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#### ONLINE COMMENTS

#### HOT LINE: RECALL GOVERNOR **441 am the** woman

collecting signatures for the recall of Gov. Snyder. Not sure that what I



anything to do with the recall. but my Land

drive has

Rover was built by Ford, in America, by union members. I support the recall effort because Snyder is taking from the poor and giving to the rich. He is creating more unemployment than jobs. He is putting our safety at risk and the emergency manager law is unconstitutional and a threat to our democracy.

– Dana

of many

vacant

#### STORY: HOLLY **MIDDLE SCHOOL 44**Just another one



buildings around the tricounty area that will

sit empty until the scrappers and vandals tear it to pieces. More urban blight is not what we need, either, Holly schools.

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#### HOT LINE: GOVERNMENT

44 Don't rely on emotions and propaganda, rely on facts. This is an important time in history, so don't be misled. We could actually lose even more of our country's freedoms next election. America is sinking fast because of the Socialist Left influence. Just open your mind.

- Tyrone Township resident



#### Spend it local. Fenton Keep it local. Art Walk Keep your dollars More than in your community. **30 artists** display work HOP LOCAL 5



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO Jack Pray, of the Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243 of Fenton, is the first member of the Fenton post to be elected as the state VFW commander.

## Fenton man elected as state **VFW commander**

Jack Pray will oversee 57,000 VFW members in the state

#### **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 Jack Pray, 64, of Fenton has been

Summary Jack Pray, of Fenton, was

elected as the new state commander of the Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

elected as the new state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of Michigan. With his wife, Bonnie, and several families by his side, he was installed recently at the 92nd annual

convention in Troy. He is the first member of this post to reach this level with the VFW.

#### See VFW on 10

"Having been picked by those who served in combat and to be recognized as the leader for the next year, means a lot." **Jack Pray** State commander of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars

## 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 Downtown 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.

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.

See **DISPATCH** on 11

## Linden Summer Mill Days



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I WILLIAM AXFORD

Linden residents enjoy food from Navistarz 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



Warning labels with graphic images are prominent health warnings must meant to deter people from smoking.

Packaging and advertisements to change in September 2012

#### **By Sharon Stone**

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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) TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO announced last week that more See SMOKING on 10

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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO This is one of nine different graphic warnings selected by the FDA.

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## **Wujciak chosen as Fenton Freedom Festival queen**

"I'm very

honored."

Anna Wuiciak

2011 Fenton Freedom

Festival queen

**By Sharon Stone** sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

Anna Wujciak has been named the 2011 Fenton Freedom Festi-

val 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 Du-Pont, 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

Summary

Zonta of the

selected Fenton

High School ju-

nior Anna Wujciak

Fenton Area

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 crowning on Thurs-

as this year's the Fenton Freedom Festival queen. day, Wujciak will be attending the Sil-

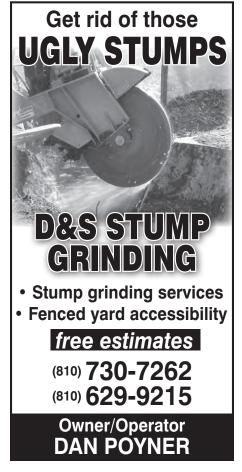
ver Lake Ski Club show on Silver Lake Friday at 7 p.m. She will also be riding in the Fourth of July parade at 10 a.m. through downtown Fenton.

Still basking in the limelight, Wujciak said, "I was really, really surprised. I'm very honored."



#### **EVERY MONDAY**

Meetings for friends and family of those suffering from addiction is held every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church on 14176 Fenton Road in Fenton. For more information please call Jeff at 810-449-6595.





## **FEATURES**AND**NEWS**

### SMART SOLUTIONS



## Remove paint from skin

Has outdoor touch up work turned your skin into a canvas? Remove oil based paint splatters with olive oil. Apply a drop directly to each spot, rub with a damp sponge and rinse with soapy water. The oil breaks down paint pigment so they easily disappear.



Florists tend to cut flowers in the open air introducing air bubbles into the stems that prevent water from being fully absorbed. The remedy: Submerge the stems in a basin of hot water and trim ½ inch off the ends underwater. Your beautiful buds will last for weeks.

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## Loud fireworks and dogs don't mix

## Comfortable crate, music could alleviate fear

#### By Sharon Stone sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786

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.

"When I think of

Fenton, I think of my

life. I liked all of the

people we met as the

business developed.

It just fit. I still feel

the same way about

this community."

**Russell Van Gilder II** 

former owner of VG's Grocery

Dr. Guy Osmun, owner and veterinarian at Companion Animal Hospital in Linden, said fireworks See **FIREWORKS AND DOGS** on 9

#### Some dog owners have had success by putting a Thundershirt on their dog. The tight jacket has been found to be comforting to some pets.

## Van Gilder family to lead Fenton Freedom Festival parade

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

**By Sally Rummel** news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

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

TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO

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.

Three recent examples: 1) The inexplicable editing of the Pledge of Allegiance during the opening of last Sunday's U.S. Open on NBC; 2) The naming of ultraliberal Norah O'Donnell of MSNBC as CBS News' new chief White House correspondent, in time for the 2012 election; 3) Last Sunday's New York Times, which appeared to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Washington Blade, a leading newspaper for the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community.

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 heads roll? Probably not.

Norah O'Donnell has been an Obama cheerleader on MSNBC. When Newt Gingrich suggested the president plays too much basketball and should concentrate on more important things, O'Donnell intimated 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 there 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.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, Staff Reporter

TO ANYONE WHO shops at retail stores, thank you for making my job as a cashier enjoyable - not. I don't get paid enough to be treated like I am nothing. Be considerate and treat people the way you would like to be treated.

#### NEVADA SENATOR HARRY Reid and California Rep. Nancy

Pelosi jammed 'Obamacare' 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 Democratic 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 ruin 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 these 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, when 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.

**CORRECTION, ALL THAT** Palin did was not just run for vice president. She is most famous for walking out on her responsibilities as governor of Alaska. If you were thorough, you would get the complete facts of her 'celebrity clown' activities, before commenting. I can't decide who is the biggest joke, Palin or Limbaugh. Of course, Limbaugh defected when Obama became president. or, was that just another Republican liar showing his true colors.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



#### FOURTH OF JULY

So, what is your favorite Fourth of July memory? I have a lot of them. The Fourth of July is a holiday that just screams parades, good food, family gatherings, barbecue, games and fun.

When I was growing up, the Fourth of July meant riding our horses in our hometown parade. I also remember barbecues, with my dad cooking chicken on the charcoal grill, and making homemade ice cream with fresh picked strawberries from the garden in the back yard. The ice cream had to be hand cranked and was a delicious treat on a hot day.

Of course, we would always go in to town to 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 spending the day on a fishing boat on Lake Michigan near Charlevoix, catching a 14-pound lake trout and watching the fireworks light up the sky over the lake while driving the boat back to shore. It was a breath-taking display.

What would the Fourth of July be without hot dogs? According to the National Council of Hot Dogs and Sausage, the Fourth of July is the biggest hot-dog holiday of the year and 155 million will be downed.

There is nothing like a good ole small town Fourth of July celebration with a parade and plenty of food and activities for the young and old alike to enjoy. Fenton is gearing for its annual Freedom Festival and fireworks display, which are enjoyed by hundreds of residents in the tri-county area. And if the predictions are correct, it looks like the weather will be cooperating nicely, hot and sunny, the perfect backdrop for a day at the lake, picnics in the back yard, a hometown celebration, a camping trip up North or a nap on the hammock.

Whatever your plans may be this year, we at the Times wish our readers a safe and fun-filled Fourth of July. Enjoy your week!

Comments on this column can be made on-line at www.tctimes, or to cdennison@tctimes.com. Hot line comments can be made by calling (810) 629-9221.

### street talk What is your most memorable Fourth of July?



"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 Zacharska, Fenton



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



"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, Argentine Twp.



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## **Visitors enjoy Fenton's first Art Walk**

#### More than 30 different artists display work

#### **By William Axford**

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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 Dibbleville area to Silver Parkway hosted artists, enticing residents to weave in 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

Schatko said he discovered his artistic skill eight years ago while living in a homeless shelter in Atlanta. Starting out on a computer paint program, he was encouraged by another artist to test his skills with

paints and brushes.

"I don't think about the picture, I just paint whatever I feel like. Some things are based off 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 Brendel displayed 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."

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#### 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 the toxicology report.

## News briefs

#### 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 violative of federal law. These opinions are binding only in those jurisdictions for cases before those judges and subject to appeal.

The issue of the legality of marijuana dispensaries and other issues are still being considered by the Michigan Court of Appeals. Michigan lawmakers are currently considering bills banning medical marijuana facilities from operating within 1,000 feet of a church or school and creating a database of medical marijuana 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 first 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.



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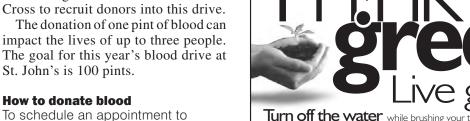
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► Annual blood drive set On Tuesday, July 7, the annual St. John/Tri-County Times Blood Drive will be held from 12 to 5:45 p.m. at St. John Activity Center in Fenton. As the nation's blood supply continues to be strained, the American Red Cross is 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 blood 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,



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Cut down on plastic bags. Instead of taking new plastic bags every time you leave a store, put your purchases in a reusable bag or reuse the ones you already have.

**Drive smarter.** Don't add extra weight, don't speed, don't drive aggressively and don't overuse your air conditioner, all of which decrease fuel economy. Also, check the air pressure in your tires regularly. Poor air pressure can reduce your gas mileage.

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#### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**DON'T PEOPLE REALIZE** that they label themselves as pigs when they throw empty cigarette packages and butts on the sidewalks and streets.

AS A WIFE who respects and loves her husband and the mother of three boys who are now wonderful adult men and loving husbands, I take issue with the 'Wit & Wisdom' in the Sunday, June 26 paper. It was extremely offensive and degrading. I'm no prude, but this is totally inappropriate.

THE AMOUNT OF money that Fenton allocates toward a marketing firm is ridiculous. Does the city of Fenton know how many young marketing professionals/consultants there are in the area that are looking for employment? Creative, smart individuals are in Fenton who can promote the city at an exceptionally lower cost. How about giving employment to the people who live here and know the city's 'vibe' better than outsiders? Interns/students can even do better than this firm can.

IT'S FUNNY HOW these politicians sit there and cut money from all the hard-working people in the United States, but they are not about to take away from their \$100K a year that they make.



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#### VAN GILDER **Continued from Page 3**

operated the family business along with her husband, Bill, her parents, Russell and Shirley Van Gilder II, her brother, Russell Van Gilder III "Rusty," and uncles, Paul and Jim. "She was looking for something 'short and catchy,' and that's what she came up with."

The name did catch on, and grew from its original store in Fenton to a chain of 17 stores throughout mid-Michigan. Later, Rusty handled operations and Lisa took care of finance and administration, although her responsibilities expanded as the VG's empire grew. "We were a 'package deal,'" said Lisa. "We ran VG's together. The company got so big that one of us couldn't do it without the other."

The Van Gilders sold their business to Spartan Stores in 2008 because of Lisa's health. "I wasn't able to perform my job the way it was needed," said Lisa, who was president and CEO at the time. "Selling to our wholesalers and keeping all of the associates employed without disrupting our customers were our main concern.'

There isn't a day that goes by that the

PAST FREEDOM FESTIVAL PARADE

2011— Van Gilder family

2007 — Ray Durant family

2005 — Jon Gerych, Sr.

**GRAND MARSHALS** 

2008 — Andrew G. "Andy" Schmidt

Van Gilders don't think about VG's. "When we walk into one of the stores today, we can't help 2010 — Ken and Donna Seger but think that we 2009 — Jan Rynearson ought to be doing something," said Russell. "We did it 2006 — Paul Bottecelli for so many years."

The Van Gild-2004 — Carl Hammond 2003 — Jerry Cattaneo ers may be out of 2002 — Astronaut Mike Bloomfield the day-to-day operations at VG's, but

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they are still involved in many other areas. They developed grocery software and are helping Spartan Stores with retail presentations. They are also very proud of the Van Gilder Family Foundation which recently gave out scholarships at 13 schools.

Lisa is quick to say that it took the entire Van Gilder family to grow and develop VG's, which is why she is thrilled that

#### ART WALK **Continued from Page 5**

As an artist who has attended various comic conventions such as the Motor City Comic Con, Brendel said that overall the Art Walk was an enjoyable experience.

"It's a solid first attempt," he said, but noted that some of the locations were spread too far apart, as the event was centered in downtown Fenton.

The Mass Transportation Authority (MTA)

provided free shuttling to residents, providing them the opportunity to visit every location. Also provided was a "passport," detailing where every artist would be lo-

#### **Van Gilder Family Foundation**

The foundation has started out awarding scholarships to seniors at 13 area schools, but its focus will grow to include other organizations, according to the Van Gilder family. This year, two \$2,500 scholarships were given to schools, which included Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden, Holly and Hartland. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students had to have a minimum 2.5 GPA, write a 500-word essay about life goals and why they deserve the scholarship, must be a citizen in good standing in the community. "The schools made their own selection of scholarship recipients," said Lisa Van Gilder.

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 mem-

bers 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."

cated and what type of art was on display. Residents who collected stamps from different locations were eligible for prizes, such as tickets to the Ann Arbor Art Fair. Claire Rettenmund and Paul Baker showcased jewelry made of porcelain and

paper at Hick's Studio. Todd Biskner presented black and white line art at Billemier Camera Shop. Debbie LaVanway's ball art was on display at Sweet Variations.

Schatko said that anyone is capable of creating art. "Get some supplies and play with them. Don't worry if there's someone who doesn't like your art. You will meet someone who will like it."



"The Art Walk is a

fantastic idea. It's a

new place for artists to

showcase their work."

**Marty Schatko** 

Artist

#### FIREWORKS AND DOGS **Continued from Page 3**

and thunder is a major problem with some dogs. "I see a lot of it," he said. Cats on the other hand, tend to find hidden areas. "This problem doesn't really apply to cats."

Dr. Gary LaBar, veterinarian at Pointe Animal Clinic in Fenton, agreed that fireworks are a problem and said he sees many dogs that have been traumatized by the loud noise associated with the celebrations. Typically, dogs that exhibit fear and anxiety were at one time frightened by firecrackers or fireworks.

Dogs could hurt themselves to get away from the scary noise. Osmun said some dogs have been known to go through windows, claw through drywall and even jump over fences. Dogs escaping a fenced-in yard risk being struck by a car.

Preparing a dog to not be afraid of fireworks and other loud noises needs to be done when they are very young. Osmun said dog owners would want to get their puppy and young dogs accustomed to daily noises by vacuuming and letting pots and pans make noise naturally. Owners showing no fear will pass that confidence to the dog.

Many dogs live in a quiet world most

#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

BEFORE YOU COMPARE charter schools to public schools know this. Charters are not held up to the same standards. Most students who attend charters are not doing well in the public schools, so parents send them off to the charter schools. The charter school curriculum is typically a year behind, fifth graders doing fourth-grade work, etc. No wonder parents like charters. They are easier. 

TO THE HOLLY Shores resident complaining about the fireworks, you live in Rose Township, which is policed by the MSP. I think they have better things to be doing than stopping someone from having some fun.

YOU'RE CRYING RIGHT along with everyone else, reading and posting in the Hot lines.

### A TEACHER'S SALARY has been a

running national joke for as long as I can remember, but all of a sudden, it seems to pass for a cushy job in the popular imagination. Perhaps those of you forced to take pay cuts, work longer hours, or face long-term unemployment post recession should focus your efforts on demanding better conditions/wages for yourselves rather than picking on undercompensated civil servants.

of the time and the onset of fireworks or a loud thunderstorm could be very frightening, causing anxiety and stress. Osman's advice is to act as if there's nothing wrong and refrain from reacting to the dog's fear. A dog might interpret their owner's coddling and extra attention during these stressful times as a

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sign that their behavior is OK. "If it's not too bad, ignore them

completely," he said. "Stay preoccupied." Dog owners might try putting a leash on

their dog and walking them around the house as a distraction.

One way to drown out the loud noise is by providing a soundproof area, such as basement or interior room. Background music helps. The main thing is "don't reinforce the anxiety," said Osmun.

Some dog owners have had success by putting a Thundershirt on their dog. The tight jacket has been found to be comforting to some dogs. And, some dog owners have been able to calm their dogs by strapping on a Dog Appeasing Pheromone (DAP) collar, which emits

through town. Now, they just spent good money again extending the contract with the company that came up with that stupid line.

I LIKE THE 'Be Closer' campaign. It makes me want to get reacquainted with my town.

A NEW WEB SITE, digusout.com has been launched. It lists products made in the United States for purchase. This will help our country. 

IT WAS VERY foolish to have a front-page ad on where to buy fireworks, what varieties are available and even a price range of these items. Our police department will be very busy trying to enforce the illegal use of these fireworks. This should be a very loud and festive Fourth of July.

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IN CASE YOU are wondering what the effort to recall Gov. Snyder is all about, it's about teachers and the MEA not wanting to share in the sacrifices that all other Michigan residents are making in order to bring employment back. Higher employment rate means more state revenue that will improve school funding later. Snyder's plan will help schools in the end.

YEAH. COORDINATED ALRIGHT. coordinated to stop at every single light on Owen Road, all the way down to Adelaide. It takes twice as long to get

a relaxing scent, said Osmun. Pheromones, in a plug-in variety, might also be an option for a room.

If these tricks fail to ease the anxiety in Fido, a trip to their veterinarian might be necessary. Osmun said there are medications to treat anxiety and the dog's veterinarian would be the best doctor to

customize a plan. If a dog owner has gone through all of the steps to ease their dog's anxiety and the dog is still afraid of loud noises, there are desensitization

programs, which include audio tapes of thunderstorms. Owners could ask the veterinarian or trainer about these programs.

LaBar said common sense should prevail for dog owners when it comes to fireworks. His best advice is to keep the dog inside the house when there are loud noises outside. Firecrackers and other loud fireworks set off near a dog will scare them, which will possibly traumatize for many years.

Background music or the television probably won't cover all of the fireworks noise, said LaBar, but it won't hurt. "Leave the TV on and give them a little company," he said.

Even though there are numerous items with claims of easing the dog's anxiety available at stores and on the Internet, LaBar said nothing really works, except to block the noise. Some dogs might benefit from desensitization, but this process takes time. The audio tapes of storms are played at a very low volume and gradually increased over time. He's found most dog owners are not

#### Safety tips for fireworks • Don't scold. Dogs cannot control reaction to loud noise.

• Leave your dog at home, rather than exposing him to the confusion and

loud noises associated with parties and fireworks • Keep your dog indoors. Closed blinds, accompanied by music on the radio or humming noise of a window fan

could be a welcome distraction. • Provide a safe "escape" for your dog. Small crates, or beds with a blanket that they are familiar with could be comforting.

• Use a leash if you must take your dog with you.

 Attach proper identification on your dog. License tags and nametags with a phone number listed could be helpful to reunite a lost pet with its owner.

• Practice fire safety, such as keeping dogs away from hot embers, lighters, lighter fluid, fire works, sparklers etc. Keep new and spent fireworks out of reach of dogs. Substances found in fireworks are dangerous or toxic to dogs

• Walk your dog, before fireworks begin. This might prevent an indoor accident and a wet floor.

willing to invest that much time.

For extreme anxiety, LaBar said the veterinarian could provide medicine. The dog owner would only want to give their dog enough to take the edge off. A drawback of this is that the medicine needs to be given about one hour prior to the noise, which is not always possible with sudden or unplanned storms and fireworks.





#### **SMOKING**

**Continued from Front Page** 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, shows a major reduction in the particulate matter in the air of restaurants. Field investigators measured air quality in restaurants



Smoking causes approximately 90 percent of all lung cancer deaths in men and 80 percent of all lung cancer deaths in women. Smoking also causes cancers of the bladder, cervix, esophagus, kidney, larynx, lung, mouth, throat, stomach, uterus, and acute myeloid leukemia. Nearly one-third of all cancer deaths are

directly linked to smoking.

disease and stroke in the United States are caused each year by smoking and secondhand smoke exposure. Compared with nonsmokers, smoking is estimated to increase the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke by two to four times.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of premature and preventable death in the United States, and claims almost half a million lives each year.

#### Source: The Food and Drug Administration

in 14 sites, including Flint. Air quality in Detroit casinos was also measured. According to Mark Valacak, 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 a necessary 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

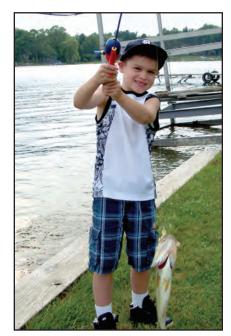
and to be recognized as the leader for the next year means a lot," said Pray. "I hope I do it correctly."

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 Sefa's 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.



What a wonderful school year this has been. I greatly appreciate the efforts from our students, parents, staff, and community members who made this year successful. I look forward to the 2011-12 school year being the best school year ever.

As we look for continued improvement, I welcome any thoughts on teaching children and meeting their individual needs. Our district utilizes current research (Marzano, Feuerstein, Fletcher, Danielson, Tomlinson, Reeves, Guskey, English, and others) in our day-to-day student instruction. Thinking maps and instructional pacing guides are just two examples of research-based instruction, but our school district personnel are always open to additional 'best practices' to assist our students.

While budget constraints are an issue, once again for summer enrichment, at no cost to the families, our school district sent summer math packets home with our students in grades K-4. Also, our district sent reading books home with our second-graders. As students took these materials home, parents asked what they could do throughout the summer months to assist their children.

Encourage your children to read. From a personal perspective, our daughter would read anything and everything she could get her hands on throughout elementary and secondary grades. While not liking to read as much as his sister, our son loved to read fishing and hunting magazines. So, what did we encourage our children to read? What they enjoyed reading. I encourage every parent or guardian to model for your children by reading the newspaper, a magazine, or a book: whatever you enjoy reading.

Working with children through the summer months can be fun for everyone involved. Baking cookies can present an opportunity for math questions. Mowing a lawn offers a discussion on area and multiplication. The list goes on and on. Everyday actions can result in opportunities to strengthen and reinforce various skills.

Throughout the summer, if you have questions, thoughts, or concerns regarding the Holly school district, please contact me at 920 Baird St., Holly, 48442, or at kent.barnes@has-k12.org. If you leave a phone message at (248) 328-3141, please be sure and include a phone number for a return call.



#### **DISPATCH** Continued from Front Page

It was agreed upon that due to the current fiscal situation, this revenue share by the DDA would be of tremendous benefit to the city.

The city's general fund continues to see major revenue reductions. The city has reduced expenditures, made significant changes to employee benefits and changes to the way the city operates. The additional funds will, in part, help cover the cost of new equipment for the 911 dispatch center.

Michael Burns, assistant city manager, had reported to DDA members in April that the city had been looking at options to maintain the current police and fire dispatch services. The city's general fund would not be able to sustain the cost for the necessary upgrades, which have a price tag of about \$300,000.

It was proposed to have the DDA fund the dispatch upgrades to maintain the five-minute EMS response times, 90 percent of the time, and to keep the police department's lock-up open.

Mayor Sue Osborn told DDA members in April that the city has explored all other options to save money but the city's dispatch system and ambulance service was too beneficial to lose.

The DDA has already approved an eight-year lease/purchase agreement for new dispatch equipment not to exceed \$40,000 per year. The DDA will make the necessary budget adjustments to accomplish this task.

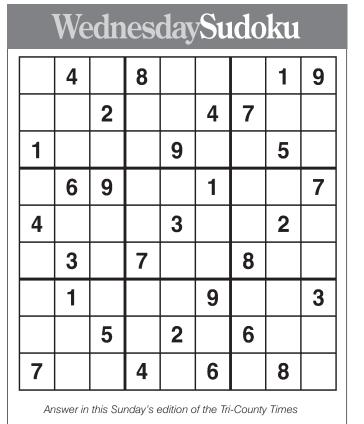


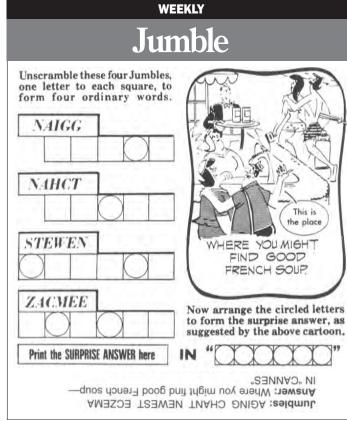


PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D. To your good health

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. — PD.

**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.





## released this week DVDs&Movies

#### **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. Seventeen-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

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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.

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#### KING FEAT<u>URES</u>

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## Veneziano keeps win streak alive at Summer Happenings Run

#### By Al Zipsie

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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." Wright won the mile for the second straight year. He also notched his first 5K win. Last year's 5K winner was Michael Skinner, who won the triathlon a day earlier.

"I led the mile from start to finish," Wright said. "In the 5K, I came out a little conservative and took the lead with about a half-mile left.

"I ran with some friends, Graham Elliott and Adrian Taylor (who finished 1-2 in the 15-17 age group). I have ran in this for the last four years."

Linden student Sydney Elmer, took second in the women's race (21:25.08). Fenton's Fenton's Rochelle Jones was the women's masters winner.

**Q** What happened on June 30, 1934 in the National Football League?

A George Richards purchased the Portsmouth Spartans and moved the franchise to Detroit, becoming the Detroit Lions.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011

## Skinner, Macksood win FirstTry Triathlon

**SPORTS TRIVIA** 

#### **By David Troppens**

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 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.

#### TRI-COUNTY TIMES DAVID TROPPENS

(Top) A pack of bicyclists march toward the riding portion of the FirstTry Triathlon on Saturday held at Clover Beach and Linden County Park. (Right) For most, the 300-yard swimming portion of the event was the most challenging aspect of the competition. Here is a group of swimmers starting their event. "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 9.1mile bike run. It concluded with a two-mile run through Linden

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## Triathlon participants enjoyed event

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Linden's

**Mark Wright** 

#### **By David Troppens**

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 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 partcipated. 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 calender 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 on the overcast and cool side, but the water was warm with some small waves See EVENT on 15





## 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.

"We were trying to be a lot busier than in my previous matches," Spencer said. "We saw what I did wrong (in the Silver Gloves tournament earlier during winter)



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I SUBMITTED PHOTO Joey Spencer is only nine fights into his boxing career, but he has already earned his share of trophies and belts.

and used it in my fight. I was a lot busier and went forward."

Spencer is now 8-1 in his career and has his largest tournament to date coming up on Aug. 1. He's competing in the Ringside World Championships in Kansas City, Mo. At that event, he'll box in more than one match.

"I'm excited about that," Spencer said. "That's my main goal, to win there."

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#### NOTICE HOLLY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

DATE: JULY 11, 2011 TIME: 6:30 PM PLACE: HOLLY TOWNSHIP HALL 102 CIVIC DRIVE HOLLY, MI 48442 PHONE: 248-634-9331 Ext. 301

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a Special Land Use Permit by the following applicants:

Michigan Renaissance Festival to operate a Festival on parcel number 01-12-476-002 in an AGRE Zoning District.

Green Thumb Landscaping to operate a Contractors Yard on parcel number 01-12-201-001 in an AGRE Zoning District.

Guinn Retail Center to operate a Place of Worship on Parcel 01-29-427-005.

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.

A copy of the Special Use application and plans may be reviewed at the Clerk's office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except holidays.

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 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk/Zoning Administrator



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH

## Holly's Josh Fugate (left) scored 15 points in the annual Bruin Club All-Star Basketball Game.

## Fugate plays in Bruin Club All-Star Basketball Game

## ► Holly graduate scores 15 points contest

#### By Al Zipsie

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Flint** — Holly graduate Justin Fugate showcased his skills one more time as Flint-area graduates played in the Mott Community College Bruin Club All-Star Basketball Game at Ballenger Fieldhouse Thursday.

The boys game saw the skilled Flint City Gold team beat the Suburbs Black team 119-98.

Holly's Lance Baylis coached the Suburb team, and he was able to see Fugate have one more big game for him on the bench. Fugate scored 15 points, the thirdmost on his squad.

"Josh didn't hit some shots he usually does, but it was a real honor to coach and have Josh on my team one more time," said Baylis. "The City of Flint is a basketball city — the capital. It was a nice crowd of people."

Typically the suburbs struggle against the city squad, and this year was no exception. Baylis understood his squad was the underdog.

"A ref of the game said to me afterward, 'I see you still have the intensity,"" Baylis said. "I think I was the sacrificial lamb. The Flint team was fast, quick and athletic. After the game you meet the players and coaches and people at Mott and you feel better about it."

For Fugate, it was an encore in front

of the local crowd before he heads off to Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Fugate will rejoin forces with former Bronchos teammate Thomas Lovachis at Concordia. Fugate scored 19.5 points per game last winter and showed he can also pass, rebound and play defense.

"Ever since elementary school my goal has always been to play (college) basketball," Fugate said. "I have worked hard for it. Coach (Baylis) has worked hard contacting possible colleges to play at."

The Suburb's MVP was Goodrich's Trevor Lucas, who scored 18 points.

As usual, the game was a success. "This our 19th year with the Bruin All-Star Game, and that in itself is remarkable," said Mott men's basketball coach Steve Schmidt. "A lot of these events don't last, but it is amazing how this allstar game has been able to sustain.

"It's a way to honor the graduating seniors from this area."

The Flint City schools included Powers, Hamady, and Flint Academy. The Gold team took a 30-10 lead and ran away with the win. The Black MVP was Flint Northern's Shaq Smith who shared scoring honors with 19 points.

The girls game had no local players competing in it.

#### **TRIATHLON Continued from Page 13** 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, who took third 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. 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 twomile 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," Van-Horn 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."

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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 fourthbest 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 uhhh," 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."

#### TRI-COUNTY TIMES DAVID TROPPENS

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. Wednesday, June 29, 2011

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

"I am not a swimmer," said men's secondplace finisher Brighton's Tim VanHorn. "Just getting through the swim was my main goal."

The overall winner, Michael Skinner, had more motivation than most to compete since his father was one of the major organizers of the event. That said, he enjoyed it.

"I was excited," Skinner said. "I know (my dad) likes to direct a lot of this stuff to try to get the community involved. But I didn't think it would be this big. I was really excited to see this many people here. I had fun. I had a blast."

The event attracted mainly tri-county athletes and many other athletes from the state,. It also had a participant from New York state. Brighton had representation at the event.

"I heard about it from my boyfriend's sister, and we signed up together," thirdplace woman and Brighton resident Hannah Powers said. "The run for me was definitely the hardest part. I'd probably do it again. I wouldn't do anything farther than this, but I'd do it again, yeah."

The race featured participants under 10 and included the oldest participant, Glen Larsen. Competing in the male 75 to 79 year-old

#### SPENCER

**Continued from Page 14** His father, and coach, is pleased with Spencer's progress.

"The main 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 class, he placed 141st overall with an overall time of 1:26.02. In fact, nine of the participants that completed the event were 60 or older.

One of the younger participants in the event, had the best swim time of any of the competitors. An accomplished swimmer, Fenton's Anna Wujciak, who will be a junior in the fall, posted a time of 4:14 in the water, 36 seconds better than the next-best time posted by McKayla Hanson. The best time on the bike was posted by David Fejedelem in 25:54, while Adam Dietz had the best two-mile run time of 15:11. All the competitors that completed the event finished in between Skinner's winning time of 51:36 and 1:47.39. The top 13 participants broke the one-hour mark.

Macksood said there was great support. "Everyone that was competing was so encouraging to each other," Macksood said. "You meet a lot of new friends along the way.

"The volunteers were amazing throughout the whole course. They gave great words of encouragement along the way. I'm sure everyone appreciated it."

Dan Skinner is optimistic about the future. "I hate to say next year because we are trying to get through this year," Skinner said. "We sold out well over 30 days before the event and that was with very little marketing, just word of mouth. We are pleased with the interest it's received

down 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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Approved:	Proposed Code of Ordinance	Amendment - Medical Marijuana.					
Approved:	Request from Green Thumb Landscaping to rezone parcel 01-12-						
	201-001 from AGRE to L-1 Lig	ht Industrial.					
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Approved:	Planning Commission Resign	ation.					
No Action:	Tax Collection and Policies for Weeds.	r Dangerous Buildings and Noxious					
Approved:	2011-2012 Budget Amendments – Proposed Resolution 2011-22.						
Denied:	Gage Road Graveling.						
Approved:	Code Enforcement Issues.						
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#### **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 ORDAINS:

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) protect 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, in any way, supersede, 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 Town-ship Board of Trustees of the Township of Holly at the special meeting held on the 22nd day of June, 2011 at which a guorum was present.

Karin S. Winchester, CMC Holly Township Clerk Oakland County, Michigan **TIMES MIDWEEK** 

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Morris Road, 135 feet; thenc Road and the East-West one-quarter line of said Section 8, 1556.18 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described North 330 feet; thence East 265 feet to the North and South one-quarter line thence continuing South 89 degrees 59 mins 55 secs West along said centerline and East-West one-quarter line, 323.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 16 mins 53 secs West 202.01 feet; thence North of said Section 1: thence South along North and South one-quarter line 100 feet; thence West parallel to the East and West one-quarter line 130 feet; thence South 230 feet parallel to the North and 89 degrees 59 mins 55 secs East 323.50 by degrees 59 mins 55 secs East 223.50 feet; thence South 00 degrees 16 mins 49 secs East 202.01 to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 7480 Windridge, Pinckney MI 48169 The redemption period shall be 6 months from South one-quarter line to the centerline of Mt. Morris to the point of beginning. 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## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

#### **Edith C. Smith** 1923-2011

Edith C. Smith - of Fenton, age 87, died Sunday, June 26,

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11 AM Thursday, June 30, 2011 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 402 South Ballenger Highway, Flint, Pastor Steven Maske officiating. Burial in Sunset Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Tuesday, and also will be held 12-3 and 5-8 PM Wednesday at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road. Mrs. Smith will be at the church from 10:30 AM Thursday until the time of the service. Mrs. Smith was born in Flint, Michigan on July 26, 1923, the daughter of the late Herman and Elizabeth (Garlitz) Lang. On May 17, 1945 she married Basil Smith. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Surviving are husband, Basil; sons, Gary of Durand, Craig and wife Sharry of Davison and Steven of Fenton; grandchildren, Wendy Smith, Jeffrey and wife Lisa Smith and Penny Smith, Sherri and husband Robert Holden, Scott and wife Kelly Smith, April and husband Jeffrey Hawkins, Kevin and wife Amanda Smith; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Bernice Lang and June Smith; special nephew, Robert and wife Shirley Whaley of Grand Blanc; several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by brothers, Richard, Herman and Willard "Pee Wee" Lang and daughter, Cheryl. Your condolences may be shared with the family at www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com.



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