

STORY: STATE TAX BILL
“Anyone looking to retire in Michigan should think twice.”
— Larry

STORY: MURDER TRIAL
“Both Dominick and Tyler need justice to be served. Give both adults life without possibility of parole and call it a day.”
— Shirley

“Dominick’s mom needs to go to prison for life. I could not imagine not trying to save my child’s life. I would die trying to save him. She doesn’t deserve to have another chance to be a mom again or to ever be around other children again.”
— Jessica M.

“If we reviewed the rules, Social Services would need a complete overhaul. When it comes to the well-being of children, one can never get enough training. I have lived through abuse. If we had as much support as sports have, this would be a better place for children.”
— Norma

STORY: GROUND TO THE TANK
“And yet we are subsidizing the oil companies.”
— Herforty

HOT LINE: GAS
“Today, the gas prices should not even be more than \$1.50 per gallon and yet they are out of control. Obama is responsible for the high prices and does nothing about it. We all blamed Bush when he was in office, and now, if the shoe fits.”
— Oil Man

**HOT LINE
OF THE WEEK**

“I AGREE WITH the person objecting to our many \$1 leases. I also think of the house the library bought with an overgrown lawn and no obvious maintenance. Explanations are in order to us, the people of this city.”



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‘The sky was wicked, sinister’

► Fenton couple in Joplin when EF-5 tornado hit

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Reading about the tornado that struck Joplin, Mo. last Friday is one thing, but one local couple experienced the wrath of Mother Nature firsthand. Ron and Mary

Hicks, of Fenton Township, were in Joplin last Sunday when the 200-mph tornado ripped through the city. The couple was attending their grandson’s graduation from Joplin High School.

The graduation ceremony was held at nearby Missouri Southern State University, ending about 40 minutes before the tornado formed.

See **TORNADO** on 10A

“I still get goose bumps and chills when I think about it.”

Mary Hicks
Fenton Township resident

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WILLIAM AXFORD

Mary and Ron Hicks hold a picture from a newspaper near Joplin, MO.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Barbara Kincaid, a Gold Star Mother, lost her son who was in the Navy in 1990. The gold star hung outside her home symbolizes the loss of a child in the military. The white dress symbolizes purity, in the love mothers have for their children.

Son’s death in Iraq sets mom on mission

► Gold Star Mother keeps veterans alive in the minds of Americans year round

By William Axford
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The mother

Barbara Kincaid never heard of a Gold Star Mother until she became one. While grieving the death of her veteran son, Kincaid was informed of her new title by the military during his funeral. In the 20 years that have followed since her son’s death, Kincaid has been a constant advocate for fallen soldiers and has brought exposure to Gold Star Mothers.

“I could have become bitter or I could have become better,” said Kincaid, who is a public speaker on behalf of Gold Star Mothers. “I knew what my son would have wanted, so I became better.”

See **GOLD STAR MOTHER** on 26A

Summary

► Barbara Kincaid is a Gold Star Mother who promotes awareness about who they are and what they do. She has been a part of the Linden Memorial Day Parade for the past four years and will be walking in it this Monday.

Methodist church to withdraw objection to liquor license

► ‘Neighborly cooperation’ leads to agreement

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — The Fenton United Methodist Church filed an objection to the Michigan Brewing Company’s request for a liquor license about two weeks ago, but has decided to withdraw that objection.

“The Michigan Brewing Co. did a wonderful job on this and addressing our concerns.”

Jim Austin
liaison for Fenton United Methodist Church

See **LIQUOR LICENSE** on 18A

Snyder signs historic tax overhaul

► Businesses to pay less taxes, citizens lose many tax exemptions

By Tim Jagielo
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On Wednesday, Gov. Rick Snyder signed the tax reform plan that could send change sweeping across Michigan’s economic landscape, one week after receiving the bill. “This is a defining moment in Michigan’s

Summary

► Gov. Rick Snyder signed the tax bill, which marks the end of the Michigan Business Tax and many personal exemptions.

turnaround,” Snyder said in a news statement. “Michigan has been trying to compete economically with one
See **TAX** on 31A

Council approves another \$1 lease downtown

► Old Depot new home to Southern Lakes Parks & Rec

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — The old train depot in downtown Fenton will soon have a new tenant. On Monday, Fenton City Council approved a lease agreement with Southern Lakes Parks

See **LEASE** on 13A



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SLPR is moving into the old Fenton depot.



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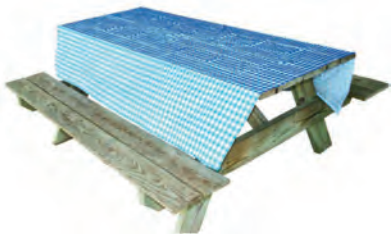
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Fenton woman lands her dream job as rock 'n roll DJ

Meeting rock stars Ozzie Osborn, Slash, just part of the job

By Tim Jagielo

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If Maggie Meadows ever said she talked to thousands of people on a given day, she wouldn't be exaggerating. From 3 to 7 p.m. each night, Meadows, of Fenton, is an on-air personality at Banana 101.5, known as "Flint's Rock Radio," reaching about 50,000 listeners with a signal that reaches south of Fenton to Saginaw, from the tiny studio in Burton.

See **ROCK 'N ROLL DJ on 12A**

Summary

► Maggie Meadows of Fenton is a DJ for Flint radio station, Banana 101, and has the opportunity to meet national acts and be the public face of her station.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Maggie Meadows, of Fenton, is an on-air personality for Banana 101.5 out of Burton. She is also the station music director and hosts a show featuring local bands.

Local man breaks records at weight-lifting competitions

► Dead-lifts 512 pounds

By Tim Jagielo

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Tim Roche, 51, owner of Kan Rock Tire for 25 years, broke some records in weight lifting. He began lifting weights for exercise and just recently began competing.

Roche isn't just in impressive shape for his age. He also has a laundry list of accomplishments that give him substantial bragging rights. He has broken records in each weight-lifting competition.

Roche said his records and accolades apply to his weight, age and class. "That's an important statement," he said. "There's some big guys out there lifting a lot of weight."

Most recently, Roche competed in Fenton at the Powerlifting Association Meet two weeks ago and broke his own 507-pound national dead-lift record by five pounds, by lifting 512 pounds. He won with his age and weight class, competing against every age group in his weight class, including 20-year-olds, and came in first place.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tim Roche, of Linden, dead lifts his personal record of 512 pounds at a meet in Fenton at Powerhouse Gym earlier this month. He also set the statewide and national record for his age and weight class.

Summary

► Tim Roche, 51, owner of Kan-Rock Tire has broken several weight-lifting records.

“It's good for bone density, overall health, and makes you look good.”

Tim Roche, weightlifter

At the Fenton meet, he won three awards, first place in Age and Weight Class, first place in All Ages in Weight Class, and Best Lifter, out of the 30 who participated in the meet.

Prior to this, Roche set the national dead lift record for his age and weight class of 507 pounds at the American Powerlifting Federation National Meet held in Orlando, Fla. He competed against 120 people to win Best Lifter Overall. He also beat out all weightlifters for his weight class, 40 and over. "You lift more than anyone else," he said.

See **WEIGHT-LIFTING on 13A**

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Carry a big stick

If you want to capture the true spirit of Memorial Day, you need only remember the motto of former president Theodore Roosevelt: 'Speak softly and carry a big stick.'

For most of us (me included), Memorial Day will be celebrated not by revering those who gave their lives in defense of our freedom, but by activities such as barbecuing, beer drinking, boating and baseball. Sadly, for many of our neighbors and fellow citizens, Memorial Day will be about an empty seat at the picnic table and an empty place in their lives.

Undoubtedly, most Americans feel sorrow when they read or hear of the death of one of our young men or women serving their country in the military. But I also sense a change in the

way many of us perceive this ultimate sacrifice. These days, many tend to view these soldiers as victims, not as human beings who chose freely to serve their country knowing full well that the price they pay may be their lives. By minimizing their sacrifice we minimize our own guilt at sitting on the sidelines.

I say this because so many of today's generation simply can't conceive of one of their peers making this choice of their own free will. They view our military personnel as being comprised of mostly disadvantaged youth desperate for any opportunity to escape their impoverished life, or militant warmongers whose primary motivation is a thirst for blood. It is incomprehensible to them that someone would volunteer

for the military out of a sense of duty or obligation to their country. Most naively believe that distasteful matters like war can be avoided if we would only listen to the sage voices of Hollywood. Teddy Roosevelt be damned — these are problems that can be solved with love and understanding, not guns and tanks and bombs.

History, and the endless rows of crosses and markers at Arlington, tells us otherwise. They are stark reminders that pure evil is not just surviving, but thriving in our world today. Slavery, discrimination, the killing of 20 million Jews, Pearl Harbor and 9-11 were all fostered by men and women who claimed they were doing good in the world — and convinced entire civilizations to follow them. The current American generation's liberal weenie-logic on matters of obligation and patriotism doesn't change the fact that there has always been, and always will be, evil in the world.

Without America's big stick, the

ungrateful, spineless French would not even exist today. Nor would Germany, nor most of Europe, nor Japan. I often wonder what the 407,316 Americans who died in World War II would think of all the yuppies driving around today in German and Japanese vehicles — vehicles manufactured by countries who openly sneer at the same big stick policy that saved their @\$\$e\$ in the past, and allow them the freedom they so enjoy today.

If America truly wants to avoid building more Arlingtons, the surest way is to heed the advice of Teddy Roosevelt and 'speak softly and carry a big stick' — and never, ever forget the past. That big stick is our military — past, present and future.

To the brave men and women serving in our military — and especially to those families with an empty seat at their table — my deepest gratitude to you on this Memorial Day.

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MY WIFE AND I like Holly very much. I like going to see the bike show and all that stuff, but people are parking their cars on the side of the street and it makes it hard to pull in and back out. I wish there was a way we could work around that. Maybe we could figure out something.

TO THE PERSON who keeps stealing the gas out of my Suburban on McCaslin Lake, I am going to catch you. And when I do catch you, you'll wish that I had called the police.

WHEN ASKED TO name Republican legislation that helps workers, the only response is Reagan and Bush cut taxes. How has tax giveaways to the rich and minuscule token cuts to everyone else worked out? We have record deficits, massive debt, millions of job losses, lower wages and the biggest gap between rich and poor since the Depression. How does this benefit the working class?

CONCERNING REDISTRIBUTION OF wealth, as usual, Republicans have it backwards. For 30 years, the wealth has gone from hard-working lower and middle class to the rich, much due to the massive tax giveaways to the most well off. How does giving money to the rich help workers?

TAX CUTS HAVE been enacted by both Democrats and Republicans. Republican tax cuts are heavily skewed to the wealthy. Obama's cuts benefit 95 percent of Americans, leaving out the top 5 percent. Tax cuts are not the exclusive property of the GOP.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED to the saying, 'Friends don't let friends drive drunk.' Please call someone to come get that person before letting him or her drive drunk.

DOES ANYONE KNOW of local businesses that will hire a 15 year old for summer work?

OH, HERE WE go with Obama and the 1967 Israel borders. Of course, the Obama-haters forgot (or don't care to research) that the policy on those borders was the same policy that Bush, Clinton, Bush Sr., and Reagan had.

SO, YOU CAN have a few million dollars in your bank account and collect food stamps. Where are the folks representing us in government? Kick them all out of office.

I AM WONDERING, with all of the school closings here in Michigan, why isn't the

Michigan Lottery keeping them open? It was promised to all Michigan voters that the lottery would fund education.

YOUR CHILD IS earning good grades for the benefit of their own future, not so they can walk across a stage at eighth-grade graduation and be the center of attention. Stop being petty and look at the big picture of life.

WHO PAVED OWEN Road after Whitaker, leaving that one-foot strip unpaved? Re-painting the lines would have clearly been too time-consuming. What happened to doing something right or not doing it all?

HEY ROBERT, JUST a little heads up. People of McCaslin Lake are going to be spending the night in your parking lot until something gets done with McCaslin Lake Road. Either that or just give us our money back and we will fix the road ourselves.

THE LINDEN GIRLS Track 3200 meter relay team of Sydney Elmer, Heidi Sack, Danielle Starrs and Mayce Varacalli ran 9:50.6, placing second at Regionals on Saturday, May 21, and are headed to the state finals.

SCOTTY MCCREERY OF American Idol owes my wife and daughter a thank you. They personally made thousands of calls to ensure his selection as the 2011 winner. A phone call, email or even better, a 'Team Scotty' T-shirt would be nice. Hmm, better give him their names and a heads up on their expectations, eh?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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What is your favorite vegetable?

streettalk



"Eggplant, because it's so versatile. You can fry it or grill it."

— Andrew Couser
Holly Township



"I like corn on the cob. I only eat it in the summer and I look forward to grilling it."

— Danielle Eddy
Fenton



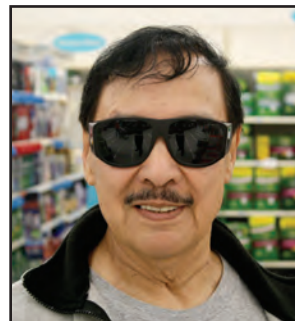
"My favorite is asparagus. I use it in my ham rolls. It's crunchy, too."

— Lucy Johnson
Fenton Township



"Asparagus, I like the taste and it is good for you."

— Peggy Crug
Holly Village



"I love broccoli because it has a lot of nourishment and tastes great."

— Joseph Prez
Tyrone Township



"I like spinach because of its cancer fighting agents. I can mix it with anything."

— Shelly Long
Fenton Township

Fenton hires consultant for redevelopment of DDA properties

Fenton — Fenton City Council approved an agreement with Jerry Mansour, a consultant, at the recommendation of the Fenton Downtown Development Authority.

The DDA would like to redevelop the southeast corner of Silver Lake Road and North LeRoy Street since it owns three contiguous properties. To do this, DDA members believed they would need the assistance of a consultant.

Mansour will work with Stephen A. Auger Associates, an architectural firm, also hired on Monday, to complete an architectural analysis of the area.

Mansour and the DDA have established

a relationship, including the redevelopment of the old fire hall. This and the fact that Mansour has more than 25 years of experience in commercial real estate throughout the region made him a favorable choice with DDA members.

Summary

► Jerry Mansour was hired as a consultant to help develop three sites along LeRoy Street, between Silver Lake Road and the Fenton United Methodist Church.

The 18-month contract begins June 1. Mansour will be paid \$3,000 per month, with the first three months paid up-front. The contract expires on Nov. 30, 2012 and can be ended at anytime with a 15-day notice.

Mayor Sue Osborn was pleased to retain the services of Mansour. "Jerry's done a wonderful job in the past," she said.

Council approves hiring Lake Orion architect for DDA project

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — A Lake Orion architect has been retained by the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for a redevelopment project.

At the recommendation of Michael Burns, assistant city manager and director of the DDA, Fenton City Council approved a motion to allow the DDA to retain the architectural firm of Stephen A. Auger Associates, of Lake Orion.

Councilwoman Dianne North voted against the motion.

According to Burns, if the DDA wishes to devel-

op three contiguous sites along North LeRoy Street, between Silver Lake Road and the Fenton United Methodist Church, in accordance to the Downtown Master Plan, it needs to find out what would be appropriate.

An architectural and engineering analysis of the site needs to be done before moving forward with marketing the site with a potential developer and potential tenants. Jerry Mansour, who was hired Monday as a consultant on the project, suggested earlier that the DDA interview Auger and John Costa, an architect from Flushing.

Bid proposals from both architects were submitted. Auger's quote was \$7,500 and Costa's quote was \$2,750.

Costa has experience in designing some of the new development projects in downtown Flint. Auger designed and built Ashford Commons, a three-story mixed use building in downtown Auburn Hills, beginning in 2004. It was completed in 2008.

The selection committee believed Auger was the most suitable firm to address the project, despite coming in with a higher bid.

"I do believe he is the one we need to move forward," said Burns.

Auger said, "We've done five or six projects like this. 'This has the

most potential.'"

Councilwoman Dianne North questioned the range in quotes and expressed concern that this was not bid out. She said she would have preferred to see more information on the price difference.

Councilman Tim Faricy told North that this is not untypical. "A cost of \$7,500 is insignificant when you're looking at experience at developing this. We trust this recommendation."

Councilman Benjamin Smith agreed that there was a big difference in bids, however, after reading about both firms, everything pointed toward Auger for his experience and detail. "I was impressed," said Smith.

"A cost of \$7,500 is insignificant when you're looking at experience at developing this."

Tim Faricy

Fenton City councilman

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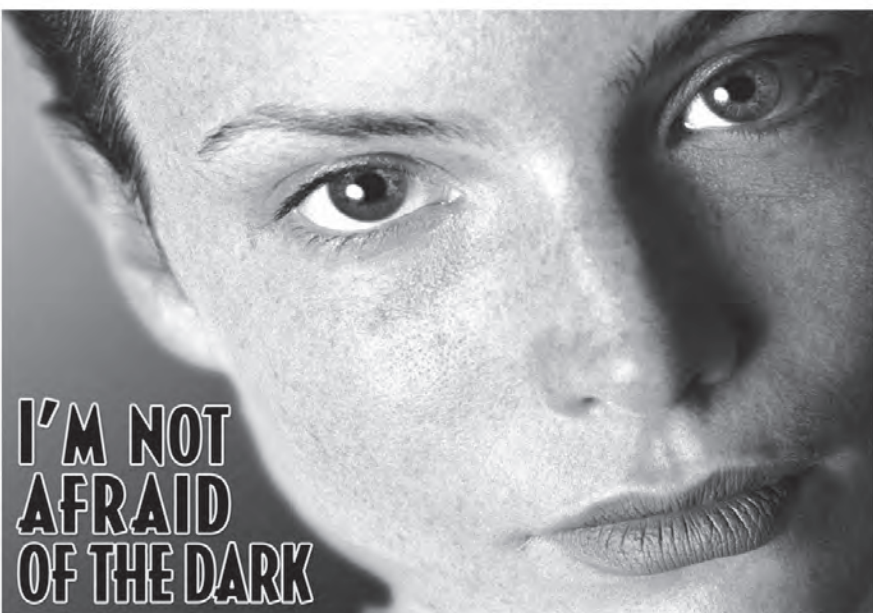
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Police&Fire report

SUSPICIOUS HOUSE FIRE

On May 19, Holly police and fire responded to a suspicious fire at a vacant home on Linder Road, off Quick Road and just north of Holly Village limits. The home was fully engulfed in flames. A witness told police that he saw several juveniles shooting off fireworks near the home. The witness detained one of the suspects and turned him over to police. The juvenile told police that he and friends were playing with illegal fireworks and the house caught fire accidentally. He was released to a parent and the case remains under investigation with state police, which has jurisdiction in Holly Township.

THIEVES STRIKE UNLOCKED AUTOS

On May 22, a Holly police officer was sent to the area of Grange Hall Road and Old Leake Court to investigate a larceny from auto complaint. The complainant reported that he saw three suspects running down the street carrying flashlights and away from his unlocked vehicle. Several items were missing, including electronics. If anyone has information, they are to call Det. Craig Simpson at (248) 634-8221.

SLASHED TIRES

On Thursday, May 26, a Linden police officer was sent to the 200 block of North Bridge Street to investigate a report of a slashed tire. The vehicle owner told the officer that someone had slashed a tire on his 2002 Pontiac. While the officer was at the scene, he learned of another slashed tire, this time to a Malibu car. There are no suspects at this time.

INTOXICATED INTRUDER

At 1:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, a Linden police officer was sent to a home in the 100 block of Creekwood

Crash sends three people to hospital



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SHARON STONE

A 16-year-old male driving this pickup truck rear-ended this Dodge SUV on Torrey Road, just south of Lahring Road in Fenton Township. Fenton Township Fire Department and the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene at 3:25 p.m. on Wednesday. The two female occupants in the SUV were transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township. The driver of the truck was also transported to the hospital.

Circle on a report of a home invasion in progress. As the officer approached, he observed a male exiting the side door of the attached garage. The suspect was placed under arrest and lodged at the county jail. The 23-year-old Linden man was released pending further investigation. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the suspect was highly intoxicated at the time of his arrest.

SPEEDING MOTORCYCLES

On May 20, Holly Village police assisted state police with catching speeding motorcyclists. A trooper was chasing

two motorcycles on southbound North Holly Road. The first motorcycle was traveling more than 100 miles per hour as it approached Holly Village. The second motorcycle, also speeding, attempted to pass a vehicle. During the attempt, the motorcycle struck the vehicle, causing the rider to lose control. The rider was thrown about 100 yards. He was transported to an area hospital. The first biker was not located and the case remains under investigation.

Mother and son injured in crash



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

A 47-year-old Fenton woman and her 15-year-old son were injured in an automobile crash Thursday at 4:50 p.m. on Owen Road. The woman was eastbound on Owen Road, waiting to turn left into a gas station. A stopped westbound motorist waved her through and she struck a pickup truck traveling in the outside lane. The mother and son were transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township with serious injuries. A 14-year-old Tyrone Township male, seated in the backset of the car was not injured. The truck driver was not injured. The woman was placed at fault on the accident report.



Focus on Vision

By: Dr. Juan Alvarado

WHAT CAN I DO FOR RED ITCHY EYES?

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Another water increase in Holly

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By Tim Jagielo

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Holly Village—Residents in the village of Holly may try to avoid watering their lawns this year. Residents can expect to pay up to around

Summary

►The Holly Village Council approved a water and sewer plan at its meeting on Tuesday that includes an increase to the base rate and bond debt service, and will be applied beginning in July.

30 percent more for their water and sewer rates in the near future. The Holly Village Council voted unanimously on Tuesday to adopt a plan that raises rates.

After many meetings discussing the issue, and a public forum to hear residents' opinions, the council adopted the second of two proposed

water and sewer rate plans. The plan includes an increase to the base rate and increasing bond debt service. The rates will take effect July 1 and will be reflected in the August billing statement.

"I don't like it, but I think it's necessary," said resident Lenore Johnston. "I think it's fair. I think each household should pay the fee."

Although the rate has been set and residents will begin to pay higher rates in August, Village Manager Jerry Walker said the village has committed to evaluating the rate system annually. "Council can always amend the rate schedule," he said. "Even though it's proposed for five-year increments, council can always revisit and amend."

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Lenore
Johnston
resident**

Council member Sandra Kleven said she liked the second option because the debt service can be charged to foreclosed or empty properties. "That does lessen the burden on the rest of us," she said. "I don't like raising the rates, but we have to pay our water bill, we have to pay our bonds."

The village must pay back bonds that were used to build the new water treatment plant and will do so through increasing debt service built in. Because the village took action on their bond debt related to water service, they will avoid a further degrading in its bond rating status from a BBB+, or "good."

"I hope we can hold on until 2014, folks," said Council member Jackie Campbell. "That's when the first bond expires and we could see a rate decrease."

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Village takes resident's public accusations seriously

►Will consider remarks slanderous, unless proven

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Larry Lilly frequently attends meetings in Holly Village and Holly Township. He is usually the one putting elected officials in the hot seat with his public comments and attention to village policies. On Tuesday, the roles were reversed. Village Manager Jerry Walker read a letter from attorney Richard Figura to Lilly during the regular council meeting concerning comments Lilly made at the last public forum over water and sewer rates.

Lilly had accused the village of using bond money to pursue citihood, and said he had proof. The letter from Figura said that the village takes his accusations very seriously, and formally asked Lilly for the proof within 21 days of Lilly receiving the letter, so the matter can be investigated to see if money was indeed misused.

Without proof, said the letter, the allegations could be taken as "false and slanderous."

"It's just meant to say, if you have (proof) please bring it to us because we're

very serious about looking into it," said Walker after reading the stern letter.

President Jeff Miller requested that the letter be read into the record, and Walker checked with Figura to make sure that it was legal to read in the public setting.

"We had been accused of wrongly spending the village's money to pay for citihood," he said. "(Lilly) said he had proof. So prove it. Without proof it's slander."

In 12 years of sitting on village council, Miller said such a letter has never been read into the record before.

Lilly was surprised to hear the letter for the first time in the public forum. "It's like a punch right in the face," he said.

By Wednesday, Lilly had still not received a copy of the letter, and had to pay for a copy at the village office. He is used to getting letters from the attorney, usually in response to legal questions he has. This is the first time he has received a stern request letter like this.

"It's not proper to read a letter like that. Everything with me has been face to face, not through letters," said Lilly. Currently, he is assembling his proof to give to Walker. "My dedication is for the residents, always has been," said Lilly.

"It's not proper to read a letter like that. Everything with me has been face to face, not through letters."

Larry Lilly
Holly resident

HOT LINE CONTINUED

STIMULUS BILL WAS and is a complete failure, no economy boost, no jobs and no recovery. Our hard-earned tax dollars squandered away once again. Adding insult to injury, now we are told that many of the recipients of this money did not even pay their payroll and/or corporate taxes. Many of these companies were nothing more than Obama and Democrat proponents being rewarded for their partisan support. Imagine that.

IT'S AMAZING, ALL the people calling for a Rick Snyder recall. He has only been in office for five months. Democrats and Obama himself keep blaming Bush for all the problems that he inherited, which is making it hard to turn the country around. So, in fairness, give Snyder a break for inheriting eight years of problems created by Democrat Granholm. But it probably doesn't work both ways.

WHY CAN'T THE state police step up and clean up some of the crime back

in Holly Shores? There are people who just overpower others there because they have their gangs to back them up. So much crap going on and no one does a thing about it.

TO THOSE YOUNG people who are bored with nothing to do, I suggest you look for ways to help people and your community by picking up garbage along roadsides, volunteering at senior citizens' homes, helping neighbors, tutoring younger children or asking school or community leaders where you may be of help. The gift of help you give to others will ultimately be the biggest gift for you. Have a blessed day.

IT SEEMS MOST Hot lines are comments blaming the other party. The parties have us exactly where they want us, fighting, badmouthing each other, blaming the other party, etc. When we all start using our brains, this will stop and maybe we can get back to good government. It is America folks, not parties. 'A two-party system will destroy the country,' John Adams.

School district to cut energy costs with new boilers

►Sinking Fund dollars to cover \$292,652 price tag

By Sharon Stone

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Linden — Linden Elementary School and Argentine Elementary School will have new Patterson-Kelley high-efficiency boilers installed over the summer. The Linden Board of Education approved the purchases at its meeting on May 18.

The boiler for Linden Elementary School will cost the district \$170,246 and the boiler for Argentine Elementary School will cost \$122,406. Combined costs, which includes equipment and installation are estimated to be \$292,652. Sinking Fund dollars are available to cover the costs.

Three manufacturers, Lochinvar, Patterson Kelly and Thermal Solutions bid on the package. Greg Vadasz, operations manager for Linden Community Schools, said Patterson-Kelley was the best choice for the school district.

The new boilers at Linden High School and Hyatt Elementary School have already reduced the school district's natural gas consumption by more than 30 percent, according to Vadasz.



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The 200-mph tornado that ripped through Joplin Mo. last Sunday was the worst ever recorded in the National Weather Service's 50-year history.

TORNADO

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The Fenton couple noticed the sky darkening and anticipated heavy rain while driving to their son's house after the graduation. "The sky was very ugly and vicious. It looked wicked, sinister. I'll always remember it," said Mary.

By the time they reached their son's house, sirens were blaring, warning people of the oncoming tornado. Ron, Mary and 13 other family members took refuge in the basement as the tornado touched down.

"The wind sounded like a freight train when we were down there," Mary said.

"You could hear your ears pop," Ron said. "It was raining and blowing harder than I've ever seen."

The family emerged from the basement after about half an hour. There was no damage to the house or the surrounding neighborhood. "You wouldn't have even noticed there was a tornado unless you were there before it hit," Ron said.

Residents in the heart of Joplin were not so lucky. Last Sunday's tornado was the worst ever recorded in the National Weather Service's 50-year history. The Associated Press reports that at least 130 people have died and that hundreds more are injured. The Missouri Department of Public Safety released a list of 232 missing people earlier this week.

Ron said that the destroyed area of Joplin was a quarter of a mile away from his son's house and was blocked off. It wasn't until the couple left town and visited a restaurant that they saw the aftermath for the first time.

"The cell phone towers were knocked out and we could only use the Internet

to communicate," Mary said. "Once we left town, everyone began calling us. It was all over television. We weren't able to see the tornado and it's effect, but we definitely heard it."

As they were leaving town, the couple said they saw overturned semis and two big rigs blown over on the highway.

Amid the destruction, the Hicks family is thankful that they survived the disaster unscathed. Ron said that his son, James Hicks, is volunteering with his local church and does not know of anyone who is dead or missing.

"My son is rattled and very concerned for his community," Ron said. "You thank God that everyone you know is all right but you feel guilty because other people are suffering."

Even more disturbing is the thought of what could have happened if Joplin High School had held their graduation at the school. The Wall Street Journal recently described the school's devastation as "among the worst" and that "walls are still standing and not much else."

"I keep thinking, 'What if the tornado had hit at the university?'" There were 3,000 people there in an athletic complex with stadium seating," Ron said. "How devastating would that have been? We were so lucky."

The couple plan to visit their other grandson in Oregon for his high school graduation. They are still optimistic about traveling, even after a close brush with such widespread destruction.

"My family joked that there could be a blizzard in June," Mary said. "I still get goose bumps and chills, though, when I think about the tornado. It was wicked and indescribable."

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ROCK 'N ROLL DJ

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Her real personality is friendly and boisterous, a good combination for someone who is a major public face for her station, wearing a Banana 101 ball cap, faux military jacket and jeans. While on the air, Meadows gives sponsored traffic reports, announces songs, and takes requests while wearing headphones, keeping her eyes on the computer monitor in front of her. She works with about six other people at the station. "I really love the people I work with," she said.

WWBN Banana 101.5 operates under the parent company Townsquare Media, along with Cars 108. Meadows is the music director, meaning she helps program the music for the station. If you hear it, she helped schedule it. In the radio industry, her brand of music is called "activerock," and includes current hard rock and '90s post grunge.

Meadows does not just schedule what she wants to hear. The station conducts frequent tests to make sure they are delivering what their listeners want. "The listeners are really great," she said. "I'm friends with a lot of our listeners." Meadows said her station is approachable and friendly.

In a blink, Meadows throws the headphones back on, narrowly catching her cue



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Maggie Meadows chats with national touring band Crossfade on Tuesday before they played a song during her shift. Meadows has met many prominent musicians, including Ozzy Osborne.

to introduce a song on air. She rarely makes on-air mistakes. "It happens," she said. "You just laugh."

Her day generally starts at 11 a.m. In the first few hours, she'll meet with her boss,

Tony LaBrie, who runs the station, and she'll help program the music for the day into the computerized system and posts two, short, feature stories on the station's blog page.

After her studio session Tuesday, she headed

to the Machine Shop in Flint for a spot radio broadcast for national touring band, My Darkest Days. The supporting act, Crossfade, will be at the radio station later for an impromptu on-air acoustic performance. "We're out on the street a lot, I love it," she said. "It takes a little out of my personal life, but my personal life is music."

Crossfade filed into the cramped studio space with acoustic instruments for an on-air performance of their new single, "Killing me inside."

Despite the bands star power, Meadows chats with the band members like old friends, about music festivals and out-of-control, after-show parties.

"It takes a little out of my personal life, but my personal life is music."

Maggie Meadows
On Air personality,
Banana 101

Meadows riffs with the band while they get ready, and breaks occasionally to jump on-air to introduce a song, seamlessly switching into a traffic update which includes a plug for an advertiser.

Meeting rock stars is part of her job. Meadows has met Ozzy Osborne, who she described as talkative, "awesome," and not as tall as she thought he would be. "He's a crack-up," she said.

She has also met Slash from Guns'n Roses, Saving Abel, My Darkest Days, and others. Prior to working in radio, Meadows sold a pontoon boat to Bob Seger.

Meadows is educated with a degree in radio broadcasting from Specs Howard Institute and landed her an internship with Cars 108 in 1999, which runs out of the same small station in Burton. After Cars 108, she moved to the U.S. 103.1, and finally Banana 101.5, less than two years ago.

Later in her career, Meadows hopes to still be working in radio, though she'd be fine exactly where she is. "I'm happy here," she said. "It's my dream station."

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10 THINGS about Maggie Meadows

1. I am extremely claustrophobic.
2. I met my brother when he was 10. I was 5 or 6. Surprise!
3. I have two sisters, Tuesday and Kristen.
4. Every Easter my sisters and I compete in a bonnet contest. Strange but there is a cash prize.
5. I love to play jokes on people.
6. I can dish it out but have a hard time taking it back.
7. I have no kids, but love being an aunt.
8. My niece and nephews do not call me Aunt Maggie...just Maggie.
9. My head starts to itch in the grocery store. I feel uncomfortable.
10. My mother wanted me to be a nurse. Who wants a hungover nurse?



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tim Roche, of Linden, greets his family after setting another record at a meet in Fenton. He currently holds the record for his age and weight class, and won best weightlifter overall at the meet.

WEIGHT-LIFTING

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Despite his recent accolades, Roche has only been competing for one year. He broke out into the weightlifting scene in Michigan by beating all three statewide records in bench press, squat and dead lifting. He gives credit to his trainer, and his gym, Powerhouse Gym.

How did he break out in the weight lifting world and break records?

For the last three years, Roche has worked with a trainer, 1½ hours per day, six days per week. "It's a sport that brings me enjoyment," he said. "In the gym we have camaraderie. It's an environment I enjoy being a part of."

Roche's diet consists of protein, fruits and vegetables, very little carbohydrates, and no alcohol. He receives 10 hours of sleep each day. Aside from occasional muscle and joint soreness, he feels like a 25 year old. In short, weightlifting has been good for Roche.

"I would say, everybody should do it," he said. "It's good for bone density, overall health, and makes you look good." So good, that Roche, who said he has virtually no body fat, is considering body-building competitions as his next step.

Roche urges anyone to exercise at least a little. "It's all good," he said. "Basically, get up and move, every day, every day, every day."

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& Recreation (SLPR) that would allow the organization to use the train depot as office space for \$1 per year.

The train depot has been unoccupied since 2008 when Brent Morgan used the space for his economic development office. The Friends of the Library have been using the building temporarily to store books for an upcoming book sale.

Vince Paris, director of SLPR, approached the city about leasing the building after Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, advised him of the space.

Summary

► Fenton City Council approved a lease agreement with Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation that allows the organization to lease the old train depot for \$1 per year and use it as office space.

SLPR had been using office space in Lake Fenton Middle School and felt it would have been better to be closer to downtown Fenton. SLPR also has space inside the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

With the \$1 per year lease, SLPR agreed that it will, at its own expense, keep the building in good repair and pay any applicable property taxes and assessments. SLPR also agreed that it will not make renovations that would alter the historical significance of the building.

Stephen Schultz, the city attorney, said the city and SLPR has the right to terminate the lease agreement at any time.

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Illegal prescription drug deal goes bad

►Two suspects arrested for armed robbery

By Sharon Stone

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Argentine Twp. — A 21-year-old man from Burton and a 22-year-old man from Argentine Township were arrested on suspicion of being responsible for an armed robbery on Thursday, May 19.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said one of his officers responded to the area of Linden and Lahring roads, as back-up to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department, for a possible armed robbery at 4:30 a.m. Police soon learned the robbery took place in a home on Rolston Road in Argentine.

Two complainants, a 19-year-old woman and 23-year-old man from Harrison, stopped by the home on Rolston Road to purchase illegal prescription medicine (Adderall). After entering the home, one of the suspects accused the Harrison man of owing him money.

After arguing about the money, the Harrison man told police that one of the suspects came back into the room, carrying a baseball bat. The Harrison man reported that he begged the suspect not to hit him. The suspects asked the Harrison woman to come into the home because she had money. She, too, begged the suspect with the baseball bat not to hit her friend.



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Adderall is a central nervous system stimulant. It is used to treat narcolepsy and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Once the man and woman from Harrison turned over some money, the suspects allowed them to leave. Police were unsuccessful in locating and arresting the suspects that night.

On Sunday, May 22, Argentine and Linden police arrested one of the suspects at the Rolston Road home after an officer spotted their vehicle. Information gained from that arrest led to the arrest of the second suspect.

Following a tip, Fenton police arrested the second suspect at a home improvement store on Silver Parkway.

Summary

►Argentine Township, Fenton and Linden police departments, as well as the Genesee County Sheriff's Department were involved with apprehending two suspects believed responsible for an armed robbery last week in Argentine Township.

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Yard 'N Garden has deep roots in Fenton

By Sharon Stone

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After starting her business on a whim more than 30 years ago, Carol McAlister's shop has really taken root in the Fenton community. She is the owner of Yard 'N Garden Center and Florist.

The shop had a history dating back to the '20s of being a greenhouse and florist. McAlister saw endless possibilities with the location, despite it being abandoned when she purchased it. She knew she could bring it back to life when she took ownership in April 1979.

McAlister settled into this area because it was close to family and friends. She found she liked the Fenton area. She grew up on a farm between Linden and Gaines and had many fond memories of coming "to the big town" of Fenton for shopping.

Based on the phrase, "location, lo-



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weather comes, it's outdoor products," she said.

McAlister hears from her customers that they like the small-town atmosphere. "It's all about close ties, loyalty and convenience," she said. "A customer becomes a friend, not a number and you try to help them with whatever the problem is."

An advocate of the "Shop Local" initiative, she believes the premise encourages both long-time and new residents to explore businesses they haven't visited before.

McAlister's staff is eager to help customers. "They're enthusiastic about what they are doing," she said.

She describes her customers as being a blend of old and new, of all ages, homeowners, renters and people who like to have flowers in their homes. "And, those who stop by because they were referred by another area business," she said.

Yard 'N Garden Center and Florist is located at 603 West Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. To speak with McAlister or one of her knowledgeable employees, call (810) 629-4539.

Those interested in what Yard 'N Garden has to offer can visit www.carolsyardngarden.biz.

cation, location," McAlister has found that her location, at the corner of Silver Lake Road and West Street is quite convenient for her many loyal customers.

Her expertise on plants, as well as her problem-solving skills, brings customers back repeatedly. She serves as a florist all year long and has a vast assortment of cut flowers and plants. "When warmer

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LIQUOR LICENSE

Continued from Front Page

In March, restaurant owners received the keys to the old fire hall, which is within 500 feet of the church, after finalizing an agreement with the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The deal with the DDA calls for a seven-year lease at \$1 per year. At the end of the lease, Michigan Brewing Co. has the option of buying the property for \$1. In addition, the DDA will provide 33 percent of the project cost, up to \$400,000.

By the end of March, restaurant and brewery owners applied for a liquor license with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC). The license it applied for

is a small winemaker, microbrewery and small distillery license, which means the restaurant, could serve products it produces. The application is pending.

The LCC has received the necessary recommendations from Fenton City and the police department. Since the church is within 500 feet of the business, it had the right to object to the liquor license, within 15 days of the application.

Jim Austin, a church member who was voted in by the church's administrative board to work as the liaison between the church, city and restaurant, provided an update on Friday. He said the congregation was surveyed and it was split as to those who were opposed and in favor of the restaurant's plans.

The church filed a formal objection with the LCC, based on the survey and listed several concerns that members believed needed to be addressed.

The main reason for the objection was the safety of pedestrians and additional traffic. With the church's family life center located between the church and restaurant, youth groups and activities are taking place every day, including evenings. Other concerns included parking, possible offensive exterior advertisements and if another restaurant was needed.

Austin said the restaurant owners responded to the concerns, which prompted church leaders to withdraw the objection. He said the restaurant offered concessions. "It was neighborly cooperation," said Austin.

The restaurant agreed to not have any live amplified music in the front of the building and they would plant shrubs to soften the appearance.

Many feared the brewing system would be an eyesore, overshadowing the church. Austin said the restaurant's brewing system is small.

Parking concerns were also addressed. With a capacity of 100, and between 70 to 80 parking spaces behind the building. An elevator inside the restaurant will allow easy access for customers from the back parking lot. Austin believes there should be ample parking.

The restaurant owners indicated to the church that there would be no advertising out front other than a modest Michigan Brewing Co. sign. Even though it's known for its Bad Ass beer by Kid Rock, the restaurant will not have outdoor advertising on this.

"They want to be a good neighbor and work with us," said Austin.

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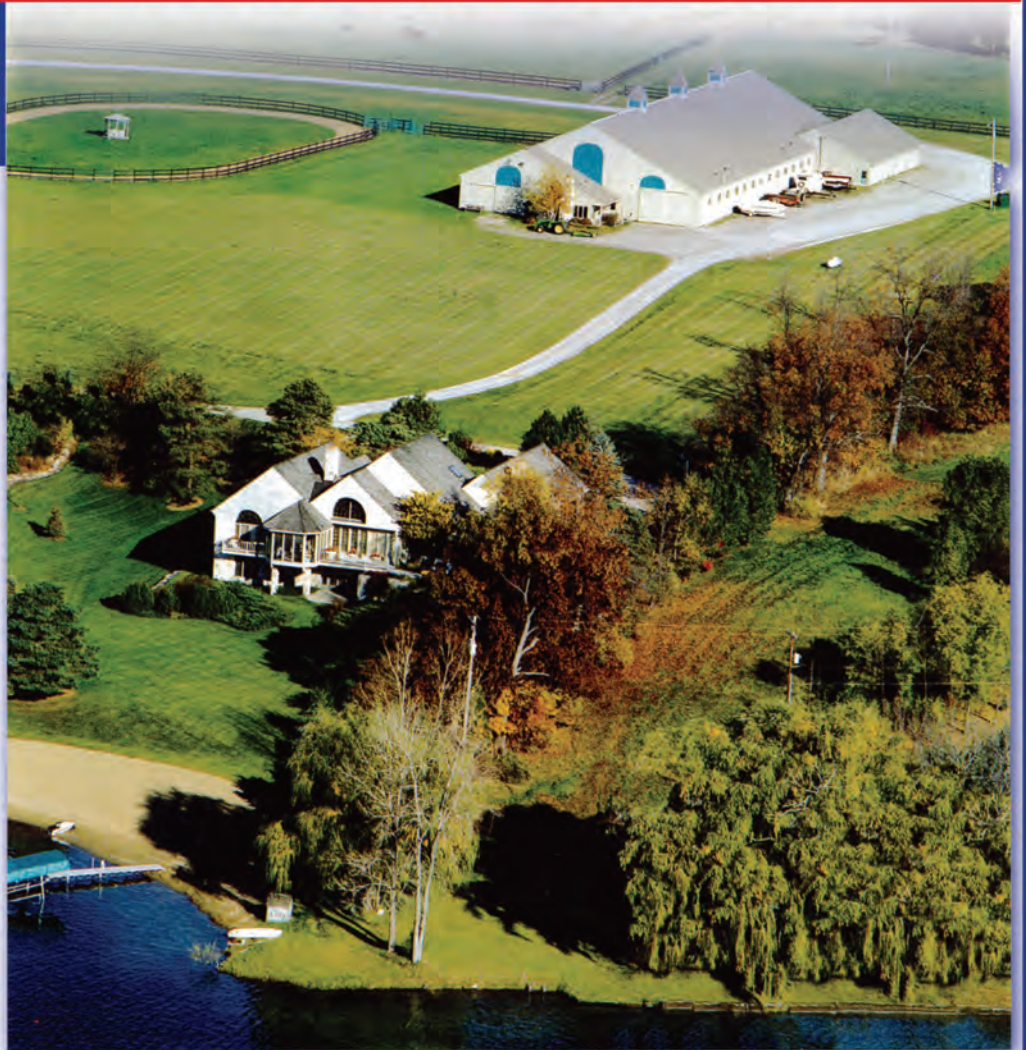
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HOLLY - JUNE 2nd-4th, 9-9p.m. Household items, womens small sizes 2-6, wedding dress. 1010 Marion Dr.

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LINDEN - ANNUAL sub sale. Stony Brook Subdivision, near Linden/Lahring Rds., June 3rd-4th, 9a.m. Too much to list!

LINDEN - COMMUNITY garage sale hosted by Linden Free Methodist Church, 13274 Linden Rd., June 2nd-4th, 9-7p.m. daily. All proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry of LFMC.

Real Estate For Sale**15**

FENTON TWP. - 12 apartments on 2.5 acres, discounted \$250,000, **NOW** - \$325,000. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

Vacant Land For Sale**16**

FENTON - LOON waterfront and wooded lots. \$16,000 and up. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

OLD GRAVEL TRUCK ROAD, starts at Hartland Road and runs to Genesee County line. Total acreage 9.5 acres. Road is 80' in width with an additional split off towards Parkin Lane. \$6,100 per acre. Can call on this property between 7:30-5p.m., Monday-Friday, phone 810-459-9190, ask for Vaughn.

Resort Property**18**

RUSTIC, PRIVATE camping property for rent. A quiet hideaway located in Glen Arbor, just north of Traverse City, in the Leelanau Peninsula. Nestled between Lake Michigan and Alligator Hill. Crystal river-canoeing/kayaking/tubing, hiking all within the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes national shoreline surrounded by 170,000 acres of national forest. Short boat ride to the Manitou Island for a day trip. Very secluded, totally private. 231-835-0733, referrals \$50.

Real Estate For Rent**21**

BE FIRST - Only one!!! 2 bedroom/2 bath duplex, Hickory Meadows Apartments. Fenton's countryside. Pet/smoke free environment. \$745/month. Details? 810-629-6095.

HOLLY - 2 bedroom, 1 bath with all appliances in quiet, country setting. No pets. \$485/month, plus security. 586-219-2573.

LINDEN - 507 ALDRICH St. 3 bedroom, 3 bath duplex. Dishwasher, washer and dryer, AC. \$750/month. 810-938-7211.

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Office/Retail**22**

VARIOUS ROOMS and suites. North Towne Professional Centre, 810-714-3103.

Rooms/ Apartments For Rent**23**

ARGENTINE - 1 BEDROOM. \$495 per month, all utilities included, \$400 deposit. 810-230-0333, 810-659-3927.

ARGENTINE/LINDEN DUPLEX, 700 sq. ft., 2 bedroom. No pets. \$575 monthly. Call for details, 313-535-6242.

CITY OF FENTON - 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath. \$500 a month, \$500 deposit. Washer and dryer included. You pay your own utilities. No pets. Call 810-730-6000.

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NOTICE**ROSE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the Electors of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street in Rose Township.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees will be held to conduct township business and, in accordance with state law, a Public Hearing on the following:

Proposed Rose Township Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 covering estimated revenues and proposed expenditures

AND

Proposed 2011 Tax Rate for Rose Township.

Ten (10) days prior to the hearing, copies of the proposed budget will be available for review during regular office hours at the Clerk's Office or the Treasurer's Office, 9080 Mason Street in Rose Township. Office hours are 10:30 AM to 6:30 PM Monday and 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Tuesday through Thursday, except for holidays.

Comments and/or suggestions, written or oral, are encouraged and will be accepted at the Rose Township Clerk's Office at the above address, until the date and time of the hearing.

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Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

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For Rent 23

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Lost & Found 31

FOUND - MALE black Lab, no collar, found on Thompson and Linden Rd. Currently at Companion Animal Hospital, 810-814-7388.

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SuperCrossword

ACROSS

1 Puccini heroine
6 Keen Lanchester
10 Actress
14 Be in charge
18 Fully developed
19 Farm measure
20 Sag
21 Inspect too closely?
22 Automaton
23 Start of a remark by Doug Larson
25 Sue of "Lolita"
26 Squander
28 Clinton's hometown
29 Woodland deities
31 Sporting dog
34 Manifest
36 Heredity letters
37 — kwon do
38 Antiquity, archaically
39 Born
40 "Serpico" author
41 "The Donkey Serenade" composer
43 "September" ('61 film)
45 Fire

46 James of "Misery"
51 Part 2 of remark
58 Kind of clam
59 Dhamar's locale
60 "Rebel Without a Cause" actor
61 Rocker Halliwell
62 "Man bites dog," e.g.
63 Myrdal or Nelson
64 Fall behind
67 Encore exclamation
68 Flock female
69 Norm
71 Move, with "about"
72 Spanish title
74 "... some curds and —"
75 Tennis pro
77 Ralph of "The Waltons"
78 Stiller's partner
80 "Appalachian Spring" composer
84 Part 3 of remark
88 Siamese
89 Coup d'—
90 Good

times
91 Chucky, for one
93 Yellowish brown
95 WWII site
97 Room for research
100 Ginnie —
101 Friend
104 EMT's skill
105 Commandment word
106 Remarkable
108 Talisman
110 Galaxy glitterer
111 Buy off
112 Writer
113 End of remark
117 Too heavy
121 Mix with water
122 Inexper-enced
123 European capital
124 Talk really big
125 Away from the wind
126 Richard of "Inter-section"
127 Rocker Van Halen
128 Birth-related

DOWN

1 Pitch
2 "Deep Space Nine" role
3 Fill in
4 Circus performer
5 Reach
6 Fowl feature
7 Feel sore
8 Wrath
9 Permit
10 Act like
11 Stud site
12 Impresario
13 Italy's —
14 Celeste or Ian
15 Tut's turf
16 Maui greeting
17 Obtuse
20 "Light My Fire" rockers
24 Big bird
27 "I told you so!"
30 Tasty tuber
31 Wine word
32 Deere things
33 Fess up
34 Poet
35 Khayyam part
36 — butter
41 Actress
42 Dunaway
44 Printemps
45 Comic Elliott

46 Machine parts
48 Neighbor of 116 Down
49 "Slammin' Sam"
50 Bouquet
52 Crone
53 Simple life form
54 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
55 Glasses
56 Loser to Truman
57 Big bird
62 Jawaharlal's jacket
63 Bellyache
64 Terrier tether
65 A Pointer sister
66 Like Notre Dame
69 Early Brits
70 Baseball family name
72 "M*A*S*H" Emmy winner
73 Actor
74 Power unit
76 Urban transport
78 Carpenter's corner
79 List ender
81 Postfix
82 Cover girl
83 Campbell
85 Seductive

86 Without value
87 Detect
92 Triangle part
94 Tennis term
95 Ignominy
96 Starch source
97 It's down in the mouth
98 "— Blue?" ('29 song)
99 Zoo attraction
101 It's tossed with sauce
102 Menotti title character
103 Novelist
105 Place for pots
107 Striped sprinter
109 Path
110 Move a bit
111 Unadorned
114 Dundee denial
115 Hoopsters' org.
116 Newark's st.
118 Put away a pastry
119 Police hdqrs.
120 Sniggler's quarry

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword and Wednesday Sudoku Puzzle are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

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SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL .7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Marc W. Wiseman a/k/a M. W. Wiseman and Melanie R. Wiseman a/k/a Melanie Wiseman, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pioneer Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2004 and recorded April 15, 2004 in Liber 4404 Page 456 Livingston County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated May 18, 2011 and subsequently recorded in Livingston County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$333,242.73) including interest 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Livingston County at 10:00AM on June 29, 2011 Said premises are situated in Township of Genoa, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the West one-half of the East one-half of Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 5 East, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, lying South of the centerline of Coon Lake Road, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southeast one-quarter; thence along the South line of said West one-half, North 88 degrees 24 mins 51 secs East a distance of 664.14 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence, leaving said South line, North 01 degrees 17 mins 21 secs West a distance of 655.57 feet; thence North 88 degrees 24 mins 51 secs East a distance of 332.39 feet; thence South 01 degrees 15 mins 39 secs East a distance of 655.58 feet to said South line; thence, along said South line, South 88 degrees 24 mins 51 secs West a distance of 332.07 feet to the Point of Beginning. Including the following described ingress/egress easement, being a portion of the West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 29, Town 2 North, Range 5 East, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southeast one-quarter; thence along the South line of said West one-half, North 88 degrees 24 mins 51 secs East a distance of 362.07 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence, leaving said South line, North 01 degrees 19 mins 03 secs West a distance of 45.00 feet; thence, North 88 degrees 24 mins 51 secs East a distance of 205.00 feet; thence North 54 degrees 38 mins 54 secs East a distance of 117.20 feet; thence, South 01 degrees 17 mins 21 secs East, a distance of 110.00 feet to said South line; thence, along said South line, South 88 degrees 24 mins 51 secs West a distance of 302.07 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as 3575 Brighton Rd, Howell MI 48843 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 5/29/2011 CitiMortgage, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 11-40477

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Ad #12744: 2011-05-29.

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Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lk. Rd, to consider the following:

TABLED ITEM:
No additional information

NEW ITEM:
Jeffrey Vandemark, is requesting a Variance to construct an accessory building on an abandoned lot. Described as 01-29-529-016, vacant land in section 29, described as Lots 27 thru 31 and NLY ½ of Lot 26 Locust Heights.

A complete copy of this tax description may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

SYNOPSIS OF MAY 23, 2011 ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Ciesielski, present, Cole, present, Schmidt, present, Graves, present, Hallman, present. Absent: none.
A moment of silence was observed in memory of resident Ann Hayes and the victims of the Joplin, Missouri tornado.
Motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2011 Board Meeting. Motion passed.
Motion to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.
Motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$277,244.61 as submitted on the Check Register Report. Motion passed.
Reports: Police Department: A written report was submitted.
Fire Department: A written report was submitted.
Building Department: a written report was submitted. 14 permits were issued which total \$ 9,778.
Planning Commission: An oral report was given.
Motion to grant to Janelle's Banquet Center an additional 4 month extension on the Temporary Occupancy Permit to expire 9-4-2011. Motion passed.
Attorney Lattie gave an oral report.
Old Business: Workman's Compensation Insurance .Motion to accept the Accident Fund insurance policy proposal from Brown and Brown. Motion passed.
New Business: - Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-6 Supervisor Salary- Roll call: Graves, yes, Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes.
Ciesielski, yes. Motion passed.
Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-7 Clerk salary- Roll call: Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes, Ciesielski, yes, Graves, yes. Motion passed
Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-8 Treasurer Salary, Roll call: Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes, Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Ciesielski, yes. Motion passed.
Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-9 Trustee Salary- Roll call : Ciesielski, yes, Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes. Motion passed.
Motion to accept the terms of the contract with Fleis & Vanderbrink. Motion passed.
Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-10 authorizing execution and delivery of Installment Purchase Agreement. Roll Call: Cole, yes, Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Ciesielski, yes. Motion passed.
Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-11 General Road Improvement Deficit Elimination Plan. Roll call: Schmidt, yes, Graves, yes, Hallman, yes, Ciesielski, yes. Cole, yes. Motion passed.
Motion to enter into Executive Session with the Police Chief to discuss pending contract negotiations. Motion passed.
Entered Executive session @ 8:00 p.m.
Motion to return to regular session at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed. Cole said no decisions were made and no motions were passed during executive session.
Meeting adjourned @ 8:20 p.m.

Denise Graves, Argentine Township Clerk

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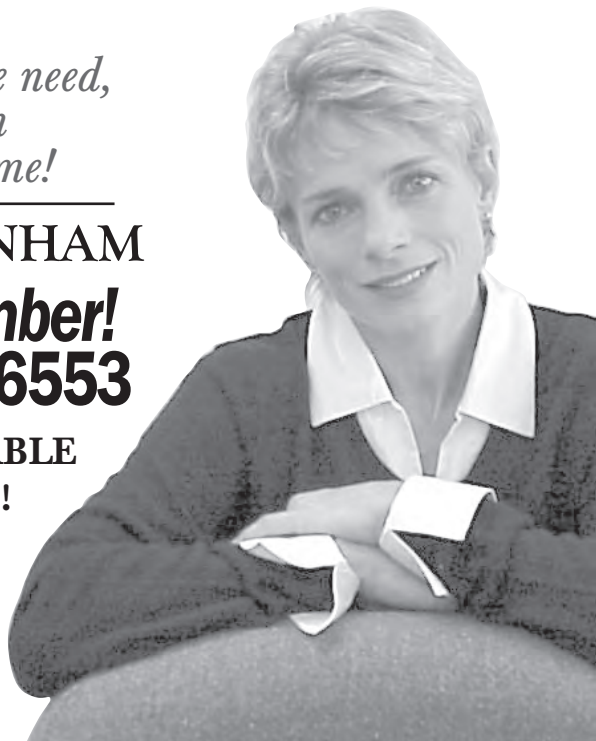
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GOLD STAR MOTHER

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Kincaid's role is one that has blossomed beyond a grieving mother. Dawning the striking white dress that all Gold Star Mothers wear, she has spoken at fundraisers, scholarships, beauty pageants and modeling shows. She published a chapter in "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul," and has walked in Memorial Day parades all over the country for the past 18 years.

"There hasn't been much awareness for Gold Star Mothers," Kincaid said. Striking in her all-white ensemble and piercing sash, the presence of a mother is subtly tranquil. "We wear white for the purity of both the mother and for our children."

Her son

William George Henry was born in Detroit, Mich. on New Year's Day, 1962. Kincaid described her son as being inquisitive from a young age, taking apart toy cars and putting them back together at the age of 5. He enlisted in the Navy while living in San Diego, where he and Kincaid had moved when he was 10 years old. His mechanical nature shined through his training, as he graduated top of his class.

Henry achieved the rank of Petty Officer Second Class and worked in surface warfare. He served on the USS Buchanan and did three tours in Iraq, months before Desert Storm.

One memory that sticks out to Kincaid of her son's travels came while he was in Iraq and he met a few Russian sailors. During the brief encounter, Henry was able to exchange cigarettes with the Russians and spoke of how each respective military operated. Henry traveled the Philippines, Diego Garcia and around the Pacific during his service.

"He saw things that he probably would have never seen had it not been for the Navy."

He died in September 1990, just 28 years old, while on duty in Iraq. Though he is buried in Riverside National Cemetery in California, he is recognized as a veteran from Michigan.

"It broke my heart when he died," Kincaid said. "He had so much more to offer, so much more life ahead of him. But he did his job quite well and served his country. I'm proud of him."

The spirit of Memorial Day is not just a weekend for this mom, but a way of life, an ideal worth championing all days of the year. Kincaid keeps her son close, by retaining items that he accumulated during his service — pictures of him in exotic locations, letters of recommendation and insignias that were awarded to him.

GOLD STAR MOTHERS

- **All mothers** of fallen American veterans are Gold Star Mothers.
- **The organization** started on June 4, 1928 by 25 mothers in Washington D.C. President Woodrow Wilson advocated that the mothers should wear a black armband with a gold star, thus forming the name.
- **The organization** is a nondenominational, nonprofit and nonpolitical organization. It is a charter that operates under the laws of D.C.
- **The gold star** represents devotion and pride, rather than loss and mourning.
- **Gold Star** Mothers wear all white, much like a bride at a wedding. White signifies the purity of fallen soldiers and their surviving family.
- **Gold Star** Mother's Day is the last Sunday of September of every year.
- **Advocating patriotism**, assisting grieving parents, helping veterans are a few roles that Gold Star Mothers fulfill.
- **Adoptive mothers** and stepmothers who assumed responsibility of a son or daughter under the age of fifteen who died while serving in the military are eligible as members too.
- **Interested mothers** can find more information at www.goldstarmoms.com.
- **Local Gold Star** Mothers can contact Barbara Kincaid at (810) 735-2860 or email her at goldstarmother90@aol.com.

A patriot

Like her son who so bravely ventured the waters of the world, Kincaid braves new seas daily by sharing her experience. She said that being a Gold Star Mother isn't strictly for military families and that grieving the loss of a child is universal. Parents who have recently lost a child find solace in her story.

"I tell all grieving parents that the loss of a child is not something that you get over — it's something that you learn to live with. I help heal other parents and in return, they help me heal."

Kincaid will be walking in the Linden Memorial Parade this Monday, just as she has for the past five years. She will lay down flowers in the river at Bridge Street in honor of fallen comrades at sea. And for as long as she can, Kincaid will participate in parades, keeping the memory of her son and other veterans from fading in the minds of her fellow Americans.

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By Elena Lombardi, Freelance Writer

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Ever look through a pair of field glasses or binoculars? Things look bigger and closer, and easier to see. A Michigan optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith, is using miniaturized binoculars or telescopes to help people who have lost vision from macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy or other eye conditions. "Some of my patients consider me the last stop for people who have vision loss", said Dr. Smith, a low vision optometrist who limits his practice to visually impaired patients in his offices throughout Michigan.

Macular Degeneration is the most common eye disease among seniors. The macula is one small part of the entire retina, but it is the most sensitive. When it degenerates, Macular Degeneration leaves a blindspot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book, or pass DMV's vision test.

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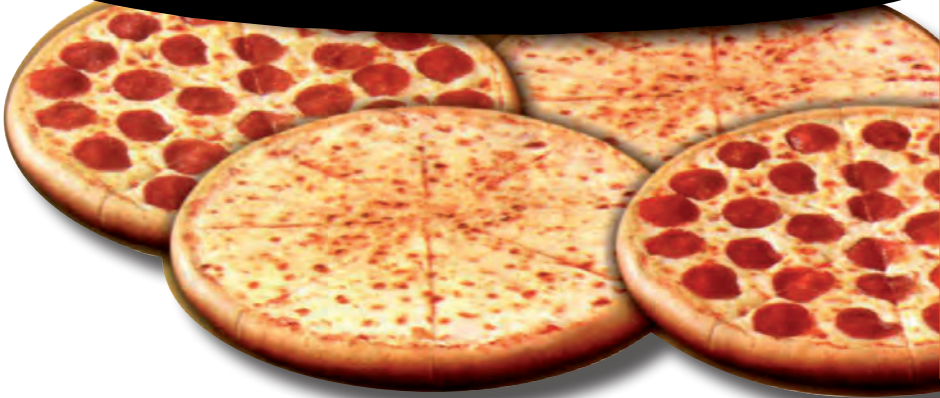




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arm tied behind its back," said Lt. Gov. Brian Calley in the statement.

The bill eliminated the Michigan Business Tax (MBT), and includes \$1.8 billion in tax breaks for businesses, while eliminating many personal tax exemptions, including exemptions that barred retiree's pensions from being taxed.

Many businesses that are not C-corporations will pay only Michigan income tax, which will end up being 4.35 percent. Corporations will pay a tax rate of 6 percent.

Local accountant Penny Fausey estimated some of her clients could save upwards of \$20,000, annually.

Democrats are feeling the sting of the bill's passing. Sen. John Gleason (D) has received an overwhelming number of calls and e-mails from constituents. "They are not happy," he said.

Gleason supported eliminating the MBT, but not removing exemptions and taxing pensions. "I feel terrible that it has been passed at the expense of seniors and retirees," said Gleason.

Gleason expects some seniors will have to get low wage jobs, taking jobs away from high school or college students. "You can just about guarantee it," he said.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who is appalled at the teachers union for supporting Obama, they support someone every election. It has nothing to do with what is taught in the classroom. Besides, you wouldn't be saying that if they were supporting Newt Gingrich.

WE HAVE SEEN Florida the dog a lot, in the farmer's field in front of our home. She runs away when we try to catch her. As far as I know, the owners have been contacted and told where she is but they have yet to come out and look for her. I'm not sure why, either.

I WENT TO middle school with seventh- and eighth-graders and never had a

problem with it. We had our own section of the school and all ate together. It was a nice change from grade school, and I often looked up to the older kids. I think moving the sixth-graders over is a great idea and will save the district some money at the same time.

I WOULD LIKE to congratulate Danny Brodie for qualifying for States in the high jump at the regional in Bath on Friday. He jumped 6 feet, 1 inch. Danny will be representing Lake Fenton in the high jump and Lake Fenton is also sending their 4 x 100 relay team. Good luck in the state tournament on June 4.

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Local woman elected president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Olive Horning has been elected Alpha Iota State Michigan president of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, effective July 1. Horning previously held state offices of recording secretary, second vice president, and first vice president. She is a member of Gamma Beta Chapter in South Genesee County.

Horning was employed as a special educator for Fenton Area Public Schools for 29 years. During that time, she brought many innovative programs to the school district.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

PERIO AND HEART DISEASE

Periodontal disease is the number one cause of tooth loss in adults. Over half of the adult population has signs of gum disease. It is becoming apparent that periodontal health affects more than just the teeth but the entire body. Results of a study were released in July of 2009 found a direct correlation between periodontal disease and heart disease. Research is ongoing but initial results find that if you have periodontal disease, you have a two-fold increase risk of having heart trouble. Most heart disease is the result of blockages in the coronary arteries that feed the heart muscle tissue. Gradual and ongoing build-up of arterial plaque, which is different than dental plaque, and is composed of fat and cholesterol causes blockage of blood flow to the heart. The greater the amount of arterial plaque the greater the blockage of blood flow feeding the heart. Once the blockages in the coronary arteries reaches a critical point, the heart muscle tissue becomes starved for blood and begins to die in a process we call a heart attack. Periodontal disease seems to enhance the arterial plaque formation process. Therefore those folks who have periodontal disease have more coronary artery blockage and a higher incidence of heart disease. The correlation between periodontal disease and heart disease is so well established that heart surgeons are now postponing cardiac surgery until a patient's periodontal health is improved. If you have not been to the dentist in over a year, I highly recommend scheduling an appointment for a cleaning and examination. It may not only save your teeth but it could save your life.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net



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The calendar may say it's Memorial Day weekend, but for most area gardeners, mid-Michigan's wet and cool spring has put planting back a few weeks.

"The majority of things that we plant like the warm ground," said Carol McAlister, of Yard 'N Garden in Fenton. "For years, I haven't put in my own garden until mid-June, sometimes even as late as July 4, and it always does just fine.

To be safe, the first week of June is usually a good time to plant, because it's past the frost date. If you plant much earlier than that, be prepared to cover your plants in case of chilly nights."

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GARDENING
on 14B

Summary

► You can grow your own vegetables in the backyard this summer in a container or along a border of your landscaping.

The
**right
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make gardening
enjoyable
See Page 15B



5 steps to a successful vegetable garden

Source: cowlickcottagefarms.com

- **Decide where** you want to plant your garden. Be sure to have at least six to eight hours of full sun daily for best success.
- **Use good soil**, and then feed it with compost and lots of organic matter.
- **Plant vegetables** that you and your family will love to eat. Choose seeds or plants, based on your own comfort level and advice from a successful gardener.
- **Water your** garden regularly, in order for it to thrive. You may want to consider a micro-watering system that attaches to an outdoor faucet, for less than \$40.
- **Your garden** will need sustenance from organic fertilizer, compost, even liquid seaweed.



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Paul Russell, of Linden, tills a borrowed garden plot in Fenton, to prepare for planting vegetables.

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IT'S NOT ALL BAD

IRAQ COMMANDANT SHIPS PET DONKEY HOME



A donkey beloved to U.S. Marines in Iraq became a U.S. resident this

week, thanks to the efforts of a retired commandant. "Smoke" was adopted as a mascot by Marines stationed in a camp near Ramadi but was left behind when the unit went home. Retiring commandant Col. John Folsom felt bad leaving their faithful companion stranded in Iraq, so he arranged to have the beast transported 7,000 miles from Iraq to the U.S. Smoke will now live out the rest of his days as a therapy animal for wounded soldiers in Omaha. "Marines aren't all tough guys with hard hearts," said Folsom. "We're suckers for kids and animals."

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A MASSACHUSETTS TEACHER



refused to display a student's American flag drawing because it might

offend a classmate who is a Jehovah's Witness. Frankie Girard, 11, drew the flag to honor his brother in the military. His father says the teacher "violated my son's rights" by telling him to take the drawing home because Jehovah's Witnesses consider the flag a form of idolatry.

Why so many tornadoes in the U.S this year?

Why do so many occur in the U.S.?

The Central and Southern states lie in a meteorological battleground where warm, humid air from the Gulf of Mexico collides with cool, dry air from Canada. One third to one half of all tornadoes occur each year in Tornado Alley, centered in the southern Great Plains. In Dixie Alley, which runs through the Southern states, tornadoes tend to come earlier in the spring and hit harder. But with tornadoes, there are few hard and fast rules; all 50 states have had them. They have been reported in Europe, Asia, and Australia, but the U.S. is "the tornado capital of the world," said climatologist Bill Patzert of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Is global warming a factor?

There is no evidence that it is, and to make such a claim would be "irresponsible science," said Chuck Doswell, a meteorologist at the University of Oklahoma. We do know that the number of tornadoes reported has nearly doubled in the past 50 years, but the frequency of strong ones rated EF-2 and above has actually been decreasing. Most scientists believe that more tornadoes are being reported because more people live in tornado zones, and there are more storm spotters.

How do you survive one?

Essentially, by getting as low to the ground as possible. Researchers who studied deaths and injuries from the powerful tornadoes that hit the Oklahoma City area on May 3, 1999, found that basements and hallways were the safest spots in a home. Stay away from windows (and don't bother opening them) and above all avoid mobile homes, where half of all tornado deaths occur. Cars are "death traps," said the Storm Prediction Center of NOAA. Unless you can find shelter or drive out of the path of a tornado, get out of the car and lie face down on the ground. But don't let prudence yield to panic. For all their fury, tornadoes kill an average of 60 people a year, fewer than heat waves or floods do.



A Missouri mother and daughter pick through the wreckage left by a deadly tornado.

Bin Laden's secret porn stash

Pornography is the Muslim world's "dirty little secret," said Asra Q. Nomani. That's why it was hardly a surprise to U.S. intelligence sources when a cache of the video porn was recovered from Osama bin Laden's hideout in Abbottabad. Called fuhsha in Arabic, pornography is strictly forbidden under Islamic law, though Muslim nations that repress and segregate women also have the highest rates of pornography use in the world. It's "rife in even the most conservative realms," and porn invariably turns up in



raids of al Qaida safe houses. And though it's not clear whether bin Laden himself viewed the X-rated material found in his home, its presence there points to the tortured hypocrisy at the heart of militant Islam's restrictive culture. "Islam has a very rich tradition of sacred sexuality and eroticism," but extremists have turned that tradition rancid with their misogyny; by dehumanizing women and making sex dirty and forbidden, they actually encourage young men's porn fetishes.

Flower smells like a rotting corpse

It is that time again folks! Get ready to plug your nose! A giant, rotting-flesh-scented flower was expected to draw 10,000 people to a Swiss garden to watch it bloom for the first time in nearly 20 years. The nearly two-metre Amorphophallus titanum flower opened its giant petals Friday evening at Basel Botanical Gardens in Basel, Switzerland. It has been 75 years since a plant of

this variety has bloomed in Switzerland. The bloom of the so-called "corpse flower" – coined for its foul smell to attract insects for pollination – is expected to last just a day or two until it wilts Saturday night or Sunday. Just 134 of the cultivated flowers, native to Indonesia, have ever bloomed worldwide. More than 100,000 have tuned in to an online webcam to witness the rare occurrence.



WIT & WISDOM

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David Sedaris

"It would be interesting to find out what goes on in that moment when someone looks at you and draws all sorts of conclusions."

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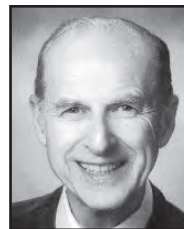
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Change may be only a prayer away

Here's how to be perfectly miserable. Focus on everything negative in your marriage, your church, your job or business and conclude there's no way of anything changing.

This kind of negative thinking feeds despair. So reject it. Things and people can be changed by prayer.

Jack Odell was controlled by alcohol and it was ruining his life.

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In his book, 'Here's How!' he says, 'It used to take about a quart of whiskey a day to keep me going. Now, I don't need it. I know personally a couple of dozen other people who used to be in the same boat. Many of them were in worse shape than I. Now, and in some cases for many years, they just don't need it. I know the case histories of literally hundreds of others. They've been changed.'

Odell says, when he was at the end of his rope, God sent a very convincing person across his path who told him she had found a new way of life and freedom through faith in Christ. She said he could change, too.

Later that day, after 25 prayerless years, Jack pulled his car over to the curb and committed himself to the One who had changed his new friend and discovered faith makes a difference.

When my friend, Dan, entered the

hospital, he had no idea of the seriousness of his condition. Not long before this, he had undergone heart surgery and survived being hit by a speeding snowmobile, but the pain he was enduring now exceeded any he had ever experienced before.

'This madness must stop,' Dan cried out but the pain continued, as did the uncertainty of his survival. Months passed, and it appeared he'd not leave the hospital alive. Dan learned later that his doctor had thought the question was not if he would die — but when.

Hundreds of people of faith prayed for Dan, and against all odds, he recovered. Today, he's busy counseling troubled people, letting them know that in the darkest of times, light can break through because prayer changes things.

A young minister accepted the challenge of becoming the pastor of a tiny, struggling church in a small town. There had been no growth there for many years and common sense might have led to closing the doors and merging with another congregation. Adding to the challenge was the fact that the church was in the pastor's hometown, where it is often most difficult to succeed.

Still, this youthful minister believed things could change and he prayed expecting a miracle. Within a few years, the congregation wasn't small anymore, frequently having more than a thousand worshippers in weekly church services.

'If you can believe, all things are possible, said our Lord (Mark 9:23), removing all limits for those who pray expecting answers.'

Let's not settle for ruts and regrets. No matter how bleak things seem today — change may be only a prayer away.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

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AGS Middle School raises \$300 for MS

►Students display talents, donate proceeds

By William Axford

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AGS Middle School students put their talents to good use Monday night. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and Optimist Club joined together and produced a talent show to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The show raised about \$300 and drew an audience of about 200 people.

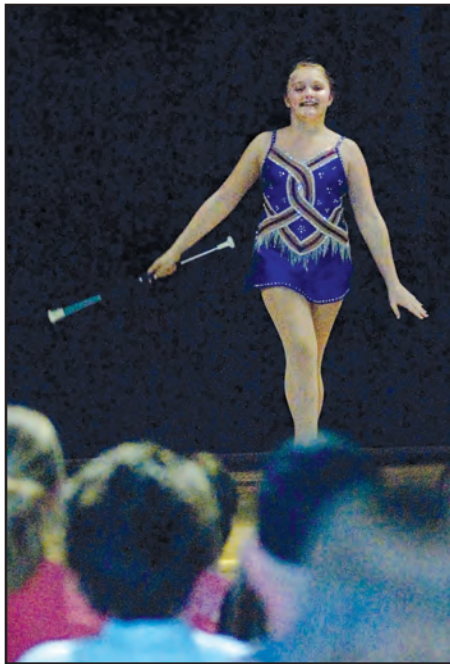
Advisor Rebecca Lafnear said YAC is involved with one community service project a year. Students chose to donate to MS since a member of YAC has a mother with MS.

Claire Wielichowski, who won first place for the eighth grade and displayed her baton twirling skills said, "I've been doing this since I was 5. I like performing because it's fun. I love to do it."

Jordan Dawson won first place in the sixth-grade category by channeling Aretha Franklin for her rendition of "Respect." Ymani Ethridge won in the seventh-grade category. Other notable performances included Nick Cambell playing electric guitar and Shan'na Bowyer singing "Part of Your World" acapella.

The top performer was sixth-grader Brianna Miller, who earned first place overall by singing and playing "Rhythm of Love" on her guitar. Miller was awarded two movie passes to the Grand Blanc Trillium and two dinner passes to the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille. Other local businesses donated prizes for each winner.

"We are always striving to increase the sense of belonging to the community, and I think this is one of those events that showcased our talents as a middle school," Assistant Principal Eric Rettenmund said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Eighth-grader Claire Wielichowski displays her baton-twirling skills during a talent show at AGS Middle School. She won first place in the eighth-grade category. Brianna Miller won the over-all event.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Area middle school students recognized for their "turn around" in achievement this year include (back row from left) Hannah Zambiasi, Macee Sova, and Jarrett Mitchell (Linden Middle School); (middle row) Cade Eversole, Justin Sanborn, and Spencer Maddix (AGS Middle School); (front row) Rory Gundry, Taylor Williamson, Zak Searles, and Tyler Stewart (Lake Fenton Middle School).

Optimists recognize middle school students for achievements

By Sally Rummel

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Hannah Zambiasi, a seventh-grader at Linden Middle School, got organized this year. She began to ask questions, use her planner and got in the mindset of learning.

It was such a dramatic "turn around" for this usually shy and reserved student, that Hannah's science teacher, Linda Allen, took notice. She nominated her for the 2011 Turn Around Achievement Awards, sponsored by the Fenton Area Optimist Club. Twelve students, their parents and community leaders were recognized at the eighth annual banquet on Tuesday at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden.

This is the Optimist Club's eighth year of recognizing middle school students

from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts.

Keynote speaker was Linden Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo, who spoke about the importance of persistence and determination in changing your life

course. "It's not about how hard you get hit, it's how you respond, and how many times you keep getting back up," he said, relating life to wrestler Rocky Balboa from the Rocky film series.

Each award recipient received a gift bag from local business donations, certificates from the Fenton Area Optimist Club and their local municipalities.

Fenton Optimist President Jeff Phillips emceed the event, which he says is his favorite project of the year. "I look forward to it every year," he said.

"It's not about how hard you get hit, it's how you respond, and how many times you keep getting back up."

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Calendar of events

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

Linden Legion Post 119 monthly meetings are at Linden Masonic Lodge on 119 Bridge Street at 7p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Al Kellogg at (810) 750-1165.

MONDAY, MAY 30

Meetings for friends and family of those suffering from addiction is held every Monday at 7 p.m. at the **Transfiguration Lutheran Church** in Fenton.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

The **Southern Genesee County Democratic Club** will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 125 S. LeRoy St., Fenton. Topics this month include introduction of the new board. The meeting is open to anyone interested.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

McLaren Regional Medical Center is offering a Stroke Education Series for stroke survivors, those at risk for stroke, and their family members to attend. These free programs will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the McLaren Neurological Rehabilitation Institute, G-4466 W. Bristol Rd., Flint, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The first half of each series will be educational and the second half will be support time for survivors and their family members. For more information, call (810) 342-4220 or visit www.mclarenregional.org.

JUNE 4-5, JUNE 11-12

Sen. John Gleason (D-Flushing) and the GLS Building Trades are sponsoring their annual **Hunters Safety Program**. The event is free and offered to all individuals. All supplies and safety equipment are provided. To register, call 1 (866) 268-2914. The program is held at the **Fenton Lakes Sportsman Club**, 1140 Butcher Rd., Fenton, on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday June 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Tri-county fundraisers

Fenton Karate, 1366 N. LeRoy St., Fenton is hosting a Women's Self Defense Course on Saturday, June 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. This is a fundraising event. All proceeds will go toward sending the Fenton Karate Competition Team to the International Tang Soo Do Federation World Tournament in Seoul Korea in April 2012. For more information or to register, call (810) 750-9800.

Military milestones

Army Pfc. Kenneth Fultz has graduated from the Fire Support Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Jim and Kelly Fultz of Gaines. Fultz is a 2008 graduate of Linden High School.

Linden High School Baccalaureate set for June 4

The annual Baccalaureate service for the Linden High School graduating seniors will be held on Saturday, June 4, at 12 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. The service is organized by the Student Council seniors under the guidance of Pam Moughler and in partnership with Hope Lutheran Church. Attendance is voluntary.

The Student Council seniors recruit classmates who participate in the service

and provide musical selections. At least six different students will participate in the service this year. The student leaders also choose the speaker.

Gemma Keech will give the Baccalaureate address. Keech teaches art at Linden High School.

The public is welcome. Hope Lutheran Church is located at 7355 Silver Lake Road, just west of the Linden High School.



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Look Who's Talking

By Sharon Stone, Assistant Editor

Sarah Eggleston

What is your personal motto? 'Champions keep playing until they get it right.' It's a quote by tennis player Billie Jean King.

What is your dream car? Is probably a GMC Acadia. I don't really like the sports cars. I like cars that are more economical.

What is your all time favorite movie? 'The Notebook.' I like the story behind it. I just like these types of movies.

Ok, you're the school principal. What's the first change you would make? We would have an open campus for lunch. Everyone wants to leave.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be, and why? I'd like the ability to fly. I want to see everything from a different perspective.

What is your earliest memory? Meeting my little sister for the first time. I remember climbing onto the hospital bed and my mom was holding her. I was about 3.

I always: try to help others.

I never: skip class. That's something I never do.

Is there an event in your life for which you would like a "do-over"? I'd redo situations that I haven't handled very well. There's been several times when I've said things that I wish I could take back.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? Watching a space shuttle going off into space. It would be cool to watch.

If you could make one rule everyone had to follow, what would it be? Respect everyone around you.

My future plans include: I plan on going into military nursing with the Army. My uncle and grandfather were in the Army. It runs in the family. My great-grandmother and one of my grandmothers were nurses. My mom is a nurse in Owosso.

My parting advice for a better world: Respect everyone and live life to the fullest. You never know what's going to happen.



Sarah Eggleston

17-year-old junior

Lake Fenton High School

FAMILY:

My parents are Kristina and Matthew Eggleston. My sister Melissa is in eighth grade and my brother Adam is in 10th grade.

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

I've been active with tennis and theater at the high school. I'm also a member of Key Club and National Honor Society. At home, I'm big in scrapbooking. I got involved with that after my mom had a bunch of photos and I put together a scrapbook for her for Mother's Day one year.

Student Body asked at Holly High School

While growing up, what was your favorite cartoon?

ZAC ZIELINSKI, SOPHOMORE



"Jimmy Neutron,' because I have a brain like Jimmy."

ABBY MERMUY, SOPHOMORE



"Rocket Power,' it's not like any of the other ones."

DEBBIE KATERBERG, SOPHOMORE



"Pokemon,' I lived in Japan and that's all that was on TV."

ANDREW TESTER, SOPHOMORE



"Rugrats,' talking babies are awesome."

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Business briefs

Linden women receives Daisy Award

Hurley Medical Center has announced Shawndra Jones, RN, of Linden as its latest DAISY Award winner. Jones works in the Hurley Burn Unit. The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses recognizes the



Shawndra Jones

super-human work nurses do every day, all over the country, and the world. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. Jones has been at Hurley nearly six years, and graduated with her nursing degree from Mott Community College. She's been in the Burn Unit three years.

Local man receives 'Leader & Innovator of the Year' award

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Phil Hagerman, of Fenton, president and CEO of Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy in Flint, was named Grant Thornton "Leader & Innovator of the Year" at a reception April 28 at Lawrence Technological University.



Phil Hagerman

The Leaders & Innovators program was developed by Lawrence Tech to recognize Michigan business executives engaged in cutting-edge professions and industries expected to be key to Michigan's economic future. Hagerman was chosen from among 45 nominees profiled during the past 12 months.

In selecting Hagerman as this year's winner, the Leader & Innovator judges noted that Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy has stayed at the forefront of the pharmacy industry by embracing and using technology to improve processes and better serve patients—from patient care software called e-Nav to prescription robotics to improve patient safety and efficiency.

Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy, founded in 1975, is the nation's largest privately held specialty pharmacy and focuses on complete medication management programs for patients with serious and chronic conditions. It currently employs 450 people and has already hired 70 people so far in 2011. Diplomat plans to hire 150 more people this year.

Diplomat also earned a Gold Shovel Award from Area Development magazine—one of 10 Michigan companies to accept the award on behalf of its contributions toward Michigan's success in significant job creation.

business profiles



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Solid Gold Jewelers has opened its doors in Fenton, buying and/or re-selling your precious metal jewelry or coins. (Right) Pictured is store manager Lindsay Kendall with storeowner Dan Williams, both Fenton natives.

Solid Gold Jewelers buys/sells jewelry and coins

By Sally Rummel

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Many people have jewelry boxes at home that are filled with unworn jewelry, some that needs repair, some too old to be in style and other pieces that just aren't worn. With the prices of gold, silver and other precious metals changing by the day, you may be sitting on jewelry with cash value that could be helpful to you in today's economy.

That's why Fenton native Dan Williams has opened Solid Gold Jewelers in Fenton—a new business that will evaluate your pieces and match anyone's price. "You should entrust your valuable jewelry and coins only to people who have earned your trust," said Williams.

Solid Gold Jewelers will buy gold, silver, platinum, palladium and rhodium metals from customers at today's market prices. "We will weigh it in front of you, figure out the karat, which measures the purity of the metal, and give you a price

to buy it from you," he said.

Williams advises customers that many pieces of gold or silver jewelry are alloyed with other metals, which will affect the quality of the piece. "We will either have it melt at a refinery, or will re-sell your jewelry piece, if we feel it has market value," he added.

Coins are another metal that Solid Gold will evaluate, buy or re-sell, depending on the value of the precious metal of the coin, or the rarity of the coin itself.

He and store manager Lindsay Kendall advise residents who have jewelry "tucked away" that they are not wearing, to bring it in for a free evaluation.

Solid Gold Jewelers is located at 1242 N. LeRoy St., next to Locke's Party Store. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended summer hours planned.

For more information, call Solid Gold Jewelers at (810) 208-7447.

Summary

►Solid Gold Jewelers has opened in Fenton and will buy and re-sell your valuable precious metal jewelry or coins.

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len, Kathleen (Mike)
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eight, youngest brother
of five and brother-in-law
of several and uncle to
many. Predeceased by
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Medich on March 1, 2009,
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the fullest, enjoying the
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car, motorcycle or speed
boat. He loved living on
the edge. Jon enjoyed
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my pet world

Q: I know Chow Chow's can be willful, and our dog is trying to dominate us. The first hint was the Max would jump on the sofa when we weren't home. He knows he's not supposed to be up there, yet we find his hair on the sofa when we arrive home. The other day, I even caught him on the sofa. I have to repeat over and over what I want him to do. I tried the Cesar (Millan) method with mixed success. How can I show my dog who's boss? — S.T., Louisville, KY

A: You have two major problems to deal with here. The first is your belief that your dog wants to dominate you. Dogs do have a social structure but they know people aren't dogs. I can assure you, Max has no agenda to dominate you. However, you do need to be clear, consistent, and motivating with him. Here lies your second problem. I suggest there's a specific reason Max jumps on the sofa (aside from it being more comfortable than the floor) and generally doesn't listen to you.

It has to do with a lack of clarity, consistency and/or motivation. Are you sure everyone in the family is consistent about the rules? Perhaps, the kids (if you have kids) or another person in the household doesn't mind Max on the sofa. As a result, Max really doesn't understand what to do or not do, or he's taking advantage of the inconsistency. Sometimes, such behavior is not a matter of obedience or dominance, but simply taking advantage of an opportunity.



Dueling daughters put mom in the middle

DEAR AMY: My husband and I are at odds regarding our daughters' arguments. Both girls, mid-20s, argue with each other at times. Sometimes they say very hurtful things and sometimes their fights are just plain stupid. Often they will call me and complain about each other, putting me in the middle. I refuse the middle stance but I do listen, try to validate their feelings and guide each to a sensible solution. My husband says I should not talk to them when they are in a snit. He says I should tell them to "deal with it" and hang up. Their fights and how I react to them -- which I call parenting -- have become an issue between us. So what do I do? Should I tell them to "deal" and hang up -- or should I tell my husband to deal and shut up? -- Mom in the Middle

Amy Dickinson



Ask
Amy

DEAR MOM: I vote for a less brusque version of your husband's technique. Your daughters are adults. It's time for them to take responsibility for having and settling their own disputes. They must learn how to "validate" their own feelings, for goodness' sake. Your daughters call you to mediate their disputes for a reason: When they do this they don't have to work things out for or between themselves. If they had to stew in their juices, patch up their own wounds and repair their relationship after a fight, they might realize that the hateful things they say when they are fighting are not so easily mended. For their own sakes, they must change the way they interact when they're angry. One day when you are with both of them and they are not fighting, you should talk to them about this and let them know that putting their mommy in the middle of their fights is not what adults should do. After that, if you get one of these mediation calls, by all means say, "Wait a minute -- I think your father wants to say hi." And hand him the phone.

DEAR AMY: My daughter is in fourth grade and is very creative, kind and beautiful. Recently she told me about her "boyfriend" at school. I have seen this boy a few times when working in my daughter's classroom and he seems nice.

All the children seem to be playing this boyfriend/girlfriend game and it seems harmless, but I still feel really uncomfortable with the idea of my daughter having a boyfriend because she is so young. Should I lay down the law and call the boy's parents or their teacher about this issue or should I lay off and let my daughter play this harmless game until it gets old? My husband is aware of this but he's leaving this one up to me. -- Mom

DEAR MOM: It is very common for kids at this age to act out behavior they perceive as grown-up by playing various versions of the "Dating Game." This is their way of rehearsing for the drama of romantic life, and for the most part this behavior is developmentally appropriate -- and benign. By all means, speak with the teacher to make sure she's aware of it and to solicit her advice. Also, ask your daughter open-ended questions about this -- for example, "What does it mean to have a boyfriend?" React temperately, appropriately and proportionately. If you don't like this, then say to her, "You're way too young to have a boyfriend, honey. That's for much older people." This is not the time for your husband to back off from an issue.

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argleton

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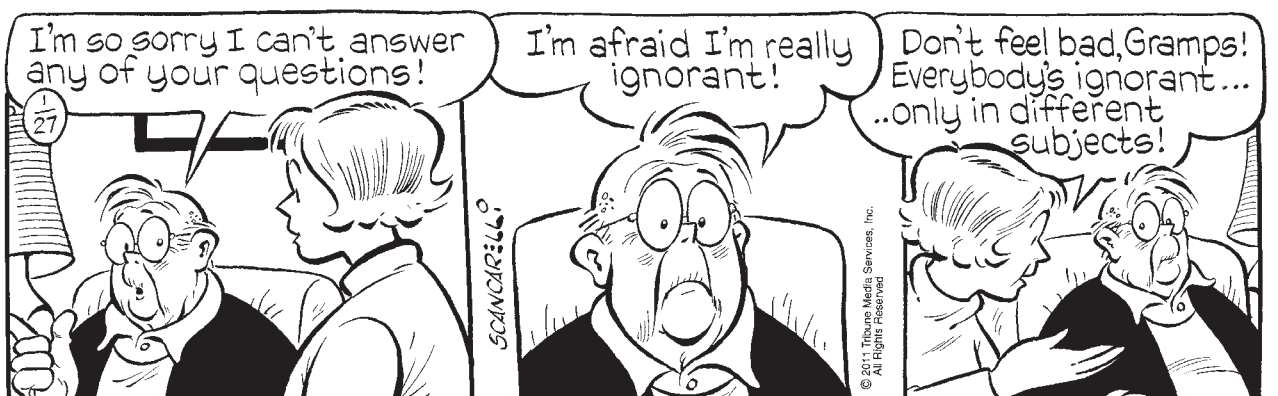
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For several years I have had spasms in my left leg at night while asleep. Now I get them in my right leg. They are intense and painful. My calcium is normal. I have taken magnesium and leg-cramp pills without results. I have put soap in the bed, used mustard and tried many other home remedies without any luck. I would be indebted for any other suggestions you might offer.

— S.G.

ANSWER: Nighttime leg muscle cramps are another one of the joys of aging. Why? I don't know. A cramp is a sustained, painful muscle contraction. In a very small number of people, low blood calcium or magnesium, an underactive thyroid gland and dysfunctions of the kidney or liver might be the cause. For most, a cause cannot be found.

Quinine was a favorite remedy. Now quinine has a limited use — only for malaria. It has potentially dangerous side effects that make it unwarranted for muscle cramps. Some find that tonic water stops their cramps. That's fine that they do; the amount of quinine in tonic water is quite small. There is evidence that the heart and blood pressure drug diltiazem can be useful. Vitamin B complex — a mixture of the B vitamins, including B-6 — also has some support for its use. Stretching the leg muscles three times a day and again before going to bed might prevent cramps. One exercise is standing on the lowest step of a stair with heels projecting off the edge of that stair. Raise high on your toes and then slowly lower yourself until the heels are well below the level of the stair. Hold that position for 10 seconds and repeat the exercise 10 times.

Some have found that a warm bath taken before heading to bed stops their cramps.



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April and Paul Russell plant tomatoes in a friend's garden plot.

GARDENING

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That means there's still plenty of time to decide what kind of vegetables you'll enjoy eating fresh from the garden this year — whether you want to grow them in a backyard garden plot, in containers, or even as a colorful border along with your home's other landscaping.

Homegrown, fresh vegetables help beat the high cost of store-bought produce and may even improve the quality of your life this summer. "I work full-time on computers," said Lynn Kippe, a Fenton gardener. "It's a huge stress reliever after work to get out and dig in the garden."

For new gardeners, the most important piece of advice is to start small.

"You don't have to have a big garden plot to grow fresh vegetables," said Martha Hyypio-Irwin, a master gardener from Fenton. "You can get creative by using different containers — from pots and hanging baskets to old buckets. There's really no reason not to have a garden of fresh vegetables, even if you don't have room for a backyard plot."

She believes tomatoes are about the simplest produce to grow, because all they need is sun and water. Her best advice for growing tomatoes is to plant them deep in the soil so they can develop a strong root system.

Lynn Kippe has been gardening for about 15 years, and loves growing grape tomatoes, bell peppers and cucumbers in her 15-by-15 foot garden plot at her Fenton home. "My sons say you can't kill a tomato," said Kippe, who likes the versatility of the small grape and Roma varieties. "I eat half of them before I ever get them back to the house."

One of her secrets for successful gardening is the use of composted soil that she and her husband, Bill, gather from fall leaves, to which they add lime to break them down. "It helps you get really good black dirt," said Kippe. "Then it's just a bit of Miracle-Gro to make it all happen."

Gardener Donna Verhille, of Fenton, enjoys growing heirloom tomatoes because of the intense tomato flavor that she feels has been sacrificed over the years with the some of the new hybrid varieties. She buys heirloom tomato plants rather than starting from seeds, which is another common piece of advice from experienced gardeners.

"For me, it's 'hit or miss' with seeds," said Kippe. "I do grow cucumbers from seeds, but otherwise, I start with plants."

Paul and April Russell, of Linden, are excited to have planted their first vegetable garden in about eight years, and they're driving about seven miles from home to do it. They are using a garden plot at a friend's home in Fenton.

The Russells tilled the 10-by-14-foot plot on Tuesday and planted cabbage, tomato plants, carrots, radishes, lettuce, spinach and green beans — mostly for fresh salads and juicing. Paul was diagnosed with colon cancer in August 2009 and the Russells have committed to a healthy lifestyle — including fresh vegetables. They're growing all of the vegetables organically, minimizing weeds by using a tarp poked with holes for the plants. "The tarp will also hold a lot of the moisture in, so we won't have to do much watering or weeding," said April.

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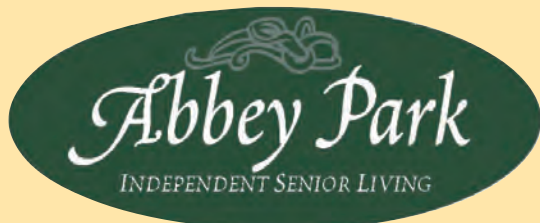
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By Sharon Stone

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Gardening is a wonderful way to grow your favorite vegetables and flowers, and having the right tools makes digging, pruning, clipping and trimming all that much easier.

An abundance of power and hand tools to fit every gardener's needs can be found at many local stores.

Basic tools every gardener should have on hand include garden gloves, garden kneelers, a long- and short-handle rounded shovel, a rake and hoe, a hand trowel, gardening shears and pruners and a garden hose.

Keeping the tools together in a caddy or rack helps the gardener stay organized. It makes it much easier to find things when all of the related tools are in one place. Fiskars Garden Bucket Caddy, available at The Home Depot, has a clever design that has spots for tools, seeds and even a beverage.

Ensuring plants are watered properly and conveniently, gardeners might want to check out Craftsman's heavy-duty 50- and 100-foot hoses that never kink. These hoses are available at Sears and The Home Depot. Storing the hose is easy when it's rolled into compact and attractive Suncoast hose reel with tracker.

Craftsman has a 3-in-1 Garden Tool that is easy to use. Its interchangeable accessories can be used to trim grass, maintain a hedge or loosen the soil around plants. It operates on a 12-volt Die-Hard lithium-ion battery. It lists for about \$100.

Simple, quality-made tools do not have much that can go wrong with them. Craftsman carries several simple tools, including the push hoe/edger with an industrial strength fiberglass handle. It's best for digging, edging, weeding and scraping

in hard rocky soil.

The Rapid Digger by Craftsman is another simple tool. It makes quick work of digging. The head is drop-forged so it's strong and long-lasting and the handles feature a fiberglass core encased in a polypropylene shell for added life/durability.

Dandelions frustrate many homeowners, especially when they do not want to use chemicals on their lawn. The Garden Weeder, by Radius, is perfect for removing the pesky little weeds. It has a sharp serrated blade that slides through the ground. Weeds pop out with ease. This is priced around \$15.

Also by Radius is the Garden Cultivator and Trowel. The cultivator's unique shape angles tines into soil for deep cultivation.

This precision tool is great for working in small spaces. Gardeners can use the back-blade wings to pull roots and weed stems.

ACE Hardware carries a deluxe aluminum garden tool set, which includes a trowel, transplanter and cultivator. This runs less than \$20. A hand weeder, costing less than \$10, is a safe and handy way to remove weeds. ACE Village Hardware in Linden carries several other hand and power gardening tools.

McKay's Hardware carries gardening tools. One of their top-rated garden tools, is the Winged Weeder, by Fisher Industries, is made in the U.S.A. It weeds, cultivates, edges, hoes, and tills with a push-pull motion. The 8.75-inch tempered spring steel blade never needs sharpening. It's ideal for flowerbeds and tight garden spaces.

McKay's 30-inch Clog Free Plastic Rake by Ames True Temper is also a top-rated product. The uniquely designed clog-free rake head contains special tines, which prevent leaves and debris from clogging between the tines.



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Upcoming events

Fenton Kite Festival for Art

A Fenton Kite Festival for Art is planned for Saturday, June 25 at Bush Park in Fenton. At the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation board, Fenton City Council approved a request from eos Business Surveillance Solutions and Color the Sky, Inc. to hold the festival to raise funds for the arts. Organizers are planning many activities and will be selling kite kits for \$3 to \$5. They will have art supplies available to decorate the kites. Organizers hope to make this an annual event. This year proceeds will benefit the International Academy of Flint. In the future, they would like to consider a local school or group that would have an art or creativity need.

Fenton Firefighters 5/10K Run

Fenton City Council approved a request from Fenton Firefighter Charities to conduct the Fenton Firefighters 5/10K Run on Aug. 13. The race begins at 10 a.m. It coincides with the Taste in Fenton, which begins at 12 p.m. Race organizers will be providing up to 40 volunteers to assist with traffic direction and other duties.

Shrine Paper Sale

Members of the Fenton Shrine Club and Elf Khurafah Shrine Temple obtained approval

from Fenton City Council to conduct their annual Shrine Paper Sale in Fenton on June 24 and 25. Shriners will conduct their sales at the intersection of North Road and Adelaide Street. Donations will be used to support the Shriners' Children's Hospital.

FHS Project Graduation collections

The Fenton High School Projection Graduation Committee will be collecting donations at the corners of Owen Road and Donaldson Drive and at South LeRoy Street at West Shiawassee Avenue. Adult volunteers will be collecting during the daylight hours of May 28 and 29. Proceeds will benefit Project Graduation 2011, which is scheduled for June 5 at Fenton High School.

Taste in Fenton

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual Taste in Fenton is set for Saturday, Aug. 13 from 12 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center in downtown Fenton. The Taste in Fenton committee gained approval from Fenton City Council to use the entire grounds of Rackham Park and for the closure of the entrance leading into the public parking lot off LeRoy Street. Ale and wine will be served from the lower level of the community center and will be permitted on the patio. The committee is in the process of applying for a liquor permit from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Taste in Fenton attracts more than 4,000 people to the downtown area and will feature restaurants, music entertainment and a kids' zone.

Bastille Day races

The French Laundry and Habitat for Humanity will be holding its 10th annual Bastille Day 15K run and 5K run/walk in Fenton on Saturday, July 16, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The primary route will be closed to traffic from 7:30 a.m. until the completion of the 5K. LeRoy Street, between Shiawassee Avenue and Ellen Street will be closed until the completion of the 15K. The Fenton Police Department will control the main intersections, while race volunteers and barricades will cover all others. The sponsors of the race have guaranteed a sufficient number of volunteers to facilitate the event and agreed to reimburse the city for police overtime. Proceeds from the event will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

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Pastor Bob retires from Hope Alive Assembly of God

By Sally Rummel

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Pastor Bob Fish will preach his last sermon this Sunday at Hope Alive Assembly of God in Holly, retiring this summer with his wife, Pat, to the Saline area.

"I want to honor Pastor Bob and Pat for all that they have done in their 14-year ministry here," said Shawny Neu-

becker, former youth minister at Hope Alive and now a leader for "Fuel for Teens," a youth recreation program in Holly. "My passion for youth began at Hope Alive, under the mentorship of Pastor 'Bob.'"



Pastor Bob Fish

Pastor "Bob" and Pat leave a rich legacy of worship leaders among their family, according to Neubecker. They have five children, 17 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

The church plans a potluck dinner after Sunday services, in honor of the Fish family.

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Fenton City

The Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243 will be conducting the annual Memorial Day Parade in Fenton on Monday. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The parade route will travel south on LeRoy Street, with a brief stop adjacent to the gazebo, then turn west on Shiawassee, with a brief stop at Freedom Park, to Davis and south to Oakwood Cemetery. A memorial ceremony will be held at the cemetery.

Holly

The Holly Memorial Day parade begins 10 a.m. Monday, in front of the Holly Village offices at 315 S. Broad St., and travels down Maple Street, ending at Lakeside Cemetery.

Great Lakes National Cemetery

The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township will hold its Memorial Day observance at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 29. Several hundred veterans, families, friends and community members are expected to attend the ceremony honoring deceased veterans interred at the cemetery.

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TRI-COUNTY'S TOP 5 TEAMS SPRING 2011

It wasn't too long ago we had our last installment of the Top Five, but since then there have been some events that have changed the top five's outlook. While rain has caused some havoc, enough stuff has happened to command a new Top Five. This may be our last update until the end of the season.

No. 5 Fenton girls soccer — The Fenton girls soccer team only got better as the season went on. The Tigers had an early-season loss to Lapeer West, but after that, just got better and better and better, to the point it was pretty apparent they were the best team in the Metro during the regular season. The scary part about this team is they are very young.

No. 4 Fenton softball — Creeping into the

polls for the first time in a long time, the Tigers have never dropped too far — just far enough that they weren't in the top five. But it's been a pretty darn good season, and now it could include a Metro League title next Thursday. The Tigers host a doubleheader against Flint Kearsley. With it, if the Tigers get at least a split of the games, they'll earn at least a share of the title. Last year's Tri-County Softball Player of the Year Sammi Cowger has had another outstanding season.

No. 3 Holly girls tennis — It seems Holly's 29 straight Metro League titles get all the talk, but the Bronchos have another really nice streak going right now. It's their state-meet streak. Next weekend the Bronchos will be headed to the state

meet for the 13th straight year.

No. 2 Holly boys track — The Holly boys track and field team wasn't going to be stopped this year. It was apparent early on in the Metro dual season that the Bronchos were the best team in the league, but they proved it once again at the Metro League Meet on Thursday at Linden High School by defeating the team has a ton of people going to the state meet. And while the Bron-

chos don't have the state championship contenders they've had in the last couple of years, the fact that the boys have people entering the meet in seven events speaks volumes about why the Bronchos remain at the top of this list and remain a contender for team of the year every season.

No. 1 Holly girls track — The Holly girls jumped to the top for one simple reason — their complete dominance of the Metro League Meet. The Bronchos were expected to win, but did so by scoring 223.4 points, more than double of second-place Fenton. The Bronchos also finished second at regionals, so maybe there are two reasons. The battle for the top spot will be interesting over the next couple of weeks.

SPORTS TRIVIA

Q Who did ex-Detroit Tigers pitcher Joe Niekro hit his only Major League Baseball home run against?

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A clean sweep for the Holly track program

►Broncho girls dominate field en route to outright Metro title

By David Troppens

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Linden — Rachel Derocher never expects to win a meet before the Holly varsity girls track team competes.

But maybe she should've this year.

The senior and her teammates completed what was a dominating performance from the first meet to the last, winning the Metro League Meet by more than double the point total of second-place Fenton. Holly took first place with 223.4 points, while the Fenton Tigers took second with 106.2 points. Linden placed fourth with 63 points.

"We hoped for it, but we never go into a meet expecting to win because you never know what is going to happen," Derocher said. "But with our training and our mileage, we hoped to. It's been an exciting year."

During what was otherwise a dreary, wet and windy 40-something degree day, the Bronchos were the bright spot at the meet.

The Bronchos captured league championships in six events, and had seven individuals finish second in events. They opened the finals with a first in the 3,200 relay with the team of Melissa Bott, Derocher, Mariah Ridal and Abby Lewandowski (10:07.5) and capped it with the 1,600 relay tem of Bott, Tatum Harmon, Paige McElroy and Ridal winning in 4:25.5.

In between, there was a ton of Holly winning as well with four individuals taking firsts in events. They were Jenna Mitchell in the discus (116-1), Elizabeth Hawley in the shot put (33.2), Ridal in the 400 (1:03.47) and Bott in the 800 (2:30.2).

Their overall team balance was displayed with their seconds spread all over the meet. Sarah

Dewaelscher had two, one in the discus (99-10) and the other in the shot put (30-10). Meanwhile, Other second-place performers were Megan Piwowarski in the high jump (4-6), Amy Derosher in the high jump (4-6), Marissa Moorhead in the 100 hurdles (16.54), Rachel Derocher in the 1,600 (5:43.8), Ridal in the 800 (2:34.5) and Tatum Harmon in the 400 (1:04.3).

The Bronchos' dominance was really displayed in the throwing events, taking the top five positions in the shot put and the discus.

"The girls' (points) were pretty spread out," Holly coach Rob Basydlo said. "We have to be balanced."

"The kids worked hard, and it's good to see that hard work pays off."



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The Holly Bronchos dominated both Flint Metro League meets on Thursday at Linden High School, earning both Metro League titles in the process. (Above) Holly high jumper Megan Piwowarski clears a bar. (Top) Linden's three-time Metro champion Ted Parcher (middle) edges out Evin Papuga for first in the 400 relay.

►Holly boys win third crown in four seasons

By David Troppens

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Linden — The Holly varsity boys track and field had a great season a year ago.

The Bronchos placed high at the state meet and had two state champions.

However, they didn't win the Metro League championship for a third straight year, and that bothered the team.

The Bronchos made up for that on Thursday, capping a dominant Flint Metro League season with a dominating performance in the Metro League Meet at Linden High School, blowing the competition away with 175.5 points.

Swartz Creek (118.5) was a distant second, while Linden (105.5) finished third and Fenton (105) took fourth.

"Last year was devastating," Holly senior Keon Ellison said. "I was expecting to go four years undefeated, and that kind of hit me hard. It pushed us harder to get better this year."

"Last year we were expecting to win, and I think we got a little too over-confident and it slipped away," Nixon said. "A lot of people doubted us this year, and it feels good to prove them wrong and become champs."

The Bronchos put little doubt into the final results of the meet, just as they had done with their 8-0 record during the dual portion of the season.

Holly won eight of the events in the cold and rainy conditions, never seriously being threatened. Dallas Crandell was the only individual double-champion for Holly, winning the 110 hurdles (15.74) and the 300 hurdles (41.92). Meanwhile, Ellison won the 400 (52.08), T.J. Peake

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LF boys take second at GAC Red meet

► Brodie earns title, record in high jump

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys track team knew competing with Goodrich at the GAC Red meet was next to impossible.

And coach Eric Doyle figures his team is a better dual meet team than an invitational squad.

So, when the Blue Devils finished the GAC Red Tournament by taking second place, the squad was pretty happy.

The Blue Devils took second place, behind Goodrich, earning second by six points over Lakeville. That also earned them second in the overall GAC Red final standings.

"I am happy with the showing," Doyle said. "We are a much better dual meet team than an invitational team because that is where our depth can really come into play is in duals. Goodrich is very good. They really dominate in the distance events. That is where we are going to have to close the gap on them to win a league championship. But I'm pleased where we're at."

The Blue Devils had two conference championship efforts.

Danny Brodie won the team's only individual title, taking the top spot in the high jump. He did it with a new GAC record leap of 6-foot-3.

"When I jumped 6-3, I was so excited," Brodie said. "I knew if I had cleared that height, I would've clenched the league meet record. I instantly jumped off of the mat, ran over to my parents and team members to give them high fives. ... When they announced that I now hold the meet record, the whole place was cheering, so

it was a very exciting accomplishment."

"Danny jumping 6-3 was huge," Doyle said. "If he can do that in two weeks, he has a legitimate shot of being an all-stater."

Brodie qualified for the state meet by leaping 6-1 at regionals. He's excited about getting a chance to compete at the state meet.

"My strategy is not to let things get to me," Brodie said. "High jumping is a sport that requires mental strength, and I plan on not letting anyone get inside my head. I'm going to start at the required opening height and take it one jump at a time."

The Blue Devils' other championship event winner was the 400 relay team of Kyle Frank, Rob Kesler, Matt Hommer and Austin Gottron. They finished in first with a time of 44.65 seconds.

"They ran a great race with the best exchanges we've had all year," Doyle said. "That excites me for the state meet because I think we can run a lower time than what we ran (at the meet)."

The Blue Devils had four other individuals finish the meet with third-place efforts. Chase Hanson took third in the 800 (2:21.57), while Rob Kesler was third in the 200 (23.9) and the long jump (19-0). Tim Symons was third in the 300 hurdles (44.34). Finishing just behind in the Kesler in the long jump in fourth place was teammate Kyle Frank (18-11).

"We are extremely young," Doyle said. "The bulk of our roster is freshmen and sophomores. They have been brought along with great leadership from Danny Brodie with our field kids, Kyle Frank



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Lake Fenton's Danny Brodie broke a GAC Red Meet record by jumping 6-foot-3 in the high jump at the meet on Tuesday. Brodie has qualified for the state meet in the high jump as well.

and Austin Gottron with our sprinters and Jon Haggerty with the throwers."

LAKE FENTON GIRLS TRACK AT THE GAC RED MEET

The Lake Fenton girls placed sixth at the GAC Red meet, finishing the season in fifth place.

Ellesa Smith had the team's top individual showing, taking third in the long jump (14-6).

Also earning individual sixth-place efforts were Alyssa Martin in the 100 hurdles (18.3) and pole vault (7-0); and Marie Azman in the 1,600 (6:14.27) and the 800 (2:56.58).

Linden soccer caps regular season with 2-0 victory vs. Swartz Creek

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Fenton — Even though Linden's varsity girls soccer team did not repeat this year as the Metro girls soccer champions, they did cap off the League season with a solid game blanking Swartz Creek 2-0 on Thursday.

The Eagles (5-2-1, 10-3-2) finished the Metro tied with Holly for third place. The game was a good tune-up for the Division 2 District when Linden plays at Flint Kearsley Tuesday at 5 p.m. With a win they would return to Fenton Thursday in the semifinal, facing the winner of the Fenton-Saginaw game.

With Swartz Creek's field not playable on the cold and rainy day, Linden played

the Dragons on the artificial turf at Fenton High School.

Michigan State-bound Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz scored both goals for Linden. She got the Eagles on the board midway through the first half.

"Karrah Varner passed it, and a nice header from Sam Thonrton went to me. I just put it in the back post," said Fiebernitz. "It was nice to end the (regular) season like this. We connected more with our feet and gave more of an effort."

"You will always be disappointed when you don't win (the League championship)," said coach Kevin Fiebernitz. "After losing many good players to graduation, we were asking talented but younger

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Area teams do well at Metro track meet

By David Troppens

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Linden — Freshman Ted Parcher has made some new friends in the last couple of months.

And while he's only a freshman, he's also become the focal point of just about any track meet that's he's around.

And he's enjoying every minute of it. The Linden freshman had another huge outing at the Flint Metro League Track and Field Championships, earning three league titles.

Minus Holly's team dominance, the next big story was Parcher's dominance at the event held in the cold, wind and rain on Thursday night.

Parcher teamed with Andrew Lucky, Lucas Belmore and Taylor Anderson to win the 400 relay (46.82), and also won two individual events. He won the 100 (10.95) by nearly a half-second, and then went on to win the 200 (23.13) by exactly a half-second. The freshman is already among the top sprinters in the entire state of Michigan.

"All I can say is it's been fun," Parcher said about his newfound stardom. "It feels kind of special. It's been pretty interesting. I'm starting to meet new people, and I'm making new friends."

Parcher helped lead the Linden boys to a third-place team finish. Three other Eagles earned at least individual runner-up finishes. The only other champion was Kyle Fisher in the high jump (5-10). Meanwhile, Connor O'Connell took second in the pole vault (11-0) and Roger Phillips placed second in the 3,200 (10:24.2).

The Fenton girls track team had a strong showing, taking second as a squad. The Tigers had two event firsts and had four other individuals place second. Meredith Brown took part in both firsts. Individually, she won the long jump (15-5). She also teamed with Lauren Davis, Emily Beemis and Alessandra Kozlowski to win the 400 relay (54.61).

The four seconds were split among four participants. They were earned by Taylor Thorpe in the 3,200 (12:12.3), Julie Gilbert in the high jump (4-6), Kozlowski in the 100 (13.02) and Alyssa Sander in the 300 hurdles (52.52).

The Fenton boys placed fourth, just one-half point behind third-place Linden.

The Tigers didn't have any event champions, but did have three individuals earn runner-up honors. They were Matt Gilbert in the 1,600 (4:37.1), Kyle Walsh in the 110 hurdles (16.52) and Michael Burgess in the high jump (5-10).

The Linden girls took fourth as a team and had one event champion. That champion was freshman Sydney Elmer, who won the 3,200 (12:11.9).



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Linden's Sydney Elmer (left) and Fenton's Taylor Thorpe battle at the end of the 3,200 run during Thursday's Metro League Meet. Elmer edged Thorpe to take first in the event.

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kids to play teams more physical. We got pushed around, and we did not win the battle at midfield. Many of these players will come back even better from the experience next year."

The second half did not see another score until Mary-Kathryn Fiebertz scored with 15 seconds left in the game, icing the win. Swartz Creek had many opportunities to score in the second half but could not cash in. The Eagles' keeper Lexi Downes recorded the shutout.

Linden dominated with the field position all game long.

The Eagles are prepared for the district tourney.

"It's a whole new ball game now — a new season," Kevin Fiebertz said. "Records and what you did the first time with the same team doesn't matter. I have been on both sides of it where people think you will win and you lose or when they think you will lose and you go out and win."

"We have to focus on Kearsley only, but if we get a rematch with Fenton or Holly that would be great. The Fenton game earlier was a classic when we lost 2-1. Any time you put Linden and Fenton on the soccer field anything can happen."

"We just need to play our game," said Mary-Kathryn Fiebertz. "We would love to play Fenton again, and if we play Holly that would be nice. We played a bad game and tied with them 3-3 earlier."

**LAPEER EAST 4,
LINDEN 0**

Lapeer East moved to within a game of a co-Metro League title with the victory at home against Linden.

Ariana Donahue had two goals for East, while Brittany Morrell and Emily Joseph had one goal each.



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Linden's Kelsey Brecht alludes a Brandon defender in a recent contest. The Eagles defeated Swartz Creek on Thursday, 2-0. The win earned the squad a tie for third in the Metro League's final regular-season standings.

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won the long jump (19-10) and Luke Schwerin won the 800 (2:04.3).

Holly also won three relays. The 3,200 relay team of Nixon, Mike McCarty, Schwerin and Ellison (8:30.6) won, as did the 800 relay team of John Williams, Evin Papuga, Zach Diehl and Anderius Gray (1:35.3). Finally, Nixon was given the honor to finish off the title, running the anchor leg in the final event — a first-place finish in the 1,600 relay with the team of Ellison, Williams, Schwerin and Nixon (3:35.8).

Individual second-place finishers included Papuga in the 100 (11.42); and Williams in the 200 (23.65) and the 400 (54.55).

"We never let them forget last year," Holly coach Rob Basydlo said. "We had a different team this year. ... Look at all the kids that have risen to the top, and that's the key."

And now the seniors have their third title in four years.

"It feels good. We came in with a good team my freshman year and it feels good to leave as league champions," Ellison said. "I feel like the kids worked a lot harder. They wanted to succeed this year, so they gave it their all and it worked."

The Holly Bronchos competed in the Oakland County Meet on Friday. On Saturday, the Bronchos compete in the Division 2 state meet, taking participants in 15 events combined for the boys and girls teams.



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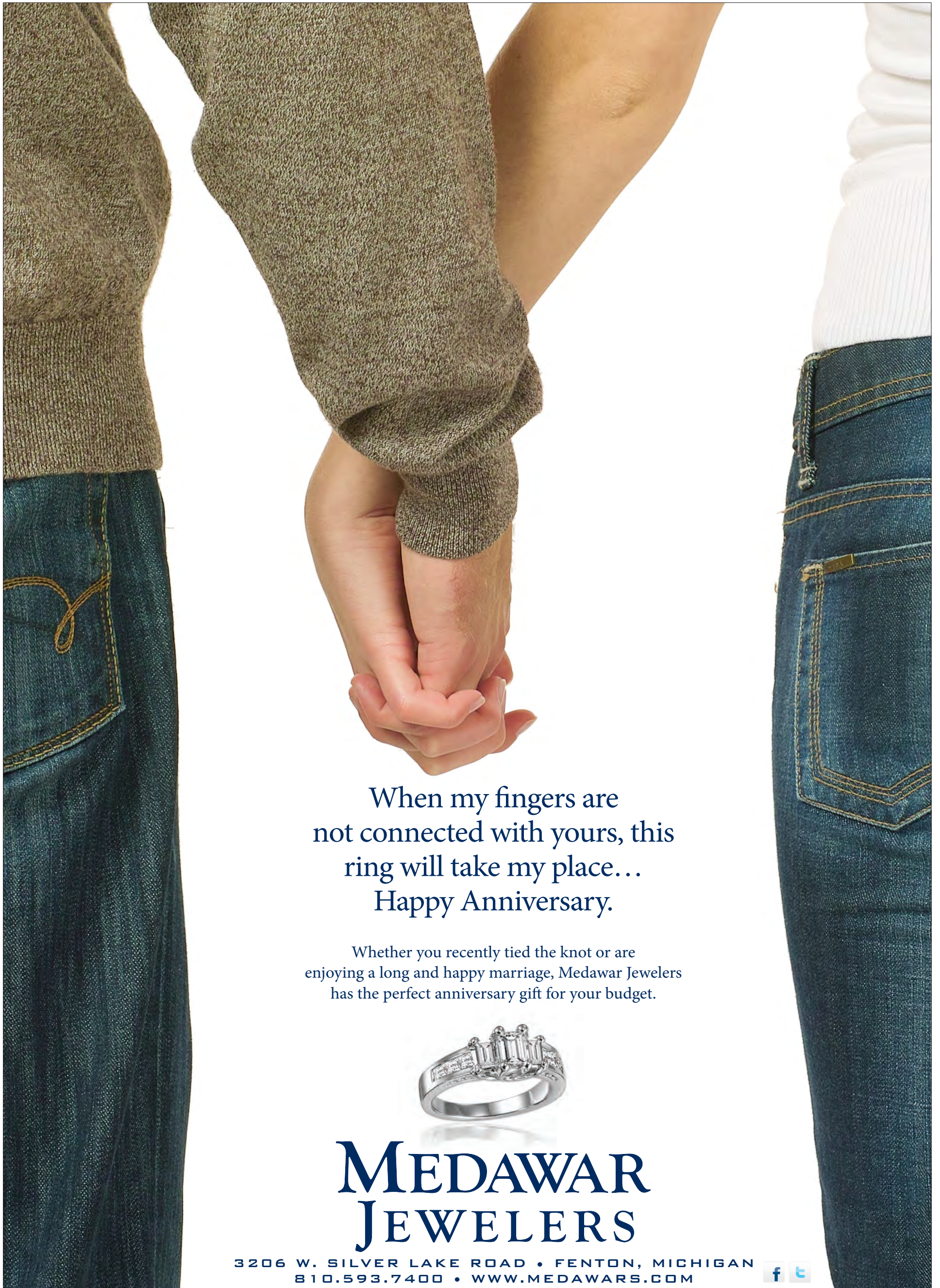
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