Libyan freedom fighter returns home for son’s graduation

Spends 150 days in revolution
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Mustafa Gheriani has two hearts, one for his home country of Libya, and one for his family in Tyrone Township. He has been in Libya since the uprising against the dictator Col. Moammar Gaddafi began in February, on the east side of the country.

Gheriani wanted to see his youngest son graduate from Fenton High School and returned home on Wednesday to spouse Lois Van Lente and their two sons. See FREEDOM FIGHTER on 10A

Knee high by the Fourth of July?

Dwight Eichelberg, of Linden, tills the hard-crusted ground of a section of his farm beaten down by the rain, to give his corn sprouts a fighting chance. “That little (corn) sprout, instead of turning up, will turn down and die,” if the ground is not broken up, he said.

Local farmers roll with the punches from record-breaking rainfall
By Tim Jagielo
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It takes two passes of Dwight Eichelberg’s tractor-mounted rotary hoe to break up the crust of ground on his farm, pounded hard by repeated rainfall in May.

It is in the hardened, bare-ground area of his 28-acre farm where corn struggles to grow, not because the weather has been dry, but because the weather has been wet, and making tilling difficult. See FARMERS on 10A

Linden school board favors changing election date

Switch from May to November would save money
By Sharon Stone
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Linden — The Linden Board of Education is seriously considering a proposal to change when it holds school board elections as a cost-saving measure.

A draft of the proposed resolution was introduced at the school board’s meeting on Wednesday. Rather than holding the school board elections every year in May, elections could be held in November of every year.

By changing to November of every year, general elections are already taking place. School board elections have been changed to November in an effort to save money. See ELECTION DATE on 8A

Police: Be on the lookout for pot plants

Public lands often site of marijuana growing operations
By Sharon Stone
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Hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts are urged to be cautious and report the sightings to law enforcement. See POT PLANTS on 6A

‘Be closer’ tagline — what exactly does it mean?

Enlightens some, confuses others
By Sharon Stone
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‘Be closer’ tagline on U.S. 23, just north of Fenton. This billboard with Fenton City’s new tagline “Be Closer” can be seen by motorists as they drive southbound on U.S. 23. See BE CLOSER on 7A

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Tri-County Network's tagline "Be Closer" to each other.

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HOT LINE:
FOOD FIGHT
"Back in the mid to late ’80s, we had five major food fights when I was in high school. They are just good, clean fun. Now, we have administrators making a big deal out of nothing. Those same administrators ended the Fenton bonfire and all other fun. So what, the custodial staff has a little extra clean up (yes, they are paid to clean up any mess in the school) that day. — A Fenton ’80s graduate

“Four years of making grades in high school, participating in athletic and extracurricular programs, staying off the street and generally being a good kid and not a thug, only to be denied the chance to graduate with pride while your loved ones watch this once-in-a-lifetime moment — because of a food fight? Get real, Fenton.” — Bill

HOT LINE:
CROSSWALKS
"Crosswalks?"

Now, people can sit in traffic on Silver Lake and wait for the nonexistent traffic on LeRoy and the nonexistent pedestrians. Give us east-west breaks, and at least allow the light to blink at night so we aren’t sitting for no reason every hour of the day. You Fenton planners are delusional. Move to Brighton already, and quit trying to turn Fenton into it.” — Jim

STOP KIDDING YOURSELF. There are plenty of teachers who do not support Obama. The union might, but that does not mean that all who belong do.”

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Graduation party etiquette

Careful planning and who you invite can make all the difference
By William Axford
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It’s the last hurrah before high school students venture out into the adult world. Summer brings a never-ending wave of graduation parties and open houses, and with all the jubilation going on, festivities can easily go awry. Careful planning and proper etiquette can make all the difference between a memorable party and a regrettable headache.

“Graduates should be polite and make sure to thank everyone for attending their party,” said Cyndi Rosner, owner of It’s See ETIQUETTE on 13A

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Careful planning and proper etiquette can make all the difference in a successful graduation party or open house. A home is one of the best locations for graduation parties as a tent can be used if it rains.

Joseph Fleck, youngest son of Jennifer and Greg Fleck, of Fenton, enjoys a boat ride on Silver Lake with dog, Bela, last summer.
Liberal logic: Kill the babies, save the whales

In case you missed it, which you likely did if you depend on mainstream media for your political news, Democrats in Congress pulled out all the stops last week in an attempt to pass the so-called Dream Act, which provides amnesty for illegal aliens willing to enrol in college — at taxpayer expense. Liberal logic: Republicans who opposed this insanity were branded as ‘heartless racists.’

The state of California tried to circumvent federal law and pass its own version of the legislation in the same week it announced releasing 40,000 convicts due to overcrowded prisons. Liberal logic: we can’t afford to keep felons in prison, but let’s borrow money to pay illegal immigrants who are served at taxpayer expense.

Do you ever read about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq? The same press that vilified George Bush now touts these wars as one of the Obama administration’s ‘greatest achievements.’

I learned how to use bingo numbers, and spell words. I sound out words to get the hang of things, and flower, like flowers growing, I wonder what God thinks about that?

I learned how to use flowers, like flowers need water every week.”

— Isaiah Van Ness

“Lots of stuff, we do bingo numbers, and math sheets.”

— Hunter Roth

“I learned how to sound out words to get the words right.”

— Walker Glass

“I learned how to use spaces and use sounds to spell words. They sound out the words.”

— Isabella Barkey

“Learned all about fish, sharks.”

— Riley Herronen

“We learned about addition dots. We had to write some.”

— Mallie McCluskey

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IF EVERYONE WOULD repeat after me, I’m an American, not a Republican, Democrat, Independent or anything else. An American is someone who stands for what is best for the country.

TO THE PERSON who seems to think that the Democrats are the only ones who ever helped the working man; it is people like you that seem to create class hatred with such a narrow mind. All the presidents and both parties have helped people at one time or another. Both parties are to blame for the mess we are in today. And yes, we the people.

FOR THE FIRST time, I went to the Memorial Day parade and ceremony. What a wonderful ceremony to honor the courage and sacrifice of all our soldiers. Every American should stop their holiday parties and parades and take a few minutes to pay their respect and show support for families who have lost a soldier or those who are serving now. Please remember that next Memorial Day.

PRESIDENT OBAMA DIDN’T say Israel must return to the 1967 borders. He said that a peace deal must be based on the 1967 borders with land swaps. What part of ‘with land swaps’ don’t people understand? The president just stated publicly what has been U.S. policy for decades.

THE CITY OF Fenton ended up not purchasing the house next to the library. The owner of the house is responsible for upkeep, not the city of Fenton. To those who disagree with the depot being rented to SLPR for $1, would it better serve the city to leave it vacant? Attend Fenton City Council meetings to get your facts straight or call City Hall before sending inflammatory Hot Lines.

WHILE AT THE grocery store on Monday, the woman in front of me in the checkout lane talked on her phone, came within inches of my face. I walked to my car, the woman still talking on her phone, came within inches of backing into me. Put the phone down and pay attention to the life happening around you, before you create a tragedy that will haunt you for the rest of your life.

IT’S CALLED SEPARATION of church and state, no taxes. Otherwise, they are not separate and the state could tax them right out of business, which I can almost promise our politicians would do.

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What did you learn at school this year?

Kindergarten students at Holly Elementary School

Readers write

Village owes residents to keep water rates the same

Dear Editor:

I’d like to comment on the water and sewer costs increase in Holly. A failing economy obviously stopped progress on the building developments. So, since new residents did not come the ability to pay for the water system did not appear. The citizens of Holly should not be expected to pay larger bills to compensate for this.

My wife and I experienced a similar situation. I was forced to move for work due to the failing economy. We were unable to pay for both the old mortgage and rent of our new home. We worked with our creditors to lower our payment — interest only on our mortgage — then refinanced after an agreed-upon period. Our credit remains impeccable.

Holly owes it to the residents to work out a payment plan to keep rates as they are. This will allow businesses to continue to view Holly as a viable business location, and future residents to be attracted to a village with people and local government who work to keep it great.

— Tony Turner, Holly

Street Talk
Fenton residents can soon pay water, property tax bills online

City’s revamped website provides wealth of information and is easy to navigate

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — The city of Fenton launched its revamped website this week.

Residents who want to browse a listing of available commercial properties or check out the city’s “Be Closer” marketing strategy can do so just by clicking onto www.cityoffenton.org. Soon, residents will also be able to pay their property taxes and water bills online from the comfort and convenience of their desktop or laptop computer.

The redesigned website is easy to navigate and has links for just about everything there is in the city. Those who want to know who is on staff at city hall can click on the city staff link. Photos of most of the department heads are on the site already, as well as links to their e-mail addresses.

If someone has a question about the museum and parks, there are links for that, too. The calendar of events shows all meetings and events taking place in the city during any given month.

Visitors to the website can read all about the city’s charter and its code of ordinance or view who is serving on Fenton City Council. Meeting agendas and minutes are also posted online.

Links to the clerk, downtown development authority, department of economic development, department of public works, assessor, treasurer, fire and police easily lead users to the departments they’d like to read about or contact.

Michael Burns, assistant city manager for Fenton said 3Sixty Interactive is still working out some of the glitches they have encountered on the website. However, the website has a refreshed look and will be easier for the public to navigate.

The city paid $5,000 to the company for the necessary upgrades.

Fenton looking for a few good firefighters

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — Are you a firefighter material?

The Fenton Fire Department is currently accepting applications for the position of probationary, paid, on-call firefighter, especially those who are available during the daytime hours.

If someone is looking for a way to give back to their community while also experiencing the rewards of hard work and a great team atmosphere, please apply.

“Many of us are your neighbors, co-workers or friends,” said Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff. Fenton’s firefighters do not live at the fire station, nor do they spend all day working a shift at the station.

“We are a group of men and women who do everyday jobs, but are ready to go at the moment that a call comes in,” Cairnduff said. “We may be a paid-on-call volunteer, but we are trained and capable people on the front line of saving lives and property.”

Upon completion of all probationary requirements and a successful evaluation, probationary firefighters will be eligible for promotion to the position of paid on-call firefighter.

Apply via www.cityoffenton.org/fire or by stopping by the station between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Minimum qualifications:
• Live within the City of Fenton’s Fire Department service area.
• Must be at least 18 years of age.
• The applicant must provide proof of High School graduation or G.E.D.
• Must be physically able to perform the duties of a firefighter.
• Must pass a physical exam and drug screen.
• Must have a valid driver’s license. A valid Michigan driver’s license is required for initial employment and must be maintained while an employee.
• A satisfactory background check conducted for criminal record, driving record, and personal history.
• Must possess and/or be able to acquire firefighter certification as mandated by the State of Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council.
POT PLANTS
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The Michigan State Police (MSP) and other law enforcement agencies are asking cannabis enthusiasts to be on the lookout for indications of illegal growing this summer. These illegal sites are often connected to drug trafficking organizations (DTO), which are highly organized criminal enterprises trafficking in multiple illegal narcotics.

For several years, DTOs have established large-scale marijuana growing operations on public lands in many western and southern states. In recent years, DTOs have been targeting national and state forests, public and private lands, including large tracts of mining and paper company lands in the Upper Midwest.

In 2010, there were confirmed DTO growing operations in Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan’s Upper and Lower Peninsulas. These grow sites will contain anywhere from hundreds to thousands of plants. “Our public lands are intended for recreational purposes, like hunting, camping, fishing and mushrooming,” said DVF Lt. Dave Peltomaa. Domestic Cannabis Eradication Suppression Program coordinator. “These illegal marijuana grow sites are a potential threat to public safety. The chemicals and pesticides used in their cultivation are harmful to the environment.”

Due to the high-dollar value of processed marijuana, DTOs have shown a willingness to use deadly force to protect their crops. Booby traps and cameras have also been found at marijuana grow sites. “If you come across a marijuana grow site, make note of where the plot is located, leave the way you came in, and call the police,” Peltomaa said.

Cooperation between the public and law enforcement is critical in the effort to prevent DTOs from damaging public lands and threatening anyone or their families’ safety.

Capt. Chris Swanson of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department said these pot-growing sites are a problem for jurisdiction across the county. Livingston County Sheriff Bob Bezotte said this is a constant problem every year at this time and that the Livingston and Wastenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team (LAWNET) is the division that typically deals with this issue.

Sgt. Lynn Walker of the Michigan State Police Groveland Post said this is a problem in their jurisdiction as well. Sometimes, helicopters are sent out to allow law enforcement to view otherwise shielded areas. With so many large parcels of property in the area, the potential exists to have one of these pot-growing operations.
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Michael Burns, assistant city manager and director of Fenton’s Downtown Development Authority, said the DDA wanted a marketing program to promote Fenton. He researched what other communities were doing to promote their area and how they funded into the Pure Michigan campaign for ideas. Four marketing firms with experience in promoting cities were contacted. Two bids were received, from New Moon Visions (NMV), of Milford, and another from a firm in Royal Oak.

Summary
While some readers of the Tri-County Times may raise an eyebrow over the “Be Closer” campaign, the downtown development authority and marketing firm hired to promote Fenton are confident about the branding and logo.

Burns said the company did a lot of research for the tagline. “Be Closer” was selected because Fenton is close to all major highways, as well as Flint, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Lansing. The word ‘closer’ also reflects the opinion of many that Fenton is a close-knit community.

Coming up with the logo started by doing a search on the Internet of the word, Fenton, said Burns. The search revealed crests for the submitted bids. This is really New Moon’s niche,” said Burns. “This is what they do.”

Both firms were interviewed and in 2010, the DDA’s marketing committee recommended that the city hire NMV as the city’s marketing consultant at a fee of $49,000 for the year. The DDA is paying most of the cost, along with a small portion by the Local Development Finance Authority (LDEA).

Since that time, NMV has surveyed the community, interviewed key players within the community, and listened to the pros and cons from anonymous contacts.

From July 2011 to June 2012, the DDA will be paying NMV $50,000 for marketing services, press releases, organizing events, producing commercials and maintaining the Facebook page.

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“Community and tell residents and merchants who they are. Every community already has a unique identity that makes who they are. “Our job at New Moon is to use the words, experiences, and feedback from the community members themselves to help uncover that brand and communicate it to the world.”

The idea of the close-knit business community, as well as friends and families, led to the “Be Closer” slogan. After learning about Fenton’s deep ties to its heritage, NMV searched for an image to reflect those ties. The Fenton family crest they found had four fleur-de-lies, which they considered a symbol of rebirth and growth.

Burns said they stylized the logo to mimic architect Eero Saarinen, whose work plays such an important role in Fenton. “We brought a few variations of these designs to the Fenton DDA and the rest is history,” he said.

NMV is pleased with the success of the campaign. In addition to the billboards and radio ads, mugs with the new logo can be found in several eateries. The website FentonBeCloser.com has also acquired many fans.
School’s Out
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or allowing them to stay "on screen" all summer? asked Jennifer Fleck, stay-at-home mother of three, who also heads up a number of community projects. “My goal is to strike a balance, so it’s a fun summer for everyone.”

During the days when Alex, 15, Jonathan, 13, and Joseph, 9, are at home, all “screens” are off-limits from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and informally regulated the other hours of the day. “The kids like to skate-board, long board, ride bikes and play in the woods near our home,” said Fleck. Her husband, Greg, who works for GM, tries to rearrange his schedule so he can get home early a few nights a week. Their family enjoys spending those evenings aboard their boat on Silver Lake. “We also try to agree on chores that need to be done, and balance the time the kids can play with friends.”

Summer is when experts suggest that parents recruit a bit of extra help, from doting grandparents to dependable neighbors. Neighbors may even be able to share babysitting responsibilities with a childcare cooperative. Even parents who work from home may need more child-care help, so that that children’s needs are met while they concentrate on their work.

More structure can be added with a week or so at camp, vacation bible school and planned family vacations. “Our calendar is already almost full,” said Fleck. “We’re going out West to visit my sister in June and out East to visit Greg’s sister in August.”

Even though many camps are already full, there are always camping opportunities somewhere among the 2,400 American Camping Association sponsored camps.

“Summer is much more relaxed for us,” said Adrienne McDowell, of Fenton, a stay-at-home mother to Brayden, 7, and Landen, 4. “Kids stay up later and hopefully, will sleep longer.”

What can I do to keep all three kids busy without spending a lot of money or allowing them to stay “on screen” all summer? My goal is to strike a balance, so it’s a fun summer for everyone.”

Jennifer Fleck
Fenton

Ideas for family summer survival

• Hang a plastic shoe organizer over the door of a closet. Fill pockets with sunscreen, lip balm, hats, sunglasses, bug spray, etc., for easy reach when running out the door.

• Keep healthy snacks in an accessible drawer and a thermos of ice water left outside.

• Teach the kids to do useful, helpful household chores. Small children can learn to sort laundry, and older kids can learn how to use the washer and dryer, empty the dishwasher, mow the lawn, etc.

• Schedule family reading time.

• Plan your goals as a family for the upcoming summer, so that each member can help make decisions as to how the time is spent between now and Labor Day.

While she tries not to keep too rigorous a summer schedule, McDowell does bring a bit of “school” into this extended vacation. “We’ll review what the kids learned during the school year, and use flash cards for math,” she said. One thing she and her husband Scott, an optometrist, don’t change during the summer is their family dinner hour. “We always eat dinner together when Scott gets home from work. Our biggest change of routine in the summer is our kids’ bedtimes.”

One family that is actually busier in the summer than during the school year is Sean and Patty Africa and kids, Ashley, 7, and Lexie, 4, of Fenton. Their active involvement in the Silver Lake Ski Club and state, and national waterskiing competition keeps them in the water, and on the road. “The kids are also involved in a summer gymnastics program,” said Sean. “But our weekends are spent with family on the lake.”

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elections could be added to the ballot, costing the district nothing.

Mott Community College holds its board of trustees’ election in May of odd years and absorbs much of the election cost, which lowers the cost to individual school districts (see sidebar) during odd years.

Doreen Fulcher, elections supervisor for Genesee County, said that the Genesee District Board had not run a proposal question for new millage, or if Mott candidates had not been up for reelection last month, costs to school districts would have tripled.

Superintendent Ed Koledo suggested that language on the proposal be worked on this spring and action be taken in December. Extensions to terms would need to be altered to accommodate the new election date.

Steve Murphy, secretary, said he was supportive of the change, as it saves the district money.

The proposed six-year terms for school board members would be longer than the current four-year terms, however, he believed that if the length of term caused issues with an elected member, he or she could resign and another individual could be appointed.

“It’s past time to make this move,” Murphy said.

Trustee Rick Kursik agreed. “We paid a heck of a lot of money to get 250 to vote.”

According to Fulcher, Genesee County sent an invoice of $3,361.65 to Linden schools for their election costs.

The board will revisit this topic in future meetings, prior to taking action in December.

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Kerton Lumber Co. is longtime family-owned business in Holly

By Tim Jagielo

If you’re in Holly and need some lumber, Kerton Lumber Co is the place to go — and has been since Lee Kerton started trucking lumber himself, back in 1950.

Today, Kerton Lumber stocks a full line of lumber, hardware and paint. They also sell craft supplies, specialty gifts, pool chemicals and garden supplies. The company offers free estimates and quotes for all different types of building, remodeling, roofing and decking projects. Regular delivery and roof top delivery is available.

“Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will help you find the best product at the best price possible,” said Marilyn Jones, granddaughter of the founder. “We’re local, so it’s easy for our customers to get here and their money stays local.”

Jones said her favorite part of the business is helping customers plan and complete their projects, and finding new and improved products for their customers. “Like our new deck products,” said Jones. She enjoys being involved with her customers and friends and watching their families grow.

Jones attributes Kerton Lumber’s success to giving customers what they want. “(Lee Kerton) brought what people needed and the business grew from there,” she said.

Lee’s son, Allan Kerton, joined the business along with his cousin, Edgar Taggerdine, in 1952. The Kerton family has been in the Holly and Fenton area for generations. Now, 60 years later, three of Mary and Allan Kerton’s children, Rob Kerton, Roy Kerton, and Marilyn Jones run the business.

The fourth generation of Kertons has joined the company with Nicole, Kelsey, Amelia and Travis, the children of Ray and Dana Kerton. Kerton Lumber is still a family-run local business centered on customer service.

Jones believes that honesty is what sets her family business apart from the competition. “We honestly try to offer you the best products to meet your needs.”

Jones said her staff offers ideas that will work for their project. “Most of our customers are friends,” she said. “We treat them right.”

Kerton Lumber staff members Marilyn Jones, (bottom) Lance Hopkin (left), Nicole Kerton (back), Bernard Friend (back right), and Dave Somers (center) are here to help. On most days, Kerton Lumber has around $1 million in lumber on the lot. “We have most everything you need,” said Jones.

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The couple’s reunion will be short, as Gheriani will return to Benghazi at the end of the month. “I understand how important his mission is,” said Van Lente.

**His role in Libya**

Benghazi rose up quickly against the Ghaddafi regime, following a bloody crackdown against protesters. When with the times’ politicians scattered, there was no government in Benghazi. “We wanna run the city,” said Gheriani. “My gosh, we have a revolution.”

With no government, there were numerous gaps to fill, to ensure both social order and services. Gheriani was one of the first two Libyans who stepped up to speak with the international media, and give a public face to the newly forming transitional government. “The world wanted to see a government,” he said.

Gheriani worked with reporters and other media to help the world understand who the rebels were, and what they wanted. His job was to make sure Libya’s story stayed on the front page.

After six weeks, Gheriani was relieved of his duties as media liaison. He worked on organizing food quantities and logistics, making sure everyone had enough flour, rice, and semolina, staples of the Libyan’s diet. His report was completed just before he returned home.

**For love of country**

The Libyans fought against Gaddafi’s forces with what Gheriani described as the “Hyundai Army,” young men and women bringing with whatever they could find, or make. “He’s a brutal guy,” he said. “He’s a terrorist, basically.” Gheriani said the fighters had little organization and were driven by “pure resolve.”

When cities in the west side of Libya tried to rise up against Gaddafi and were quashed, 150,000 people fled to Benghazi, seeking refuge. “I was so proud to see those 150,000 people were absorbed into people’s homes,” he said. Residents of Benghazi opened their summer homes and spare rooms to the people of besieged cities such as Raz Lanuf.

For the Gaddafi regime members were protected from reprisals and were asked to stay home. “We wanted a peaceful revolution,” Gheriani said.

The new NTC members worked 19-20 hours each day. “People really rose up to the moment,” he said. Gheriani compares the current revolution to the French Revolution. **The world responds**

When Libyans took to the streets proclaiming their freedom, they waved American, French, British and Italian flags, among their own. “This is unique,” said Gheriani, who said the international community is finally comfortable with who is behind the revolution, and is lending help via NATO air strikes.

Gheriani’s homecoming is in time for international military pressure to mount against Gaddafi’s forces through international military strikes, aimed at protecting civilians from Gaddafi’s military forces.

Recently, Russian leader Dmitry Medvedev admitted that Gaddafi needs to step down. Five of Gaddafi’s generals have defected, Al-Jezeera reported. These generals claimed that Gaddafi’s power is weakening. Gheriani said that at the moment, Gaddafi has very few strongholds, including his home town of Sirte.

**Family support**

Gheriani gives credit for his pivotal role in Libya to his family, and most importantly his wife, Lois. “I couldn’t have chosen a better wife,” he said. Gheriani expressed that his wife gave him the most support out of everyone. “I know my kids were taken care of,” he said.

**Back to the fight**

Gheriani is returning to Benghazi on June 21 to continue his work. He even hinted that his wife might be joining him in Benghazi, once his son is away at college.

His business offices in Tripoli were ransacked, but that is the last thing on his mind. For Gheriani, it’s the revolution.

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**FARMERS**

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it has been exceptionally wet. “I’ve never seen anything like this before,” said Eichelberg, atop his tractor after running a few passes at his farm blast from bare-ground area. In areas where his corn should be nearly knee high, it is only around eight inches.

The repeated rainfall over the last two weeks, has delayed his normal planting cycle, destroying untold amounts of his corn crop. “(This is) the worst start I’ve ever had since I’ve been farming,” he said.

One area of his fields was under a body of water about 50-300 feet and two feet deep. Repeated rains kept him from planting on schedule. He stands to lose up to a third of his regular seasonal profits. “I just go with the flow,” he said. “That’s all you can do.”

According to the National Weather Service, the Flint area received 17 inches of rain in May, smashing the area record of 13 inches in 1945. Eichelberg said the Fenton area received closer to 13 inches, and some areas of his farm were under two feet of water. All of his fields are tiled to drain the water away quickly.

Now, Eichelberg only has five of the nine acres he usually has completed by June. His crops should be knee high by the first week of June and for sale by the middle of July. It should be on sale before August, if all goes well.

Eichelberg will still have other crops like tomatoes available, but not in as great of numbers or size, and also planted later. “I know one thing, the produce business in this state will be very tight in July, there will not be much available.”

Channel 5 Meteorologist Mike Cameron attributes the exceptional rainfall to a “prolific” storm system that ripped across the Midwest, brought about by the push and pull of the ocean temperatures that trigger different wind systems.

Oakhaven Farms owner Nick Nichols’ main crop is pumpkins. He also runs a 30-acre corn maze for the fall season. By now, his corn should have already been planted so it can be tall and green by October. “I know everybody else in the same business has been having problems,” he said.

The person who plows the 30 acres for Nichols is behind because he cannot get his own crops plowed and planted. “I’m a little guy so it’s not going to cripple me,” said Nichols, who is more worried about bigger farms that rely on their crops for their livelihood, such as Eichelberg.

He said there are farms with significant amounts of their fields under water and those areas cannot produce crops. “It will be a real difficult year for vegetables,” said Nichols.

Nichols said that the delayed schedule would force some farmers to consider an alternative crop like soybeans or simply take the season off and make claims to their crop insurance.

Nichols expects the extra rain to delay harvest and planting by two to four weeks, and significantly raise prices for fresh produce. “Every crop has got its window,” he said. “Some, it will affect worse than others.”

Eichelberg said he won’t be raising his prices, but customers hoping to buy early sweet corn will have to wait.
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a Party-ful life in Linden. “If you are the attendee, be sure to be polite and be happy for your fellow graduate.”
Rosner said that planning in advance is the best way to ensure a graduation party is as smooth as possible. Invitations, location, entertainment, food and beverages are all things to be considered while planning a graduation party. And since Michigan’s weather is notoriously moody, graduates should always have a sheltered location like a garage or a tent.
“At home is one of the best locations for graduation (parties) since you can rent a tent or use a garage in case it rains,” Rosner said. “Other locations have fees and have to be booked way in advance, since there are so many people graduating at the same time.”
Parents should make a note of this since they can expect to spend at least $500 for a graduation party, especially if 100 to 200 people show up.
Nicolle Downey, owner of Inviting Friends in Wales, said that graduates should be careful whom they invite, especially if they are not too familiar with certain classmates.
“Stick to friends and family,” Downey said. “I wouldn’t try to invite as many people as possible. You people don’t know very well can ruin the party by being rude.”
Downey, who specializes in invitations, said that people’s calendars fill up with events quickly in the summer, so getting the word out about a graduation party early is essential to its success.
“I’ve had clients who have gotten with me six months in advance of their party, just to make sure they got the right invitations and that they get out on time,” she said.
For parents and graduates who are not sure exactly what they want for a graduation party, www.graduationparty.com, is filled with ideas that’ll help make a party standout amidst a sea of similar gatherings. The website challenges party planners to “dare to be different” by throwing theme parties, personalizing food like Jones Soda bottles or candy bars, and holding it at an unusual location such as a boat.
“There are a lot of options for graduation parties — luauas, fiesta parties, or even the college the graduate will be attending,” Rosner said. “You can hire a fortune teller, caricature artist, or rent a photo booth.”
No matter what graduates and parents choose to do for a graduation party, manners should always be remembered. A small amount of cash is the usual gift to send off graduates into the real world.

Tips on etiquette

• Be mindful of the guests. Respect is the best policy.
• Gifts do not have to be extravagant. Usually a small cash donation is enough, especially if it is for a fellow graduate. Attending the party and congratulating people are more important.
• Send out invitations at least a month in advance. Graduates may also want to confer with their friends to avoid scheduling their parties at the same time.

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Request by Green Thumb Landscaping to rezone parcel number 01-12-201-001 from AGRE to L1-Light Industrial.

Any person having interest is encouraged to attend the hearing or comment by letter to the Holly Township Zoning Administrator, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442 Phone 248-634-9331 ext. 301.

A copy of the proposed rezoning application may be reviewed at the Clerk/Zoning Administrator office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours.

Handicap persons needing assistance to attend or participate in this hearing are asked to contact the Township Clerk at 248-634-9331, ext. 301 or by writing to the above-mentioned address at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the following appeal:

BZA 2011-001 - THOMAS MALIK, SEC. 19, 02-19-226-016, 1646 THREAD VALLEY, HOLLY REQUEST TO BUILD ACCES- SORY BUILDING THAT EXCEEDS HEIGHT LIMITATION IN R-2 ZONING DISTRICT.

Additional information is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments are welcome at the Township Office prior to the night of the meeting.

CITY OF FENTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton City Council on June 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at Fenton City Hall, 301 South Leroux St., Fenton, Michigan to accept public input on the DDA Revenue Sharing Agreement between the Fenton City Council and the Downtown Development Authority. Additional information is available at Fenton City Hall, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please contact the City Clerk’s office if accommodation is necessary due to a disability.

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TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:30 PM. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street to hear the petitions of Douglas Water Conditioning. The applicant requests variance of the Fenton Zoning Ordinance requirements applicable in the NBD, Neighborhood Business District, to allow for an expansion of the existing parking lot. Variance requests are requested of the parking lot setback requirements of Section 19.06.d. Parking Lot Setbacks; curbing requirement of Section 19.06.c., Curbs; the lot coverage maximum required in Section 15.01, Schedule of Regulations; and the greenbelt and parking lot landscaping requirements of Article 21, Landscaping.

Zoning: NBD (Neighborhood Business District)
Property Address: 914 North Leroy Street
Property I.D.: # 53-25-503-008

Additional information and location maps are available for review at Fenton City Hall 301 South Leroy Street, Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
APPROVAL OF SPECIAL LAND USE AMENDMENT
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2530 OWEN ROAD
CITY OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Fenton Planning Commission on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street on the petition of Wiseman Realty, representing Randy Wise Buick GMC. The applicant requests approval for Special Land Use to build two additions, totaling 3,766 square feet, to the existing automobile dealership. The site is located in the GBD, General Business District pursuant to Section 9.02, Permitted Uses, and as regulated in Article XIX, Special Land Uses of the Fenton Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning: GBD, General Business District
Property Address: 2530 Owen Road
Property I.D.: SPID # 53-34-526-036

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2011-2012 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2011-2012 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

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FOLEY
Rebecca A. Jedrzejas and Adam J. Foley were united in marriage on Jan. 8, 2011 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. The bride was given in marriage by her aunt, Connie Jedrzejas of Fenton. The bride’s uncle, Lou Hohman of Sarasota, Fla. and the Rev. Brian Tuttle of Frankenmuth associated the ceremony.

The bride’s aunt, Linda Keefe Hohman, accompanied the flute. Maid of honor was Erica McDonald of Fenton. Bridesmaids were Jean King and Amanda Constable. Wedding hostesses were Jessica Hartsell and Allysa Sutton. Best man was the groom’s brother, Kasey Porritt of Goodrich. Groomsmen were Will McNiece, Tyler Kieffer and Wes Barker. Ring bearer was Jonny Harris. The bride’s parents are Margie Jedrzejas of Dearborn Heights and the late Jim Jedrzejas of Fenton. The groom’s parents are Kim (Bill) Frescura of Goodrich and Jamie Foley of Colorado. The groom is serving in the U.S. Army stationed in Fort Drum, N.Y. After a honeymoon in Florida and a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple is residing in Calcium, N.Y.
Thrills, chills... and
ROLLER COASTERS

Cedar Point offers extreme rides for a short drive

Summary
Cedar Point is open now through Oct. 30. The amusement park has 75 rides and is located next to a water park.

By William Axford
Axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792
Summer is the season for traveling and thrills. And, no place in America can offer both like Cedar Point. The Sandusky, Ohio amusement park holds the record for the most rides in the world with 75 different attractions. With a three-hour drive time, Cedar Point has become a summer staple for many Michiganders.

“I like the feeling of being weightless, and the thrill of being on a rollercoaster with
See CEDAR POINT on 7B

Summary
Roller coasters gained widespread popularity in the 1920s and have continued to become more thrilling and complex as technology improves.

By Tim Jagielo
jagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795
Roller coasters have been built to thrill since they roared onto the scene in the early 20th century. Breaking records and pushing the enjoyment envelope has been a hallmark of these wood and steel titans since the first coaster was featured on a hilly stretch of train line in 1873.

See COASTERS on 12B

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HOLLYWOOD STYLE

Hollywood will release a record 27 sequels this year. The total encompasses the highest number of Part IV films ever, including new versions of Mission: Impossible and Pirates of the Caribbean. There will also be five fifth sequels (including one to X-Men), two seventh sequels (including one to Planet of the Apes), and the eighth Harry Potter movie.

--Newsweek

A JAWDROPPING RESCUE

Gary Murphy, a 72-year-old retired construction worker from Palm City, Fla., was horrified when he saw his 11-year-old West Highland terrier, Doogie, in an alligator’s mouth. He quickly jumped onto the gator’s back right behind its head. The gator’s jaws popped open, and the dog was able to run to safety. “Everybody’s trying to make a big deal out of it,” said Murphy. “Anybody would have done it.” Doogie is expected to recover.

PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS

Despite arrests and military action by Western nations, piracy on the high seas is up 177 percent this year, with 97 pirate attacks in the region of Somalia and 142 worldwide. At the moment, more than 480 people are being held hostage for ransom on more than four dozen ships in Somali waters.

Networks scramble for Oprah audience

The Oprah Winfrey Show drew 6.5 million viewers. Where will they all go?

As the last Oprah Winfrey Show aired this week, television producers were “tearing up old programming schedules and rewriting the script” for daytime television, said Lauren A.E. Schuker and Sam Schechner in The Wall Street Journal. In the scramble for the attention of Winfrey’s 6.5 million viewers, Time Warner will launch a new daytime show starring roving newswoman Anderson Cooper. ABC is pinning its hopes on a new fixture for news anchor Katie Couric, still under negotiation.

Those moves, along with new cooking, dieting, and dating shows, are designed to appeal to younger women, among whom Ellen DeGeneres is already a strong draw. But the biggest show on daytime television isn’t going anywhere. Judith Sheindlin, aka Judge Judy, recently extended her $45-million-per-year contract with CBS through 2015.

Royal honeymoon cost $700k

Prince William and Duchess Catherine returned home this week from a $700,000 honeymoon in the Seychelles islands, said the London Daily Mail. The couple issued a statement saying they had a “memorable and special 10 days,” most of which was spent on a privately owned island in the chain at a cost of more than $70,000 per day. In other royal news, an anonymous bidder paid $132,000 on eBay this week for the infamous pretzel-shaped silk hat that Princess Beatrice wore to the royal wedding in April. Proceeds of the sale will go to children’s charities.

Crazifornia

Will San Francisco ban male circumcision?

So-called “intactivists” have gathered enough signatures to get a referendum banning male circumcision on the ballot in San Francisco in November. The law would make no exceptions for religious reasons.

- San Francisco Examiner

TRASH RECYCLING

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Having a bark worse than your bite!

A tiny, yapping teacup poodle confronted a 200-pound black bear that had wandered into his owner’s Washington state yard. The frightened bear climbed up a tree, jumped into a neighbor’s yard, and fled.

WIT & WISDOM

“Celebrity is a mask that eats into the face.”
—John Updike, quoted in The London Independent

“Everyone is guilty of something or has something to conceal. All one has to do is look hard enough to find what it is.”
—Alessandro Galdenius, quoted in The Chronicle of Higher Education

“It is best to act with confidence, no matter how little right you have to it.”
—Lillian Hellman, quoted in The Associated Press

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When it helps to remember

During a former memorial season, my column carried readers back to a country cemetery where I reminisced about family members who were no longer with us. My title that week was ‘When It Hurts to Remember,’ a fitting title, I believe, because remembering the passing of people who have been dear to us can sometimes cause the pain we felt at their loss to return. The shortest verse in the Bible describes our Lord’s broken heart as He stood at the grave of His friend, Lazarus. ‘Jesus wept,’ wrote John (11:35). But, though memories may sometimes open fountains of tears, they can also mend broken hearts and allow us to relive moments of joy with those we remember.

My wise wife has memory places arranged throughout our home that help us revisit our roots and in memory, relive happy moments with loved ones at different stages of their lives, and ours. Visit our living room and you’ll see pictures of our grandparents and parents in youth among those of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Climb our stairs and in the hall between bedrooms get in on the action of busy lives in a panorama of growing up, vacationing and enjoying life. At the end of the hall, look back through generations.

Do these photos ever invoke a touch of sadness over those we remember but who have left for heaven?

Of course. But we’re glad they once lived among us and that we now know where they are. These are the positives of faith that make memories more than sad movies.

When Jesus neared the end of His time with His disciples, He met with them in a upper room final meal and let them know what was ahead. “Let not your heart be troubled,” he said (John 14). Then, assuring them that better things awaited them, he added, ‘In my Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

These words of comfort have entered hospital rooms, been whispered on battlefields and spoken in cemeteries to grieving families over the background sounds of bugs and bagpipes while grateful and grieving people have gathered for words of hope while honoring and remembering those who have given their lives in the cause of freedom.

Dale Johnson was a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. When he was considering a return to battle, he seemed confident he’d make it home. ‘This bird shoots back,’ he told me. But Dale didn’t make it back, going instead to his heavenly home. For his memorial service, I wrote a poem titled ‘My Pilot,’ that ends as follows. ‘I have a pilot in the sky, and I shall meet Him by and by: ‘I’ll walk beside Him on that shore, and stay with Him forevermore.’

Taking time to remember can hurt. We’re not made of wood or stone and like our Lord may find tears flowing out of memories. But remembering a life of faith well lived, culminating in the assurance of heaven, will create its own memorial — one that dries all tears and rests in confident expectation that the best is yet to come.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who writes for 22 years. He can be reached at roqman@ameritech.net.
Fenton senior receives $20,000 national scholarship

By William Axford
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Perhaps no one explained the concept of a glass ceiling to Fenton High School senior Ashley Kendrick. Despite moving 12 times in the last year and experiencing financial hardships, she has never let her personal life conflict with her thirst for success. The National Honor Society student and varsity softball player discovered in December that she has means to shatter through that ceiling, all because of her work ethic and academic success.

Ashley is one of 104 students in the nation that will receive the Horatio Alger Award, a $20,000 scholarship awarded to outstanding students who have overcome great hardships. She has been accepted to Central Michigan University, where she has received another $10,000 academic scholarship. She plans on being a physician’s assistant.

“This year was a surprise from half the homes we moved from,” Ashley said. “This scholarship makes me realize that there is always something positive in life, no matter what is happening to you.”

Ashley found out about the scholarship during her senior interview. Fenton High School Councilor Michelle Pietraszkie-wicz encouraged her to apply, believing that Ashley had more than a viable chance to get the scholarship.

Summary

Fenton senior Ashley Kendrick has received the Horatio Alger Award.

“I just take it as it comes. I know that I can make it through anything,” Ashley Kendrick, Horatio Alger Award recipient, Fenton senior

“The scholarship is for students who have overcome challenges and Ashley had definitely done that,” said Pietraszkiewicz.

“Ashley is now able to move away and get the full college experience at Central instead of going to a community college.”

Ashley didn’t know that she had won the award until she received a phone call from the Horatio Alger Foundation, informing her that she had to attend an award ceremony in Washington D.C. Leonardo DiCaprio, New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg and Tom Selleck were just a few of the guest speakers at the event.

Ashley said that she found relief interacting with students who have faced many of the same hardships she had.

“Being around similar students showed me that you can overcome obstacles if you try hard enough,” Kendrick said. “I know what I want in life and what I don’t want.”

Ashley was involved in a multitude of activities such as the Youth Advisory Council and the Captain’s Club. She said that it takes a lot of planning and help from her friends and family, to whom she is very grateful. “I just take it as it comes. I know that I can make it through anything.”

Her future is already brighter than her past, and it will only continue to shine. After college, Ashley plans on moving to Florida and work in a bustling hospital.

“I have always enjoyed helping people,” she said. “I don’t think I can see myself sitting in a local office all day long.”

First triathlon coming to Linden

The CSCTriclub, a group of local triathletes who are dedicated to bringing new athletes into the sport of triathlon, will host The First Try Triathlon on Saturday, June 25, starting at 8 a.m. at the Linden County Park, 15349 S. Linden Rd. in Linden. There is a limit of 200 participants. All finishers will receive an official triathlon medal at the finish line.

The First Try Triathlon is designed specifically for first timers. The distance is what the group calls a Super Sprint, which includes half a sprint, 500-yard swim, 9.1-mile bike, and 2-mile run.

The concept of the First Try is to offer a race that gives those who participate the experience of racing in a “real” triathlon without the intimidation factor.

The First Try Triathlon presenting sponsors are Fenton Winery & Brewery, CycleFit Multisport, Landaal Packaging and Four Seasons Fresh Market.

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International Academy of Low Vision Specialists member helps macular degeneration sufferers with reading, driving, TV, & maintaining independence.

By Elena Lombardi, Freelance Writer

Just because you have macular degeneration (or other vision-limiting conditions) doesn’t always mean you must give up driving or reading.

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 blind spot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book, or pass DMV’s vision test.

“In some states, Bioptic Telescopic Glasses can be used to pass the vision test for driving”, says Dr. Smith. “This can allow some with conditions like macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy to continue driving”. “Our job is to figure out everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning,” says Dr. Smith. “Whether it’s driving, reading, TV, seeing faces, check writing, bingo or bridge. We work with whatever is on the persons “wish list”.

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Bioptic Telescopic Glasses Help Woman to Keep Driving

Ethel Stroope, who suffers from macular degeneration sought help for reading, watching television and movies and for seeing street signs at a distance. Bioptic telescopic glasses were prescribed. “These Glasses have made it very easy for me to continue my activities both at home and on the road with these glasses,” I should have done this two years ago, says Ms. Stroope.
**Aqua Sports Marine known for service—and experience**

**By Sally Rummel**

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The Nichols’ family name is synonymous with the sport of waterskiing in the Fenton area—both as professional skiers and as the owner of Aqua Sports Marine in Fenton since 1987.

“What sets us apart from other marine businesses in the area is the extent of our involvement in the sport,” said Jeff Nichols, who owns the business started by his brother, Doug, in 1987, sharing the helm with his father, Don.

“We ski every day, either personally or with the Silver Lake Ski Club,” said Nichols. “So when I’m selling a product, I’m selling it on experience.” That experience also includes a stint in the professional world of skiing from 1990 to 1995, when Nichols skied at SeaWorld in Ohio, Cypress Gardens in Florida and in Japan.

The Nichols’ skiing experience and expertise is what takes their products and equipment to high level of performance. That includes custom-built ski boats by MBSports, handcrafted in California to the exact specifications of a customer or Aqua Sports Marine. “It’s a very interesting, unique company that mirrors our same business values,” said Nichols. “We were looking for a small, family-owned company, and they only build 350 boats a year.”

Aqua Sports Marine also sells O’Brien waterskiing equipment, including wakeboards, Midlander Boat Hotels, plus ski clothing and accessory lines.

What they are most known for, however, is service and experience. Four out of the five Nichols children have been actively involved in the business at some point in their lives, and all are active skiers. This hands-on approach is exactly how the Nichols family chooses to do business.

“When someone brings in a boat for repair or maintenance, we’re the ones doing the work,” said Nichols. “If there’s a question, the customer is talking to the actual person who provided the service.”

Jeff Nichols
Aqua Sports Marine

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Gas prices too high? Don’t have a car to make it to Cedar Point? Don’t let that spoil your thrill-seeking adventures. Blue Lakes Charter and Tours has a bus that leaves from Kmart in Fenton at 7:20 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. The cost is $79 per person. Rides happen every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from mid-June to Labor Day weekend. The bus leaves from Cedar Point at 8 p.m. You must be at least 18 years old to ride by yourself. An adult must accompany you if you’re 15 or younger. For more information, call Blue Lakes Charter and Tours at 1-800-282-4287.

so check the weather before leaving. If possible, aim for the middle of the week to visit the park, since weekends are historically the busiest time to go.

“Take only what you need and nothing extra,” Mueller said. “You won’t have to worry about getting a locker. Packing a lunch is a good idea too, if you want to save money.”

One-day passes to Cedar Point cost $46.99 for adults, $29.99 for juniors and seniors. A two-day pass that includes entry to Soaky City costs $76.99 for adults, $39.99 for juniors and seniors. For those without a car, Amtrak and Greyhound offer one-day roundtrip service from Flint to Sandusky. Prices typically cost around $150 but can be as low as $90 roundtrip. Parking is $15.

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Look Who’s Talking

Alexis Tester
17-year-old senior
Linden High School

FAMILY:
My parents are Patricia and Normen. I have a brother, Normen, 13, and a sister, Nicole, 14. They both go to Linden Middle School.

SPORTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:
I ran cross-country this year and have all through high school. I used to run in track, too. I also ride horses.

PERSONAL MOTTO:
‘Do what makes you happy.’

MY DREAM CAR:
A 1969 Mach 1 Mustang. I saw one at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Fenton. They’re sweet.

Alexis Tester
My all-time favorite singer is: Jason Alden. His music comes from the heart.

My earliest memory is: I used to live in Cohoctah when I was 3 years old, and I used to sleep in the cupboard all the time.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I’d have the power of invisibility. It’d be fun to be sneaky or hide from someone when need be.

I always: ride my horse, everyday. I’ve been riding since fifth grade.

I never: go to parties where people are drinking.

If you had to walk downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say?: Five dollar, foot-long subs from Subway. How can you go wrong with a sub from Subway?

What are you looking most forward to this summer?
Finally, being able to hang out with my friends. This is the first summer that I’ll be trusted to drive.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? I’d see Luke Bryan, a country singer. He has a lot of good songs and is a down-to-earth singer.

What is your biggest pet peeve? People that chew and talk with their mouths open.

What has been the best day in your life so far? About a month ago, when I got my new horse.

My parting advice for a better world is: For the underclassmen, keep your grades up. It doesn’t seem like it but it’s a big deal.

What’s your favorite sports team? Michigan State because I wanted to go there for a long time. Green is my favorite color, also.

What’s the most annoying thing in the news lately? Gas prices, it needs to go down, people talk about it too much.
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Barbara Wolpert
Barbara Wolpert - age 88, died May 25, 2011. Share the love. He can be an amazing father and grandfather. Peter was proud of his family and friends say he will be united again in heaven, he will be remembered most for the great love he had for his wife of 49 years, Marie. Peter grew up in Detroit, Michigan and was a good student and athlete throughout his school years. After graduating from High School he joined the Navy and served his country during World War II on a mine-sweeper ship traveling to Japan and was able to view the devastation of the atomic bombs first hand. After the war he came home and attended Lawrence Institute of Technology in Detroit where he was proud of saying he met John DeLorean of GM. After attending Lawrence Tech he went to work for small engineering companies around the Detroit, Michigan area where he worked as a draftsman and then a mechanical engineer. One of his accomplishments was working on the transfer machine design, while at Excello Corporation for the waxed paper milk carton that still is in use today but it is now mainly used as an orange juice carton. Peter was proud of being father of three children: Joseph P. Danules of Hackett, Georgia; Cheryl Pengelly of Howell, Michigan and John A. Danules of Fenton, Michigan. He taught his children many valuable life lessons and will be remembered by them as a dedicated and loving father. After many wonderful years of living on lakes in the Waterford, Michigan area for his family’s enjoyment while he endured long commutes to work, Peter and Marie moved to Miami, Florida where he went to work for the Coupler Corporation. He worked as a mechanical engineer until he retired from Coupler at 70 years young. During his years in Miami he became a very good tennis player. Upon retiring Peter and Marie moved to Sun City in Bluffton, South Carolina near Hilton Head Island. It was here in Sun City that Peter and Marie really started to enjoy the fruits of their labor. They met many friends but none as dear to them as Wally and Lois Willing. After Marie passed away with cancer in 1999 Peter, Wally and Lois became even closer if such a thing is possible. Peter and Wally met at least weekly for “boys lunch out” at a variety of local restaurants. All during his life, Peter loved cars... fast cars and big V8 engines. His car was a 2010 400 horse power Camaro! He leaves behind his three children: Joe, Cheryl and John; his grandchildren: Natalie, Sean, Dan, Amber, Jimmy and Leslie and his great grandchildren: Baylee, Ellie, Emma, Caleb and Milie. Peter was a member of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church. A private family service will be held at St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church on June 3, 2011 where he will join Marie in their final earthly resting place. In lieu of flowers Peter’s children and Wally & Lois ask that donations be sent in Peter’s name to St. Lukes Memorial Walkway, Lakes United Methodist Church, PO Box 2779, Bluffton, SC 29910. So it is with sadness that we lose a good friend and great good-see to Peter but it is also with joy as we know he will be united again in Heaven with his Beloved wife Marie ........... God Bless you Peter.
Learning the Truth About the Past

DEAR AMY: I come from a very large family — eight sisters and three brothers. By the time I was 8, my father and mother had both died. I went to live with my oldest sister (also the oldest child in the family) and her husband and his son. I lived with them until my 18th birthday. When I came home from my after-school job, my mother's belongings were on the curb outside our house and the locks were changed. I lived in a rooming house because the other members of the family did not want me to live with them. Life went on successfully for me and on my 70th birthday, a distant relative told me that my sister was dying of cancer in a hospital in the town I had moved to and she hoped I would visit her. I had not seen her for almost 50 years. When I walked into her hospital room she cried and then told me that she was actually my birth mother, not my sister. She died the next day. When I confronted the surviving members of my family, they said they all knew the truth but did not want me in their lives when I was young. I have tried to get close to them but no luck. Should I forget them and just go on my way? — Ancient Orphan

DEAR AMY: Recently, my longtime boyfriend and I broke up for good. I still care deeply about him, though, and I find myself with an imminent dilemma. My mother, who I am very close to, is getting remarried in just a couple of weeks. I along with the rest of my family am invited to the wedding. The breakup has been especially hard because I was so close to his family. So should I go to the wedding? I don’t want to go and then be sad when I see my ex. I also don’t want him to be upset that I don’t care. But on the other hand, his mom and I are friends and I want to be there for her. I know she would never officially “uninvite” me, but what would be the most courteous thing to do here? — A Heartbroken Wedding Guest

ANSWER: Fibromyalgia is an elusive condition. It’s defined as widespread body pain, an ache-all-over feeling, just like you describe. Accompanying symptoms include disturbed sleep and fatigue. No lab test, X-ray or scan discloses anything amiss. One aid to diagnosis is tender points — specific body sites where finger pressure elicits pain far out of proportion to the pressure applied. No one has a definite answer about what’s going on. One popular explanation is that people with fibromyalgia perceive pain with heightened sensitivity because of an imbalance of brain chemicals and a misfiring of brain nerves. Disturbed sleep is another consequence of these disorders. Often the first treatment for fibromyalgia is an antidepressant. It’s given not so much to relieve depression — although fibromyalgia is a depressing situation — but to restore normal brain-cell communication and normal brain chemistry to dampen the brain’s magnified perception of pain. Savella and Cymbalta are such antidepressants that are approved for the treatment of fibromyalgia. Another medicine often prescribed is Lyrica, a drug whose primary purpose is seizure control. Heat and massage might decrease pain.

Best dog breeds for allergy sufferers

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: There are dogs that do not cause allergies because they have hair, not fur. My stepmother has one, and no one has a reaction to it. Here’s a list of potentially hypoallergenic dog breeds: Basenji, Bedlington Terrier, Bichon Frise, Border Terrier, Chinese Crested. Hope this helps! — Brooke S., Barre, Vt.

DEAR BROOKE: Thanks so much! This is good list to start from and represents a variety of different breeds. For example, the Chinese Crested is considered a toy dog, very small-framed like a Chihuahua, but with either a soft, straight double coat of hair or no hair at all, depending on the breed. Meanwhile, the Bedlington Terrier is small to medium-sized with the classic curly Terrier coat. When kept groomed, this good-natured breed is less likely to set off allergies. Grooming, even of supposedly hypoallergenic breeds, is a key to preventing allergic reaction. If you have allergies and are considering getting a dog, find out if its coat will need to be kept trimmed short in order to lessen the amount of shedding. Another interesting fact is that some people are actually allergic to a dog’s saliva, not to its dander. This isn’t always easy to discover, since petting a dog and getting licked by that dog tends to be a package deal. People with allergies who still want a dog should do their research and, ideally, take the opportunity to get up close to one of these hypoallergenic breeds to see if their allergies stay under control.

Directions
Preheat broiler. Combine first 3 ingredients, stirring well. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Sprinkle the spice mixture evenly over chicken. Add chicken to pan; sauté for 3 minutes. Add onion, corn, and zucchini to pan; sauté for 2 minutes or until chicken is done. Stir in salsa and 1/2 T. cilantro. Cook 2 minutes or until liquid almost evaporates, stirring frequently. Working with 2 tortillas at a time, arrange tortillas in a single layer on a baking sheet; lightly coat tortillas with cooking spray. Broil 3 minutes or until lightly browned. Spoon about 3/4 cup chicken mixture in the center of each tortilla; sprinkle each serving with 1/4 cup cheese. Broil an additional 2 minutes or until cheese melts. Repeat procedure with remaining tortillas, chicken mixture, and cheese. Sprinkle each serving with about 3/4 t. of remaining cilantro. Serve immediately.

Chicken and summer vegetable tostadas

Ingredients
1 T. ground cumin
1/4 t. salt
1/4 t. black pepper
2 T. canola oil
12 oz. chicken breast tenders
1 cup chopped red onion (about 1)
1 cup fresh corn kernels (about 2 ears)
1 cup chopped zucchini (about 4 oz.)
1/2 cup green salsa
3 T. chopped fresh cilantro, divided
4 (8-inch) fat-free flour tortillas

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COASTERS
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The first roller coaster was a converted coal rail system, built to bring coal down the side of the mountains in Pennsylvania. The Mauch Chunk Railway carried passengers up the sloping mountains, allowing scenic views of the Blue Ridge Mountain, until 1920.
Roller coasters exploded in the 20s, growing in speed, height, and technical prowess. They are now synonymous with theme parks. Many enthusiasts look for the tallest and fastest ones to ride.
Currently, the steel roller coaster with the longest drop in the world is “Kinga Ka” at Six Flags Great Adventure Park in Jackson, N.J., which plunges 418 feet at a 90-degree angle. A horizontal hydraulic section of the track brings passengers up to 128 mph in 3.5 seconds. This 486-foot monster was designed by a Swiss firm and built in 2005 and is the second fastest roller coaster in the world.
The “Top Thrill Dragster” of Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio has the second longest drop at 400 feet, and a coaster in Japan has the third at 306 feet.
King’s Island in Cincinnati, Ohio is home to the world’s tallest wooden frame rollercoaster, “Son of Beast.” Built in 2000, it was named in honor of “The Beast,” the older wooden coaster built in 1979. Although Kings Island could boast they had the world’s longest, tallest and fastest wooden coaster, the giant was shut down in 2009 until further notice after a history of problems.
“El Toro” at Six Flags in Jackson, N.J. holds the record as the tallest running wooden coaster, with a 176-foot drop at a 76-degree angle, reaching speeds of 70 mph. A coaster in Germany holds the spot as tallest drop in a wooden coaster.
The fastest steel rollercoaster in the world is “Formula Rossa,” in Dubai, India, at Ferrari World. Riders are given a Formula-1 racing experience and have to wear goggles, as they are rocketed up to 149 mph.

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**Fenton softball captures at least share of Metro championship**

By Al Zipsie
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**Flint** — It is rare that a league title still has to be determined after a team has been knocked out of the state tournament series. But the Fenton Tigers were in that position on Thursday. After losing to a tough Hartland team in the pre-district opener on Tuesday, Fenton responded by earning a split against Flint Kearsley on Thursday, earning no worse than a co-Metro League title this spring. Fenton won the opener 3-1, earning themselves at least a share of the title, but then lost the nightcap 3-1, losing themselves the championship outright.

Fenton will share the championship with Lapeer West, and could still share it with Kearsley, if the Hornets sweep a double-header against Brandon next week.

“We will miss the seniors,” Fenton coach Rick Becsoe said. “We do have a young team, talent and a strong youth program, so this hopefully is the start of many (titles). Fenton softball has a lot of pride. Just like with Hartland (in districts), we had to play our ‘A’ game, and in the second game it didn’t happen.

“We had a great season, something to build on. I’m proud of the girls. They work hard.”

“In the second game, the plays were just not going our way,” said Sami Cowger.

“We didn’t get hits at favorable times. Give Kearsley credit. They have solid defense and good pitching.”

Fenton (22-13) won a share of its first title since 2007. The opening game was a pitchers’ duel pitting Cowger against Kearsley’s Chelshe Hendricks. Cowger had seven strikeouts through four innings and allowed only one run. The first Hornet hit came in the bottom of the third when Lisa LaFave had a squib hit. LaFave then stole second base. Cowger then fanned the next batter to keep Kearsley scoreless.

The Hornets’ Hendricks scattered five hits, but Fenton got to her in the third inning. Ashley Kendrick had the first hit of

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**Linden-Holly poised for rematch in district final**

**Eagles cruise past Fenton Tigers in regional semis, 3-1**

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**Fenton** — Linden girls soccer’s future is bright. And apparently so is its present.

The Linden Eagles averaged 2-1 regular-season loss to Fenton, earning a pretty dominant 3-1 victory in the district semifinals against the Metro League’s co-champs. The Eagles, who fielded a team of just four seniors, earned the win with three sophomores scoring goals. They also used a stronger performance from their midfield and defense versus the first contest, helping spark the win. They also kept the Tigers from recording strong possession of the ball, which has been a trademark of Fenton’s all season long. Eventually, the tide shifted toward Linden, earning the Eagles a trip to the district finals on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Fenton High School.

“We had more energy,” said Linden’s Sami Thornton, who scored one of the three goals. “We connected more. We played stronger in the back and we wanted it more. We wanted to win it for our seniors.”

Linden, who last won a district title in 2004, took the lead for good late in the half. Ashley Porter sent a nice pass to Karrah Varner, resulting in a 1-0 first half lead.

Both Linden goals in the second half were set up by senior Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz. The second goal came about 10 minutes into the second half on a cross from Fiebernitz near one of the corner flags to Porter at the far-side post. Porter deflected the ball in for a 2-0 lead.

The third Linden goal came with 21:33 left. Linden had a free kick from near midfield. Fiebernitz immediately sent the ball forward to Thornton. On a breakaway, Thornton placed the ball into the net for the 3-0 lead.

“We wanted to do a quick restart and she found me running,” Thornton said. “I just placed it bottom right corner.”

Fenton got a goal from Kristin Wing with 2:11 left, but it was a matter of too little, too late. Fenton got only two shots on net the entire second half.

“The first game we got torched in the midfield. That was a big concern for us, could we win that battle,” Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said. “They did a great job. And I thought Megan Harp, along with Jordan Sargent and Joyce Holmgren in the back did a great job.”

“You could tell Linden was focused on playing more aggressive and getting to the balls quicker,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said.

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**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**Q** What is the MLB record for most runs scored with two out in the ninth with no one on base?

**A** Teams have scored as many as nine runs after having two out and no runners on base in the ninth inning of a baseball game.
**Fenton baseball, softball drop pre-district contests**

By David Troppens
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Hartland — The Fenton varsity baseball and softball teams knew they were going to have to play their ‘A’ games to defeat two solid Hartland squads in predistrict action Tuesday at Hartland High School.

In both cases neither really happened. Consequently, both teams lost their district contests to the Eagles. The Fenton softball team lost a 7-1 verdict, while the baseball squad lost 10-0 in five innings.

The Fenton softball team stuck with Hartland for most of the contest, but never solved the Eagles’ starting hurler Abbie Mimsker. She tossed a two-hitter, striking out 10 Tigers’ batters. She was tossing a no-hitter until Sarah Halstead opened the top of the sixth inning with a single. She eventually scored on the Tigers’ second hit — a single and an error off of Ellie Cowger’s bat — but that only cut Hartland’s lead at that time to 3-1.

“We put the ball in play enough, we just didn’t do it at the right time and get it in the holes,” Fenton coach Rick Becce said. “We had to play our ‘A’ game, and we didn’t. We’ve played better, and we should’ve played better this late in the season.”

The Eagles (27-2) put the game out of reach with four runs on four hits in the bottom of the sixth. The key shot was a two-run triple by Hannah Greene. Fenton (22-13) struggled against Minsker in the ninth, as she struck out the side.

The game remained scoreless until Hartland’s third. With one out, Greene walked. An out later, Shelby Hard singled and Kayla Gustius responded with a two-run single. Hartland led 2-0. In the third, a two-out rally scored another run. Laura Oliver walked and scored on Chantel Olsonski’s single after a wild throw on the hit.

On the mound, Sammi Cowger took the loss, allowing seven hits and striking out eight.

In the baseball contest, Hartland hurler Jake Jensen tossed a three-hitter, leading the Eagles’ baseball team to a 10-0 victory against Fenton.

The game remained scoreless until Hartland’s second inning. That’s when 11 men came to the plate, scoring six runs. The run-producing hits during the inning were a two-run double by Alex Wachsmuth and RBI-singles by Ryan Sharpe, Travis Johnson, Jensen, and Dan Richmond.

“We had to play perfect offensively and defensively, and they can swing it,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “They put up 10 runs in 2 2/3 innings.

“Teams that can hit, can beat teams bad at every level. They are never out of the game because they can hit. We put our best guy out there (David Lentz) and they hit him. We didn’t help ourselves defensively either.”

Fenton had one real rally, against Jeson. That came in the fourth with two out. Chad Schupbach and Kyle Schrade had consecutive singles, but a ground out ended the inning.

Hartland then scored two runs in its fourth and another two in the fifth to earn the 10-0 victory. The game ended with Jesen’s two-run homer.

**Area athletes do well at Badar meet**

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Several area track athletes had a nice day at the Badar Invitational.

The Linken Eagles earned three first-place performances at the Flint-area all-star meet.

The boys had two firsts. One was earned by freshman Ted Parcher. Ranked as one of the top sprinters in the state already, Parcher won the 100 with a time of 10.82 seconds at the Badar Classic.

Meanwhile, his teammate, Mark Wright, capped his season with a first-place performance in the 1,600 with a time of 4:40.44. Wright didn’t qualify for state in the 1,600.

The girls had their 3,200 relay earn the top spot. The team of Dani Stius, Heidi Sack, Sydney Elmer and Mayce Varacalli earned the first with a time of 10:11.5.

The Lake Fenton boys 400 relay team of Kyle Frank, Rob Kesler, Matthew Hommer and Austin Gotton also posted a strong performance, taking second with a school-record time of 44.27. The time was better than the 44.98 they established at regionals.

“They have a chance to make some noise,” Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said. “More importantly, they believe that they will run a better time on Saturday.”

The Fenton girls also had some strong performances in events.

Individually, Meredith Brown took second in the long jump (16-9), while Kira Rentschler took third in the discus (98-4) 98-4. The 3,200 relay team of Taylor Thorpe, Katharine Vancura, Ellie White and Emily Bremis took third (10:28-9).
Linden stings Hornets in district opener

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Fenton — The Linden varsity girls soccer team did its best to avoid looking forward to Fenton’s semifinal clash, and took care of business Tuesday with a 5-0 shutout of the Kearsley Hornets. The Eagles won their opener of the MHSAA Division 2 soccer district as Lexi Downes had three saves to record the shutout. Linden dominated the field position and the Hornets didn’t get very many chances to get on the scoreboard.

The win was Linden’s (12-3-2) sixth shutout of the year. The Eagles also beat Kearsley earlier this year 6-0.

“We knew we could not take Kearsley lightly and look past them,” said senior Mary-Kathryn Fiebennitz, who will take her talents to the Division 1 level at Michigan State next year. “We took care of business and then thought about the big game coming up. We just need to play our game, we have more energy now and seem to be playing better at the right time.”

Fiebennitz added a pair of goals in the win, one unassisted and the other set up from Kelsey Brecht. Megan Harp also turned in a solid game with two goals, with Jordan Sargent getting an assist on one. Sam Thornton also scored a goal with an assist by Karrah Varner. Fiebennitz is nearing the 80-goal mark for her career. In addition, she was the kicker on the varsity football team. Linden won the Metro last year, but came in third this season. Now they want to win when it counts, the most at tournament time.

Fenton blasts Saginaw in district opening round

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Fenton — The Fenton varsity soccer team left little doubt in its opening round district contest against Saginaw High School on Tuesday.

From the opening kick, Fenton was able to control the ball and completely dominate the game, earning an eye-popping 18-0 win.

Just three minutes into the contest, senior midfielder Payton Maxheimer was able to lift a shot into the right corner of the net, giving the Tigers an early lead. The goals would not stop there. Junior midfielder Ga- brielle Garza was able to pounce on a goal from close range just minutes later. The rout was on, as Fenton would score eight more goals within 10 minutes to eclipse the 10-goal mercy mark by halftime.

Saginaw did not manage a shot on goal, as nearly all play was contested on the Tigers’ half of the field. The Tigers were able to use the half of play to spread the ball around and get everyone involved. Nine players were able to put the ball in the net, led by Allison Cialkowski, who ended the game with three goals of her own. Other scorers were Marissa Newblatt, Amber Krupp, Katie Delavergne, Kristen Wing, Maggie Dewan and Desiree Oyae. Earning assists were Dewan (two), Amanda Hoag, Megan Cockin, Hannah Efo and Rachel Baker.

“Games like this are tough,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “You want to stay sharp and play the right way, but you also don’t want to run up the score on the other team.”

The win earned the Tigers a contest against Linden in the second round of tour- ney play. The results of that game can be found elsewhere in this section.

“Looking forward, we really need to rely on our senior leadership to keep us moving in the right direction,” added Sullivan. “Our seniors know that any game now could be their last and will go far as we take them.”

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TRI-COUNTY SPORTS

TRI-COUNTY TIMES

Powers 4, Lake Fenton 1: The Chargers got two goals from Brittany Tens and one each from Kristen Sro- wick and McKenzie Mora, resulting in the district semifinal victory. Katie Austin scored for Lake Fenton. Heather Rollin made four saves in net for Powers. Powers advanced to the district championship game at Durand at 11 a.m. on Saturday with the win.

Lake Fenton 8, Mt. Morris 0: The Blue Devils lost a pair of tight contests against the Eagles. Lake Fenton’s Mitch Kirk stole home on a double steal and Blake Bourdeau had two RBI-singles. Spencer Quick on a double steal and Blake Bourdeau had two RBI-singles. Spencer Quick

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Superior 11, Lake Fenton 4: The Harpres scored three goals on 11 shots in the loss. Lake Fenton’s Mitch Kirk stole home on a double steal and Blake Bourdeau had two RBI-singles. Spencer Quick

BASEBALL

Oakridge 11, Lake Fenton 4: The Marauders scored seven runs in the 11th inning on six hits, two walks and one walk that resulted in the loss. Lake Fenton’s Mitch Kirk stole home on a double steal and Blake Bourdeau had two RBIs. Spencer Quick had two hits, including an RBI-triple. Bourdeau tossed the first eight innings, while Kirk tossed two shutout innings in relief. Lake Fenton enters district action on 11-11.

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Linden earns sweep in final regular season doubleheader

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Linden’s varsity baseball team has been up and down most of the season.

The Eagles hope they are experiencing an “up” at the right time of the season.

In preparation for their district tournament at Fowlerville on Saturday, the Eagles competed against Our Lady of the Lakes on Tuesday, earning a doubleheader sweep.

Linden won the opener 10-4, and won the nightcap 4-3 in five innings.

The Eagles won the second game in thrilling fashion, scoring the winning run in the bottom of the fifth. Mitch Juhl reached on an error and Dylan Nash had an infield single.

The Eagles earned a double-steal, putting runners on second and third with no out. An out later, Tyler Kraus hit a ground ball to second, and Juhl raced home. He was safe, earning Linden the win.

In the opener, the Eagles banged the ball well, scoring 10 runs. Dylan Nash, Luke Tunningley and Jack Pasters each had two hits. On the mound, Tyler Benedict tossed three scoreless innings, and Jay Guittant tossed four innings of strong relief ball.

“We’ve been playing good ball,” Linden coach Steve Buerkel said. “Fowlerville has a good pitcher, but we could’ve beat him the first time we faced them. They blew it open in extra innings.

“We’ve played some tough teams and beat some good teams. The kids are starting to believe in their abilities.”

Linden’s Tyler Benedict tossed three shutout innings during the Eagles’ doubleheader sweep of Watford Our Lady of the Lakes on Wednesday.
Fenton’s Ryan Surface scores during an inside-the-park home run during the Tigers’ doubleheader sweep of Kearsley on Wednesday.

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Flint — It appeared that the Fenton varsity baseball team didn’t have anything to play for on Wednesday.

The Tigers (9-7, 15-20-1) were already eliminated from district play, and were forced to play a doubleheader with Kearsley because the Hornets remained in the Metro League race.

But instead of folding tent, the Tigers played one of their best doubleheaders of the season, defeating Kearsley 12-5 and 12-4 in the road twinbill.

“I thought it would be a difficult day to play because we were out of the league race and had lost our district game a day before,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “Our kids really had a positive last day together and enjoyed it. We pounded out 26 hits and scored 24 runs. That hasn’t happened all year.”

The Tigers took a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the first game on a two-run double by Jamie Garcia and never looked back. They blew the game open with RBI-singles from David Lenzi, Ryan Surface and Chad Schupbach during a six-run second. The Tigers had one more big inning, scoring three in the seventh. Neal Kemmings doubled and Sean Rusaw singled, both scoring on Lenzi’s two-run double.

Ryan Surface earned the win, tossing four innings of ball. Kyle Schraude got the save with three innings of relief ball.

In the second contest, the game was tied 3-3 until the Tigers scored two runs in the fifth. Garcia had an RBI-single and Schraude followed it with an RBI-ground out. The Tigers scored three more in the sixth and four more in the seventh, earning the win.

Derek Jenkins and Schupbach had three hits each in the contest. In the opener, Surface had three hits, including an inside-the-park home run. Lenzi, Schupbach and Ryan Delecki had two hits each.

“We didn’t finish like we thought we could, but we wanted to go out and play baseball today like we wanted to play all year,” Logan said. “Getting the sweep was a little satisfaction.”

Bronchos

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BRONCHOS

Each scored goals.

Holly should feel confident going into Saturday’s game. The Bronchos have outscored district opponents 29-1 in two games. They beat Flint Northwestern 20-0 on Tuesday.

“We feel we have a good squad,” Smiles said. “It’s going to be a good game against Linden, but we think we can pull it off. We can do it with confidence.”

“Team chemistry is a big thing for us. Everyone gets along. We mesh. Our passing is amazing. I feel we click.”

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