michigan law.

IN RESPONSE TO the Hot line about the conduct of the adults and kids at AGS in Fenton, sadly, this is what our world is coming to. No manners, rude and loud, parents are not parenting. You see it everywhere you go.

COMPLAINING ABOUT THE community garden? OK, that’s a new low. Is there really something offensive about working the soil to share in the earth’s bounty? So much ugliness in this town and someone has a problem with a garden. Get over it.

THANK YOU TO the kind lady who caught up with my 3-year-old son after he got out of the library in Fenton without my knowledge. I was so shook up when I didn’t see him at first that I don’t know if I even thanked you. You are appreciated.

THE GAS PRICES increased only slightly when Obama had a democratic Congress but skyrocketed over $4 a gallon shortly after the Republicans took over the House. Is this just a coincidence? Think about it.

OBAMA’S RECORD is staggering. Despite zero Republican support and the hostile corporate media, he has stopped the massive economic bleeding, saved GM and Chrysler, stabilized banks, halted 401K nose dives, achieved a beginning in health care reform, limited corporate excesses, ended combat in Iraq, halted torture, made progress in Afghanistan, lowered taxes and got rid of Bin Laden. His leadership is taking us out of the deep mess left by Bush.

THE REPUBLICAN’S PROPOSED budget, and in the guise of balance, calls for more and more nationwide layoffs. How can you create more jobs by laying off more workers?
Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Owen Hoerauf, 12, (center) learns alongside his classmates about building a fire from Camp Copneconic Program Coordinator Kaitlin Turner, of Fenton, Wednesday morning. Students built a fire and brought a can of water to a boil to earn points as part of the camp’s “Lost” classes.

ARCHERY

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Beasley’s own success was based on practice and getting help from his peers. He has a target range in his yard, and he practices around 15 hours per week. Now, he is the national champion with the National Archery Association in the Master’s 50 and older age group. He currently holds the 60- and 70-meter records. “We have a lot of fun,” he said. “It’s just like a nice pair of jeans, one size doesn’t fit all,” said Beasley.

There are two main types of bows: compound and recurve. Recurve bows include the traditional string and bow type that can still be handmade from wood. Some enthusiasts make their own arrows from wood, and do not use sights for targeting. Compound bows are more complex and utilize wheels to store additional energy for increased distance. Both modern recurve bows and compound bows can be made with layers of fiberglass, carbon and wood. Optical sights can be added to either type for improved accuracy.

Beasley’s bow is a compound bow with sight. A used beginner’s bow can cost less than $300. Once the bow and arrows are purchased, archery is not an expensive sport. Comparatively, when shooting guns for sport, ammunition must be bought as often as the gun is fired. When an archer shoots an arrow, that arrow can be retrieved and reused several times, Beasley said.

Beasley’s success was learning from other archers. Local archery clubs are home to talented archers that can help beginners get started. Most are inexpensive to join, at least $200 annually. Many clubs exchange work for club-related fees.

The Flint Bowmen’s annual fees are $200, but working around the club can bring the price down to $50 per year. “We’re really lucky, we’ve got some of the best archery clubs in this area,” said Beasley. Ted Sarna, a member of the Land-O-Lakes Archery Club in Fenton, said a key to success in archery is patience. Like baseball and bowling, archery takes certain fundamentals to make the shot you want.

He also likes the flexibility that archery provides. “That’s the nice thing when you’re shooting archery, you go at your own pace,” he said.

“Across the board, there’s all kinds of sports. I think the thing that separates archery is it can be a together thing, or it can be an individual thing.” Sarna said archery is good for people who aren’t comfortable with team sports. “It can be as competitive as you want it to be,” he said.

For Sarna, archery is not about hitting targets, it is about being with family. He often shoots with his son and daughter. “That’s the greatest thing I get out of it,” he said. “It’s a family sport.”

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Judi Sullivan (right), president and chief executive officer of Community Bankers of Michigan (CBM) and Ron Justice, president of The State Bank (center) pose with employees of The State Bank in celebration of the bank being selected as the recipient of the 2011 Shining Star Award.

The State Bank receives Shining Star Award

Employees donate 4,000 hours to charitable causes

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Fenton — The State Bank was honored with the prestigious 2011 Shining Star Award from Community Bankers of Michigan (CBM). Judi Sullivan, president and chief executive officer of CBM, was on hand with Tom Rice, director of member services for CBM, Friday to present the employees with a banner and to explain why their bank was selected.

Sullivan said, as a community bank, The State Bank’s employees are out there working tirelessly every day in their communities.

“They provide the vital resources that communities need,” said Sullivan. “It makes your community a better place to live.”

Sullivan told the employees that their bank is a key part of the economic engine that runs the communities. “You provide very personalized customer service and local expertise only a true community bank can provide,” she said.

According to Sullivan, The State Bank employees donated more than 4,000 hours of their time for charitable causes. Some of the organizations benefiting are the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Christmas in Action, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, Zonta, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and Adopt-A-Pet.

Ron Justice, president of The State Bank said, “The bank is honored to receive this recognition from the Community Bankers of Michigan in celebration of Community Banking Month.

“Our commitment to providing time and resources to local businesses, organizations, and those in need is what defines us as a community bank. We are proud of the communities we serve and are privileged to play a role in the local economy.”
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THE OTHER WOMAN
Recent Oscar-winner Natalie Portman stars in a sensitive and compelling modern drama about love, loss, and rebuilding life. Emilia is a Harvard law school graduate and a newlywed, having just married Jack, a high-powered New York lawyer, who was her boss—and married—when she began working at his law firm. Unfortu nately, her happiness unexpectedly turns to grief when they lose their newborn daughter. Devastated, Emilia struggles through her grief and attempts to forge a relationship with her new stepson William, while resisting the interference of Jack’s angry, jealous ex-wife.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is distilled water bad for drinking? Can you chew too much gum? My husband chews about four pieces every day.

— P.M.

ANSWER: Distilling water involves boiling water and condensing the water vapor by cooling it. Components dissolved in the water are left behind. You can drink distilled water. You will miss out on the minerals contained in most water and on fluoride added to city water, but you can get these elements in other ways. If you chew too much sugar-containing gum, you promote cavities. Too much sugarless gum can cause diarrhea. Four sticks are not too much.
Lake Fenton’s McCoy headed to Siena Heights to play softball

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Lake Fenton — Ever since Alyssa McCoy started playing softball as a freshman, she knew she wanted to give college softball a try. She’ll get that opportunity next year. The Lake Fenton senior signed to play softball at Siena Heights University, in a special presentation about an hour before Lake Fenton’s softball doubleheader against Mt. Morris on Thursday.

“I started playing in middle school. I started with T-ball, got into it and loved the sport,” McCoy said. “It’s great playing with all the girls and everything. I decided freshman year this is what I wanted to do. If I can do it in college then I was going to go for it.”

McCoy was looking at Siena Heights and Coastal Carolina.

“Playing softball there was a big one,” McCoy said. “And they were offering me money there, so I had to take it.”

Siena Heights is excited to get McCoy.

“She’s a good kid, a hard worker,” Saints’ coach Laura Kutsarits said. “She’s the type of player we’re looking for.

“She came down to campus in the fall, and we started looking at her then. I liked what we had to hear. She’s a good student as well as a good athlete, and that’s something we look for. It’s not just about the softball side of things — you have to have that academic success as well.”

The Saints have struggled in recent seasons. They were 14-40 last year and haven’t won at least 20 games since winning 22 in 2007. The team graduates two senior players this year.

“We are always looking to have more competitive battles internally within our program,” Kutsarits said. “When you do, you’ll be better externally. We expect her to come in, battle it out and see what happens.”

McCoy, a lefty who plays the outfield for Lake Fenton, won’t be a complete stranger to Siena Heights. She has a cousin playing on the football team — Hartland’s Schuyler Gantton.

“I have a cousin that’s been pressuring me about it. He was pretty happy,” McCoy said. “It was pretty sweet. I was happy.”

Tigers back on top of Metro standings

Murphy’s goal, Fenton defense spark 1-0 victory

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Fenton — Alyssa Ostrowski knows the starting four defenders in front of her on the Fenton varsity soccer team are freshmen and sophomores.

But she also knows their play can look like that of a veteran group as well.

The senior keeper had to save only five shots, including just one in the second half, as the Fenton Tigers defeated Lapeer East 1-0 at Fenton High School Monday.

The win puts the Tigers in first place in the Metro League at 5-1-0, with both teams having control of their own destiny to earn at least a co-title. Entering the game, the Tigers needed a victory to earn that honor. And, basically, the young defense sparkled the win. Freshmen Kaleigh Keyandy, Hannah Eno and Mackenzie Murphy and sophomore Marissa Newbatt formed the starting defense that helped Ostrowski earn her shutout. And if that wasn’t enough, it was Murphy’s goal that won it.

“It’s nerve-wracking, but we trust each other,” Murphy said. “We love each other and it works out. We have each other’s backs.”

“I can trust them, Ostrowski said. “They are good and deserve to be on varsity. Our freshmen are very talented, and they’ve been helping us a lot.”

Fenton coach Matt Sullivan, thought, well, it was unbelievable.

“It’s unbelievable what they did to — in that kind of pressure situation,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “To have three freshmen and a sophomore back there doing that is just amazing. And to shut out a team like Lapeer East is unbelievable.”

See TIGERS on 17

Powers’ O’Brien nominated for All-Star game

By David Troppens
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There aren’t too many days that Powers junior defensive tackle and Fenton resident Danny O’Brien sees go by in which he doesn’t hear or get something from a college football program.

“My favorite letters are hand-written by the coaches and stuff like that,” O’Brien said. “A lot of them do that.”

But while the Division I recruit is spending a lot of his time trying to figure out what college he’ll be attending in the fall of 2013, he’s also earning his share of prep accolades.

O’Brien, listed at 287 pounds on some websites, was recently named as one of 400 upcoming senior football players to be nominated to play in the 2012 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Those selected from the list will have a chance to showcase their talents on July 7, 2012 in the annual East vs. West match televised on NBC.

“I’m honored,” O’Brien said. “It’s definitely an honor. One of my goals has been to work so I can be an All-American and play in the All-American game. It’s definitely a big thing for me.”

See O’BRIEN on 18

Fenton baseball swept in DH vs. Lapeer East

By Al Zipsie
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Fenton — Fenton varsity baseball coach Chad Logan has always big on “small ball” to have runners advance and push in runs.

Monday night was tough on Logan. His team couldn’t manufacture any runs, resulting in two losses to Metro leaders Lapeer East 6-4, 6-0.

“I wish I had a magic potion to move and score runners. If I did I would re-

Fenton’s Neil Kornert (right) prepares to tag a Lapeer East player at the plate during Fenton’s two losses against the Eagles on Monday.

lease it,” said Logan. “For whatever reason, the guys have not been able to score with runners on base like we need to. We had our chances with plenty of runners on base in both games, and we had good pitching to hold a good team like (Lapeer) East to six runs in each game.”

The losses pretty much drop the Tigers (7-5 in the Metro) out of the league race.

“We just don’t want to fall anymore and finish out in the at least the middle of the top half of the (Metro) standings,” Logan said.

In the opener, Fenton outhit East 7-6, but six errors proved costly. Fenton led 2-1 after two innings, but East scored five runs over the next three innings to earn the win.

East’s Tom McCarter went the distance, striking out eight and getting the win. However, Fenton did put together a rally in the bottom of the seventh.

Derek Jenkins led off with a walk and Eric Mowery followed with a single. They both scored on a fielder’s choice off

See FENTON on 18

Happy Birthday Mr. October was born on this date in May in 1946. Of course, Mr. October is Reggie Jackson.
**Tigers show no mercy vs. Lapeer East**

By Al Zipsie

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**Fenton** — In the thick of contending for a Metro League championship in softball, the Fenton varsity softball team needed only five innings at the plate to earn a doubleheader sweep of Lapeer West on Monday, defeating the Eagles 15-0 and 16-1.

The Cowger sisters — junior Sammi and freshman Ellie — were dominating for Fenton. Sammi Cowger notched two pitching wins, yielding only one hit over six innings in the two games. Sammi was a perfect 4-4-for-4 at the plate with three doubles, while Ellie was 3-3-for-3. They both scored four times. The only hit Sammi allowed was a hit in the third inning, ruining her three-inning no-hit bid. She got one in the second game, allowing the only run on a walk, a passed ball and an error.

“We put it all together with a well rounded team win. Everyone hit and we had good plays on defense,” said Sammi Cowger. “We were hitting the ball everywhere — slapped and hit well.”

“A couple walks and that was it for Sammi,” Fenton coach Rick Bescoue said. “Our defense doesn’t give us up many runs — and we had a nice pick off in the first game from second from Marima Cleis and Sarah Collier.”

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**Wednesday’s games**

Fenton at Kearsley

Brandon at Lapeer

East at Swartz Creek

Friday’s game

Holly at Lapeer East

half with about 13 minutes remaining on a shot from about 25 yards out from East’s Madison Kobylka. And as desperation hit East, the ball spent more time in Ostrów-

**GOLF**

Linden 179, Lapeer East 190: At Metamora Golf Club, Jamie Iordanou and Zack Zulka each had 44s to lead the Eagles. Kurtis Jones had a 45 and Chris Jacques chipped in a 46.

Brandon 174, Holly 190: Chaz Bowles recorded a 44 at Heather Highlands, while Tom Knight had a 46. Kyle Pepper had a 49 and Austin Minner carded a 51.

**PREP REPORT**

**SOFTBALL**

Lapeer West 11-18, Holly 1-3: The Bronchos were swept on the road.

Fenton JV at Lake Orion Invitational: Fenton (8-11) defeated Rochester Adams 8-6 and Birmingham Seaholm 8-3, but lost to Waterford 16-3, earning second in its pool.

Oakland County doubles team of Cortney Munger and Carli Delecki had two hits each.

Fenton JV 4-13, Brandon JV 13-12: The Bulldogs scored an inning-ending hit in the bottom of the seventh, scoring Deni Carpenter, to earn the second-game victory. Martin had four hits and four RBI, while Reagan Seymour also had four hits, scored three runs and drove in three. Donna Iordi had three hits, while Hannah Gadola, Carpenter and Carli Delecki each had two hits.

Clio JV 12-7, Fenton JV 2-1: Hannah Gadola and Kayla Hivelley had two hits for Fenton (4-6, 6-10), while Carli Delecki had a hit and two RBI.

**BASEBALL**

Holly 15-13, Lapeer West 5-0: The Bronchos got two hits from David McNaughton and Blake Orndaw to help spark the first-game win. The second game was called in the top of the fourth inning due to darkness with Holly leading 13-0. Both of McNeely’s hits were doubles.

Linden 10-8, Lapeer West 6-3: In the opener, Linden was led by Tyler Castro’s four hits, and three RBI. Brandon had two hits and five RBI, while Mitch Juhl had two hits and three runs scored. In the second game, Josh Hoeberling pitched a five-inning complete game, allowing just three hits and striking out three. Josh and Tyler Kraus had two hits each.

LakeVille 4-3, Lake Fenton 2-2: The Blue Devils lost a pair of heartbreakers. In the nightcap, LakeVille scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth on a ground ball, scored by Tyler Stechert, who began the inning by reaching base on an error. In the opener, the Blue Devils trailed throughout.

Lake Fenton had just eight hits in the two games. Mitch Kirk had two hits, including a double in the opening game. Neil Allor also had two in the opener. Blake Boudreau toasted six innings, allowing just four hits and striking out two.

In the second game, Kirk struck out seven.

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They did on Monday. East mustered very little offense all night long.

Fenton controlled the action for most of the game, and it resulted in a comfortable 15-0 win in five innings.

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Lake Fenton boys track derail Durand

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Lake Fenton — The Durand Railroaders tried to switch their lineup around enough to beat the Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field team.

But in the end, all they did was give the Blue Devils a good scare.

Lake Fenton finished the GAC meet with a 175-62 victory at Lake Fenton High School. The Lake Fenton girls dropped a 117-18 verdict.

“It was tight,” Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field coach Eric Doyle said. “We were fortunate to hold on. Of our 800 kids helped big time, as we swept there, giving us nine points in that event. I really think that was the key to the meet against Durand.”

Chase Hansen led the 800 runners to the 1-2-3 sweep by finishing first with a time of 2:32.82. Following him were Daven Patel in second (2:33.11) and Luca Van in third (2:49.56).

The Blue Devils won nine of the 17 events, with Kyle Frank and Rob Kessler winning three each.

The boys teamed with Zach Zielinski and Austin Gotton to win the 800 relay (1:40.13), while they teamed with Matt Hommer and Gotton to win the 400 relay (46.03).

Individually, other winners for Lake Fenton were Kyle Frank in the long jump (18-11 1/2), Jon Haggerty in the shot put (39-2), Tyler Merz in the discus (107-1), Lucas Hasenfritz in the 400 (56.96), Chase Hansen in the 800 (2:33.82), Kessler in the 200 (23.23) and Austin DeMoss in the 3,200 (12:51.34).

“I have to give a lot of credit. Durand has been watching our times and really set their lineup to give us a good meet,” Doyle said.

“They avoided our sprint relay teams, and really stacked some other relay events. It made it close, but our kids responded well, and we dominated the throwing events. That helped as well.”

In the girls’ meet, the Blue Devils had two firsts. Ellesa Smith won the long jump (13-7), while Jessi Dupont won the discus (71-10).

Alyssa Martin earned a second in the 100 hurdles (17.0).

“Durand is a tough team to beat, even with big numbers,” Lake Fenton track coach Melissa Thompson said.

in camps. If I do well during the camp season, that’s when I have a great shot in the game.”

The next camp he attended was the Nike Camp at Ohio State last weekend.

“O’Brien doesn’t need to make the team to gain the national attention,” he said.

He’s already got it. O’Brien has received scholarship offers to 11 schools and is interested in many others that aren’t on that list.

He’s already visited Michigan, Michigan State, Iowa and Ohio State. He said he plans on visiting Alabama and Tennessee as well as going to Michigan and Michigan State again this summer.

“It’s definitely fun,” O’Brien said about the recruiting process. “I never think of it as recruiting. I am going to enjoy it while it lasts.”

O’Brien said he followed the recruiting sites as much as some fans do.

“I definitely do,” O’Brien said. “I like to see what schools are trying to do and see who is possibly playing at schools and stuff like that.”

But for now, the recruiting process continues, as do the accolades.
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