Fenton accepts funds to cover cost of 911 dispatch upgrades

DDA ups revenue share to city from $330,000 to $400,000

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — With no input from residents and no discussion among council members, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved a recommendation Monday to accept $70,000 more in revenue sharing from the Fenton Down-town Development Authority (DDA).

In the approved fiscal year 2012 budget, both the city and DDA approved in their budgets a revenue share of $400,000 from the DDA Fund to the General Fund. Since 2004, the DDA has provided a revenue share of between $300,000 and $330,000 to the city.

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Summary

The Fenton City Council approved a motion to accept a revenue share of DDA funds not to exceed $400,000. A portion of that funding will cover the purchase of new dispatch equipment for the city’s 911 dispatch center.

Linden Summer Mill Days

Linden residents enjoy food from Navistar Bar and Grill at the Linden Summer Mills Day on Saturday. The event also featured "Precious Pups," a dog contest, dancers from the Linden Academy of Dance and Music and a book sale at the Linden Library.

Gross images expected to deter smoking

Packaging and advertisements to change in September 2012

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Beginning in September 2012, smokers will see one of nine new graphic images warning them of the dangers of smoking on each pack of cigarettes they buy. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced last week that more prominent health warnings must be included on cigarette packs.

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Summary

Beefed up warning labels will begin appearing on individual packs of cigarettes in September 2012, according to an announcement by the Food and Drug Administration.

WARNING: Cigarettes are addictive.

This is one of nine different graphic warnings selected by the FDA.
Anna Wujciak has been named the 2011 Fenton Freedom Festival Queen. The 16-year-old Fenton High School student will be entering her junior year in the fall.

Self described as decently optimistic, Wujciak was surprised to learn she had been selected. She is excited about adding one more thing to her busy summer.

After a nudge from last year’s Fenton Freedom Festival Queen Jessica Dupont, Wujciak decided to enter the contest. “She said I should do it,” said Wujciak. “It’s good interviewing practice. It’s a good thing to do.”

Zonta of the Fenton Area will be crowning Wujciak at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30 at the gazebo in downtown Fenton. Her parents Dave and Diane Wujciak and siblings Sara, Lara, and Nicholas are expected to be there to share in the joy.

As a swimmer for the Flint Falcons, Wujciak is heading to Atlanta, Ga. this summer for nationals and is teaching swimming at a summer camp. Between all the swimming, she hopes to squeeze in a family vacation.

At Fenton High School, she stays busy with the National Honor Society and is a full IB candidate. She plays flute for the school’s marching band and wind ensemble and takes private piano lessons.

Beyond the crowning on Thursday, Wujciak will be attending the Silver Lake Ski Club show on Silver Lake Friday at 7 p.m. She will also be riding in the Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m. through downtown Fenton.

Still basking in the limelight, Wujciak said, “I was really, really surprised. I’m very honored.”
**Loud fireworks and dogs don’t mix**

**Comfortable crate, music could alleviate fear**

By Sharon Stone

As people across this country light the sky up with fireworks to celebrate Independence Day, they might be wise to consider the anxiety it brings out in some of our beloved four-legged friends.

This time of year can be especially stressful for dogs and their owners. Thunderstorms can also be troublesome to “man’s best friend.”

Dogs cannot control their reactions to the loud and ongoing booms and bangs. However, there are things an owner can do to ease symptoms of noise phobia.

Commonly seen signs of noise phobia include shaking, trembling, excessive drooling, barking, howling, trying to hide or get out of a room and refusing to eat. Dogs might also lose bladder and bowel control, as well as have temporary diarrhea.

Dr. Guy Osmun, owner and veterinarian at Companion Animal Hospital in Linden, said fireworks

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**Van Gilder family to lead Fenton Freedom Festival parade**

**Will be honored at grand marshal reception on Thursday**

By Sally Rummel

As the namesake of the long-time VG’s chain of grocery stores, the Van Gilder family is interwoven in the fabric of business and community life in Fenton.

That’s why the family was the unanimous choice of the Fenton Freedom Festival Committee to serve as grand marshals of the 2011 Fenton Freedom Festival Parade on the Fourth of July. They will be honored Thursday at 8 p.m. at a reception at the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille. The event is free and open to the public.

“It was my mother, Shirley, who actually named our first store ‘VG’s,’” said Lisa Van Gilder, who

See VAN GILDER on 8

The extended Van Gilder family gathered for a photo at a recent wedding. About 20 to 25 family members will participate in Monday’s Fenton Freedom Festival Parade.
MAJOR MEDIA COMMITTING FISCAL SUICIDE

Is there a profit-making business — other than TV networks and The New York Times — that so disrespects its audience it works overtime to offend them? What other business metaphorically flips the bird to those who don’t subscribe to their social, cultural and political worldview? That is precisely what big media does to a large number of potential viewers and subscribers.


Let’s take them one at a time. Someone had to decide that “under God” and “indivisible” were extraneous and needed to be cut from the U.S. Open’s patriotic montage. Who was that person? Will he head roll? Probably not.

Norah O’Donnell has been an Obama cheerleader on MSNBC. When Newt Gingrich suggested that play too much basketball and should concentrate on more important things, O’Donnell intimates there might be racist overtones because “it suggests that the president is an athlete and some people may suggest, you know, because all black people are good athletes.” All black people? Isn’t that racist?

Last Sunday’s New York Times (Father’s Day) engaged in blatant cheerleading for the gay rights agenda. It began with a front-page story titled “For President, Gay Marriage Views Evolve.” You know where his ‘evolution’ is headed. The president wants and needs money from that lobbying.

Reading this brought me as close as I have ever come to canceling my subscription, but I decided against it. I have to know what the culturally depraved are thinking.

At none of the big networks or at The New York Times is it a recognized conservative or traditional values commentator. It is why these entities are losing readers and viewers, though they don’t seem to care. Their ideology trumps their business sense.

TO ANYONE WHO
works for a retail store, thank you for making my job as a cashier enjoyable — not. I don’t get paid enough to be treated like I am noth-
ing. Be considerate and treat people the way you would like to be treated.

NEVADA SENATOR HARRIET REED and California Rep. Nancy Pelosi slammed ‘Obam-acare down our throats, and now we find out that the state of Nevada and many businesses in the San Francisco area are exempt from this program. When will the Demo-
cratic voters wake up and see that these politicians are only taking care of themselves.

This question is in regards to the neighbor with music blaring most of the time. Does this have anything do with a neighbor on South Long Lake Road? Please just answer yes or no.

A GOVERNMENT BIG enough to give you what you want, is big enough to take away everything you have.” — Thomas Jefferson

I AM SICK of you union bashers. Can’t you find something better to complain about? If it weren’t for unions, you people would all be working for $2.75 an hour and complaining about how unfair that is. Unions help your sorry butt, too. So get off your high horse and join the working class. Stop working against us. It only hurts you too. By the way, we didn’t run this country. We are broke too.

IF A NEIGHBOR is too stupid to know or care what their actions are doing to others, what makes anyone think talking to them would result in anything except confrontation. The only thing people understand is a visit from a cop and a ticket. They think the world revolves around them.

SORRY, BUT THE young boys who walk around with their pants falling off don’t look silly, they look like idiots. Where do they think they are, the Depres-
sion? People back then had to wear whatever was available. Also, hats were designed to be worn with the brim in front.

ONCE AGAIN, POLLUTION day is upon us, where we show our appreciation for our country. Some call it the Fourth of July, in reality it is the day we mass pollute the air and many of our waters in our fine state of Michigan.

IF THERE WAS any thought about taking a trip to New York, there is none now. After the legislation that passed Friday, I will never go there or spend a penny of my money in that state. Something is wrong with the mentality there. And no, I’m not a Republican, I am a Democrat. Many of us have moral values, too.

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See HOT LINE throughout Times

What is your most memorable Fourth of July?

“Fourth of July. I had a fishing boat on Lake Michigan near Charlevoix, catching a 14-pound trout and watch-

The fireworks display. My siblings and I would sit on top of the family station wagon, and ‘ooh and ah’ as the fireworks burst into brilliant colors into the night.”

“When raising my own family, the Fourth of July meant barbecues in the backyard by the swimming pool or a week of fun at a cabin up North.”

“One of my favorite Fourth of July memories is when I was a child and things were simpler. We had to take a trip to New York, there is none now. After the legislation that passed Friday, I will never go there or spend a penny of my money in that state. Something is wrong with the mentality there. And no, I’m not a Republican, I am a Democrat. Many of us have moral values, too.”

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“THREE MEN IN TROUBLE”

“I have a grandson who was born on the Fourth of July. I was the only one in the family who picked the right date.”

— Darlene Malinowski, Linden

“Probably going up to Sleeping Bear Dunes, dune buggies and stuff, I went until I was 18.”

— Staci Morse, Fenton

“Going up and watching fireworks with the kids. We would usually meet up with family and go tubing on the lake.”

— Lisa Wood, Byron

“Going downtown and watching fireworks on the Detroit River, and being in the building where my father happened to work.”

— Pat Zachorska, Fenton

“When my grandson was born on the Fourth, it was pretty exciting.”

— Jim St. Clair, Fenton

“When my buddy took us across Houghton Lake on a pontoon to watch fireworks. When we came back, we couldn’t find the dock.”

— John Nagy, Argonne Twp.
Visitors enjoy Fenton’s first Art Walk

More than 30 different artists display work

By William Axford

The city of Fenton highlighted its artistic side to residents on Friday. More than 30 artists filled local businesses and sidewalks with art at the city’s first Art Walk.

“The Art Walk is a fantastic idea,” said Marty Schatko, of Pontiac. “It’s a new place for artists to showcase their work.”

Thirty-one businesses from the Dibberville area to Silver Parkway hosted artists, enticing residents to weave in and out of various stores and explore artwork.

Summary

The city of Fenton held its first Art Walk last Friday. The event paired artists with more than 30 locations to showcase original works of creativity.

“I don’t think about the picture, I just paint whatever I feel like. Some things are based on an image, others are conceptualized in my head,” Schatko said.

Curious pedestrians stopped to inquire about Schatko’s landscape paintings. He sells most painting at around $40.

At BC Comix on Silver Parkway, William Bredel displays his drawings of comic book heroes along with his own independent comic book. He described his style as traditional comic drawing with a fusion of anime and Saturday morning cartoons.

See ART WALK on 8
Tyrone Township seeking board applications

Tyrone Township is seeking citizens who want to become involved in the community. Each year, the township supervisor needs to appoint candidates to fill vacancies on the planning commission and zoning board of appeals.

This is an opportunity for citizens to provide input to the zoning ordinances, review applications for development and/or become involved in the township master plan. The term of an appointment is three years unless an unexpired term is being filled. Meetings are usually held once a month, in the evening.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham said, “We are actively looking for people who want to contribute to the longer term direction and establish a vision for development in the township. The planning commission and zoning board of appeals play important roles in the development of our township’s character and quality of life. We will be interviewing candidates in August to fill the new terms.”

Applications are due by Aug. 8. For more information, call (810) 629-8631 or visit www.tyronetownship.us.

SHOPLIFTING COSMETICS

On June 21, Fenton police responded to a department store on Owen Road to investigate a shoplifting complaint. The loss prevention officer told police that they observed a 24-year-old Linden woman conceal $45 worth of cosmetics in her purse and exit the store without paying for the items. She did pay for a shopping cart full of items. The woman was placed under arrest and transported to the police station for processing. She was given a court appearance ticket and released.

TREES STOLEN

On June 23, a Fenton police officer was dispatched to a business in the 1400 block of Dauner Road to investigate the theft of two potted Japanese maple trees. The manager told police that sometime between June 18 and June 20, someone stole the two trees that were located near the front entrance. Each tree was valued at $100. There are no suspects.

DEATH UNDER INVESTIGATION

At 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, Fenton police responded to a home on Chinkipin Rill to investigate a possible death. A resident at the home told the officer that they found their 25-year-old nephew lying on the couch and believed he was deceased. Police seized evidence from the scene, which included prescription medicine. The Genesee County medical examiner investigator was called to the scene to assist with the investigation. An autopsy was conducted on June 22 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. Police Chief Rick Aro said detectives are awaiting word on cause of death, pending the results of an autopsy.

CITY APPROVES PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE CONTRACT

On Monday, the Fenton City Council voted unanimously to renew the property and liability insurance contract with the Michigan Municipal League at a cost not to exceed $131,610. The renewal would begin on July 1. The cost increased by $3,034 from the previous year and coverage would provide up to $10 million per any liability claim against the city. Michael Burns, assistant city manager, said the increase was due to an increase in values of city-owned property by $5 million and the state increased its fees for Michigan Catastrophic Claim Association by $27 for every licensed vehicle in the state. The city would receive a dividend payment of $5,169 by the MML insurance pool. The dividend payment would offset the increase and the City would see actual savings of $2,135.

The latest update on the Medical Marihuana Act

A couple of years ago, I wrote a column detailing the approval by Michigan voters of a new law that would allow marijuana (the act uses an alternative spelling) to be used legally by Michigan residents under specific terms and conditions. I cited concerns at the time that the act, as approved, had a number of unanswered questions.

Last year, I wrote an updated column on the progress that the courts had been making, involving the legality of “marijuana dispensaries.” Since my last update, the Michigan courts have had some significant additional input. A circuit court judge in Midland County and a district court judge in Dearborn both ruled the act to be unconstitutional as a violation of federal law. These opinions are binding only in those jurisdictions for cases before those judges and are subject to appeal.

The issue of the legality of marihuana dispensaries and other issues are still being considered by the Michigan Court of Appeals. Michigan lawmakers are currently considering bills banning medical marihuana facilities from operating within 1,000 feet of a church or school and creating a database of medical marihuana cardholders to be available to law enforcement personnel.

When I mention these newest developments, I’m only touching upon a much wider array of aspects of the act, which are still to be ultimately decided by our Michigan Supreme Court and continue to work their way through the lower courts.

Michigan Supreme Court agreed last week to hear two cases. The first is a case from Oakland County which involves the question of when a defendant must have obtained the required physician’s statement in order to assert the defense of medical use of marijuana and if a defendant can assert the defense at all without having obtained a medical marijuana card. The second is a case from Shiawassee County which will determine if an outdoor fenced and locked dog kennel with no top and not anchored to the ground qualifies under the act as an enclosed, locked facility. The final decisions in these two cases will be studied very closely and it is anticipated that decisions on other parts of the act will be rendered by our Supreme Court in the future.
‘Give a pint, get a pint’

Annual blood drive set

On Tuesday, July 7, the annual St. John/Tri-County Times Blood Drive will be held from 12 to 5:45 p.m. at St. John Activity Center in Fenton. As the nation’s blood supply continues to be strained, the American Red Cross is encouraging all eligible donors to make donating blood a part of their summer plans, and this drive will give everyone a “delicious” opportunity to do that.

Dave and Todd Durant of Uncle Ray’s Dairyland are donating “a pint for a pint.” Each food donor will receive a certificate for a pint of ice cream.

“Blood collections typically decrease during the summer months because school is out and people are enjoying their summer break,” said Sharon Jaksa, CEO for the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross. “However, the need for blood never takes a vacation.”

In addition to the support of St. John’s, the Tri-County Times, and Uncle Ray’s Dairyland, this drive has the help of an area teen as well. Marina Nimmo, a senior at Fenton High School, is working with the American Red Cross to recruit donors into this drive.

The donation of one pint of blood can impact the lives of up to three people. The goal for this year’s blood drive at St. John’s is 100 pints.

How to donate blood

To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org for more information. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your American Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.
the whole family is being honored with this recognition.

“We’re honoring the entire Van Gilder family,” said festival committee chairperson Pat Lockwood. “The contributions that they have made to Fenton make them the perfect choice for this honor. They hired and trained our young people for future careers, presented their high standards of customer service to the community and helped grow and develop the Fenton area through their expansion of VG’s Grocery throughout the years.”

Russell estimates there will be between 20 to 25 family members riding in Monday’s parade. The immediate Van Gilder family includes three children, Rusty, Sr., Lisa and Julie; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild and another one “on the way.”

“When I think of Fenton, I think of my life,” said Russell. “I liked all of the people we met as the business developed. It just fit. I still feel the same way about this community.”

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SMOKING
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be displayed on the packaging and advertisements.

This ruling by the FDA marks the first change in cigarette warnings in more than 25 years and it is considered a significant advancement in communicating the dangers of smoking.

Nine different text warnings with accompanying color graphics have been selected by the FDA. This final set of warnings is expected to increase awareness of the specific health risks associated with smoking, such as death, addiction, lung disease, cancer, stroke and heart disease. The new images are also expected to encourage smokers to quit and empower youth to say no to tobacco.

The FDA expects the introduction of these warnings to have a significant public health impact by decreasing the number of smokers, resulting in lives saved, increased life expectancy, and lower medical costs.

**Michigan’s Smoke Free Air Law significantly improves air**

After a year, results from a Michigan Department of Community Health air monitoring study, conducted before and after the state smoke-free air law went into effect, show a major reduction in the particulate matter in the air of restaurants. Field investigators measured air quality in restaurants in 14 sites, including Flint. Air quality in Detroit casinos was also measured. According to Mark Valacca, health officer for the Genesee County Health Department, this study clearly demonstrates the health benefit of Michigan’s smoke-free air law. The six restaurants tested in Genesee County allowed smoking before the law and were smoke-free after the law took effect. In all venues the level of particulate matter dropped anywhere from 47 – 95 percent.

**VFW Continued from Front Page**

Pray has been a member of Fenton Post 3243 since 1974 after retiring from the U.S. Navy. He did two, tours of duty during the VietNam war, 1967-68 and 1972-73. The chief warrant officer worked mainly as a boiler operator on an aircraft carrier stationed off the coast of VietNam. Pray has also served as post commander and district commander. His wife is a member of the Fenton Post’s Ladies Auxiliary.

In his new role, Pray will oversee 57,000 VFW members in the state. He plans to visit as many of the 320 posts as he can in the state’s 12 VFW districts. He’ll supervise the financial and administrative side of the posts and auxiliaries.

Pray’s main goal with his one-year term is to increase membership, especially of the younger generation, and the number of programs the VFW offers. “FINANCES are big,” he said. “We have to have enough money to pay the bills. It’s tough to keep the doors open.”

Another top priority is to provide the best service to veterans. Those requiring assistance must get it, he said. Local VFW posts help veterans file claims with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

The Fenton VFW Post has between 625 and 650 members, up from about 230 in the past 10 years. The Post’s ladies auxiliary has 388 members. “We are the largest combat vet organization in Michigan,” said Pray.

With combat comes injuries, Pray said some of the members talk about their experiences, while some stay quiet. He recalled the six members of the service from the Fenton area killed in VietNam. The memories remain painful.

In addition to assisting veterans, the VFW members regularly provide community services, participate in parades and help run the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids. “We take in veterans’ kids, single parents and put them in a home. There’s a big need. It’s full all the time,” said Pray.

Pray said members typically participate in farewell parties for veterans heading overseas. “We give them laptops and cameras so they can stay in touch,” he said.

Fundraisers are an unnecessary part of life for VFW posts. Pray said the Fenton post will be holding one on July 9. The picnic, open to the public, will provide grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and games. “All of the money goes to keeping our doors open and the lights on, and programs,” he said.

Being elected as the new state commander is an honor for Pray. “Having been picked by those who served in combat and to be recognized as the leader for the next year means a lot,” said Pray. “I hope I do it correctly.”

The Prays’ children Michael John Pray and Jackie Williams were excited to hear the news about their dad, said Bonnie Pray, who is now the First Lady of the VFW. “I’m proud of him,” she said. “It’s exciting.”

Pray is a 1964 graduate of Fenton High School. After working at Safes market, he enlisted in the Navy. After his first tour, he hired in at Buick, but signed up for another tour so that he could travel. In addition to his VFW duties, he now works part time as a boiler inspector for Travelers Insurance.
Gavin Baroni, 6, of Tyrone Township, caught this 14-inch bass on Father’s Day, June 19 at Lake Tyrone.

Josie Rollier, 8, of Fenton, caught four, 10-pound flathead catfish on June 15 in the Saginaw River.

Brendan Veach, 13, of Dearborn, caught this 10-inch bass on May 30 at Byram Lake.
BARNEY'S VERSION
Barney’s Version is the warm, wise, and witty story of Barney Panofsky (Paul Giamatti), a seemingly ordinary man who lives an extraordinary life. Barney’s candid confessional spans four decades and two continents, and includes three wives — one outrageous father (Dustin Hoffman), and a charmingly dissolute best friend (Scott Speedman). A candid confessional, told from Barney’s point of view, taking us through the different acts of his unusual history. There is his first wife, Clara, a flame-haired, flagrantly unfaithful free spirit with whom Barney briefly lives in Rome. The second Mrs. Panofsky is a wealthy Jewish princess who shops and talks incessantly. It’s at their lavish wedding that Barney meets, and starts pursuing, Miriam, his third wife, the mother of his two children and his true love. Barney takes us through the many highs, and a few too many lows, of his long and colorful life.

BEASTLY
A modern-day take on the “Beauty and the Beast” tale where a New York teen is transformed into a hideous monster in order to find true love. Seven-teen-year-old Kyle (Alex Pettyfer) is the spoiled, shallow and incredibly popular prince of his high school kingdom. Entirely captivated and empowered by his own physical appearance, Kyle foolishly chooses Kendra (Mary-Kate Olsen), a classmate rumored to be a witch, as his latest target for humiliation. Unfazed by his cruel behavior, Kendra decides to teach him a lesson — she transforms him into someone as unattractive on the outside as he is on the inside. Now he has one year to find someone who can see past the surface and love him, or he will remain “Beastly” forever.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My barber, Vinnie, said my eyebrows were receding and that is an indication of thyroid problems. I write to see what your take is on this. I would like to establish fact from fiction.

— P.D.

ANSWER: Vinnie is somewhat near the truth by saying hair loss is a possible consequence of both an underactive and overactive thyroid gland. However, the loss is usually on the scalp, when and if it does occur. Loss only of eyebrow hair isn’t a symptom of thyroid disease. And hair loss from the scalp is not the only sign that things are wrong with the thyroid. Other signs must be present, too.

Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times
Veneziano keeps win streak alive at Summer Happenings Run

By David Troppens
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Linden — Lisa Veneziano, 46, is like a vintage wine. She seems to only get better with time.

She has been the overall women’s champion in both the featured 5K and one-mile run every year of the Linden Summer Happenings Run, and that trend continued once again on Sunday morning.

Veneziano, again, dominated, winning the mile in 5:42.60 and the 5K in 18:41.84. Over an hour after the second race, Veneziano was still running, using the local race as a marathon tune-up. Her husband, Jay Owens, was the men’s master one-mile winner (5:26.50), while Linden graduate Mark Wright, 18, was the overall winner in both the one-mile (5:11.9) and the 5K (18:06.92). Last year he won the mile in 4:55.

“Lisa is a machine. She has won both the mile and 5K every one of the five years,” said Skinner.

The fifth annual Summer Happenings Run drew a field of 120 runners.

“We were down a bit in numbers. Our highest was close to 200 runners,” said race director Dan Skinner.

“This year, I think we were hurt in numbers by the triathlon we held for the first time the day before. I was part of that event also. We wanted to hold it around the Summer Happenings Festival before it was canned this year. Sunday is a good day to have it with no other running events around our area. We have the one-mile run to encourage young kids to run. All kids under 11 win medals.”

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011

Skinner, Macksood win FirstTry Triathlon

By David Troppens
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Linden — Michael Skinner just wanted to have some fun during the inaugural FirstTry Triathlon held at Clover Beach and Linden County Park Saturday morning.

His fun became a little more enjoyable when he became the winner of the first event.

Skinner, whose father, Dan Skinner, was the race director of the event, came within a second of beating the field by two minutes at the event, which was held under overcast weather.

Skinner, a Linden graduate, finished the three skill event with a time of 51:36. Brighton’s Tim VanHorn took second with a time of 53:35.

“I have done one xterra race (an off-road triathlon) and one duathalon, but other than that, no,” Skinner said. “I used to work at CycleFit, so I’m used to bikes, and I’ve been a runner all of my life. The swimming part, I swim to survive, not to compete.”

The event was billed as an introduction to triathlons, for those that wanted to give it a shot. It was smaller than most, but still took great physical exertion to be able to complete. The race began with a 300-yard swim in Byram Lake, followed by a 9.1-mile bike run. It concluded with a two-mile run through Linden County Park.

See TRIATHLON on 15

Triathlon participants enjoyed event

By David Troppens
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Linden — FirstTry Triathlon director Dan Skinner didn’t know how well a triathlon would be received in the tri-county area.

On Saturday he got his answer. About 200 triathletes participated. Of those 181 completed the event.

The race included a 300-yard swim in Byram Lake, a 9.1-mile bike ride and then a two-mile run in Linden County Park on Saturday. And it seemed most enjoyed the event.

“I’m extremely pleased,” Skinner said. “I’m almost to the point of surprised.”

While the numbers were high, the reception by the participants was just as impressive.

“I would definitely love to do it again,” women’s overall winner Jackie Macksood said.

“I’m looking at a calendar to see if I can do another one in July or August. It may not happen this year, but more than likely, I’d do this one again.”

The weather was overcast and cool side, but the water was warm with some small waves.
Spencer continues strong start to boxing career, wins two more titles

By David Troppens
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He may be only 11 years old, and just 80 pounds, but Joey Spencer really packs a punch.

Just ask his recent opponent at the Title National Championships held in Ripley, TN recently.

Forced to compete in a weight class heavier than his (85 pounds), Spencer, a Holly Academy student and Linden resident, defeated his foe, earning the national tournament title at the event.

It was one of two recent championships Spencer has won. Earlier this spring he won his weight class at the Junior Olympics.

At the Title National Championships, he also had one of his biggest challenges in his relatively young career. And he was facing a cocky fighter to boot.

“When he actually first saw me, he laughed at me. He thought he was going to win,” Spencer said. “He was a pretty cocky kid, but I didn’t let that get me upset or mad. I stuck to the game plan I do every match. I didn’t let it get into my head.”

That said, Spencer admitted the first round was relatively even.

“We may have won it, but it was close. My Dad (Jason) didn’t like that. When I came back to the corner, he told me that we’ve been working on some things and that I wasn’t using a couple of them. He told me to start using them, and that’s when I started dominating. It made a big difference.”

Spencer said he won the final two rounds relatively well, cruising to the title. At the Junior Olympics, Spencer was named Most Outstanding Fighter for the second time in a major tournament. He won his bout by decision.

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“I’m excited about that,” Spencer said. “That’s my main goal, to win there.”

By Al Zipsie
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Holly’s Josh Fugate (left) scored 15 points in the annual Bruin Club All-Star Basketball Game.

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County Park.

The women’s overall winner was Fenton resident Jackie Macksood. Macksood, didn’t start in the first heat for the women, placed sixth overall with a time of 56:58. Another Linden resident and graduate, Kayla Duke placed second in the women’s race and ninth overall with a time of 57:55, while Brighton’s Hannah Powers, second in the women’s race and graduate, Kayla Duke placed fifth in 58:39. Macksood was more pleased about her effort than her placing at the event.

“First of all, I stepped out of my comfort zone. This was my first one. My goal was just to finish and have fun along the way,” Macksood said.

“It’s icing on the cake to win. Just knowing I accomplished my goal and finished makes me feel great about myself.”

Skinner had the 12th best time in the swim of the 181 competitors that completed the race, and then took a large lead after the bike portion of the race. His time of 27:32 was the second-best bike time of the race. An established cross country runner, Skinner only stretched his lead during the two-mile run portion of the race.

“I think I was fourth (after the swim) but my transition time was really good, so I ended up getting on the bike first,” Skinner said.

“I felt great. The 300-yard swim was great. I’ve been swimming quite often to work on that part, because that is my worst aspect of the event. But the water was warm and it was a great temperature. Having the wind coming back helped me pick up speed.”

Skinner admits he was a bit shocked at how much of a lead he had after the bike portion.

“I was. I knew I did pretty well on the bike,” Skinner said. I made sure I hammered (the bike) enough to get some room. I knew in the running part, I had it locked up.”

VanHorn was competing in his first triathlon as well.

“I am not a swimmer, so I was behind the pack a little bit,” VanHorn said. “I made it up on the bike and in the transitions. It’s tough. Getting through the swim was my main goal.”

Macksood wasn’t the first woman to cross the finish line, but she was the fastest. Because she started in a different heat, she wasn’t able to be the first woman across, but she still posted the winning time. Her swim time (8:06), was just 65th, but she made up for that with the ninth-best bike time (29:11) and the seventh-best two-mile run time (15:59). Her biggest fear was the swim. She prepared for the event by practicing the swim portion frequently at Fenton High School’s pool. She also had great support from her family, husband Joe and daughter Natalie.

“I had to step outside the box, and at age 45 you have to believe in yourself that you can do it,” Macksood said. “You have to set a goal, train and go for it. Second thing I learned is having a great support system is wonderful. My husband and daughter — they rock.”

Duke took second in the women’s overall race, and had to settle for second in the family race as well. Her father, Gary Duke, took third with a time of 53:44. He posted the third-best time on the bike (1:12) and the fourth-best run time (15:47). Dave Fejedelem was fourth overall (54:16), while Jack Coleman took fifth (55:59).

Kayla Duke, a first-time triathlon participant was pleased with her performance.

“I’m a horrible swimmer. It was windy and it put waves in your face. I was like uhhhh,” Duke said. “But I knew I could make it up on the run.”

Powers was competing in her first triathlon and was pleased with her performance. For a second she thought she won when she saw the finish line early, but the runners had to run beyond the line and then come back.

“I definitely thought I would be farther back, a little slower than I was,” Powers said. “I thought I was going to win when I thought I was finishing, but then I found out I had a little bit more left.”

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due to a small wind. It seemed for the rookie triathlon participant was the swim portion that struck the most fear.

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**SPENCER**
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His father, and coach, is pleased with Spencer’s progress.

“There’s no reason for his success outside of his God-given ability has been his work ethic,” Jason Spencer said. “I don’t have to baby sit him in the gym. I always know that he will give it his all. Really, what it comes to is his integrity. What I mean is that he won’t tell himself or anyone else he’s doing his best if he knows he has more to give.”

Until then, Spencer is preparing by sparring about three times a week. His family plans on opening a boxing gym called Emmanuel Boxing, but at this time he practices at his home or the Kronk Gym upon occasion.

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**MONDAY JULY 4TH, 2011**

INFO: 629.5447

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES**

DAVID TRAPPENS

Eventual overall winner of the FirstTry Triathlon was Linden’s Michael Skinner. He is just about ready to complete his bike portion of the triathlon. He posted a time of 51:36.
RECYCLING is for EVERYONE

HOLLY TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY

CHAPTER 32 AN AMENDMENT TO THE MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDNANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 22, 2011 the Holly Township Board adopted an amendment to the zoning map of the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Zoning Ordinance.

The following constitutes a summary of the ordinance amendment:

The zoning district designation of the following described parcel of property has been changed as follows:

Parcel 01-12-201-001 from AGR (5.0 ac.) to LI (Limited Industrial)

Said amendment was adopted in accordance with the provisions of Act 134, Civil Acts of 1938 as amended and in accordance with provisions of Holly Township Zoning Ordinance.

The ordnance is to be effective 7 days after publication of this notice and summary as provided by law. A true and complete copy of Holly Township Code of Ordinances can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

Karin S. Winchester, CMC
Holly Township Clerk
Oakland County, Michigan
HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JUNE 22, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Supervisor Lambert, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Leslie and Trustee Ruth.
Approved: Agenda Approval as Amended.
Approved: Township Properties and All Related Business.
Approved: Proposed Ordinance Amendment - Medical Marijuana.
Approved: Request from Green Thumb Landscaping to rezone parcel 01-12- 201-001 from AGR to L-1 Light Industrial.
Approved: Planning Commission Resignation.
Denied: Gage Road Graveling.
Approved: Code Enforcement Issues.

Karín S. Winchester, CMC  
Holly Township Clerk  
Jesse Lambert  
Holly Township Supervisor

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY

Notice is hereby given that on June 22, 2011, the Holly Township Board adopted amendments to the Holly Township Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 Zoning, Medical Marijuana. A true and complete copy of Holly Township’s Code of Ordinances can be viewed online at www.hollytownship.org or can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Holly Township Clerk, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan, 48442, at all times said office is open for business.

THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF HOLLY TOWNSHIP’S AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES:

THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY ORDINANCE:

It is the intent of this Zoning Ordinance amendment to (a) establish regulations dealing with the use of medicinal marijuana, as allowed by initiated Act 1 of 2008, MCL 333.26421 (the “Act”), (b) promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Township by providing standards and regulations for the dispensing of medicinal marijuana while complying with the protections afforded by the Act to individuals who use marijuana in accordance with the Act; and (c) regulate the distribution of marijuana, which is not otherwise regulated by the Act, to address potentially adverse conditions for the Township and its residents, including possible criminal activity, adverse and long term influence on children, danger to law enforcement, and danger to Township residents and other members of the public.

This amendment authorizes certain activities based upon the Act and expressly excludes certain activities. Nothing in this amendment shall be construed as allowing the use or possession, cultivation, growth, or control of marijuana not in strict accordance with the Act. Nothing in this amendment shall be construed, to any way, supercede, nullify, or provide any immunity from prosecution under federal or state law with regard to the cultivation, distribution, or use of marijuana.

SECTION 1 – CODE AMENDMENTS

1. Section 32.6 Definitions added – Act, Dispensary, Distribute and Facility or Premises, patient, Caregiver and Registry Identification Card.
2. A new Section 32.162 is added as follows:
   Medicinal Marijuana Regulations.

SECTION 3 – INVALIDITY

SECTION 4 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication as prescribed by law.

SECTION 5 – REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 6 – ADOPTION

CERTIFICATION

I, duly elected clerk of the Township of Holly, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Notice of Adoption and Summary of the Holly Township Ordinance Chapter 32 Zoning, Article I Definitions and New Article – Medical Marijuana adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the special meeting held on the 22nd day of June, 2011 at which a quorum was present.

Karín S. Winchester, CMC  
Holly Township Clerk  
Oakland County, Michigan

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ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF THE HOLLY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE  
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Wednesday, June 29, 2011

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