Excessive rain and heat affecting farmers

Local farmer Dwight Eichelberg says that this year’s weather extremes have made 2011 his most challenging farming year ever.

May rainfall and July heat delay crops, produce

By William Axford

As customers dwindle at the end of the day at Eichelberg Farms, a sign looms over the produce from the barn door, describing the farmer’s hardship this season.

“This has been the most challenging time in 32 years of farming,” reads the sign. “Killer rain in April and May and drought in June and July. Storm damaged fence. Thanks for support!”

The life of the farmer is not easy and, given the affects of the tumultuous weather, this season has been especially burdensome. “It’s been stressful this year because of the weather,” owner Dwight Eichelberg said. “You can’t control the weather and it’s the biggest factor that affects farming.”

Dwight Eichelberg
Farmer

Summary

Local farmers are seeing a delay in their produce this year due to record rainfall and 90-degree heat waves. Produce is starting to come in and may last a little later this season.

Drivers license restrictions for teens eased

There have been some changes made regarding the Level Two, Graduated Drivers License (GDL).

In March, the GDL license came out with new restrictions regarding driving times and activities for Level Two GDL drivers. When these restrictions took effect, there were some changes to the law, such as the Level Two GDL drivers being limited to driving between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. and not being allowed to drive on certain roads, such as those with a posted speed limit of 65 mph or higher.

Mystery of African cat found still unsolved

African exotic cat was caught in Tyrone Township on Sunday, July 24. The animal is being transferred to an animal park near Grand Rapids.

Serval is going to wild animal park in Alto

By William Axford

African exotic cat was found roaming the savannas of Africa was discovered last Sunday in Tyrone Township. A Serval was captured by the Livingston County Animal Control and it will soon reside at the Boulder Ridge Animal Park in Alto, a town 10 miles southeast of Grand Rapids.

Deputies first heard of the African Serval after receiving a 911 call on Sunday, July 24 at 9:10 p.m. Rob Boggs of Linden, who had called the deputies, said he saw a large yellow cat with black spots and a black tail.

The animal was being transferred to an animal park near Grand Rapids.
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Buying a bike

Frame, brakes, type of riding, all matter

By Tim Jagielo

Gas is expensive, and getting around town on a bicycle is free, after that initial payment. In addition, more roads are being changed to include a bike lane. If you are in the market for a bicycle, there are a few things to consider.

The first thing Beth Mikolakczyk of CycleFit-Multisports in Fenton does when taking care of a customer is to ask questions about how a bike will be used.

“The most important thing is determining the type of riding,” said Ben Cox of CycleFit.

Mikolakczyk said that most customers are looking for a leisure, or recreational bike. These bikes are comfortable and easy to use. At CycleFit, they have cruiser bikes with one or many gears that are perfect for recreation and commuting. A hybrid or comfort-style bike is best for most, said Cox. These allow the rider to sit upright, closer to the handle bars. Mikolakczyk said gears help with hills and longer distances.

Summary

When buying a bike, it is important to consider what type of riding you plan on doing, and how much you are willing to spend.
Random royal thoughts

• The economic problems we face today are there because of one simple premise: the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living.
• Best philosophy on death: Neither dread nor desire your judgment day.
• I honestly don’t get the budget debate. How can we possibly have a ‘debate’ about spending more money than we take in? It’s a classic about spending our money.
• Stay and get closer in Fenton. Stop me a few flowers so that people will trees in front of my house and give about if you guys just plant a couple of

I’VE GOT A new acronym for the IDDA - Democrats Dodging Again. Why is it the liberal town of Fenton works the way the federal government does with spending the taxpayers’ dollars? And by the way, since I can’t beat it, I’ll join it. I have the new addition on the house. I’m wondering how about if you guys just plant a couple of trees in front of my house and give me a few flowers so that people will stay and get closer in Fenton. Stop spending our money.

I AM ALL for a balanced budget, but not on the backs of our elderly and children.

TO THE IDIOT that said tattoos are dirty. Check your employees, bet they have a few. Also, it is discrimination to not allow a person into a business based solely on their looks. More people than not have tattoos even if you cannot see them.

HERE IS A way the teachers can fund their classrooms with school supplies. ‘Have a car wash. I went to several car washes thinking I was paying for someone’s church fund or something. Little did I know until after the fact I was paying a family to bury their father with the funds from the carwash. It’s an easy buck, like panhandling.

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WHY DO WE only have global warming in the summer, but not in the winter?

I HAVE TO apologize to all the fifth graders who may have read the Hotline I submitted. I should have said, “If our representatives in Congress took some suggestions from our fifth graders, they could solve the debt crisis in a hurry.” I do realize we have some very smart students and I should not have compared their intelligence with some of our representatives, who worry more about their wallets than the economy.

WHEN I WAS in high school, I attended GASC and had a feasible plan for Fenton by not tearing it down but providing walkways from business to business. Most people who shop would prefer the mall idea as everything they need is under one roof. Why would I want to go outside from business to business out of comfort zone and in the weather? Build a downtown mall. 

AT WHAT POINT, did party politics become more important to Washington than the health and well-being of America?

TO THE IDIOT who may have read the Times.

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**Village narrowly adopts fee schedule**

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — The Adopt-A-Truck program’s $50 weekend fee was the sticking point for the village council, as it adopted the 2011-12 fee schedule at Tuesday’s meeting.

The fee schedule for non-core services, such as grave sales, police fingerprinting, and lot splitting was adopted in a 4-3 vote, with Don Campbell, Jackie Winglemire, and Pauline Kenner casting dissenting votes.

The Adopt-A-Truck program allows residents to rent a village truck for personal use, such as moving lawn refuse. Currently, the village office is closed on Friday. Should someone want to rent the truck through the Adopt-A-Truck program on Friday, they would pay $50 instead of the regular $25 per day rate, and would keep the truck the weekend through the week.

Kenner cited the $50 weekend fee for her reason to disagree with the schedule. “I feel that the citizens have to pay taxes, and that (program) should be a benefit to them,” she said. “I just feel that $50 is too much with this economy the way it is.”

Kenner also said that the village expects people to keep their neighborhoods clean. “That’s what the trucks are for, and some people can’t afford $50,” she said.

Village Manager Jerry Walker said the truck requires two people for picking up and dropping off. “And then of course you have the wear and tear of the truck, and the maintenance, liability and insurance,” he said. Walker said the fee schedule is normal because of the other rising costs. “When you look at actual costs, it’s still cheaper than going out and renting a truck,” he said.

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**Townships vote ‘no’ on charter status**

▶ Holly and Rose township officials say no, Tyrone next to decide

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly and Rose townships in Oakland County have decided against becoming charter townships at recent board meetings.

In addition, Tyrone Township, in Livingston County, tabled the decision on becoming a charter township until next month.

Any township that has a population more than 200,000 is eligible to become a charter township, said Holly Township Clerk Karin Winchester.

After each census, many townships have the opportunity to pursue becoming a charter township, which bears different benefits and responsibilities than a regular township.

A charter township would have to provide trash removal, or simply an ordinance that requires the township find venders to remove the trash as a possible extra responsibility.

“It just depends on someone’s opinion on whether there’s a benefit,” said Winchester.

The primary charter town-ship is to avoid annexation, or the forceful taking of property by another municipality.

Holly Township Treasurer Mark Freeman used the Pulte subdivision in Holly Township as an example of an area Holly Village might hypothetically want to annex. “If we become a charter township, it’s much easier to prevent, than as a general township,” he said.

Winchester cited the extra cost of additional board members and other costs that the township would have to bear as reasons for staying a general law township.

“I don’t see any reason for (becoming a charter township) at this point,” she said.

This decision for Holly and Rose Townships came with little discussion or consideration.
To catch a thief

Police hope to arrest person stealing outdoor items

By Sharon Stone
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Holly — The village of Holly Police Department is investigating a rash of reported thefts and is asking the community for its help in solving the cases. According to Police Chief Elena Danishevskaya, the police department has received five reports of larcenies, with similar circumstances. All but one of the thefts occurred in the back yards of the homes, with one occurring from the front porch. The larcenies have been taking place during the night or early morning hours.

Some of the items taken include lawn furniture, such as a black wicker chair, floral patterned accent cushions, ceramic pots, a large pot containing a Christmas cactus, a black iron table with four chairs, vintage metal bar cart with two glass shelves, a metal candleholder, a clay pot containing a bay tree, a solar lamp in the shape of a silver dog, and a white wooden table.

Certain items were heavy and would be difficult to carry out by one person, according to the chief.

A person of interest has been observed in the area who might be involved with the thefts. She is described as a white female, in her 30’s or 40’s, with long hair. She might be driving a 1990’s model, dark colored Monte Carlo.

Police are asking residents to call the police department at (248) 634-8221 if they have any information regarding the thefts or the possible suspect.

The police chief said these two unknown men did not show any type of city uniform. He added that the city does not send out employees to conduct surveys of people’s homes.

If someone is suspicious, feel free to call 911, said Aro. “We’ll be happy to sort it out.”

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knocked on the couple’s door on Monday saying they were there to conduct a survey of their home.

After the male resident indicated he was suspicious of the unknown man, one of the “city workers” handed him his cell phone and advised him to call the city. As the unknown man handed the homeowner the phone, the two “city workers” walked into the home. The call to Fenton City was never made.

As one of the “city workers” distracted the couple, the other walked around the home. The two unknown men eventually left the home and drove away in a small white car.

On Wednesday, the residents noticed that a safe they keep in the home had been pried open and an undisclosed amount of cash and jewelry had been stolen.

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One of the victimized homeowners, who wished to remain anonymous, has announced that he is offering a $100 reward for information leading to a conviction and the return of his belongings.
Holly police consider K-9 unit

Chief researching possible grants to cover cost

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The Holly Police Department (HPD) is kicking around the idea of getting a K-9 unit. Council members approved Police Chief Elena Danishevskaya’s request to continue her research on possible grants to Tuesday’s Village Council meeting.

The idea for a K-9 unit came from dialogue between the Holly Area Community Coalition (HACC), which Holly Township Supervisor Jesse Lambert and Danishevskaya are a part of. During discussion, a K-9 unit came up consistently, Lambert said. “There seems to be a lot of community support,” said the chief.

A canine named Angie was the last member of a K-9 unit in Holly. The police dog was in service in the late ’90s, said Danishevskaya, and was well-liked.

Danishevskaya said a K-9 unit would be good for public relations, and also a tool for working with schools. “The K-9 unit is great for a lot of purposes,” she said, almost amounting to See K-9 on 24A

Summary

The Village of Holly is researching grants that would help pay for a K-9 unit for the Holly Police Department.

MAN GRABS WOMAN IN HOLLY

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MAN ROLLS TRACKER

NORTH CAROLINA

At 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, a 22-year-old North Carolina man, driving a Geo Tracker, lost control of his vehicle, causing it to roll over. The driver declined any medical treatment. Firefighters stabilized the vehicle and conducted traffic control.

CAR DEALER REPORTS THEFT

At 5:50 p.m. on July 27, a Fenton police officer was sent to a car dealership on Owen Road to investigate a stolen vehicle complaint. The used car manager reported that a forest green 1997 Chevy Silverado pickup truck had been stolen sometime between July 20 and 27. The truck was valued at $3,000. The truck was entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen.

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when a man grabbed her. The man pulled the woman backwards toward a vacant building, where he had parked his bicycle. As the man pulled the woman, he touched her breasts, according to the chief. The woman struggled and was able to break free of the man in order to run.

home. The woman said she saw the man get on his bike and ride away in a north-east direction. The suspect was described as a white male, 20-28 years old, 6- to 6-feet, 2-inches tall, about 125 pounds, round face and having light colored eyebrows. The suspect was wearing a white tank style T-shirt and dark colored jeans.

The chief said there was quite a time lapse between when the incident occurred and when the woman reported it to police. “We remind everyone that the best chance of success in catching suspects immediately is if the call is received quickly,” Danishenshevskaya said. If anyone has information regarding this crime, contact the Holly Police Department at (248) 634-8221.

DISORDERLY LIVONIA MAN
At 8:30 p.m. on July 27, Fenton police were dispatched to a home in the 400 block of E. Elizabeth Street to investigate a report of a disorderly person. The complainant said a man had been pounding on his door. The disorderly man then ripped two mailboxes off the home and threw them across the yard after the resident declined to open the door. Police located the suspect, a 36-year-old Livonia resident, who appeared to be very intoxicated. The man was arrested for disorderly intoxication and lodged at the police station overnight. He was released with a court appearance ticket.

DIESEL FUEL STOLEN FROM TRUCKS
On July 28, Fenton police received a larceny of fuel complaint. Police were sent to the 1000 block of Grant Street to investigate the call. The manager said 240 gallons of diesel fuel had been stolen from his trucks over the past several days. Police will be reviewing the surveillance video tapes to identify a suspect. The case remains under investigation.

LIGHTNING STRIKES POLICE STATION
The Fenton Police Department was struck by lightning around 5 a.m. on Thursday, July 28. A Genesee Central 911 radio was damaged as a result. Police Chief Rick Aro said the damaged radio is used to monitor 911 traffic and another radio is being used until the damaged one is repaired.

Village Manager receives raise
The Holly Village Council approved raising the salary of Village Manager Jerry Walker by 2 percent, or $1,600 per year, after receiving a strong positive annual evaluation, per his contract. The manager’s current salary is $80,000 per year, and includes a small vehicle allowance. Walker signed his contract in March after serving as interim manager.

Protect and Serve Day
The village of Holly Police Department, Holly and Groveland fire departments and the North Oakland County Fire Authority are hosting their annual Protect and Serve Day, a free safety event, on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 12 to 4 p.m. The event is a fun way for the children in the community to be able to meet and get to know local police officers and firefighters. The departments will be giving away free bicycle helmets, child identification kits and T-shirts. Face painters, puppet shows and games will be on-hand to entertain the children. The movie, “Toy Story 3” will be played at dusk. A raffle will also be held. Raffle prizes include a Kidtrax ride-on Dodge Charger police car, a pedal fire truck, and a children’s bicycle. There will also be other drawings for gift cards to local businesses. Tickets are $5 for one raffle ticket or $20 for five tickets. Adult sized Protect and Serve T-shirts, for $10, will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the event for next year. The event is being held on South Saginaw Street in downtown Holly. For additional details, call (248) 634-8221.

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Butcher Road home damaged by fire

Lightning strike being blamed for causing fire

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Fire departments from Fenton Township and Fenton City responded to a house fire that was called in to 911 at 5:11 a.m. on Thursday. Firefighter Mike Schwientek, of the Fenton Township Fire Department, said a passerby noticed smoke at a home located at 1143 Butcher Road. Not knowing if the residents were inside or awake, he blew the horn on his vehicle and then pounded on the front door of the home.

A woman inside the home heard the pounding on the door and asked her husband to check on things. When the homeowner opened the door, he noticed the smoke, at which time the passerby told him that his home was on fire.

The residents exited the house, unharmed.

Schwientek said Fenton City firefighters arrived on scene first, because they were already out on a call. Fenton Township firefighters arrived immediately afterward. The breezeway between the garage and house was in flames and firefighters knocked it down and extinguished the flames quickly. The fire was contained to that area of the home and a bit of the kitchen area.

He can’t say positively, but a lightning strike is being blamed for causing the fire, said Schwientek. He said a severe thunderstorm was moving through the area during this time and most of the damage occurred on the exterior of the home, near a utility box.

Summary

Lightning strike is being blamed for causing a house to catch fire in Fenton Township early Thursday morning.

Carol’s Corner

Now is the time to...

• Watch for, and treat, fungus problems on both ornamentals and vegetables.
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Math whiz

A certifiable seventh grade earned a gold medal, Holly Academy student entering the tournament in May and scored 14 out of a possible 15 points. The National Mathematics Pentathlon, Samantha Miller attended the Math whiz INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY. SHOP LOCAL. Keep it here.

African Cat

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black spots. He had never seen a cat like this before.
Debbie Ooberle, Director of the Livingston County Animal Control, said the Serval was apprehended along Hogan Road. An Animal Control officer used a pole and a piece of bacon to capture the African cat.
The 35-pound spotted feline was transported to the Animal Control building. Authorities believe that the Serval was a pet of a resident in Tyrone Township and either escaped or was set free. The Serval was not microchipped. Owners had until 5 p.m. Thursday to claim the animal. No one came forward.
During its stay at the Animal Control shelter, authorities said the Serval was cooperative but uncomfortable being around barking dogs. Livingston County Sheriff Bob Bezotte said the animal was not aggressive at all.
Under Michigan Law, Servals are treated as domestic cats and do not have to be microchipped. Servals do not have to be registered with local or state authorities.
According to “Wild Cats of the World,” Serval cats are native to central and southern Africa and can stand up to 1½ feet tall. They can weigh 15 to 40 pounds. The cat is not endangered and is usually covered in spots, like a cheetah.

Serval was cooperative but uncooperative at all. 

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Environment

A farmer’s work is almost never done, causing them to work most days from sun-up to sundown.
FARMERS

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can’t control the weather and it’s the biggest factor that affects farming.”
In May, the National Weather Service (NWS) reported that 17 inches of rain fell in the Flint area. By July 18, temperatures rose to 90 degrees with the heat index bringing the temperature to just above 100 degrees. The rain came back in force after the heat wave, as AccuWeather.com said the Flint area received 4.69 inches of rainfall overnight on Wednesday, July 27. The erratic weather of heavy rain followed by scorching heat has affected farmers across the board, delaying their produce production. Hartland farmers Eric and Patty Roeseke have been farming since 2005 and are dealing with customers inquiring about late crops. “We can’t tell people when things will be ready,” said Patty, who was at the Linden farmer’s market on Wednesday. “The rainy season has made things sprout later.”

Another problem that the Roeseke face is the unrealistic expectation of produce year round. Tomatoes have been in demand since May but usually are not ripe until August. Patty said that customers can purchase produce anytime of the year at grocery stores and forget that crops are seasonal.
Aside from the weather, farmers must deal with an abundance of other hardships in their profession. Eichelberg said that being a farmer requires multiple skills including strength, marketing, management and even engineering. “There’s so much equipment, something is always breaking down,” Eichelberg said. His typical day starts at 6 a.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m.
The Roeseke are similar, participating in four farmers’ markets a year in addition to the Hartland 4-H Fair. Patty said the tough manual labor and the business end of being a farmer shaped her kids into hard workers that should great responsibilities. Her youngest son is now attending college to pursue a business degree, while her other son moved to Texas to work on a cattle farm.
Despite the delay in crops and other hardships this season, some farmers aren’t panicking over the situation. Eichelberg is confident that he’ll make a profit overall. The farmer estimated that nearly 600 customers alone visited his farm stand last Sunday.
“We have to have a passion for farming to do it right,” Eichelberg said. “Farming’s a continuing learning experience. I have had the best customers through the year and I want to thank them.”
IF THE STOP lines for the eastbound lanes of Silver Lake Road at Poplar Street were moved forward about 65 feet, it would not interfere with traffic in the intersection and would keep left-turning vehicles from cutting in front of westbound cars when the light changes. It seems many people think it is okay to time the light and shoot in front of the westbound vehicle. I even watched a City of Fenton truck employee do it.

EVERYTHING THAT OBAMA does today is Bush’s fault. Nevermind that he took office and won’t accept any of the responsibilities. Every new president gets the trash from the previous presidents. But, hey, let’s blame that on Bush too. President Bush was a great American, cut your losses and let Obama take the responsibility.

TO THE PERSON who says that this recall is all about the MEA and teachers, get your facts straight about teachers and their reluctance to take cuts. My mother and brother are teachers and have had their wages frozen for four years.

JUST READ ON USA Today. Worst paying college degrees 2011: elementary education. Quote: Noble career, low salaries. Noble doesn’t pay the bills. I wish people who care about their children as much as Republicans? Half of the children going to Lakes are also Republicans.

TAKE BACK OUR problems we had when President Bush was a great American, our state has foreclosures around here because most who could lose their homes already have. My home isn’t worth one third of what it was before the housing crash. Most of the people responsible for the crash got their money while their employees were let go and we paid them. Wonderful country.

I’M A REPUBLICAN who bought into Paul Scott reluctantly signed the petition to recall him. I feel that our state has gone after the teachers and I cannot condone it. Almost every group in the world goes by seniority and yet the teachers are singled out.

I’M STARTING TO feel harassed by the people supporting the recall of Paul Scott. I just answered a five-minute survey and then someone knocked on my door to sign a petition. We already voted once; let him do his job.

Livingston County Drain Commissioner’s Office and Michigan State University Extension will be holding a compost bin and rain barrel sale.

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The politicians would quit if you think teachers make too much then maybe you should quit your job and become one.

IT IS CLEAR to me at this point that our president has not one ounce of leadership, has no understanding of economics and couldn’t care less about the citizens of this country. We will go down as the worst president in the history of the United States. We still have every one of the problems we had when he was elected to make changes.

TAKE BACK OUR schools from heartless Republicans? Half of the children going to these schools have Republican parents who care about their children as much as you do. Believe it or not, many teachers are also Republicans. Recalls do nothing for the citizens. Hard choices must be made. Become part of the solution.

THE DDA IS exactly like Southern Lakes. Two organizations created to take taxpayers’ dollars without any accountability to the people, and the people have no recourse. Your city and township boards gave away the responsibilities you have entrusted them with so that you don’t blame them for anything. I don’t believe it is legal, but so what, who is going to give them any grief on this?

THIS HYPE OF a government shutdown sounds like Y2K hype to me. It might be good if we didn’t send dollars overseas for a couple of months. The politicians would have you believe Social Security and service members, etc. would not be paid. Totally untrue. The president may be able to stop those payments but won’t because of an election next year.

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We already voted once; let him do his job.
HOT LINE CONTINUED
WHERE ARE THE jobs? Paul Scott and Rick Snyder ran for office last year on the platform of creating Michigan jobs, not eliminating them. They never mentioned that their real plan was to tax your pension or to tax your health care benefits or to cut unemployment benefits so they could give more tax breaks to wealthy corporations and individuals. They both need to be recalled for their dishonesty.

HERE IS SOMETHING you won’t see on CNN or MSNBC but House Bill 1388 was passed in the stimulus package that gave $20.3 million to Palestinian refugees to provide “migration assistance.” Michigan has the highest population of Muslims in the U.S. The men can have up to four wives to go on public assistance with them. I think U.S. men should have the same perks.

RESTRICTIONS
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issues brought to the Michigan legislators’ attention regarding how some of the restrictions were detrimental to some who had a Level Two driver in the family, according to the Michigan State Police Brighton Post.

In March, the Michigan Legislature addressed these issues and made changes to the GDL law. The new changes in the Level Two GDL took effect on July 20.

Restrictions:
Level Two licensed drivers are not permitted to operate a motor vehicle between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. except:
• When driving to or from, or in the course of employment.
• When driving to or from an authorized activity.
• When accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or a licensed driver 21 years of age or older and designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Level Two licensed drivers are not permitted to operate a motor vehicle at any time with more than one passenger in the vehicle who is less than 21 years of age except:
• When the additional passengers are immediate family members,
• When driving to or from in the course of employment,
• When driving to or from an authorized activity.

The INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
Fund said it is urgent for the U.S. Congress to approve an increase in the $14.3 trillion debt ceiling. Does it bother you that the IMF, a group that was established in 1945 to help the world stabilize the economic system, is insinuating itself into our economic situation? The USA should withdraw from, and stop supporting this dubious organization with 17.72 percent ($42,122.40) of their annual budget.

IT’S IMPOSSIBLE to default on our debt unless the President just refuses to pay our minimum obligations. Scaring seniors regarding Social Security checks is the trick that Obama and Harry Reid use to get the ceiling raised. The problem is that the majority, Democratic-controlled Senate has not passed a budget in nearly three years. A budget should be passed that cuts our spending and makes it possible to live on our income.

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BIKE
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The next important thing to factor into the selection is the price a customer is comfortable spending.

There are more specialized bikes, such as mountain bikes, downhill bikes, and racing bikes, which all have very specific and narrow uses. One mountain bike carries tires that are far too aggressive for regular commuting, or a full suspension that soaks up extra energy that was designed to absorb long jumps. Racing bikes are designed specifically for speed, and not comfort, and few come with kickstands.

When buying a bike, there are a few components to think about, and will also make a difference with price.

Brakes

There are several types of bicycle brakes, including center pull, v-brake, and disc brake. Cox said that there are well-constructed and poorly constructed versions of each type of brake. Although disc brakes are seen as better than other types, a cheap disc brake is worse than a decent center pull. It depends on the quality, said Cox.

The quality of brakes also depends on who assembled them. At department stores, they may not be adjusted properly, he said. At CycleFit, everything is assembled by professionals. It’s something we take very seriously,” Cox said.

When buying a used bike, be sure the brakes function properly and have enough pad remaining to function safely.

Frame

There are three different materials for frames made of: steel, aluminum, and carbon fiber. Steel is very strong, but heavier than aluminum or carbon fiber. Most of the bike frames in CycleFit are made of aluminum, which is lighter and more expensive than steel, but just as strong. Carbon fiber is the lightest, and is also very strong, and the most expensive.

Brand

Each bicycle brand carries a variety of bikes at different price points, said Cox. “A few do better across the board than others,” he said. Bicycle brands Giant and Cannondale stand out to him, and are sold at his store. Giant is the largest bike manufacturer, and it owns the factories that build frames and parts. Cannondale is an innovative company, he said.

CycleFit carries several brands, all of which are assembled by professionals.

When it comes to buying a bike, you get what you pay for. “You gotta remember, this is an investment,” said Cox. “You should think of it as a payment you’re going to make, and you’re going to use it a lot.”

He said it is important to buy something you’ll want to use over and over again, so it doesn’t end up in storage.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I GUARANTEE JUST about every house here at McCaslin Lake pays $1,000 a year. I know there are at least 50-60 houses out here and you’re telling me it costs that much money to have a road grader to come through twice a year. This is ridiculous, give us our money back.

TELL YOUR BUDDY Rick Snyder if he wants to get people that are overpaid and feed on the public funds to go after the real money. Doctors that overcharge health coverage. CEOs that get subsidies then walk away with people’s livelihood then repatriate millions back from overseas. Those are the real thieves, not teachers.

SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET up in years before they open their eyes and realize God created us and it’s all about our life from the cradle to the grave. God’s way is the only way and you’re right, it’s your decision. You have two choices.

TO THE LADY who has a dog that bit a guy with a tattoo. You said your dog doesn’t like people with tattoos. How does a dog learn that?

I PREDICTED TO myself two weeks ago that the oil companies would use this debt-ceiling crisis to raise the price of gas. Well it’s Tuesday afternoon and it just went up 10 cents and I think that’s the reason. Well I hope they pay for it somehow, even in a bad way.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF THE BUDGET isn’t settled by the Aug. 2 deadline, the first bill not to be paid should be all of the politicians’ wages and perks. Cancel all of their health care and salaries first, and then they must agree to work for the next year for free, or be fired. At the end of that year, they will only draw a salary and forfeit all other benefits in order to keep their jobs.

WHEN POLITICIANS TALK about spending cuts, they are talking about Social Security and Medicare and neither one of them has caused this huge deficit that we are in right now. They’ve been borrowing from Social Security for 30 some years and now we have a budget crisis because of you name it, foreign aid, etc. I expect the American people to get cut again. It’s disgusting to see the dog and pony show going on.

WE JUST RECEIVED a call urging us to support Paul Scott and his stand against special interests, meaning teachers. I don’t know anyone who stands up for the special interests he favors more than Scott does.

MORE POWER TO Paul Scott. It’s about time that tenure is going away. If the teachers aren’t doing their job, they shouldn’t have a job. All this recall information has just motivated me to help him with his campaign and his causes.

YOU ARGENTINE OFFICIALS keep ignoring the problem that’s on McCaslin Lake Road. You guys just don’t get it, do ya? I bet none of you have to drive down that road every day. That road is a safety issue. Somebody is going to get hurt on that road. Can Argentina really afford another lawsuit? Come on.

I HAVE VOTED in every Presidential election since 1960 when John Kennedy was elected. Until now, I have never seen a President that just gives speeches and bashes everyone else for our problems. He can’t make any decisions for fear that it will hurt his approval ratings. Where’s Harry Truman when we need him? Our country must be the laughing stock of the world.

TO THE GENTLEMAN who can read Ms. Pelosi’s mind and know what she really meant when she asked for a more fuel-efficient airplane. You must do very well at the poker table. My understanding is all she asked for was a more fuel-efficient airplane and I point out to you that you don’t need a big plane to make fewer fuel stops. You need a fuel-efficient airplane along with larger fuel tanks and engines that are more efficient.

WHAT’S WITH PARENTS inviting children to their child’s birthday party and then treating them as though they are an unwelcome or unwanted guest. If you’re only concerned about the gifts, then please, I will be more than happy to provide a gift just to avoid the rudeness. If you’re going to invite people to a party, at least have the courtesy to treat them with respect or really, why are you even asking?

Snyder and Scott are taking the necessary steps to make this state economically viable. In Michigan, 3 million private workers generate revenue and pay taxes for 9.9 million residents that are supported by 800,000 public workers. In 2009, public workers received an average of $16,000 in benefits; private workers received an average of $9,000. The great recession eliminated the dreams of retirement for most private workers. Public workers and retirees, please stop whining.

ONE OF THE teachings of the Communist manifesto is to get the peasants fighting among themselves. Then they won’t watch the dictator’s actions. Think it’s working?

I JUST WANT to warn the people near Bennett Lake and Linden roads that early yesterday afternoon a raccoon had to be shot at our home. It was acting very strangely.

Jesus really loves kids and so do we!

As the children of our community head back to the books this year, we want to lend a hand to 200 of them that have the need for new shoes. Remember how it felt when you were a kid getting a fresh pair of sneakers? We want to provide that same feeling to others, Saturday, August 13th, 3-6pm at Knart in Fenton.
TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
AUGUST 2, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2011
Clerk’s Warrants & Bills

COMMUNICATIONS
#1 Fire Billing Activity Report – June 2011
#2 Zoning Administrator’s Report – July 31, 2011

NEW BUSINESS
#1 Request of Tom Lashbrook to appeal his fire run charge.
#2 Tree cutting bids.
#3 Discussion on pending purchase offer from Fenton Sand & Gravel.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011 AT 6:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 1200 MANITOWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
SUP1-003 TMI Custom Air Systems Inc. 200 Quality Way, Holly:
Requesting to amend the special use permit for Light Fabrication from the con-

Your opinions may be expressed verbally at this hearing or in writ-
ing to the planning commission prior to this hearing. The plan-
ing commission encourages your participation in this matter.

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**FLINT**
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**ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP**
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**FENTON**
707 S Oak Street
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**HOLLY**
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**HOLLY**
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**FENTON TOWNSHIP**
13121 Torrey Road
Lake Fenton waterfront. Beautiful 2 bedroom home completely rebuild in 1998. 2nd floor laundry, full basement and 2 car garage. Replaced in 1998, furnace, windows, kitchen, flooring, and appliances, as well and all components. $190,000

**ROSE TOWNSHIP**
5170 Tania Trail
Prime Holly Village location. 2006, with the character of the original design. Great for General Office or Retail, 2771 sq. ft., central air, forced air furnace, roof & gravel. Multiple Festivals and Antique Stroll into lots of foot traffic. Great opportunity! $190,000

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP**
13010 Violetwood Rd
Stunning views in all directions from the Oakland Oaks Club home on high rolling S- lot. 1954 sq. ft. home with 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, natural fireplace in living room, 1st floor bedroom, 1st floor laundry, recreation room, 900 sq. ft. in finished walkout basement with Daylight windows, breakfast area, garage, lower level 28x26 shed and 2 car garage. $249,999

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enjoying waterfront food, family fun, music, and rib competition. Watch the antics of an Oink Oink Contest, Pig Races, Kids’ Bubble Blowing Contest and much more.

EAST

You may have to travel for about 1 1/4 hours, but your destination will be well worth the extra 15 minutes. Port Huron, located on Lake Huron and the St. Clair River, has earned its title as the “Maritime Capital of the Great Lakes.” The city’s boardwalk provides beautiful views of the St. Clair River and the passing freighter traffic.

The Great Lakes Maritime Center, located at 51 Water Street, is two miles from the end of I-94 and the Blue Water Bridge. It offers a unique vantage point to watch freighters while in a comfortable indoor setting and learn about the history and current events of the Great Lakes. A live underwater camera provides an underwater view activity under the St. Clair River. Plus, a displayed schedule of ship travels, in its actual voyage, is available.

For interested seafarers, the Huron Lady II offers trips down the St. Clair River and into Lake Huron seven days a week.

Port Huron also boasts several world-class museum attractions including the Huron Lighthouse, the retired Coast Guard Cutter Bramble, Fort Huron Museum and the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse. History buffs will also enjoy the Thomas Edison Depot Museum, recalling the days when Thomas Edison spent his boyhood years in Port Huron.

To add an international flavor to your visit, cross over the Blue Water Bridge into Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

WEST

In 3/4 of an hour, you can be on the steps of one of the Midwest’s most vibrant cities. Ann Arbor is filled with trendy shopping areas, restaurants, sporting events. From Fenton, an hour’s drive will take you to the doors of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, as well as to downtown Detroit to experience Greektown.

If you’ve never visited Belle Isle, this might be the summer to see America’s largest city-owned island park. Located close to the hub of downtown Detroit, travel time to Belle Isle by car or bus is just five minutes. Once on the island, you may get about by car or take a leisurely walk along the many miles of trails, paths and roadways that connect all of Belle Isle’s points of interest.

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Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting July 25, 2011

Call to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Schmidt, present, Graves, present, Ciesielski, present, Cole, present, Abbot, present, Hallman. Motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2011 Regular Board Meeting as printed. Motion passed. Motion to approve budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed. Motion to approve payment of bills as printed in Board packet. Motion passed. Police Department: A written report was submitted. Fire Department: A written report was submitted. Building Department: Cole said there were 11 permits that total $7,377.00. Planning Commission: Trustee Ciesielski gave an oral report. Attorney: No report. Attorney Lattie was not in attendance. Old Business: Charter telephone quote—Motion to accept terms for 12 months from Charter Business for telephone and internet services as quoted. Motion passed. New Business: Whitehead Drive Paving Assessment District: Motion to add Whitehead Drive to the August 2011 Assessment Hearing. Motion passed. Fireworks: Motion to approve Gen X Pyrotechnics to provide the Lobdell Lake Fireworks. Motion passed. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Denise M. Graves, Argentine Township Clerk

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Kensington Metropark

A quick trip south on U.S. 23, then east on I-96 toward Milford will bring you to an idyllic paradise at Kensington Metropark. A total of 4,486 acres of recreation await you. Its wooded hilly terrain surrounds scenic Kent Lake. Attractions include the Splash ‘n’ Blast, which offers two 240-foot twisted water slides and a water sprayground. Island Queen excursion boat, swimming, picnicking, canoeing, scenic drives, a nature center/nature trails, a farm center, disc golf course and a 6,378-yard, challenging 18 hole, par 72 public golf course. August special events include “Beasts on the Beach” on Sunday, Aug. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m., free, at Manitteer’s Beach, teaching visitors about snakes and turtles. “Colonial Kensington” will come alive on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13-14, when 200 Colonial British and French re-enact Michigan history. For more information, visit www.metroparks.com.
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Another HPD officer.

Danishhevskaya says there are officers already interested in the program, and said that Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes has offered support via letter to Danishhevskaya.

The grant Danishhevskaya and Lambert are researching is from Oakland County, through the Department of Homeland Security. The biggest concern for Danishhevskaya is the sustainability of the K-9 unit, with costs that include facilities for the K-9, and extensive training. It could eventually be too expensive to maintain after the grant runs out. She doubts HAS will be able to contribute to possible costs.

Currently, HPD is working on figuring out the annual operating costs of a K-9 unit, which will inform Danishhevskaya on how much she will ask for when applying for the grant. After applying, the grant would either be accepted for the full amount they requested, it could be amended, or turned down.

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Most dancers spend years perfecting their skills as they tap or soft-shoe their way toward a special performance. But for the 25-member cast of “Anything Goes,” a lifetime of practice has been scaled down to just eight weeks before opening night on Aug. 4.

“Our choreographer, Karen Whittaker, has taught our entire crew how to dance, from 14-year-old Colin Hodgkin to myself, at age 60,” said Geno Essenmacher, chair of the Fenton Village Players. “The full cast is involved in at least three tap numbers, and there are at least four other tap dances in the show. While we have a few seasoned dancers in the group, most of them are novices and some of us have never, ever tapped or danced.”

In fact, most community theater groups won’t attempt “Anything Goes” because of the tap dancing required, and if they do, they will often choreograph it their own way, according to Whittaker. “In the theater world, it is extremely rare to have an entire cast learn how to tap dance.”

See VILLAGE PLAYERS on 7B
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Police shut down girls lemonade stand in Georgia

The city of Midway, Georgia was made a little safer after police shut down a lemonade stand.

Three young girls had started the lemonade stand to save up money for a trip to a waterpark. After being open only one day, Police chief Kelly Morningstar and another officer of the Midway police department stopped at the stand after driving by, according to an ABC affiliate.

"Experience is doubly defective; we are born too late to see the beginning, and we die too soon to see the end of many things," Lord Bolingbroke, quoted in The Wall Street Journal

They only look like baby pandas. These little bundles of joy are actually Chow chow dogs that have been dyed black-and-white to look like pandas.

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River clean up

TRI-COUNTY TIMES  KAREN MONETTA

Those volunteering their time to clean up the Shiawassee River on July 24 had more work ahead of them than expected. Using chainsaws, canoes and kayaks combined with a lot of sweat and hard work, they went from cleaning up one logjam to the next. They started at Bird Road and made it half way to Duffield Road, along the river. Another cleanup day has been scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 7, beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteers are to meet at Bird Road and the river.

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Stage fright

Freezing up, forgetting lines

By Tim Jagielo
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Maybe you’ve felt it before — the churning in your stomach, the sweaty palms, and the tingling sensations. You’re not in love; it’s almost show time, and you’ve got stage fright. And, we’re not talking about the 1950 movie directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

According to speaking-tips.com, public speaking is a major fear amongst Americans. This is something theater people have learned to deal with, and even use to their advantage.

For Anna Sansonetti of Holly Township, and member of the Fenton Village Players, it’s the fear that makes it difficult to get on stage sometimes. For her, the fear is momentary. “When you get on stage, it just sort of melts away,” she said.

Colin Hodgkin, 14, of Fenton is also a member of the Fenton Village Players. He experiences stage fright from time to time. “If there’s a lot of people in the crowd, I get a little nervous,” he said. For him, stage fright is a tension or trepidation of forgetting his lines.

“Sometimes you just get a little panic,” he said. “Once you get up there and start your lines, it’s pretty good.”

Colin’s sister Maggie, 16, is also a member of the Fenton Village Players said, “When I have a line or something that stands out, then I feel a tingling feeling and I tend to forget things I need to remember.”

“She shines when she’s on stage,” said Maggie’s mom, Holly. If Maggie messes up, she says to not give it away that a mistake was made.

Fenton Village Players chairperson Geno Essemacher of Linden said that most people on stage don’t feel stage fright. “They take that energy and they channel it into what they’re doing on stage,” he said.

He said that performers can, in a way, become the character they are portraying. “I’m not me, I’m someone else, so there’s less to be afraid of,” he said.

Tips for overcoming stage fright

• Realize that stage fright is normal, and even a good thing. According to Joan Curtis on Public Speaking Tips, this fear helps public speakers perform, and usually eases when they begin speaking, or performing.

• Practice, and then practice more. Knowing the material will make the performance or presentation more fluid and natural.

• Know your audience. According to Curtis, fear of the unknown affects stage fright. Greet your audience and engage with them while on stage.

• Take small steps in performing, or presenting. Start with a smaller crowd, and work your way up.

Doctor Helps LEGALLY BLIND to Read & Drive!

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

By Elena Lombardi, Freelance Writer

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

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

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Bioptic Telescopic Glasses Help Woman to Keep Driving

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

I met him at the end of a service in a rural New York church. His name escapes me but the question he asked has been unforgettable. Let me explain.

The first meeting of a planned week-long conference in this scenic area was well attended. At its conclusion, I learned that many of the people who had come to the service had been invited by one man, a new convert, who had turned into a one-man church growth dynamo.

Faith had so changed this man’s life that he wanted everyone to know about it and share in his newfound joy. This moved him to find ways to reach out to friends and neighbors, telling them of the discovery he had made and inviting them to his church. He was a pastor’s dream, a natural born pew-packer. But something was bothering him and before the week ended, he raised the question I’ll never forget.

“What can you tell me,” he asked, “to keep me from becoming like them?”

I wasn’t sure what this questioner meant so I asked him to elaborate.

He explained that he had great respect for the people in his church, admiring their faithfulness in attendance and in fulfilling their various offices that made the church operate so efficiently. But he recognized that these seasoned people of faith had somehow lost something along the way that he possessed: a compassion for others that motivated him to tell them of God’s love and how to respond to it.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON passing out anti Paul Scott literature in my neighborhood. I took the advice on the bottom of the flyer and called the number given. I told him to keep up the good work and we’re all behind him.

IT MAKES ME laugh every time I see a tree trunk wearing a bikini bottom. I’ve spotted three around Fenton. What an act of vandalism! I’m indebted to a new convert and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcampbell@ameritech.net.

TO THE FENTON gathering recall signatures along Owen Road and now in my neighborhood, where do you think budget cuts should be made? Please get real. Times are bad for everyone. And in case you are just noticing, Michigan was in a recession long before the country was. So quit being silly and start preparing for the school year. Count your blessings, most of you have jobs.

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The 25-member cast of the upcoming musical “Anything Goes,” is practicing every night and all weekend to prepare for Thursday’s opening night.

VILLAGE PLAYERS

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Tapping isn’t the only thing making news for this performance of “Anything Goes,” a musical currently playing on Broadway and winner of three Tony Awards.

To eliminate the echo from the tap dance numbers, the entire stage of the Fenton Village Playhouse was re-built with poured-in insulation, topped with three layers of softwood, sound-absorbing material, and hardwood. “On our old stage, what you would hear would be the echo of the tap striking the wood, sounding like a drum,” said Essenmacher. “Our new stage has absolutely no pass-through sound, and no chance of echo. The sound you’ll hear is pure and something to be proud of. We’re the only theater in the region with this kind of stage.”

Usually, the rights to perform a show currently playing on Broadway are not given, but Fenton Village Players was granted the rights — after paying more than $5,000 in royalty fees. “Small, lesser known plays with no big names might cost $1,000 or so in royalties, but we usually pay between $5,000 and $7,000 to bring in a big name play,” said Essenmacher.

This week is the beginning of what the Players jokingly call “Hell Week,” because just about every waking hour is spent preparing for Thursday’s opening night. The cast has been practicing four nights a week for the past two months, and now will spend this entire weekend in rehearsal, plus Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. “Monday, we’ll bring in the tech people, plus the orchestra that our music director, Frank Pitts, has assembled for this production,” said Essenmacher. “Tuesday, we’ll work out ‘all the bugs’ and by Wednesday, it’s supposed to be perfect.”

Melissa Mercica, who plays “Bonnie” in the show, says it’s actually good luck to have a bad final rehearsal. “If all comes together then on opening night,” she said.

Most of the cast admits to having a few flutters of stage fright before getting on stage, but Holly Myers, who is part of the chorus, says, “After you deliver the first line, it’s gone. Then you become that person, and you translate the anxiety into energy.” She enjoys the change of pace of theater, compared to her “day job” on the operations staff at General Motors. “There’s no better stress-reliever than to be able to be someone else for awhile,” she said.

“I expect to actually get a role the first time I auditioned,” admitted Walkowski. “I’d like to be an actor or model someday, so I figured this would be a good start. I don’t usually get too flustered about things. I can do anything I set my mind to do.”

Almost all the cast members say they practice their parts at home, in addition to the formal rehearsals. Tapping in the kitchen, singing in the shower — these are all common ways to get in a little extra practice. “If you don’t practice, Jonathan knows,” said Melissa Mercica. Johnathan Smith is the director of “Anything Goes.” He is one of just a few FVP volunteers, including the music director and choreographer, who receive a small stipend for the huge stress of coordinating a production.

Memorizing lines is easier for some performers than for others. For Russell Duce, 21, who plays “Sir Evelyn Oakleigh” in “Anything Goes,” learning his lines was a challenge, plus he had to add a British accent. “Lines are a huge deal for me,” he said. “I grew up with Monty Python and other British influences, so the accent itself isn’t too difficult.”

While most audience members don’t notice every mistake that’s made during a performance, the cast has learned to keep going, even if a line is flubbed or a cue is missed. “This is live,” said Smith. “You’ve only got one shot to get it right.”
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**Words of Wisdom**
By Ed Kolodz
Superintendent Lindon Community Schools

The words of wisdom I would like to pass on are from Les- son Two of General Colin Powell’s Leadership Primer.

“The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They need to see you as a leader.”

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**Members doing business with members**

**Is there compassion in professionalism?**
By Keith Green

I am often asked, “Will you manage my money as if it were your’s?”

The prospective client doesn’t realize that is not what they really mean. What they intend to ask is, ‘Do you have the ability to put yourself in my situation and manage the money appropriately?’ In other words, do you have any compassion for my situation and therefore will you apply a certain code of ethics to..." See WISDOM on 12B

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**Save the date for annual awards dinner**

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating its 45th Annual Awards Dinner on Friday, Nov. 18 at Spring Meadows Golf & Country Club. Table sponsors are available. If you are interested, contact the chamber office at (810) 629-5447 ext. 402 or e-mail info@fentonchamber.com.

The cost for table sponsors is $600, which includes eight dinner tickets, hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, recognition in the printed program and recognition at the event.

The chamber will present six prestigious awards at the dinner. Five awards will be given to individuals and one will be awarded to an area business. The chamber’s Annual See AWARDS on 14B

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**Linden Autumn Festival – food and fun for all**

By Sally Rummel
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**Summary**

The Linden Autumn Festival is now in its second year, with a slate set for Saturday, Sept. 24. Fishing, food and fall-themed events are scheduled all day long.

The Linden Autumn Festival, sponsored by the Linden Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Boardroom, is expected to draw 4,000 visitors this year on Saturday, Aug. 13, with a full day of events in downtown Fenton.

**Taste in Fenton welcomes visitors downtown on Aug. 13**

By Sally Rummel
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You won’t want to miss all the excitement at the 11th annual Taste in Fenton, set for Saturday, Aug. 13, from 12 to 8 p.m. on the grounds behind the Fenton Community & Cultural Center in downtown Fenton.

“Taste in Fenton” highlights food from local restaurants in Fenton Linden and Holly, providing guests with a chance to sample a variety of delicious foods in a unique culinary setting. Two live bands will be providing music, Mike Epsee Blues and Too Much Fun, an up-tempo, classic rock group. Fenton Home Furnishings is sponsoring the music.

“Every year, close to 20 restaurants participate in ‘Taste in Fenton,’” said Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

See TASTE on 13B

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**Fenton Chamber partners with SCORE**

By Sally Rummel
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SCORE is a non-profit organization that was established in 1964 and is dedicated to entrepreneur education, formation, growth and the success of small businesses nationwide. They encourage professionals to share their real-life experiences and expertise. SCORE has more than 12,500 volunteer counselors who provide mentoring by meeting face-to-face or online. The organization has assisted more than 8.5 million Americans with mentoring, advice or workshops.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce (FRCC) has partnered with SCORE to offer free counseling to anyone, with no membership investments required.

SCORE currently has two approved counselors at the FRCC.

See SCORE on 14B

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**NETWORKING SCHEDULE**

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**EVENTS Dateline**

**AUGUST 13, 2011**
TASTE IN FENTON
EVENT LOCATION:
Fenton Community & Cultural Center

**AUGUST 23, 2011**
MEMBER BENEFIT UPDATE
EVENT LOCATION:
Chamber Boardroom
SEPTEMBER 24, 2011
LINDEN AUTUMN FESTIVAL
EVENT LOCATION:
Downtown Linden – Millpond Area

**OCTOBER 18, 2011**
MEET THE CANDIDATES
EVENT LOCATION:
Fenton Community & Cultural Center

**OCTOBER 31, 2011**
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EVENT LOCATION:
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**NOVEMBER 18, 2011**
CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER
EVENT LOCATION:
Spring Meadows Country Club

**DECEMBER 3, 2011**
JINGLEFEST
EVENT LOCATION:
Downtown Fenton
LINDEN HOLIDAY HAPPENING
EVENT LOCATION:
Downtown Linden
Meet the Candidate event reminds residents to get out and vote
By Sally Rummel
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Don’t forget to get out and vote on Election Day, Nov. 8.
Reminding people of the importance of their vote is one of the main goals of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce’s “Meet the Candidates” event on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.
Meet the Candidates has been a chamber tradition for more than a decade, according to President Shelly Day. This year, the focus will be local officials in the city of Fenton, and the city of Linden. Every other year, the focus is on Michigan State Representatives.
Petitions have already been turned in to the city of Fenton for incumbent Councilwoman Cheryl King and incumbent Mayor Sue Osborn. The deadline for turning in petitions to be on the ballot is Sept. 26 at 5 p.m., according to Fenton City Clerk Jennifer Naismith.
There are no council positions open in Fenton Township this year, according to Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk for Fenton Township. “All seven positions will be up for re-election next year,” he said.
In Linden, the deadline for turning in petitions was last May, and four have been received, including incumbent council members Ed Cieslowski and Charles Ross. Running to fill two vacant council positions this year are Gary Mahnke and Arianna Adam.

Chamber message from the chairman
At the beginning of this year, our board of directors was very cautious about the year to come and conservative in our budgeting due to the economic conditions of the time. I spoke about the challenges for the year to come including our budget, membership growth, and marketing decisions to name a few. Yet we wanted to set ambitious goals to accomplish.
Among them was to increase our membership by a substantial amount. We exceeded our wildest expectations by adding more than 90 new members during our membership campaign.
Another goal was to have successful events… so far so good. From our forecast breakfast, community expo, networking events to our golf outing, we have exceeded our attendance goals and budgets.
Finally, we hope to drive more business to our members through our marketing and strategic alliances with others. Our efforts with the Tri-County Times to promote the ‘Shop Local’ campaign have been well received and we hope it continues to grow.
In spite of the challenging economy, we can grow as a community. Our growing membership, construction of a new hotel on Silver Parkway, and the proposed $4 million project downtown are all evidence that the larger state economy will not dictate our local success.
Looking ahead, we are looking forward to the Taste in Fenton, the Linden Autumn Festival, the Meet the Candidates, an Event So Good Its Scary and our Annual Dinner. It is amazing how much effort goes into planning and managing these events and programs. Our continued success is due largely to the fantastic volunteers, staff, and board members.
We hope to finish this year stronger than ever and face the year to come with great anticipation. We hope you will join us for these events and remember to look to our local businesses, first, when you are preparing for your next shopping spree.
As I have noted here before, strong businesses are the lifeblood of a community. So, support your local businesses and our chamber of commerce. Have a great summer.
— Patrik Welly, chairman
Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce

From the chamber president
“Disney Way”
Whether you own a business, are a leader in a business or a member of a business team, good customer-service skills is a subject that all levels in the workplace can benefit from. Everyone knows good customer service is what Disney does itself on and the company has a reputation for producing employees that provide excellent customer service.
How do they do it? They provide the training, create an experience and then expect nothing less.
When I first began working at the chamber, I attended a Disney Workshop organized by the Owosso/Siawassee Chamber of Commerce. That well-attended workshop helped sharpen my skills and gave me helpful tools that proved useful in making our chamber members know that they are important to our organization. The workshop also provided helpful hints to pass along to co-workers and improve the daily work environment. It truly was motivational. I know it must have been because I attended the workshop more than 15 years ago and I still remember the experience.
The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is currently investigating the opportunity to bring ‘The Disney Way’ here to our area. A committee is reviewing the program and costs, and we are very close to bringing this experience to you in the fall of this year.
We would appreciate your feedback now, to help us determine if there is an interest in hosting this workshop. In return, we will keep your name on file and if you attend the workshop, we will enter your name in a drawing to win gift cards totaling a minimum of $100 to shop our members’ businesses. You do not have to be a member of our chamber to attend and be entered in the drawing. However, there is a workshop registration price break for our members.
Let us know if you would like to experience ‘The Disney Way.’ There is no obligation or commitment at this time. We will simply keep your name on file and if you submit your paid registration for the workshop this fall, we will put your name in the drawing. The winner will be announced at the workshop.
— Shelly Day, president
Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce
Shop Local in Uptown Fenton

Have you strolled the streets of N. Leroy Road lately? If you have not yet, you are missing out on Uptown Fenton! Between North Long Lake and South Long Lake roads, there is an explosion of new businesses tailored to fit Fenton’s savvy shoppers!

Looking for a close to home, romantic night out with your spouse? How about a fun night out with friends? Try Fenton Winery & Brewery, located at 1545 N. LeRoy street, Suite B. This growing hotspot offers nightly entertainment, unique, hand-crafted in-house beer and wine and a cultural experience to keep you coming back for more.

One of the busiest restaurants in Genesee County is also home to Uptown Fenton. Sagebrush Cantina, located in Fenton Woods Square, just northwest of South Long Lake Road, has the freshest Mexican Cuisine this side of the border. Their margaritas aren’t bad either! Even at their busiest, they are well worth the wait. Pagers for patrons waiting for a table allow you to stroll the many Uptown Fenton retailers while you wait. Some stores even offer special discounts for customers with pagers. Resale stores seem to be popping up everywhere lately. And for good reason. Everyone is looking for the “gotta have it” items at the lowest prices. Uptown Fenton gives you a local approach to saving time and money and savvy shoppers love Reboot Resale for teens and young adults located at 14300 North Fenton Rd. (behind Sagebrush Cantina). They buy and sell clothing, shoes and accessories for you and your teens! Everything from Glam to Jock, Mod to Fab, you will find the name brands you and your teens love. There are new, everyday selections that will keep you coming back again and again.

If your family is just beginning to grow, you will definitely want to check out Little Blessings Boutique located just five doors down from Reboot Resale offering newborn thru 14/16, new and gently worn clothing, accessories & equipment geared toward your little blessings. They also offer unique gifts that are handmade by local moms. Give that “extra special” gift that mom and baby won’t forget. Next time you feel overwhelmed with too much kid stuff, call Little Blessings Boutique for some relief.

Fenton Chamber member focus

The Fenton Winery & Brewery participated in the Michigan Brewers Guild’s oldest and largest annual festival, the Summer Beer Fest, July 22-23 at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti. The festival was recently named one of the Top 10 Summer Beer Festivals by Road Trips for Beer. The event featured more than 300 different beers from more than 50 different Michigan breweries. The Fenton Winery & Brewery is located at 1545 N. LeRoy St., Fenton, telephone (810) 373-4194 or visit www.fenton-brewery.com.

Katie Rozen, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Linden, is supporting Linden Community Schools by using her office as a drop-off location for a school supplies drive. Local residents and businesses may help those less fortunate in the community by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 618 West Broad St., Suite A, Linden. Some suggested items are pens/pencils, crayons, paper, glue sticks, notebooks, folders, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc.

Loose Senior Citizen Center is hosting a Boutique and Book Sale on Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 12 to 6 p.m. The boutique sale will feature gently used purses, wallets, jewelry, scarves, candleholders, unused candles and more. In addition, there will be books and more books. A bake sale and Sloppy Joe lunch will also be available. The center is located at 707 North Bridge St., Linden. For more information, call (810) 735-9406.

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Networking at Noon
July Attendees

Approximately 60-60 Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce members, along with guests, gather monthly at different business locations for “Networking at Noon.” This event has become so popular that the only date left in 2012 is November.

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Adar Interactive
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Fairfield Inn Suites by Marriott
Faith City Church
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Grace Bible Church
H20 Basement Waterproofing
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The State Bank
The Sterling Guy
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Tyronz Township
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
Wireless Zone of Fenton
Wounded Warrior Project - Fenton
Zonta Club of The Fenton Area
Wisdom
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have either lost confidence that you can help them or concluded that you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.
If this was a litmus test, the majority of CEOs would fail. One, they build so many barriers to upward communication that the very idea of someone lower in the hierarchy looking up to the leader for help is ludicrous. Two, the corporate culture they foster often defines asking for help as weakness or failure, so people cover up their gaps, and the organization suffers accordingly.
Real leaders make themselves accessible and available. They show concern for the efforts and challenges faced by underlings — even as they demand high standards. Accordingly, they are more likely to create an environment where problem analysis replaces blame.

Festival
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Anyone who catches a fish will have his or her name automatically entered into a drawing for additional prizes.
With the cool, crisp days of fall as a backdrop to Linden Autumn Festival, food will be the focus of the day, serving from 12 to 6 p.m. “This year’s format will be similar to a ‘taste,’ with area restaurants providing samples of some of their favorite fare,” said Day. “In addition to being a fun way to sample many different tastes, this format will be an affordable way for area families to participate.”
Chris Foster, a DJ from Momentum Entertainment, will provide music at the Linden Gazebo. He will serve as emcee for the day’s events. A Kids’ Zone will be set up on the road alongside of the Millpond Sponsored by Fantastic Inflatables.
“We’re planning many fall-focused activities, in keeping with the theme of the festival,” said Day. “We’re also discussing the possibility of having Bingo at the VFW hall. There will be fun for all ages.”
TASTE
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“We provide our restaurants with a unique incentive to join us that day, giving half of the dollars generated by meal ticket sales back to the participating restaurants. “We don’t know of any other chamber that offers this. We hope it will continue to encourage more participating restaurants.”
This is the second largest event of the year for the chamber, second only to the Fenton Community Expo. “Taste in Fenton” is expected to draw about 4,000 participants to downtown.
Families who would like to reserve a table for the day can do so by contacting the chamber at (810) 629-5447, for a nominal fee. “Some people like to be assured that they will have comfortable seating, perhaps in a shady area, when family members & friends come throughout the day,” said Day.
Back by popular demand this year will be a Chair Auction, featuring four oak chairs decoratively painted by local artists, to be sold by auction. Half of the monies raised at the auction will go to the local artist and the other half to benefit the chamber through the “Taste in Fenton.” The chairs were purchased locally by the chamber from Fenton Home Furnishings. “We’re starting this event up again slowly, with just four chairs,” said Day. The decorated chairs are on display at The French Laundry, VG’s Grocery, The State Bank and Fenton Winery & Brewery. “At a previous Chair Auction, one of the chairs sold for well over $300,” said Day.
Valley Tent Rental is sponsoring the Kids’ Area. Kids area wrist bands will be sold for $1 per child for the entire event. There will be a nine-hole, putt-putt golf course for families to enjoy ($1 per golfer) sponsored by Fantastic Inflatables. The Lake Fenton High School Robotics Team will provide a live demonstration at Taste in Fenton.
 Mojito wine coolers will be made by Fenton Winery & Brewery, and served through the generosity of sponsor Creative Foam.
The Fenton Kiwanis “Art at the Center” art festival is also held on Saturday, Aug. 13, on the grounds in front of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, as well as the Fenton Firefighters Charity 5K and 10K run/walk at 10 a.m.
“There are lots of reasons to be downtown on Aug. 13,” said Day. “We expect to have a great turnout this year, especially in light of gas prices and people looking for events to attend closer to home.” The event will be held rain or shine.

BUSINESS
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what’s right for me?
Consumers commonly seek the advice of so-called ‘professionals’ whether they are doctors, dentists, attorneys, accountants or financial advisors, with the assumption all professionals are going to act in a compassionate, ethical way.
Unfortunately, many of the professionals I dealt with over the years have been more interested in office efficiency and their monthly bottom line than what the issue is that has caused me to search out their assistance.
I’ve done my own business and I understand the importance of making payroll, paying taxes and keeping current. But there seems to be a trend in our professional services, that they are more interested in payment methods, insurance carriers and getting as many patients/customers through the door than the interests of their client base.
I believe the current financial crisis has caused many of our professionals to neglect compassion in their practice. It is for this reason that when I do find a professional that exudes compassion and ethics, I want to shout from the rooftops for all to know.
In Linden, we have a dentist, Dr. Matthew Fulton, at 401 Bridge St., who epitomizes professionalism. We met for the first time 18 months ago when he visited my son’s classroom, in the height of economic difficulty. Dr. Fulton handed out a flyer on his “Membership Reward Program,” an economical program designed to deliver quality dental services below average costs. He immediately proved to me that he understood the financial situation his community was facing and he wanted to assist in the best way he knew how. Constantly greeted by a caring and genuine staff, his office makes you feel welcome and comfortable.
Dr. Fulton’s interest and understanding of your personal situation makes you have faith that there still is compassion in professionalism.
When choosing a professional to work with, it is important to have faith in their character and confidence in their ability. My family is grateful to have Dr. Fulton in the community and part of our health care team.
pointment in the chamber boardroom.

The FRCC is currently looking for SCORE counselors. The ideal counselor will have started a business from scratch.

Pointers can be recalled and decided upon by the SCORE organization.

Testimonials:

Matt Profit was interested in starting a wedding business. He wife, Jenny, works for The State Bank and is familiar with SCORE. The Profits spoke with a SCORE counselor at the chamber before taking any steps toward starting the business.

The councilor talked to them about which type of business to form, how to choose a name, why patents and trademarks are important and more. The counselor also gave referrals to local accountants, lawyers and banks and described how each would be helpful or necessary. They were given an explanation and outline of a business plan and the counselor even offered to follow up on it with them once they were further into the business creation process.

Matt successfully started Complete Custom Metal Works shortly after the initial SCORE meeting.

The following is the owner of Linden Academy of Dance & Music for 31 years. She said she does what loves for a living but is not an expert when it comes to running a funeral home.

She met with a SCORE counselor multiple times at the FRCC. She mentioned that the counselor was knowledgeable in legal and real estate issues and provided great business advice.

Flewelling’s business is now more profitable because she was able to save thousands of dollars on rent each year. The counselor gave her the support, knowledge and advice she needed to help her business continue to thrive.

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AL QAEDA TO PRODUCE CHILDREN’S MOVIE

Al Qaeda may be targeting children to join their group via cartoons reports a British counter-extremism think tank Quilliam. Quilliam discovered the cartoon after a contributor on an Arabic-language online forum posted some stills from the cartoon and spoke of the plot. “The cartoon movie ‘Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula’ (AQAP) is a very exciting story that tells the facts about who led down the Islamic religion and the Prophet, and how the Arab leaders are agents of the West and other Islamic issues,” Quilliam said, quoting the contributor. Quilliam researched and found that many Muslim parents are opposed to such a video, viewing it as an attempt to disrupt families and destroy parental authority.

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One of the revolutionary developments in dentistry has been dental implants. Implants are titanium metal posts that are imbedded into the jaw bone to replace missing teeth. Though the process sounds gruesome, in actuality though technically demanding, from the patient’s perspective, it is quite easy.

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Local girls roller skating at national competition

Event is taking place through Aug. 7 in Indiana

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Several local roller skaters are competing at the U.S. National Figure Roller Skating Championships in Fort Wayne, Ind., following their wins at the Great Lakes Region event last month at Rollhaven in Grand Blanc.

This national event is taking place July 24 through Aug. 7 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

Taking second place in regionals, and now skating at nationals, are these members of the Roller Jets, a junior precision team: Kaylee Brogan and Maya Wynam of Linden; Leslie Hunter, Alexandra Kubasta and Gracie Wheeler of Fenton; Jadyn Noll of Holly; Cailyn Evans of South Lyon, Kayla Head of New Hudson, Natasha Kregoski and Emily Ochodnicky, both of Brighton.

Noll and Wynam represent the Rollhaven Figure Skating Club in Grand Blanc, while the other girls represent the Rollerama Figure Skating Club in Brighton.

Brogan earned regional second place in the Juvenile/Elementary C Freestyle and fifth place in the Juvenile/Elementary B Freestyle.

There are three levels in competitive roller figure skating: A, B and C, with A being the most difficult, according to local skating coach Jamie Noll of One Skate Ahead, in Holly. Freestyle is the jumps and spins that ice skaters perform on TV.

According to Noll, these young skaters practice four or more days training in the rink for a couple of hours or more each day. They also participate in off-skate training, including flexibility, jumping, dance, etc.
**Ridal returns to top of track team**

Holly junior turns from sprinter to middle-distance, becomes Tri-County Track Performer of the Year for second time in her career

**By David Troppens**
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Mariah Ridal has made a serious transition since her freshman year.

Once a sprinter, she was among the elite in the Flint area, earning Tri-County Female Track Performer of the Year during her freshman season. But now, two years later she’s found herself making a change, evolving into one of the strongest middle-distance runners in the area.

And while she’s still adjusting to the new events, it hasn’t kept her from flourishing. In fact, she’s once again our Tri-County Female Track Performer of the Year for her performances during the 2011 season.

Ridal says the transformation became necessary after she started running cross country.

“I think running cross may have slowed her down (in sprint events),” Ridal said. “I still have speed, but not good enough for the upper level competitions. I loved being a sprinter, but I feel I’ll do better with the middle distances. I’m training for cross country right now, and I’m hoping to get better and run middle distances in college. It’s definitely a lot tougher.”

She went into cross country to stay in shape, and what you see sometimes is when you take a sprinter like Mariah, who had great speed, you lose a bit of that pop. You kind of lose that explosion,” Holly track coach Rob Basyldo said. “But she has the endurance and the footspeed, so we decided to move her up. At first, she had a hard time with it, but little by little she’s excelled at it and it’s going great.”

It’s certainly doing that. Already a spot four runner even during her freshman season, she went to the state meet in that event this year, posting a 1:18-place time of 58.6 seconds. She ran a time of 59.76 seconds at the state meet in the 400 her sophomore year.

She’s also running the 800 these days as well and getting reasonably good at it. She ran it during a rainy day at the Metro League Meet, and posted a time of 2:34.5. That was good enough for second, only getting beat by a teammate, fellow middle-distance runner Melissa Brott (2:30.2).

Ridal also found a spot on two of our relay teams. She teamed with Brott, Abby Lewandowski and Rachel Derrecher to post a time of 9:36.3 in the 3,200 relay, good enough for a third-place finish. She also ran with Paige McEldory, Taturn Harmon and Brott for the area’s best time in the 1,600 relay with a mark of 4:01.5. So apparently, the adjustment period hasn’t been too tough. But it still took some time.

“It was really tough at first,” Ridal said. “It took me awhile to learn how to run the race (the 800). I wanted to sprint or pace it — it was just a hard run to learn. I still have a hard time, but I’ve been working really hard and trying to cut down on my times.

“During the season I was not happy with my 800 time, but toward state I cut it down to 2:26 and 2:24. I know I have the potential to be a lot better than that. I just have to work harder and believe in myself.”

“She’s very positive, coachable and talented,” Basyldo said. “We made her an 800 girl, and she’s done really well. It took her a bit to embrace it, but once she does, she’ll be fine. Next year I think she’s going to go down to sub 2:15s.

Ridal has seen her share of team success as well. The cross country team earned a share of the league title her sophomore year and the track team shared a title her freshman year.

“We were pretty shocked,” Ridal said.

See Ridal on 21B

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**Fenton’s Bowles enjoying SeaWorld experience**

**By David Troppens**
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Ryan Bowles has always had a flair when it comes to water skiing.

And now the Fenton resident is getting a chance to show that side of him in front of a larger audience.

A longtime member of the Silver Lake Ski Club, Bowles is spending his first summer as part of SeaWorld San Antonio.

“It’s been a dream of mine ever since I heard about it,” said Bowles, 19. “I found out about it through the Silver Lake Ski Club. I thought it would be a great opportunity.”

Bowles’ position is that of a professional water skier. He does most of his acts barefooted on a large man-made lake located at the theme park. On most days there are three shows, with each show being about 23 minutes long. On Saturdays there are four shows. He came down April 25 after his spring semester at the University of Michigan-Flint ended, and has been down there, minus a quick vacation back home, ever since. The talented skier was hired without being personally observed.

“I sent in a video of my skiing abilities and filled out a resume,” Bowles said.

“It’s a lot who you know and if they trust you and your skills. They saw what I could do through the video and the pictures.”

He didn’t start immediately. He first had to learn his routines, which include jump- ing barefoot, pyramids and boat driving.

“It’s exactly the same stuff I did for Silver Lake Ski Club, but at a lot faster pace.”

See Bowles on 21B

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**Happy Birthday:**

To Dallas Mavericks’ NBA basketball owner Mark Cuban. He turns 53 today.
FENCING
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against A-rated performers. In fact, at the Meijer games, Ayar lost in the finals against an A-rated fencer in the epee division. His 17-competitor field included three A-rated fencers.

At the Michigan Youth Championships, Ben Skubik, 12, defeated Prasher in the finals of the mixed foil. Skubik also won a couple of fencing titles a year ago as well. Skubik has seen improvement in his game.

“I’ve learned new actions, practiced them and was able to pull the action off at the competition,” Skubik said.

His sister defeated Derek Simmons to earn her mixed sabre title. She also placed sixth in the 16-participant field of the Y14 mixed foil competition. In it, she won three of four round-robin matches and then advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to Prasher.

“I’ve definitely improved a lot,” Kath erine Skubik, 14, said. “Last year I earned my rating in foil. That was a huge accomplishment.”

Ayar went 3-1 in pool play during his epee event and then won both of his elimina tion matches, defeating Kyle Spillane 15-12 in the finals. In mixed foil competi tion, he cruised to a 5-0 record in pool play, earning the No. 1 seed. He then won three elimination matches before losing a tight match to Zachary Moore.

Ayar’s efforts at the Meijer State Games of Michigan were probably even more impressive than his recent state championship. Competing against competitors of a variety of ages, he placed second in the epee event out of a field of 17. The entire field included fencers with at least an A rating.

FENCING TYPES
In fencing there are three different types of weapons used, therefore, three different categories of competitions. They are...

Foil
The foil is a light and flexible one-handed sword designed almost exclusively for thrusting. The target is restricted to the torso, including the front and back.

Epee
The one-handed epee is a thrusting weapon that includes a guard for the hand holding the weapon. The target area in epee competition includes the entire body.

Sabre
The sabre is a cutting weapon. Points can be scored with the edges and side of the blade as well as the point.

E rating. Entering the event, Ayar was D-rated in epee, and the field included eight A or B rated epee performers.

In the mixed foil competition he tied for third, finishing higher than one A per
former. He’s competed in many other larger events, including in the North American Cup, which was held in Cobo Hall in March.

“It’s an excellent place to get ratings because so many are rated,” Ayar said about the Meijer event. “It’s an open tournament and you’ll face adults. You’ll see kids and some older people. There was one who was probably in his 60s.”

Ayar trains out of the Fencing Academy of Philadelphia Fenton chapter, sponsored by Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. It’s run through his uncle. At home, he is coached by his mom, Marion. The Skubiks compete out of the Liberty Lakes Fencing Club, located in Howell.

TRI-COUNTY SPORTS

Holly residents Katherine Skubik (left) and Ben Skubik are Michigan fencing champions each earning at least a title in the Michigan Youth Fencing Championships.

2011 ALL TRI-COUNTY FEMALE TRACK & FIELD TEAM

Female Track Performer of the Year:
Mariah Ridal • Holly

Comments: Winner of this award during her freshman season, and damn nearly her sophomore year, she won it again this year by posting the area’s top 400 time (58.6). She placed 17th at the state meet in the 400. She also was a member of the top 3,200 relay team (9:36.2) and the top 1,600 relay team (4:01.5). Her top competition were teammate Melissa Bott and Linden’s Sydney Elmer.

Athlete(s) & their events:
Mariah Ridal, Melissa Bott, Abby Lewandowski & Rachel Derocher • Holly

Comments: The 3,200 relay squad had the area’s best time of 9:36.2 at regionals.

Rachel Domagalski • Holly

Comments: The area’s top pole vaulted reached 9-foot-6 this season.

Brittany Robinson • Fenton

Comments: Robinson had a long jump of 16-feet-10 during the season.

Paige McElroy, Kaylee Harris, Kelly Ray & Tatum Harmon • Holly

Comments: The 800 relay team posted a time of 1:51.1.

Megan Pwowarski • Holly

Comments: Pwowarski had a jump of 4-foot-11 this spring.

Paige McElroy, Tatum Harmon • Holly

Comments: The 3,200 relay team posted a time of 4:01.5.

Jenna Mitchell • Holly

Comments: Mitchell placed second at regionals with a discus throw of 119-feet-11.

Elizabeth Hawley • Holly

Comments: Hawley had a shot put throw of 33-feet-3 this spring.

Alessandra Kozlowski • Fenton

Comments: Kozlowski ran the 100 in 12.6 seconds during the season.

Meredith Brown, Alessandra Kozlowski, Alyssa Sander & Brittany Robinson • Fenton

Comments: The 400 relay squad posted a time of 52.0 seconds at regionals.

Paige McElroy • Holly

Comments: McElroy finished the 200 in 28.1 seconds this spring.

Mariah Ridal • Holly

Comments: Ridal took second at regionals with a time of 58.6 seconds in the 400.

Kristin Rossegue • Linden

Comments: Rossegue finished the 300 hurdles in 50.24 seconds.

Marian Moonhead • Holly

Comments: Moonhead finished the 100 hurdles in 15.8 seconds.

Melissa Bott • Holly

Comments: Bott took second at regionals with a time of 2:18.2 in the 800.

Rachel Derocher • Holly

Comments: Derocher ran the 1,600 in 5:35 this spring.

Sydney Elmer • Linden

Comments: Elmer posted a time of 11:42.03 in the 3,200 this season.

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BOWLES
It’s a lot more action-packed,” Bowles said.
The rehearsal period took three weeks, with there being five rehearsals a day.
“We just practiced the show over and over,” Bowles said.
There are 16 men and eight women that work with the show. On an average day, 10 men and four women will work. Each
performs for five days, and then during your breaks someone takes over your spot. Bowles said the skiers range from 17 to
34, but most are in their early 20s.
The man-made lake in which the shows are performed has a stadium that can hold up to 6,000 people. On an average day the first
show (at about 1 p.m.) is the largest, and usually get smaller as the day continues. That’s because it’s hot in San Antonio.
“The first show is usually the biggest and pretty packed and then they dwindle off during the day to maybe half the sta-
dium or maybe a quarter filled,” Bowles said.
“The biggest challenges are dealing with the heat and being able to perform when the crowd is small. You have to be able to give them the same show in the 110-degree heat as you do for the big shows.”
Being a rookie, Bowles is the low man on the totem pole, a role he’s learned to deal with.
“There is definitely some messing around that happens. There’s a lot of hazing the rookies,” Bowles said.
“The bad thing is not being able to dish it back out. But it’s starting to lighten at the end (of the season).”
Bowles’ favorite parts of the show are the start and the end. At the start, a vol-
unteer is called and tells the show to start when they say, “Throttle down.” That’s
when the barefoot skier is pulled from the stage onto the water. At the end, he “sits”
on the water and then slides from the water right on to the stage.
“The stage is at a 35-degree angle and it’s 3 1/2 feet off the water,” Bowles said.
“You hit the stage and it slows you down. I got a little rugburn the first few times.”
Bowles hopes to continue doing the show for at least a few more years while at college.
“I’d like to do it through the next few years while I’m in college,” Bowles said.
“Go to school in the winter and ski during the summers.”

RIDAL
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said about the track team’s dominance last year. “Coach never told us how good each team is, but to no matter what to run your
best. We thought Brandon, Fenton and Linden were our biggest competition, but when you see we beat everyone by 100
points, I was pretty shocked.
“This year we pretty much have the same seven (for the cross country team). We were all underclassmen. We should
do pretty well. In track we graduated four girls, so we’ll have pretty much the same team as last year. It should be exciting.”
Watching Ridal progress as a runner should be exciting as well.

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Canoodling son is a serious buzz kill for dad

DEAR AMY: I made an uncustomed stop at an out-of-the-way restaurant last week for a cold beer on a hot day. While sitting at the bar, I spotted my 45-year-old married son at a nearby table holding hands and being lovey-dovey with a woman who is definitely not his wife. I was shocked and left in haste without his seeing me. I have not shared this with his mom, who has a heart condition and would be quite upset. My son and I are not especially close. I don’t know what to do and could use your advice. — Disturbed Dad and Granddad

DEAR DAD: Contact your son and tell him what you’ve seen. Tell him you’re shocked and ask, “Do you want to talk about this?” The fact that you two aren’t close may make some bearing on his reaction to you (he probably doesn’t feel the same way that you fear he will). If you prevent you from expressing yourself. You should make every effort to temper your reaction, at least at first. The less you put him on the defensive at the outset, the more likely he is to be open with you. Depending on what he says, you can then express your disapproval and urge him to consider the consequences of his actions.

DEAR AMY: My 23-year-old daughter just told us that she has a 56-year-old boyfriend. This man is my age! My husband and I are devastated about her choice for her first boyfriend. Beyond that, he is divorced and has three grown children, who quite possibly are older than our daughter. She attends and works all the way to university 700 miles from where we live. She lives with her dogs in a rental house in a remote area. In his free time, her boyfriend hunts in the area. Although he is well respected and liked by my daughter’s neighbors, we see a red flag in this relationship and can’t get over their decision. Can you imagine a man 33 years older than she stayed with this person? How do we convince our daughter to reconsider this relationship? — Concerned Parents

DEAR CONCERNED: Your daughter might be very different from you. Her current choice may be a reaction to or reflection of your lifestyle — or it might be a reflection of her own aspirations. You should be cautious with your reaction to this, mainly because there are lots of things you can do about her choices. Focus on protecting your own relationship with her. If your relationship is healthy and open, then she will be able to talk to you about her life and you will be able to guide, rather than try to convince or control her. Ironically, this man’s children may be pressuring her about this relationship from another perspective — you could assume the extreme age difference would bother them as much as you. You should plan a visit. Spent time with her and see where (and how) she lives may put this into perspective. Meeting him would help too. Think about it — you and he could remember our favorite Bay City Rollers song! If that didn’t turn your daughter off from dating someone the age of her parents, I don’t know what would.

DEAR SURVIVOR: It sounds to me like that bail money was a good investment!

(Links to suggestions regarding after a breakup and when to handle issues regarding a breakup)

Jumble

To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My mother is 92 and lives by herself. She’s quite independent and does well. A neighbor takes her grocery shopping, and we take her to other places she has to go. She is extremely set in her ways. I offered to have her home air-conditioned. She wouldn’t hear of it. She says she doesn’t need all her life, and she likes to keep the windows open. I worry about someone her age tolerating heat, and it gets very hot here. Can you provide some arguments that would change her mind? — D.A.

ANSWER: Your offer to air-condition your mother’s home is a kind gesture and has lots of merit. I’m not about to challenge your mother. She has successfully lived a long life, and I could learn from her. People in the past lived comfortably without air conditioning. Your mother does have to be on guard for dehydration and heat sickness. Older people’s sense of thirst is not as reliable an indicator of fluid needs as is younger people’s sense of thirst. She should sip water all day long. Evaporative cooling is the chief means the body has for staying cool. Not only is an older person’s thirst sensation blunted, but so is the ability to sweat. Evaporation of sweat cools the body. I don’t mind visible sweat; the glistening I mean is imperceptible but constant. Her fan helps evaporate that imperceptible sweat. However, with a reduced capacity to sweat, older people are at greater risk of suffering from a heat injury. Increased body heat increases the body’s need for oxygen, and that stresses the heart.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a problem that I am reluctant to talk to the doctor about. It’s a rectal itch. I have tried many preparations, but they haven’t worked. What would you suggest? — L.F.

ANSWER: I’ll mention a few self-remedies, but if the itch doesn’t leave promptly, see a doctor. Too many conditions are responsible for such an itch, and each one has a different treatment. Psoriasis, pinworms, eczema and Bowen’s disease are a few of the conditions causing a rectal itch. The doctor isn’t going to faint when you mention this problem. It’s a very common complaint. Making sure you have a couple of diet changes. Stop taking anything that has caffeine. The same goes for citrus fruits, tomatoes and chocolate. If these are the culprits, two weeks away from them should break the itch. Use moist cotton balls in place of toilet paper. Or you can use commercial products like Tucks. Take an antihistamine before going to bed. Itching usually worsens at night.
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