Lightning strikes apartment building

**Summary**

- An apartment in Silver Lake Hills, along Silver Lake Road, east of Jennings Road, was damaged by fire Monday morning after lightning struck the building. The building was evacuated after smoke was observed. Several units sustained water damage; however, there were no injuries reported.

- **Building evacuated, no injuries reported**
  
  By Sharon Stone
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  **Fenton** — The Fenton Fire Department believes lightning struck an apartment building Monday morning. At 10:25 a.m. Monday, residents began calling 911 to report smoke in the 2500 building of Silver Lake Hills apartments. When firefighters arrived, they found smoke in the building.

- **Residents of the 2500 building of Silver Lake Hills apartments in Fenton were evacuated after lightning struck the building on Monday. Fenton firefighters fought a small fire between the first and second floors, which caused smoke to billow out of vents and openings in the building wall.**

Paddling up the Shiawassee

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A day in the life of a state trooper

- **Investigations, reports, patrolling and training fill days**
  
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Linden extends moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries

- **Inconsistencies in law causes council to wait**
  
  By William Axford
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  The moratorium on a medical marijuana dispensary ordinance for the city of Linden was unanimously extended by the city council for another 90 days.
  
  **Summary**
  
  - **Linden City Council unanimously voted to extend the moratorium on medical marijuana for another 90 days.**

Consumers Energy asking for another rate hike

- **Residents invited to public hearing in Lansing to provide input**
  
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February 14th - Motor City Brass Band (Brass)
June 30th - Tuxedo Junction (Swing) Freedom Festival Queen crowned
July 11th - The Borderline
August 4th - Motor City Brass Band (Brass)
September 29th - The Borderline

Our goal is to add a couple of weeks each year to cover most of the growing and harvest season,” said Stephanie McMunigal, market master. “We’re encouraging our growers to add their agricultural efforts to support the longer market. We’re looking forward to eventually covering the season of apples, pumpkins, squash, etc., so we can add fun, related harvest activities.”

McMunigal is expecting about 80 vendors to participate, offering everything from market produce to baked goods, crafts, jewelry, soaps and more. “We’re pleased that Haddon Nursery is a new vendor this year,” said McMunigal.

Aspecial event this year will be the “Back to the Bricks” classic car celebration driving through Fenton and Linden from Flint on Thursday, Aug. 11. “We’ll have a DJ and other events going on,” said McMunigal. “We’re expecting about 3,000 visitors in Fenton that evening.”

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Kayaking

Local lakes and river a playground for kayakers

By Tim Jagielo

Summer is the perfect time to explore the tri-county area’s many lakes, and the Shiawassee River and kayaks are the perfect vessel to do that.

“A novice can start their very first day and have a good time,” said Todd Minock, of Fenton. He is a member of a Fenton kayaking group, The Keepers of the Shiawassee, along with Maggie Yerman, of Linden.

A kayak is a slim boat. The passenger sits with his or her legs inside the hull. Some kayaks can weigh as little as 30 pounds, and according to Yerman, they are easy to transport, even for a smaller person. “Our rivers are too shallow for canoes,” she said. A canoe is usually about 17 feet long, and holds two or more people and their gear.

Even after the heavy rain on Monday, the Shiawassee River at the Bush Park launch was only about knee deep, and surprisingly warm. Michigan is rich in freshwater rivers and lakes, as is Fenton. The Keepers of the Shiawassee paddle up and down the river, and help to keep it clean. The See KAYAKING on 14

A classic drive-in theater offers nostalgic way to see new movies

By William Axford

It’s 7:30 p.m. on a mid-summer Friday night. Cars sweep up dust as they barrel over the gravel, piling into a field where three gigantic empty screens patiently wait. The latest blockbuster movies will be playing soon at the U.S. 23 Twin Drive-In Theater in Mundy Township, captivating audiences from the comfort of their cars.

“I think people will always come out to the drive-in,” said manager Eddie Paulos, of Flint. “It’s two movies for the price of one, and kids love to come and camp out.”

Since opening in 1952, the U.S. 23 theater has been in operation every year during the summer months. According to Michigandrivein.com, there have been 156 drive-in theaters in Michigan since the ’40s. Only eight of those drive-ins are still in operation today, with the U.S. 23 theater serving as the only drive-in located in the tri-county area. Although the theater plays the See MOVIE on 5
Supreme Court out of touch
Recently the Supreme Court decided, in a 7-2 decision, that the First Amendment protects the right of minors to buy graphically violent video games.

Justices live in an unreal world. They have little experience with cyberspace and video game violence. They bring law school minds to a subject that requires practical experience.

Justices enjoy security that protects them from the kind of assaults depicted in games like ‘Mortal Kombat’ and others in which children are allowed to emulate school shooting sprees, carry out assassinations, decapitations, rape, torture and every other unimaginable horror one human being can inflict upon another.

In his dissent, Justice Breyer asked the right question: ‘What sense does it make to forbid selling to a 13-year-old boy a magazine with an image of a nude woman, while protecting the sale to that 13-year-old of an interactive video game in which he actively, but virtually, binds and gags the woman, tortures and kills her?’

There are a number of laws governing childhood behavior that have never been successfully challenged. Minors are told they can’t smoke or drink until a certain age. Why does the state consider it injurious for minors to drink alcohol and smoke tobacco, but not harmful for them to absorb horrifically violent images in their minds?

Minors can’t sign contracts. The state won’t let kids drive cars until a certain age, believing, rightly, that they are not mature enough to handle the responsibility. Some argue that even at 16, the legal driving age in most states, children are still not sufficiently mature enough to drive, as evidenced by the high accident rate among teens.

Anyone who has tried to stop an adolescent from ignoring a parent’s wishes knows what I’m talking about. In a perfect world, children would listen to, respect and obey their parents. But this is far from a perfect world and parents could use occasional help from the state in preventing violent culture from undermining what’s in the best interest of the child, and the country.

This ruling by the Supreme Court does nothing to achieve that premise.

I surely don’t believe that allowing people of the same sex to marry is the world moving ahead. In fact, this type of activity is ‘degrading and demoralizing’ in its own right.

I do have a life with a wife and children of our own, not some that were bought and paid for from someone, so we could pretend to be normal.

And, stop acting like you an ethnic group, because you are not.

How can our government keep giving away all our tax dollars to every country in the world to keep Wall Street solvent? They say it’s in our national interest. That’s garbage. We know it’s for special interest and the rich.

To the person who has nothing to do but complain about fireworks, I wish you could go back and tell all those men and women who fought and died in wars, how you feel about independency Day.

I’m sick of all the negative comments regarding gay marriage. Even if you don’t love the action, love the person who is marrying, judge, anyway.

Regarding crosswalk signs coming to Fenton, it has been a Michigan law for a long time that cars yield to people in the crosswalk. My fear is that people will start walking in front of cars, expecting them to stop. This could be disastrous and costly for the driver.

We need to build this in to the ordinance.

I am really proud of my nephew graduating. But he comes from a family who cannot get along, so he doesn’t get to have a graduation party. That really stinks.

The person who wrote in about what has happened in New York has legitimate and valid concerns. The people who wrote in harshly criticize this concern would be charged with bullying and hate speech if the roles were reversed. Being aware of the moral decline in our country is not intolerance. The ignorance seems to be from those carrying the rainbow flag that can’t bear to hear anything but praise for their lifestyle.

Charter schools are not all created equal. Yes, some are quite good and do offer a challenging curriculum. Others are an alternative to the public school. Remember that the public schools have to accept any student that comes along. Charters can be selective of their students. Public schools cannot choose their students.

It makes me mad how my son, who pleaded guilty to consensual statutory rape, is classified the same as a true pedophile on the new sex offender registry. What’s wrong with this state?

The current bad economic times are not the No. 1 problem in this country, even as bad as it is. The No. 1 problem is the rapid moral decline of our human population. Words that were once not spoken, even in private home family discussions, are now common on radio and TV programs. Sex and misbehavior has gone off the chart and people don’t often even know their neighbors, let alone act neighborly.

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Residents seek help for treatment and harvesting

By William Axford

Linden — Linden residents raised concerns over blooming weeds in the millpond to the city council at its meeting on Monday, Glenda Teed, who lives by the millpond, asked if it was possible to use government funding to harvest weeds and use algae treatment for the water.

“Every year it’s getting worse. In some parts, you can’t even get a kayak through,” said Ellen Mayer, who also lives by the millpond. Mayer asked if the city of Linden could start a similar program like city of Fenton’s, which approved a contract with Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control of Swartz Creek to treat the Fenton Millpond.

City Manager Christopher Wren said the council would be willing to work with residents on forming potentially clean up the pond. However, planning for the treatment would take some time and research. “We don’t know what’s in the pond or how much it’ll cost. City council will have to meet with residents and discuss it further,” he said.

Mayor David Lossing said the city has been doing some “tightening of the belt,” and it’s not guaranteed that the city will be able to harvest and treat the pond. He also said that it costs nearly $5,500 to maintain Byram Lake alone.

Lossing encouraged residents to meet and discuss a plan of action. It Teed collects signatures from 50 percent of the residents living on the pond plus one extra, she can present the case again to city council.

Wren said he has had previous experience in treating and harvesting ponds. One concern is where the chemicals can potentially end up, since ponds and streams flow into other tributaries. Another concern is that the harvested weeds may end up taking root in another pond downstream.

“Harvesting is a quick process and the weeds come back fast,” Wren said. “It’s like mowing your lawn.”

Councilor Ed Ciesielski shared his enthusiasm with the residents, encouraging them to gather other residents and pursue the matter further. “It’s a beautiful pond, but you know it’s bad once you can start walking across it on the weeds,” he said.

Movie

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classic movies at special events, the drive-in plays new releases just like regular theaters. “People come specifically for new releases,” Paula said. “Film companies get 70 to 80 percent of ticket sales the first week films are released. After that, it’s 50 to 40 percent.”

The drive-in hosts special events throughout the season. One of the biggest events is the Back to the Bricks movie day, where classic cars fill the 42-acre drive-in while well-known movies play on the screens.

This year’s event is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16, with “Back to the Future” as the selected movie, with no admission fee. Another special event included the midnight release of the movie “Eclipse,” where hundreds filled the 1,200-capacity theater.

One uncontrollable factor that can dampen attendance is the weather. Paula said that the excessive spring rainfall has affected sales for the season but he expects business to pick back up as the summer heat breaks out.

Movies are played back-to-back, with each combination on a different screen. Paula said that a kid’s movie usually plays first, followed by an adult one. “We listen to our customers on Facebook. They vote on what movies they want.”

Cashier Leah Engle, of Flint, said that the concessions house enough comforts to enhance any moviegoer’s experience. “It’s normally really busy right before the movies start,” Engle said. “Cars 2 is especially popular since this is a drive-in theater and people can watch the movie from their cars.”

Engle expects next week’s Harry Potter movie to draw a big crowd. Still, she said that she rarely feels overwhelmed. “Things can be frantic but it’s just a matter of teamwork,” Engle said.

Summer may be halfway over but it’s not too late for families to enjoy the nostalgia of a drive-in theater. U.S. 23 Twin Drive-In Theater is located at 5200 Fenton Rd. From Fenton, moviegoers can take U.S. 23, north to Exit 90 at Hill Road. A right on Hill Road and then left on Fenton Road will lead straight to the drive-in.

Summary

Linden residents are seeking funds to maintain the Linden Millpond. City Manager Christopher Wren said the city council is willing to work with residents and discuss the matter further.

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TROOPER
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His journey
Ledyd, who is married and has a son, began his journey to become a trooper by passing a civil service test in Lansing. He is also pursuing his bachelor’s degree.
After the civil service test, he passed the physical testing, interviews, background checks and more involved interviews with a three-person panel.
Prospective hires are required to provide a list of everyone they know and MSP checks out everyone on that list, said Ledyd. During the interviewing process, potential candidates are interrogated. They are asked numerous questions, to see how they would handle various scenarios. If the prospective trooper passes, they are conditionally hired, pending the drug and physical testing.
Ledyd passed all of the tests and he was accepted into the MSP Academy, in Lansing. During this 19-week course, troopers could be dismissed at any point, based on grades or how they cooperated with situations. Of his 101-student class, 83 graduated. The academy had a blend of men and women. While attending the academy, the police students lived on site with two to a room.
Shortly after he began working at the Groveland post, Ledyd was sent overseas to Iraq and spent a year working as a medic for the U.S. Army. He said it was a good experience but he never wants to go back. While in Iraq, his unit was a target of bombings.
Typical day
After his 40-minute commute, Ledyd arrives at the Groveland post about 20 minutes prior to the start of his 12-hour shift, which is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. This time he gives him the opportunity to dress, and to inspect his gear and vehicle.
Morning are usually the slowest part of the day and Ledyd works on any outstanding complaints or accident reports. The most common complaints he sees are security alarms, assaults and suspicious people or vehicles.
Ledyd has never fired his weapon at a person while on duty and he has never been shot at. He has, however, shot and killed many deers that were critically injured during automobile collisions.
To stay in top-notch condition, state police take part in quarterly first-aid training, firearm training and defensive tactics. They also participate in annual refresher courses, which include updates on any new laws. “We deal a lot with the laws,” said Ledyd. “We’re the investigator and the enforcement, combined.
Troopers typically ride alone, however, they double up from 12 to 5 a.m. Ledyd said they are required to have two troopers in a car during those nighttime hours. Those troopers might be in the middle of a case and there are people who have about state troopers that is only they work the highways, according to Ledyd. “We go everywhere we want,” he said. State police provide coverage across the state, while also assisting township, village or city police departments. Since the Groveland post covers three towns directly, Ledyd said troopers can’t stray too far from the area.
If he has finished his paperwork and reports, Ledyd and the other troopers will handle patrols and look for any traffic violations. The most common traffic violation is speeding, followed by tinted windows, said Ledyd. Troopers can issue a warning or a fix-it ticket, depending on the situation.
Some days are slow, while some days are filled with 911 calls. Domesticseem to be steady. While some of the domestic assaults involve alcohol or drugs, Ledyd said domestics could certainly include those who just don’t like each other. Troopers rely on their training and experience when responding to 911 calls because, as Ledyd said, they never really know what to expect when they respond to an emergency.
As ked if there were any negatives about being a state trooper, Ledyd said, “Not that I can think of.”
Due to the stressful nature of the job, there are three psychologists available for the state police, as well as a chaplain for each post.

Lightning
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The first floor apartments of the building, Chief Robert Cairnduff said they found fire in the void space between the first and second floors. The fire was extinguished and damage was contained to one apartment, however, there was water damage to several units. As a precaution, the entire building was evacuated until the fire was completely extinguished.
Two residents, a father and adult son, were in the apartment that was damaged. They both escaped without injury. There were no other injuries reported.
The fire remains under investigation but the chief said they do not suspect any foul play. “We are also suspecting a possible lightning strike as a storm had just moved through the area and multiple residents stated they heard a bolt hit the building,” said Cairnduff.
Fenton City firefighters were assisted by fire departments from Linden City, Fenton Township, Mundy Township and North Oakland County Fire Authority.
On July 6, a Gennesee County Sheriff's Department deputy found a purse near Owen Road and Alkley Drive. After investigating identification, police called the owner, a 49-year-old Burton woman, who works in that area. Police believe the suspect gained entry into her Chevy Impala through a window, which was left partially down. The woman later discovered that the suspect stole the Social Security cards for her four children that she kept in her purse.

On July 10, Fenton police responded to a rollover crash on South Holly Road, near Carnes Street. A 21-year-old Ypsilanti man, traveling eastbound, lost control of his Saturn Vue and struck the guardrail, causing the vehicle to roll over. The man sustained serious injuries. Police detected the odor of intoxicants and a preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol content of .151 percent. He was arrested and lodged until sober. A female passenger in the vehicle walked away from the crash. Police identified her as a 25-year-old Fenton resident.

On July 6, a 63-year-old Fenton resident filed a fraud complaint with Fenton police. The woman reported that she received information from a financial services business that someone used her personal information to obtain a business credit account. The woman has told the company she was a victim of fraud. She will not be held responsible.

On July 6, an Argentine Township police officer initiated a traffic stop on Silver Lake Road to a gray Jeep. After a male passenger was observed wearing no seatbelt. The driver was a 20-year-old Argentine Township man, and the driver’s passenger was a 21-year-old man from Waterford. Police found open beer cans and a glass marijuana pipe. The driver was ticketed for open intoxicants and possessing drug paraphernalia. The passenger was ticketed for not wearing his seatbelt and for furnishing alcohol to a minor. The Jeep was impounded.

On July 10, Fenton police responded to a rollover crash on North Road and Adelaide Drive. A 21-year-old Burton resident, driving a 2002 Chevy Avalanche eastbound on North Road, failed to navigate the curve at the intersection, went off road, and collided with a vehicle. He fled on foot but was later located. STAT EMS transported him to the hospital because he had a level of intoxication. Fenton police are seeking hospital records for his blood alcohol content. Police also recovered marijuana from his person. The driver is being charged with open intoxicants and fleeing the scene.

On July 8, Argentine police responded to a motorcycle crash, with injuries. Upon arrival, police found the driver of a motorcycle, a 26-year-old Linden man, as well as his passenger, a 35-year-old Mt. Morris female, lying on the ground. Both sustained minor injuries. The driver said they were traveling northbound on South Road and a southbound pickup truck turned in front of them onto eastbound Lahring Road. The Harley Davidson motorcycle crashed into the side of the truck, driven by a 27-year-old Midland man. The truck driver said he did not see the motorcycle. He was ticketed for failing to yield and the motorcycle passengers were transported to the hospital.

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By 2:30 a.m., the girl was listed in good condition. Police are seeking charges against the homeowner for hosting a party with underage drinkers.

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How to make the transition from pre-school to kindergarten

By Sally Rummel

Parents can help by reading...

To their child, to help build vocabulary and model good future reading.

With their child, as he or she points to pictures in the book.

By their child, as he or she tells about the pictures while flipping through the pages.

Building up fine motor skills by working the muscles in the hands is also a good preparation for kindergarten. Use Play-Doh or clay to work the hands, or pinch a clothespin, even pinch Cheerios, suggests Brooks. “A child can’t write if the hands aren’t strong enough.”

Parents can help by talking...

Talking with and having your child talk with you is another big component of preparing for kindergarten. “A child needs to learn how to listen and how to converse,” said Brooks. “Children who come into kindergarten with rich oral language experience are significantly ahead of those who don’t,” she said.

This type of conversation can be done anywhere, while parents are engaging with their child. “You can think out loud when you are making dinner, talking about the steps involved with what you are doing,” said Brooks. “That way, your child hears your thought process.”

Learning the sequence of things can be an important result of oral language, as a parent tells the child that we cut fruit before we eat it or we set the table before we eat dinner, then we wash the dishes.

Advice from Linda Mora, early childhood director for Fenton Area Public Schools:

• Talk with your child and encourage your child to discover and wonder on his or her own. Ask questions, but don’t necessarily answer them. Provide your child with an opportunity to make his or her own discoveries.

• Provide children with an opportunity to socialize with others and to work on solutions to solve their own problems without involving parents.

• Help your child become more independent, learning to do things without so much help from parents.

• Encourage your child to have chores and responsibilities at home.

• Make sure children come away with the idea that learning is fun.

• Practice learning skills in fun ways, such as sidewalk chalk, picking out letters on cereal boxes, signs, etc.

• Have fun with rhyming, encouraging your child to memorize nursery rhymes. There is power in memorization.

• Don’t talk about going to kindergarten too soon with your child. They don’t have a concept of time, and too much information too soon will either overly excite or make a child anxious. About a week beforehand, visit the school and the playground to familiarize your child with the concept of kindergarten.

Michigan allows a child who is 5 years old on or before December 1 to sign up for kindergarten.

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Studying abroad

“Learn a lot about people, and even more about yourself.”

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It will change your life. You’ll come back a new person.

The benefits of study abroad are usually described with these phrases, and local resident Kendra Haley, 21, agrees. “You learn a lot about people, and even more about yourself,” she said.

Haley studied in Spain twice, while pursuing her undergraduate degree at Florida Southern College. Her first trip abroad was a short-term summer session in Alicante, Spain, and her second trip was a semester-long experience in Madrid, Spain. She just returned from Spain in May.

“I really increased my language proficiency,” said Haley, who loved putting her Spanish skills to use by studying in Spain. “You pick up a lot more when you’re immersed in the language, than you do by studying it from a book.”

Haley hopes to use her Spanish-speaking skills in a future career in advertising with the Hispanic community. In college, she had a double major, communications with a concentration in advertising and public relations, and another major in modern language.

“Being in Spain helped me to learn a lot more about the Hispanic culture,” she said. While there, she did an internship at an advertising firm, helping them form their social media campaign. One of the major benefits of that experience was learning with other young people from all over the world.

She also learned a lot about the Spanish culture, including the fact that people walked everywhere they went, while people in the United States are so used to driving from place to place. She was careful with her money and belongings to avoid pick pocketing, which is common in Madrid and other large cities. Long showers were a luxury she couldn’t enjoy in Spain, where water is expensive and bathrooms are very small.

The food and their meal schedules are very different from ours,” noted Haley. “Breakfast is between 6 and 8 a.m., lunch is at 2, followed by a very long siesta. Then, dinner isn’t served until 9 or 10 p.m.”

One of Haley’s favorite things about studying abroad was her ability to travel while she was in Spain. “I did a ton of traveling,” said Haley. “I stayed a week in France and spent a weekend in Italy. Travel was very inexpensive, once I was already in Spain.”

Benefits of studying abroad

• Increases self-confidence
  • Speeds up a student’s maturing process.
  • Increases a student’s world view.
  • Enhances a student’s interest in academics.
  • Positively influences future educational experiences.
  • Reinforces a commitment to foreign language study.
  • Helps a student to understand cultural values and biases.
  • Influences a student to seek out friendships that are more diverse.
  • Influences a student to seek interactions with people from different cultures.
  • Helps student acquire skills that influence career path.
  • Helps student achieve personal growth.

SUGGESTIONS for parents of prospective kindergartners

Every child wants to feel safe and ready to succeed in school. Your family is the most important part in helping your child to achieve this. Parent involvement improves your child’s school success. It also helps your child feel good about him or herself. Family support helps encourage them to learn.

Online classes give students flexibility

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Imagine a learning experience that takes place from the comfort of your own home, with the flexibility to work around your family and work commitments.

With many cuts in the state’s higher education budget, online programs at for-profit state colleges and universities are growing to meet the demand for adult students and career changers who may be juggling family commitments, employment, and financial constraints.

In Michigan, online degree programs offer a wide variety of technical training as well as liberal arts programs and degrees for launching careers in business, science and health care. Three-quarters of the colleges and universities in the 2010 Sloan survey report that the economic downturn has led to an increase in demand for online courses and programs.

About 30 percent of college students are taking at least one online course, according to the Sloan survey. Most college students have at least one online class, and many others today are pursuing their degrees completely online.

What is an online class?

According to Baker College Online, it is the delivery of courses and programs through the computer, using the Internet to link faculty and students. This process can occur between two computers in the same town or between computers on opposite sides of the earth. Students in this environment become actively involved in interactive learning groups.

Interactive quizzes, assignments, tutorials, and online discussion are part of most online class programs.

At Mott Community College, online classes run for six weeks and consist of 12 lessons. Students must participate in an online orientation for each virtual class in which they have registered.

To make sure you only consider accredited colleges.

That way, you can be sure that the college you have selected has met certain requirements.

• Make sure the college offers degree programs that meet both your short- and long-term goals.

• Find out how many students are accepted into each class. If you wouldn’t be comfortable in a lecture hall with 300 other students, chances are the same goes for your online college experience.

• The more students a professor has, the less personal attention each student will receive.

• Ask how available the teachers are to students. Some schools ensure their professors are readily available by e-mail, phone and Skype.

• Make sure your teachers availability is in line with your learning style.

• Make sure you understand how much time, if any, you’ll have to spend on campus. While most programs can be completed entirely online, some require at least a little face-to-face time.

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How to combat the cost of rising college tuitions

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While increases in tuition at public universities are expected to slow, on average, many schools are raising it by 10 to 15 percent, adding hundreds of dollars to students’ costs this year. Michigan college students are among the hardest hit. Rising unemployment and a widening state budget deficit have reduced the amount of state aid. The increases range from 7.4 percent at the University of Michigan to nearly 14 percent at Oakland University in southeastern Michigan. Mott Community College increased its tuition this year by about 9 percent, according to spokesperson Michael Kelly.

Tuition and fees at public universities have soared almost 130 percent over the last 20 years, according to the College Board. At the same time, middle-class incomes have stagnated, pricing low- and medium-income families out of a college education. Families are taking on more debt than ever before to fund their children’s education, or they are downgrading their college expectations from four to two years to cut costs.

In the past, student debt has often been viewed as a “good” kind of debt, because it is supposed to promise a better future. However, with two-thirds of students with four-year degrees graduating with an average $23,186 debt, according to FinAid.org, their own financial futures may be in jeopardy.

With a traditional repayment period of about 20 years, some of these students may struggle to buy a home, fund their own children’s education and save for retirement.

Some families are trying to limit their student debt by opting for two-year degrees. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the portion of middle-income students that enrolled in four-year colleges has dropped, while their enrollment in two-year colleges has risen, over the last decade.

How to save money on college tuition

1. Apply for scholarships and loans early. While private scholarships have their own specific application deadline, students can apply for financial aid starting January 1.

2. Save in the right name. Savingforcollege.com recommends that families place their assets in accounts held in the parents’ names. Student assets — from a checking/savings account to real estate or investment in the child’s name — are assessed at 20 percent, while parents’ assets are assessed from 2.6 percent to 5.6 percent.

3. Reconsider public service professions. While public service, defense and law enforcement may provide financial incentives for students by forgiving remaining student loan debt, after a 10-year period of consecutive payments. Borrowers also can apply for a federal, income-based repayment plan, which caps monthly payments at 15 percent of discretionary income, defined as earnings greater than 150 percent of the poverty line and currently set at $16,246 per year for a household of one.

4. Prioritize payments. Financial aid officers will look at how much savings and other assets a family has but they won’t look at how much unsecured debt has been accumulated. To get the maximum financial aid possible, some experts advise parents to put money in places that aren’t part of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

5. Enlist help from relatives. Relatives who gift money into 529 college savings accounts aren’t restricted with a gift tax like they would have on other financial gifts. Individuals can give financial gifts up to $15,000 per year, per beneficiary, to a 529 plan without paying a gift tax (married couples: $26,000). Donors may also give a financial gift of up to five years of funds at a time — $65,000 for individuals, $130,000 for married couples — without incurring gift tax as long as the total amount of the gift averages out to $13,000 per year over a five-year period.

6. Maximize your income. Several programs are designed to help low-income borrowers make it through college. Families with gross incomes of less than $50,000 or parents who gross under $30,000 per year should check for eligibility for more financial aid or even a full Pell Grant. For more information, visit FinAid.org.

7. Find the right schools. Investigate tuition-free institutions that offer free or reduced tuition in exchange for student work. Students can also check out “no loans” schools that promise to fulfill a student’s determined financial need through grants, scholarships and work-study jobs, without forcing them to take out student loans, according to Project on Student Debt, in Oakland, Calif.

8. Save early to maximize compound interest. According to Bankrate.com, parents with children age 10, who have not yet started saving for college, will have to pay $875 per month to finance 100 percent of their child’s college costs for one year at a public, in-state school, using an estimate of $16,140 in tuition, fees and board per year for the 2010-2011 school year.

9. Search for select scholarships. Apply first for those scholarships you’re most likely to win. Apply for federal aid first, setting up your college of choice for funds, and ranking out awards offered through local organizations, clubs and professional groups.

10. Carefully evaluate several $29 plans or offer a past performance. Consider investing some funds outside the $29 plan to diversify your investment strategy.

By Sally Rummel, Staff Reporter

street talk

Is cursive writing outdated?

“Schools should continue to teach it. It’s good for the kids. My daughter is learning it in second grade and really likes it.” — Kristine Moat, Linden

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Cost & value
are best reasons to attend a community college

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How would you like to spend $3,327.26 for annual college tuition, rather than $30,002 at Albion College?

Mott Community College, with its main campus in Flint, considers its cost value to be the most impressive benefit students gain by attending a community college.

“Mott’s high quality education, with credits that will transfer anywhere in the state of Michigan and almost anywhere in the United States, costs less than half the price of the next least expensive tuition in our area,” said Michael Kelly, spokesperson for Mott. “If you look at the price of higher institutions like Alma College, Kettering University and Albion College, we cost about one-tenth of the price of these schools.”

In addition to affordability, earning credits at a community college also offers students other benefits:

• Practical academics — With more than 100 different programs and hundreds of specific classes, a community college such as Mott offers associate degrees, certifications and other hands-on programs for career training and college transfers.

• Flexibility — You name it, a community college has got it, whether it’s day classes, evening classes, weekend classes at several locations, as well as e-learning and continuing education.

• Extracurricular activities — Clubs, activities, leadership opportunities, even sports are available at the community college level. Mott Community College has a competitive athletic program.

• Student support — Small class sizes, a faculty dedicated to classroom teaching instead of research and a strong network of tutors and other resources give community colleges the edge. “We are a teaching institution, not a research institution,” said Kelly. “We focus on teaching our students. We pride ourselves on our accessible faculty.”

• Transfer ease — Credits from a community college often transfer more easily than from other schools, because so many students go on from there to earn more advanced degrees. “I earned credits in the summer from Mott Community College that transferred toward my degree program at the University of Notre Dame,” said Kelly.

• Accessibility — A community college such as Mott offers accessibility from its main campus in Flint to satellite campuses in Fenton, Lapeer, Brighton/Howell, Clio and Owosso. In addition, it partners with Michigan universities including Ferris State, Michigan State, Eastern Michigan, Cleary, University of Michigan-Flint and Rochester College that offer bachelor’s and master’s degrees onsite at Mott’s University Center.

• Career preparation — Mott’s Career Pathways and Career Clusters are broad groupings of careers that share similar characteristics and employment requirements.

The cost value of a community college like Mott Community College in Genesee County is its biggest benefit to students.

Mott Community College ‘in the news’

Mott Community College has earned a number of recent national awards and recognitions, including:

• MCC ranked in the Top 100 Associate Degree Programs in the 2011 edition of Community College Week, which includes both two- and four-year institutions.

• MCC CEO Dr. Dick Shaink was named “Best Community College CEO in North America” by the Association of Community College Trustees.

• MCC was ranked as one of the Top 10 percent of community colleges in the U.S., by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, which announced that MCC is one of the nation’s 120 best community colleges.
THE LINCOLN LAWYER

Matthew McConaughey stars as Michael “Mick” Haller, a slick, charismatic Los Angeles criminal defense attorney who operates out of the back of his Lincoln Continental sedan. Having spent most of his career defending petty, gutter-variety criminals, Mick unexpectedly lands the case of a lifetime — defending a rich Beverly Hills playboy (Ryan Phillippe) who is accused of attempted murder.

What initially appears to be a straightforward case with a big money payoff swiftly develops into a deadly match between two masters of manipulation and a crisis of conscience for Haller.

RANGO

An original animated comedy-adventure that takes moviegoers for a hilarious and heartfelt walk in the Wild West. The story follows the comical, transformative journey of Rango (Johnny Depp), a sheltered chameleon living as an ordinary family pet who accidentally gets separated from his owners and winds up in the gritty, gun-slinging town of Dirt — a lawless outpost populated by the desert's most wily and whimsical creatures. The less-than-courageous lizard suddenly finds he stands out and is welcomed as the last hope the town has been waiting for: a new Sheriff to fend off the bad guys terrorizing the town.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

What can you tell me about medical foods?

My doctor has put me on Limbrel to treat my osteoarthritis. He says it's safe and has few side effects. After five days of use, I feel much better.

— F.G.

ANSWER:

Medical foods are foods that are more than nutrients. They have a place in the management of some illnesses. Limbrel, for example, contains flavonoids. These compounds act as antioxidants, neutralizing the harmful byproducts of cell chemistry. They also soothe inflammation like swollen, achy arthritic joints. I like the way Limbrel is marketed. It's available only through prescriptions and without a huge amount of hype. I can't say everyone gets the same results you did. Stick with it if it's working for you.

CONTEST

Flower & Landscape

The Fenton Beautification Commission is accepting nominations for its annual Flower & Landscape Contest

Enter yourself or a neighbor.

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Eastern Michigan University ................................. $7,148.00
Western Michigan University ................................. $8,762.00
Baker College ...................................................... $9,225.00

Please note: room and board are not included in amounts. (Sources: Peterson’s Guide website information as of 10/11) (University of Michigan-Flint Website; Western Michigan University Website)
MARIJUANA
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of Linden could potentially be sued if they pass a law that did not meet state and federal laws.

“We’ve got a lot of questions, and an answer may pass may be unconstitu- tional,” McCone said. “I don’t want a city of 3,000 to 4,000 residents to be sued and carry a burden.”

McCone said that the Michigan medical marijuana law should gain some clarity soon due to a Michi- gan Supreme Court case involving a man from Owosso. It is the first case to be presented to the court on medical marijuana and is expected to set precedence for future medical marijuana cases.

Under both state and federal law, it is illegal to sell, possess, or use mari- juana, even if someone has a medical marijuana card. The Michigan medi- cal marijuana law, however, prohibits local governments from enfor- mation please call Jeff at 810-449-6595.

Golf Meetings for friends and family of those made turtles and river viewing will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Transfor- mation Lutheran Church on 14176 Fent- ton Road in Fenton. For more information, please call Jeff at 810-449-6595.

CONSUMERS
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that the MFPC has scheduled for July 18. This was a consent agenda item and council members unanimously approved the motion. There was no discussion and no comments from the audience.

The hearing, which is open to the public, will be held at the MPSC Office, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, in Lansing at 9 a.m.

Consumers Energy is seeking authority to adjust its retail electric rates to provide additional revenue of approximately $195 million annually above current elec- tric levels, if the MFPC approves its request.

In addition, Consumers Energy is request- ing approval to implement or modify several cost recovery mechanisms or proposals if the MFPC approves its request.

Consumers Energy has listed factors that it believes are contributing to the requested increase (see sidebar). The company says that the need for additional revenue has been offset, in part, by a re- duction in the overall level of operation and maintenance expense below the level approved in its last electric rate case.


Factors contributing to Consumers Energy’s requested increase include:

• Ongoing investments in electric utility generation and distribution assets to comply with environmental and legal requirements.
• Ongoing investments in electric utility generation and distribution assets to provide safe and reliable service.
• Ongoing investments in technology improvement, including investments as- sociated with its Smart Grid project.
• Changes in electric utility revenue, including customer movement to retail open access.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF YOU ARE going to talk about Pal- in, be truthful at the very least. Palin did not quit halfway through her term because she didn’t get her way. She left because she had the number of harassment lawsuits filed mostly by Democrats, knowing that she did not have the money to fight the legal battle.

YOU FOLKS AGAINST a gay union don’t understand the Consti- tution. The union is between two people and it is only recognized le- gally by the government. If you don’t want it, talk to your church to prohibit it there. But don’t try to take away the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitu- tion. It is a legal contract between two people, and the law should not discriminate against the two people. I am not gay.

WE WANT TO thank Fenton, the selection committee, and the people of the surrounding areas for selecting the Van Gilder family as this year’s grand marshal on the Fourth of July. All of us love Fenton and all of us ap- preciate the honor that was bestowed upon us. Again, thank you.

THE PART OF McKinley Lake Road that they tore up is the smoothest part of the whole road!!

HERE ARE some results of Lib- eral logic. Hall combat operations in Iraq, reduce taxes for the majority of Americans, extend unemploy- ment benefits, grant tax incentives for small businesses, save GM from liquidation, enact stimulus package saving 3.5 million jobs, pass afford- able healthcare act, and have bin Laden eliminated. All this without one single Republican vote. What has the GOP contributed?

ACCORDING to MR. Henderson, don’t drive if you’re under the influence, avoid getting arrested on a public road, and avoid getting arrested against boating. I just looked at my Michigan driver’s license, and it says operators license/regular, gasoline motor boats, not boats. I would guess if you are operating any vehicle, gasoline or motor boat, you should not be drinking. Don’t drink and drive your boat, don’t drink and drive your scooter, don’t drink and drive your pushcart.

‘KICK THE CAN’; 2009 for the buck, “The sacred cow.” Is it asking too much for our elected officials, especially the president of the United States, to speak clearly, concisely, and in proper English so the average American can understand the meaning without a translation?

THANK YOU, TIMES, for dedicating one section of your paper to buying American products. You are right and it is the only one that I have noticed to do such a thing, at a time when we des- perately need it. I only wish someone starts to read labels on where the products they are purchasing were made. You are all patriots.

TO THE TWO cars that passed me on Grange Hall Road crossing over the yellow line to do so, I was going the speed limit when you passed. I just hope that some cop sees you next time.
This is it. The first 12 teams have been selected and we’re down to our final four, the tri-county grand slam or whatever you may want to call it.

Here’s a quick summary of what made up the pool. Eight of the 16 were fall sports, but none of the top six were from the fall. Two sports — wrestling and football — had two teams make the polls, while another two sports — track and cross country — had two, but one being a boy’s team and the other a girls team.

In terms of individual schools, Fenton may have won the Metro League’s All-Sports Trophy, but they ended up just tied with the Holly Bronchos, earning six teams each in the poll. The Bronchos probably deserve the tiebreaker, considering four of their teams are in the top five. Linden had three squads on the list, while Lake Fenton had just one, but what a big one it is. That’s enough of a summary. Here’s the final four.

No. 4 Holly boys track and field — Last year’s runner-up in this pool remained one of the area’s dominant teams once again this year. The difference between this year and last year, resulting in the “fall” to No. 4, was that this season the Bronchos didn’t have the state-championship tier athletes they had a year ago. It hurt their state showing. However, everything before that was pretty good. After a one-year vacation from the top spot, the Bronchos manhandled the rest of the Metro, easily winning the title. They had a strong showing at regionals and had what seemed their entire team going to the state meet.

No. 3 Holly girls track and field — It was close between the Holly boys and girls track squads. We gave the Lady Bronchos the nod because in a season of Holly domination in Metro League track, the Holly women dominated their foes even more than the men did. They, too, had a nice contingency going to state, but were unable to make great waves there. Otherwise, they could’ve easily snuck to the No. 2 spot. Holly track and field coach Rob Basyllo is the only varsity coach to have two of his teams on the list.

No. 2 Holly wrestling — It seems the Bronchos are always high on the year-end list.

See TOP 16 on 16

Fenton’s Bailey thriving at Tennessee

By David Troppens dtroppens@ctimes.com; 810-433-6789

Summer can be pretty short when you are a student-athlete.

It’s the middle of July and the temperatures in Knoxville, Tenn. reached the mid-90s. Yet, Tori Bailey is already back at school. But when you play for a Division I women’s soccer program located in Southeastern Conference country, you can expect to be pretty busy.

“The classes are pretty easy, but the one thing I have trouble with is time management,” said the Fenton graduate and ex-two-time Tri-County Female Soccer Player of the Year. “It’s a big leap from high school.”

Beyond that, Bailey isn’t complaining at all. In all respects, the 4-foot-11 soccer standout had an outstanding freshman season at the University of Tennessee.

“It’s been amazing,” Bailey said as she walked out of one of her Monday classes. “It’s been everything I expected and hoped for. I saw some field time, which was nice as a freshman. For the most part everything went well.”

It looks like it went well. Bailey began her career making an immediate impact. She played in 19 of the Lady Volunteers’ 20 games, starting in nine of them. She spent 609 minutes on the pitch, and in the process got some key stats pretty quickly.

In the season’s first game, she advanced on the year’s first goal, just 3:33 into the contest. She worked the ball in the midfield, sent it to teammate Chelsea Hatcher, who scored.

And then, in her only second game, Bailey had her first goal, although she admits it was a bit fluky.

“It was my only goal,” Bailey said. “I was happy. It was one of those things. I was dripping to cross or pass it. I was by the 18, put my head up and took the shot. It hit the crossbar, came back and hit the goalie’s head and went in.

It was kind of a flukish goal.”

No matter, it tied the game, and the Vols ended up winning 2-1 against Richmond.

For most of the season, Bailey found herself juggled in different positions. But the key was, as a freshman, she was seeing good playing time.

“I guess I was kind of a fill-in player,” Bailey said. “I played pretty much every position but goalie. I started at midfield, then moved to forward when a player got hurt, and then this spring I played defense. I had no position, but I’m the type of player that can get the job done regardless what position I’m playing. As of right now, I’m starting on defense. It’s a completely different position than I am used to, but I love it.”

Bailey made a “good” freshman as well. She understood she was low on the totem pole.

“In high school, I was the big man on campus, now I come here and I kind of felt like I didn’t have a place. My freshman year, I wanted to get a place on the team — get acquainted with the team,” Bailey said. “We were known as the good defender.”

But Bailey added, “We always picked up the balls and did the things freshmen are expected to do. We were never asked to do it.”

The Vols finished last year with a 7-2-1 conference mark and 10-9-1 overall. Now established, Bailey hopes to make some strides this year.

“I want to be one of those players that can get the job done well, whether I am on defense, or play the midfield,” Bailey said.

Last year my possession rate was not as great, as before I moved to defense, my possession rate went from 40 to 80.

The Bailey File
Here’s a quick look at Bailey’s soccer career.

Travel: Played three years with the Region II ODP program. Also played for the Vadar Soccer Club (and the Michigan Hawks).

Prep: Scored 39 goals and dished 38 assists during her career, earning Tri-County Female Soccer Player of the Year honors twice.

College: Played in all but one game for Tennessee, scoring a goal and dishing off two assists. She began her sophomore season this fall.

Happy Birthday
Ex-NFL player and Republican politician Jack Kemp was born on this date in 1935.

Holly seniors headed to college teams

By Al Zipfs

Three graduated Holly seniors will take their track skills to the next level, all staying at state colleges.

The trio, Davis Nixon, Mike McCarty, and Rachel Derocher — were all part of the Holly boys and girls Metro League championship track and field teams this past spring.

All three are middle or long distance runners. Davis has signed with Central Michigan, while McCarty is going to Oakland Community College and Derocher is headed for Albion College.

“We will miss all three of them,” said Holly boys and girls track coach Rob Basyllo. “They are all great leaders, all hard workers and are quiet but lead by example.”


“They broke the school record set last year,” Basyllo said about the 3,200 relay team. “At state they had a lead-off leg with a bad back that hurt them.

“Mike will likely run the 10K in college, his best event. The longer the race the better he is. He has matured. He was just 100 pounds in his first year as a sophomore. I am excited about his future as a long distance runner.”

“I talked to some other schools and Oakland CC offered me a full ride scholarship, so I decided to take it,” said McCarty. “I started running track late, the more my best friends who were running

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Wednesday Night
Cross Country Races

Here are the results for the fourth week of the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park. The races continue through July 20. They begin at 6:45 p.m. The cost is $3 for a runner or $5 for a family.

HALF-MILE RACE
GIRLS 5 & UNDER
1. Sabelack Stack ............ 7:12.0
2. Ava Fahrenkopf .......... 7:23.0
GIRLS 6 & 7
1. Cassie Sylvester .......... 4:38.0
2. Girls 6 & 7
3. Charlotte Musaki .......... 3:45.0
4. Emily Wright .......... 4:31.0
5. Delaney Prince .......... 4:32.0
6. Audrey Wiel .......... 4:34.0
7. Sophie Swift .......... 7:08.0
BOYS 5 & UNDER
1. Asher Tanton .......... 4:51.0
2. Max Smith .......... 7:34.0
3. Davin Meckstroth .......... 8:25.0
BOYS 6 & 7
1. Jack Larson .......... 3:56.0
2. Sean Bowles .......... 4:33.0
3. Charlie Weir .......... 5:04.0
4. trency Patten .......... 5:23.0
5. James Melchor .......... 8:31.0
6. Griffin Michael .......... 4:00.0
8. Curtis Johnson .......... 3:27.0
10. Griffin Michael .......... 3:54.0
11. Jonathan Mayer .......... 4:05.0
12. Chris LaFave .......... 4:09.0
13. James Melchor .......... 4:10.0
14. Joe LeDuc .......... 4:40.0

ONE-MILE RUN
GIRLS 7 & 8
1. Carly Friedrich .......... 10:58.0
2. Girls 7 & 8
3. Shelby Holsccher .......... 8:06.0
4. Charlotte Musaki .......... 8:36.0
5. Taibah Engelbart .......... 10:32.0
GIRLS 11 & 12
1. Megan Losey .......... 9:10.0
2. Girls 11 & 12
3. Chris LaFave .......... 8:35.0
4. Boys 9 & 10
5. Megan Losey .......... 9:10.0
6. Boys 9 & 10
7. Megan Losey .......... 9:10.0
8. Megan Losey .......... 9:10.0
9. Boys 9 & 10
10. Boys 9 & 10
11. Boys 9 & 10
12. Boys 9 & 10
13. Boys 9 & 10
14. Boys 9 & 10
15. Boys 9 & 10
16. Boys 9 & 10

Lake Fenton’s Zach Corcoran

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Holly’s Davis Nixon is headed to Central Michigan University to run track.

This season she was part of the 3200 relay team that set a school record of 9:36. 

“I wanted to break a PB (personal best) breaking the 12-minute mark in the 3,200 meters. I just missed running a 12:04,” said Derocher. “I was nervous about it. It was the first time I have been healthy. If I stay healthy the goal is to win both cross country and track in the 1500 meters at Albion. I didn’t really think about running in college. This year it came together and Albion is a good fit.”

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Wednesday, July 13, 2011

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Two years ago, they were No. 7. Last year, they were No. 2. This season, they are No. 2. In what has been the strongest sport in the tri-county area since this sports editor has been around, the Holly varsity wrestling team has been consistently the best of the crop. Just like the Holly track teams, the Bronchos just steamed rolled the Metro competition, but they took it a step farther. They won a district and regional title and went to the state team meet, losing in the quarterfinals. At the individual state meet, they brought 11 wrestlers, with Shawn Scott earning runner-up honors in his weight class. Four others placed fifth or better. In many seasons, this would be enough to be the best team for the school year. They had an outstanding season. No. 1 Lake Fenton wrestling — First-year head varsity coach Vance Corcoran’s Blue Devils came into the season with high expectations. With many transfer wrestlers and some quality home-grown talent it was apparent this could be a magical season. Ranked No. 3 for most of the wrestling season, the Blue Devils came out of the team state tourney series as Division 3 state runner-up, defeating No. 2 Dunloe in the semifinals but then losing in the final. They were just as impressive at the individual state tourney. The Blue Devils took 10 wrestlers to the state meet and left with three individual state titles — the first for Zach Corcoran, Connor Brancheau and the second for Justin Melick. Plenty others also placed at the event. Simply stated, the Blue Devils had their greatest wrestling season in school history.

The race for No. 1 wasn’t really that close. Lake Fenton wrestling was, easily No. 1.

Lake Fenton’s Zach Corcoran

And he’s laughing all the way to the bank.

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**Obituaries**

**ROSALIE BLAIR**

March 27, 1933 - July 7, 2011

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been a part of our lives planning the celebration of Rosalie’s life. A memorial service will be held at Fenton United Methodist Church, 106 Washington Ave., Fenton, on July 23, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Fenton United Methodist Church, 106 Washington Ave., Fenton, MI 48430, or Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 4475 Wilson Avenue, Grand Rapids, MI 49545.

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