Local retailer pulls ground turkey products from shelves

▶ Meat manufacturer voluntarily recalls 36 million pounds

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In response to a voluntary recall of 36 million pounds of fresh and frozen ground turkey products, Wal-Mart of Fenton has pulled numerous packages of Honeysuckle and Shady Brook Turkey. See TURKEY on 13A

Linden City manager days are full, roles are many

By William Axford
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Linden — While the mayor and the city council are often seen at the helm in small town government, the city manager ensures that the city’s day-to-day operations are carried out.

Summary
▶ The city manager ensures that the city’s day-to-day operations are carried out.

Christopher Wren has been the Linden City manager for the past four and a half years. Prior to that, he was an assistant manager in Fenton for seven years.

Budget Control Act has widespread affect

▶ Fewer loans, higher taxes foreseeable in the near future

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The U.S. government narrowly escaped defaulting on the country’s loans by raising the debt ceiling between $2.1 trillion to $2.4 trillion. The Budget Control Act of 2011 was passed Tuesday, Aug. 2, right on the deadline proposed by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The increase is expected to cover the nation’s borrowing needs until 2013 while simultaneously cutting $2 trillion from the deficit over the next decade.

While the full ramifications of the raising the debt ceiling have yet to be felt, there is much talk around the nation on how small businesses will be affected. Most experts agree that small businesses will be affected. See BUDGET on 7A

Man dies trying to save co-worker

Lack of safety equipment possible factor

Summary
▶ Ronald Utica, an employee of Bender & Pociask Construction, Inc. died Wednesday afternoon after attempting to rescue a colleague who had fallen into a sanitary sewer hole in Fenton Township.

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Fenton Twp. — Ronald Utica, 41, an employee of Bender & Pociask Construction Inc., died after he attempted to rescue a subcontractor who had succumbed to methane gas fumes and had fallen into a sanitary sewer hole Wednesday afternoon in Fenton Township.

Lack of safety equipment was a possible factor.

Joseph Filipansick, 30, who works for Nix Contracting, of Fenton, was the sub-contractor working for general contractor Filpansick.

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Weeding & watering

►Community gardens thriving in difficult growing season
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At the Trinity Lutheran Church community garden on Grange Hall Road in Fenton, Linda Andrada, of Fenton, wipes her brow after pushing a wheelbarrow. She has been working for a while, and has dumped nearly two loads full of weeds from her garden.

“I’ve been pulling weeds

See GARDENS on 8A

Summary
►Community gardens are thriving despite the erratic spring and summer weather. A small plot can yield a great variety and abundance of fresh produce and herbs.

Fast food that is good for you

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Fast food isn’t all bad. The Times recently published an article about the unhealthy aspects of fast food. But many chains offer healthy alternatives. Here’s what is good about fast food.

Beginning in September, McDonald’s restaurants will roll out a new “Happy Meal” format for kids, with the goal of adding more nutritionally based choices, especially for families and children.

At the four McDonald’s locations in Fenton, Grand Blanc and Swartz Creek, owned by Kirk and Marie Heath, the date for the new Happy Meal options will be early November. “I expect this will be well received by all the parents and grandparents who visit our restaurants,” said Marie. “We will still offer an ‘all apples-no fries’ option at the same price. We are also excited about a new frozen beverage coming later this month, the Very Berry Chiller that is 100 percent fruit juice.”

See FAST FOOD on 14A
Recall elections are an abuse of taxpayer money

A young girl came to my door the other evening and asked me to sign her petition to recall Rep. Paul Scott. I politely declined. As she walked away, I asked her, ‘Is it your mom or dad who is a teacher?’ ‘My mom,’ she replied, studying her clipboard, not bothering to turn around.

Not that long ago it was rare for an elected official to face a recall election. If they did, it was corruption or scandal, but not the actions that drove the recall agenda. Not anymore. Sucking special interest groups, with no regard to the cost to taxpayers, are initiating recall elections as revenge on hapless politicians who are simply doing their jobs and making tough decisions in these difficult economic times.

Often it is for the most frivolous of reasons. Johnstown, Colo. Mayor Mark Romanowski survived a recall by a handful of residents who opposed his plan to switch downtown parking from angle to parallel. One hour after Omaha, Nebraska Mayor Jim Suttle was announced the winner opponents were organizing a recall. Most states don’t even require any specific reason for a recall.

But the real problem with recall elections is that they allow a small, special interest minority to circumvent the will of the people. In Michigan, you need only to gather the number of petition signatures equal to 25 percent of the votes that were cast for the targeted office in the last election to initiate a recall.

There is no minimum number of voters required to turn up at the actual election.

It’s very possible for 100 recall voters to override the votes of 100,000 general election voters in the twisted world of recall elections.

Recalls are expensive, too. Depending on the political weather and timing, the typical recall election can easily run into the tens, and even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Savvy paid consultants have taught recall proponents to time their efforts in a manner that will place the election date alone, or in conjunction with other low-profile issues that busy voters historically ignore, thus ensuring victory by an extremely small special interest segment of the voting population. It’s dishonest, as well as deceitful. It’s how fewer than 100 votes managed to insert a teacher/union representative onto the Linden school board, thereby compromising the integrity and impartiality of the entire school board for the term of that member.

Most importantly, recall elections are socially destructive. A recall election is politics at its worst as potent special interest activists parade around busy street corners with the requisite deceptive messages on handmade signs (often, and unforgivably, carried by their young children), urging motorists to ‘honk if you support (fill in the blank)!’ They fracture communities at a time when we all should be working together and using our limited resources as a team, accepting the fact that never will we all agree on everything, but we can agree to disagree to the betterment of the many, as opposed to the few.

The people who initiate them are like spoiled children who didn’t get their way, their agenda far more about vengeance than justice.

I’m not signing any recall petition. You shouldn’t, either. Recall elections are an abuse of taxpayer money.
Ecoli levels high at Clover Beach in Linden

The Genesee County Health Department advises against total body contact (swimming) in Byram Lake Clover Beach in Linden due to elevated E. coli bacteria. All other monitored points in Genesee County are in compliance with state guidelines for bacterial concentrations at bathing beaches. Exposure to any recreational water can be a potential health risk. Gastrointestinal and dermatological illnesses have been associated with recreational water exposure. Rain and subsequent runoff can dramatically increase E. coli bacteria levels in lakes and other surface waters. Therefore, the Genesee County Health Department is advising that all beach patrons exercise due caution with total body contact in area surface waters after rain events.

McCaslin Lake Road might return to gravel

Poor conditions and no extra money leave residents and officials frustrated

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Residents and Argentine Township officials are well aware of how bad the road conditions are on McCaslin Lake Road. Just ask Supervisor Robert Cole.

While the Hot lines submitted to the Tri-County Times from residents complaining about the road conditions continue, Cole and the other elected officials are fielding complaints of their own.

Cole said he has been doing some investigating and learned that the last time that road was completely paved was in 1972. At that time, the residents and the township shared the cost, $50,000, equally to pave the road. To redo the road with today’s specifications, Cole said estimates of $500,000 are more likely.

In the past month or so, Cole said the road commission’s maintenance department has used about five tons of patching material to fill in the numerous potholes.

McCaslin Lake Road is a local road and is maintained by Genesee County and the Argentine Township. Cole said he has been discussing the road with county officials and the idea of turning the road back to a gravel road has surfaced.

Cole is trying to avoid the prospect of turning the road back to a gravel road, but acknowledges that neither the township, nor the residents have the money to have it repaved. If it does go back to gravel, it’s the first road in many years within the county to go this route.

One major concern of a gravel road, according to Cole, is that the Ore Creek runs underneath the road and at times, water levels have risen to where water is over the road. Gravel and water would not be a good combination. “The road sucks,” said Cole. “It’s smoother to drive on the shoulder.”

The road is named after one of Cole’s ancestors and he is extremely concerned about its condition. However, right now, he’s waiting to hear back from the road commission to see what options are available.

Cole said residents living on McCaslin Lake Road do have the option of creating a special assessment district to pay for the reconstruction. Based on the number of houses, the supervisor believes it would cost each property owner between $4,000 and $7,000. If a 10-year assessment was created, residents would have to pay more than $600 per year. “They can’t afford that,” Cole said.

Applying a chip seal material was done 10 years ago. Residents might recall seeing the road signs warning of “loose stones.” To his understanding, the road is in too bad of a condition to support a chip seal application. “It needs to be torn up and redone,” he said. “The asphalt is no good.”

Cole said one McCaslin Lake Road resident asked for the return of their taxes because of the condition of the road. He explained that taxes paid to the township would not amount to very much. Based on township records, if the township returned its share of taxes collected from all of the affected property owners (190 parcels) it would amount to $4,500. “What will that fix?” said Cole.

If anyone has a suggestion, Cole says he is willing to listen to all, at this point. He can be reached at the township office (810) 735-5050.
Positive people are life changers

The introduction to my book, ‘Staying Positive in a Negative World,’ begins with the following personal experience. The Sunday morning service had just ended. Members of the congregation were filing out of the church, shaking hands and exchanging greetings. The bond between us was new but familiar. Then, one of the worshippers stopped to ask if I might consider writing something to help those struggling with negative attitudes.

‘I’m so negative,’ he said. ‘I’m negative about the church — about everything.’

‘Millions who exit church services and others who never enter them are defeated by this destructive attitude. Negativism is a thief, robbing life of adventure and joy. This enemy affects every institution of society. It weakens families, slows down churches in their outreach and even the economy of nations is drained of needed vitality by this crippling condition that causes its victims to expect little and attempt less.’

There is a better way to live.

Positively.

In his book, ‘Life is Tremendous!’ Charlie Jones said learning to live begins with developing positive attitudes and inner vision. He then explains that the first step in learning to live is learning to say positive things all the time.

This is sound advice because words are powerful. What we say affects others, making winners or losers out of them and placing us under obligation to be positive and faith building in all we say.

King Solomon agreed, writing, ‘Heaviness in the heart of a man makes it stoop, but a good word makes it glad’ (Proverbs 12:25).

I am indebted to many who have shared good words with me when I have needed them. Just when I’ve been about to head down into a valley, God has sent someone along with a word to lead me on to higher ground.

This has happened so many times that I am careful now to listen for positive words from others I meet throughout the day.

Empires have been built by those who were able to motivate others through their powerful and inspiring words. On the other hand, churches and other organizations have been destroyed by negative words and attitudes.

When I learned how quickly a church takes on the personality of its pastor, I saw how important it is to be positive in what I say. If we were launching a radio ministry, starting another branch church or deciding to construct a new building, I knew I must convey a positive attitude to my congregation. Why should these people of faith follow a minister who had ideas about outreach but wasn’t sure if these ideas would succeed or fail? I believed God could lead us victoriously in any project we attempted and therefore I could speak of success without any reservations.

Staying positive in this negative world assures more than growing churches. It also lifts burdens and develops strong love bonds among families and friends.

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are going to continue to struggle as the federal government looks to cut down on the deficit.

The financial publication The Street expects small businesses to have a harder time receiving a loan from banks and financial institutions. To make things worse, The Street expects taxes to increase over the next few years to pay off the deficit. Although the U.S. government avoided defaulting on their loans and retains their AAA rating, CNN reported that major credit rating agencies might still downgrade the nation’s rating. Such a downgrade would cause credit ratings to increase further and make banks even more reluctant to grant loans, putting a squeeze on small businesses.

Higher taxes and fewer loans for small businesses may cause serious damage to the economy in the near future. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that small businesses account for half of the labor force in America and the key to job growth. However, small businesses are struggling to move products due to the lack of consumer wealth and the country’s weak economic status. The Commerce Department reported that the gross domestic product in America rose 1.3 percent for the second quarter, far lower than most economists expected.

Not all news about increasing the debt ceiling is bad for small businesses though. Leonard Gilroy, of the Reason Foundation, said that small businesses make up for about half of government contracting. If the government is committed to spending less, the private contracts may increase.

Gilroy said in an interview with The Street that contracts involving security, maintenance and upkeep of government buildings are the “kind of stuff that presents an opportunity and is a good fit for small businesses.”

Supporting small business may be one of the most effective ways the government can stimulate the economy. According to a 2007 study by the Kauffman Foundation, new jobs are created by startup companies, firms that are less than five years old, and large, more established companies. Startup companies create the most jobs and the report stated, “Indeed, without startups, net job creation for the American economy would be negative in all but a handful of years.”

Experts said the best-case scenario for small businesses would include America retaining their AAA rating and taxes not dramatically increasing in the next few years.
GARDENS
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like you wouldn’t believe,” she said, which is the price for going completely organic.

This is Andrade’s third year tending a 10 by 20-foot plot, growing beans, tomatoes, lettuce, and peppers, some of which she picked, going into a salad for dinner that night.

Although it has been a difficult growing season, community gardens can be easily watered and replanted if needed. Local farms may be struggling to adapt to the awkward drought-then-rain season this summer, but small community gardens are doing fine, with a little ingenuity.

At the community garden in Holly, at the Old Holly Farmstead on Holly Road in Holly Township, Bill Coleman has set up an impressive gravity-feed system for watering the 25 or so plots that are currently occupied.

Coleman is on the park committee and has a plot in the garden, himself. Before he built the system, the gardeners were hauling five-gallon buckets 200 feet from the creek that runs through the farmstead property. “That got old real quick,” he said.

Last year, gardeners were able to pump water from the creek up to troughs to water the gardens.

Now, Coleman uses a pump to fill a 1,500-gallon drum, elevated two feet off the ground. From the drum, a one-inch plastic hose reaches the gardens, and then branches off into a three-quarter inch hose, ending at a spigot. It doesn’t provide the same pressure as a residential faucet, but it’s enough, said Coleman. “It works beautifully right now.” Coleman was glad to see Holly Township resident Hilarie McMullen gardening with her two small children. “That’s what it’s all about,” he said.

McMullen’s plot is shared with her neighbor. She picked green beans and cucumbers with her son Matthew and daughter Megan. They filled a large ice cream bucket that Megan, 2, insisted on carrying. Recently their plot flooded and the zucchini had to be replanted.

The Holly community garden is still relatively new, and Coleman credits garden member Sue Julian who holds a seat on the Holly Area Schools Board of Education.

Julian said she is not the most experienced gardener but her garden is packed with tomatoes, beans, corn, cauliflower, cabbage and others. She also planted a variety of flowers such as asters and marigolds to create a diverse insect ecosystem, which naturally protects her crop, instead of using chemicals. “You can get a lot in a space like that,” she said.

The corn and tomatoes are almost done, and the cucumbers and beans are already in. The full harvest will be in October.

Gardening requires almost daily watering. “There’s a lot of weeding to do,” Julian said. Still, her small garden produces more than her family can eat.

There’s still time to plant a garden. Julian said. Newcomers can plant lettuce, carrots, beets, onions, cabbage, broccoli, rutabaga, kale, anything that can grow in cooler weather. Radishes and green onions can also grow in cooler weather.

“When I go out and play in the soil, it’s very relaxing.”
Sue Julian
Holly Community Garden member

Holly Community Garden
On Aug. 13, a classic car show will be held at the Old Holly Farmstead. Remaining open garden plots will become available to lease for $15. Anyone interested can also call Bill Coleman at (810) 732-1192.

Julian suggests planting hardy crops such as carrots or kale that can grow through the winter, while being covered in straw. “There are tricks to using the garden throughout the year in Michigan,” she said. Julian was able to harvest a row of onions and spinach in March, which she planted late last year.

Tending a garden takes some work, but Julian finds that it is a useful counterpoint to the stress of being on the Holly Area Schools Board of Education. “When I go out and play in the soil, it’s very relaxing,” she said. “I look forward to going out and talking to people who like the same thing I do.”
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Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling
Alocal fixture for 42 years

By William Axford

Dave Lamb started his heating and cooling business on ambition. In 1969, he became an entrepreneur and started Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling from his parent’s garage. Since then, the business has been a fixture of the Fenton community.

Lamb’s business outgrew his garage many years ago. The business is now located at 409 E. Caroline St. in Fenton. He was previously located on LeRoy Street next to Fenton Auto and Shelby Hardware. Lamb made the move to Caroline Street in 1979. The company has been in business in Fenton for a total of 42 years.

“This is the area I lived in,” said his son, Dave Lamb, Jr., who continued in the business full-time in 1980. “This is where my kids grew up and went to school.”

Lamb said that being a part of the community for so long has afforded his company to build a reputation of solid work and installation. “People know who we are, and they know that we have been here a long time,” he said. “The Shop Local campaign has helped people realize that everything they need is in this area.”

Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling employs five installers and three service technicians. There are also two office personnel on staff. Seasoned veterans of their jobs, most of the employees have been with the company for more than 10 years. Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling’s best-selling products include high-efficiency furnaces and Aprilaire high-efficiency air cleaners. His business also offers gas fireplaces, furnace repair and cleaning, and gas and oil furnaces.

Lamb speaks highly of his customers and hopes to continue delivering great service. “We have some customers who have stayed with us since we started this business,” he said. “We get new customers everyday by word of mouth.”

For those in need of heating and cooling installation or repair, visit Dave Lamb Heating & Cooling at 409 Caroline St. in Fenton or at davelambheatingandcooling.com. The telephone number is (810) 629-4946.
Guest viewpoint

By Timothy Jalkanen
Superintendent of Fenton Area Public Schools

I would like to share some good news about the learning opportunities we offer all 3,475 students in the Fenton school district through the adoption of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program in all of our schools.

We recently received official test results for 148 students in 11th and 12th grade who took IB exams. The exam results indicate scores similar to students worldwide. We are proud of our students’ exam results.

Our staff and educators from around the world evaluate the exams. A benefit of the exams being evaluated by educators from around the world is that it confirms that Fenton students can compete and excel at a world-class level.

These IB exams are just one example of the high quality of education we provide to our students to better prepare them for the ever-changing world and global economy they will face after graduation.

The downturn in the automobile industry has changed employment opportunities in Michigan. Manufacturing jobs are declining while knowledge-based job opportunities are increasing.

With the IB program in all of our elementary schools, students are engaged in a deeper level of understanding than in traditional elementary schools. Students are learning by creating and doing rather than by sitting and getting.

Our middle school students receive an enriched curriculum through the IB program. Students leave the middle school with at least one year of foreign language completed and more than 50 percent of the students leave the building with at least one algebra credit prior to starting high school.

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The sheriff said Utica entered about three to four feet down into the hole when he too, was overcome by the toxic fumes. The preliminary investigation revealed that Utica might have fallen head first, possibly breaking his neck, said the sheriff. He was found lying face-first in about two feet of water.

An autopsy was scheduled for Thursday to determine the exact cause of Utica’s death.

Pickell said a Linden police officer entered the sewer in an attempt to rescue the injured workers.

The Fenton Township Fire Department as well as Linden police, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department paramedics and the Michigan State Ranger Patrol responded to the site, off Silver Lake Road, near the border of Fenton Township and Linden City. An employee of Schwans’s, who was nearby, also assisted.

It is suspected that the Filpanick and Utica were not equipped with the proper safety equipment to do such work. However, the investigation is in the early stages, and is being handled by Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MOSHA) investigators.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said Linden police officer Gary Conklin was the first responder on scene after hearing the call on his radio.

Conklin put on the breathing mask he carries in his patrol car. Another individual helped attach a rope around him so that he could lower himself into the hole. Conklin found both men face down in the sewer water. He turned the men over to get their faces out of the water.

Conklin was able to wrap a rope around one of the men. Having knowledge of this type of work, Conklin knew he needed to exit the hole as soon as possible because he was starting to feel the effects of the toxic fumes.

Once he exited, other rescue workers entered and removed the injured workers. Paramedics then began life-saving procedures on the men.

STAT EMS ambulances transported both men to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township, where Utica was pronounced deceased.

Regarding Conklin’s quick response, Sutter said, “It was lifesaving what he did. And, he risked his own life.”

The chief said when he asked Conklin why he was so quick to go down into the sewer hole despite knowing the danger, Conklin told him that’s what he had signed up to do when he became a police officer.

Bender & Pociask, who was the company that employed Utica, is located in Tecumseh.
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TURKEY
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Farms from its meat department. VG’s Grocery does not carry the brands of ground turkey on the recall list.

Cargill Value Added Meats Retail, a business unit of Wichita-based Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation announced the voluntary recall on Wednesday due to possible contamination from Salmonella Heidelberg. The ground turkey products were produced at the company’s Springfield, Ark., facility from Feb. 20 through Aug. 2.

Cargill initiated this recall as a result of its internal investigation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) information that became available on Aug. 1, as well as an ongoing USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) investigation into multiple illnesses from Salmonella Heidelberg.

Additionally, Cargill has suspended production of ground turkey products at its Springfield, turkey-processing facility until it is able to determine the source of the Salmonella Heidelberg and take corrective actions. Other turkey products produced at Springfield are not part of the recall.

“While facts continue to be gathered, and currently there is no conclusive answer regarding the source of Salmonella Heidelberg contamination, given our concern for what has happened, and our desire to do what is right for our consumers and customers, we are voluntarily removing our ground turkey products from the marketplace,” said Steve Willardsen, president of Cargill’s turkey processing business.

“It is regrettable that people may have become ill from eating one of our ground turkey products and, for anyone who did, we are truly sorry. We go to great lengths to ensure the food we produce is safe and we fully understand that people expect to be able to consume safe food, each serving, every time.”

Salmonella
Salmonella is a common bacteria, with approximately 2,400 different strains, the vast majority not harmful to humans. Salmonella is commonly found in plants, animals, water, soil and humans. “We all need to remember bacteria is everywhere, and we must properly handle and prepare fresh foods wherever they are served,” explained Willardsen.

Note to consumers
Cargill is contacting its customers to make certain they know which of their ground turkey products are affected by this recall. Consumers are urged to return any opened or unopened packages of ground turkey items listed on Cargill’s website (www.cargill.com/turkey-recall) to stores where they were purchased for a full refund.

Consumers with questions about recalled ground turkey products may contact Cargill’s consumer relations toll free telephone number (1-888-812-1646).

GROUND TURKEY RECALLED

For a complete list of products recalled, go online to: http://stage1.order.cargill.com/ha3047772.pdf

For food safety inquiries, consumers may contact the USDA’s ‘Ask Karen’ virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov (http://www.askkaren.gov/).

The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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FAST FOOD
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Marie also mentions the healthy break-
fast options at McDonald’s, which includes the fruit and maple oatmeal, as well as the Egg McMuffin — both under 300 calo-
ries. “Our salads, with grilled chicken and the low-fat Newman’s Own dressings are another great option.”

This new Happy Meal will automati-
cally include apple slices and smaller-size French fries, a choice of a hamburger, cheeseburger or Chicken McNuggets, plus a choice of beverage — including fat-free chocolate milk and 1 percent, low-fat white milk. For customers who prefer a side choice of apples only, two bags of apple slices will be available, upon request.

By 2015, McDonald’s will also reduce sodium by an average of 15 percent across the board of its national food menus. They have already reduced sodium by 10 percent, most recently in Chicken McNuggets.

This new initiative by McDonald’s USA is indicative of today’s trend toward healthier choices, when it comes to eating America’s favorite food — fast food.

Whether you eat fast food regularly or stop only at a drive-through in desperation, you can still enjoy your meal without totally de-railing your healthy eating plan.

Even though most fast food is higher in sodium, fat and calories than many meals prepared at home, there are ways to make healthier choices by knowing how to order.

The next time you drive up to a fast food restaurant, arm yourself with some of these healthier menu choices. For more healthy menu ideas, consult a nutrition guide ahead of your visit (see sidebar), or browse one that may be posted on-site at your favorite fast food restaurant.

Many fast food restaurants have a cor-
porate website that includes nutritional data. Otherwise, you can use common sense guidelines to make your fast food meal healthier.

“Undress” your selections so that the en-
tree isn’t smothered in high-fat dressings, sauces or fried toppings. If your favorite burger comes with mayonnaise, bacon and cheese, ask to have at least some of those toppings removed. Also, ask for dressing and sauce on the side, so you can decide how much or how little to use, or use a low-fat or light alternative. Whenever pos-
sible, add vegetables for more nutrition and less fat and sodium.

Portion control is also important, so don’t “super size” your meal, unless you want extra calories and fat. Many fast-food meals check in at more than 1,000 calories. Opt for the single, the small and the side salad, rather than the fat, the fries and the Frosty. You can eat a Burger King Whop-
per Jr. without the mayonnaise and cheese for just 260 calories, 11 grams of fat, 460 mg of sodium. You’ll even add 2 grams of fiber to your daily total. You can swap out the small French fries at 220 calories for apple fries at just 25 calories.

As in eating all meals, eat mindfully. Even the name fast food seems to signal being in a hurry. Diners who want to eat less should slow down and pay attention to what they’re eating, bite by bite. If you slow down your fast-food meal, you’ll be more relaxed, and be satisfied with a smaller portion.

Eat healthy

Rule No. 1 • Be cautious about condiments. Often, half of the fat grams and calories in a fast-food entree come from the heaped-on mayonnaise or dressing. WebMD suggests that you use a little ketchup, mustard, marinara or barbecue sauce in place of creamy sauces and spreads, or order the sauce on the side. That way, you can control how much dressing you use.

Rule No. 2 • Watch out for side dishes, especially French fries and onion rings. To round out your meal, look for fresh fruit cups or side salads, and use only a half-packet of reduced-calorie dressing. If all else fails, you can grab an apple or banana from home, and enjoy that as an accompaniment with your meal.

Rule No. 3 • Watch out for hidden cal-
ories that come in liquid form. Drinking a beverage without nutrients just adds more “fuel to the fire” of a fast food meal disaster, including soda, sweet tea, lemonade or fruit drinks. Even worse is a drink with added fat, such as shakes or malts. WebMD recom-
mends you drink water, unsweetened tea, diet soda or a drink that contrib-
utes some nutrients with its calories, such as low-fat milk or 100 percent orange juice.

Healthy options

KFC — Honey BBQ sandwich (280 calories, 5.5 grams fat (1 gram satu-
rated), 60 mg cholesterol, 780 mg sodium, 3 grams fiber, 32 grams carbo-
hydrate, 14 grams protein).

Wendy’s — Ultimate Grill sandwich (320 calories, 7 grams fat (1.5 grams saturated), 70 mg cholesterol, 950 mg sodium, 2 grams fiber, 36 grams carbohydrate, 28 grams protein).

Arby’s — Grilled Chicken Cordon Bleu sandwich; without mayonnaise, (390 calories, 8 grams fat (2 grams saturated), 25 mg cholesterol, 1,563 mg sodium, 2 grams fiber, 49 grams carbohydrate, 41 grams protein).

Taco Bell — Fresco Style Bean Burrito (350 calories, 7 grams fat (2.5 grams saturated), 0 mg cholesterol, 1,200 mg sodium, 9 grams fiber, 54 grams carbohydrate, 12 grams protein).

McDonald’s — Southwest Salad with grilled chicken, includes cilantro lime glaze and a Southwest vegetable/bean blend (320 calories, 9 grams fat (3 grams saturated), 70 mg cholesterol, 970 mg sodium, 7 grams fiber, 30 grams carbohydrate, 30 grams protein).

Online nutritional food facts

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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Jumbles: ROBIN FLUTE EMPIRE FOSTER Answer: Where you have mountain ranges you might also find this -First Fireflies

SUNDAY SUDOKU

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SUNDAY JUMBLE

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The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantua Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of mitted $300.819.84.
4. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions regarding Internet Sales.
5. Postponed action on the proposed sale of tax-reverted real property.
6. Adjourned the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m. for the purpose of convening an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.
7. Rescheduled the regular meeting, which was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
8. Authorized the action by the Township attorneys in the Bunton vs. Fenton Township pending litigation.

Proposals will be publicly opened and read at that time in the main office of the Linden City Hall, 122 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan. Proposals shall be submitted and signed by the undersigned CPC & PDC employees and plainly marked "PLANNING SERVICES PROPOSAL — CITY OF LINDEN."
**TYRONE TOWNSHIP BID NOTICE**

Tyrene Township is seeking a snowplowing bid for the Parking Lane Subdivision. A copy of the bid specifications may be obtained at the township hall, via email, or our web site at www.tyronetownship.us. Please submit all bids to the Tyrene Township’s Clerk’s Office by 5 pm on August 30, 2011. Bids may be submitted in writing, fax (810-629-0047) or via email to Keith Kremer at clerk@tyronetownship.us.

**PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON**

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO, one of the departments in the U.S. Department of Transportation had one employee earning more than $170,000 per year. Today, it has more than a thousand. And your Democrats say there is nowhere you can cut? Come on, get with it.

THREE MILLION ILLEGAL immigrants cost 200 per person per year, 10,000 babies born on Medicaid per day. I wonder why the United States is so broke.

UNBELIEVABLE, THE DEMOCRATS passed the only realistic debt reduction plan, raising taxes on the ultra-rich and cutting spending, and the Republicans voted it down. I can’t believe the TEA Party doesn’t want to raise the debt ceiling. If we hadn’t we would have defaulted, and our economy would have tanked. Don’t just blame this mess on the Democrats or the Republicans. The TEA Party is at fault and it’s a circus.

SO, LYNN MARKLAND thinks he can make a fair and final decision on all grievances. That’s laughable. Union, stand strong and insist on binding, third-party arbitration. It’s the only chance you have for a fair outcome.

IT SEEMS TO me that most of the Hot lines complaining about neighbors come from people nosing into somebody else’s business. If people would concern themselves with their own family and property, and not with everyone else’s, there would likely be no need for alarm. What is in your neighbor’s back yard is not your business. If you don’t like it, don’t look at it.

WHEN WILL ALL the parents of the Linden minors who were caught drinking at the open house accept responsibility for their children’s actions?
Linden woman one of 24,000 competing in ‘Warrior Dash’ obstacle course

“The mud was up to my neck when I went through it. I looked like an Amazon woman when I came out.”

— Melissa Reyes

By William Axford

Melissa Reyes tapped into her ‘warrior’ side last weekend. The Linden resident was one of more than 24,000 participants who flocked to Genesee Township for the Warrior Dash, an obstacle course that involves climbing over cars, jumping over burning logs and running through a mud pit.

Reyes learned about the competition from Kevin Haley of Nutrition Stop. After watching a video of the event online with her, Haley encouraged Reyes to take on the event. The Warrior Dash was a personal victory for Reyes as she finished in 52 minutes, placing her in the top half of the contestants that Sunday.

“The hardest part was toward the end, when it was hot and I wanted to stop. I was hitting a wall but I couldn’t stop,” Reyes said. “I kept pushing myself.”

The Warrior Dash isn’t for the faint of heart. One obstacle includes scaling a 12-foot wall with only a rope. Another one included climbing under barb-wired barricades that are barb-wired. Over all, the warrior dash was 3.2 miles and held more than 10 different obstacles for runners.

In total, there are 33 Warrior Dash events this year in North America. The Genesee Township event was the second largest in the nation, right behind Ohio. Some people only have to hear about one of the events to decide that they can’t do it. Reyes has the opposite outlook of the event — she can do it, anyone can.

“I looked at the Warrior Dash as a metaphor for life,” Reyes said. “In life, you’ll always have obstacles and you can’t give up. You can do anything that you put your mind to.”

Reyes turned her life around after the birth of her second child. Doctors said that she was literally falling apart after her gallbladder was removed. A strict diet of low fat spurred the life change. Reyes began to tone her body with home exercise programs, between having two more children. She has been a personal wellness coach with Nutrition Stop since December and eventually plans on becoming a personal trainer.

For those interested in participating in the Warrior Dash next year, visit Warrior-dash.com. Applicants should apply early however, as registration fills quickly.
Back to the Bricks
Tuneup heads to area on Aug. 11

By Sally Rummel
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The cities of Fenton and Linden are gearing up for “Back to the Bricks”classic car event with a Tune-Up Party Car Cruise on Thursday, Aug. 11 through both communities.

The Classic Car Cruise starts at Linden Elementary School at 2 p.m., as part of a larger community event from 2 to 5 p.m. Linden Elementary School will host a Vendor Row with displays, giveaways and promotions from local businesses. Spectators are expected to park at Hyatt Elementary School, according to organizers.

In Fenton, the cruise fun continues from 5 to 9 p.m., with big crowds already expected for the Fenton Farmers’ Market downtown, from 5 to 8 p.m. DJ Bob Stoe! will provide entertainment from 5 to 7 p.m., sponsored by Tri-Pointe Credit Union. Music by The Motor City Beat will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m., all at the Fenton Gazebo. Raffles will add to the excitement of the evening, followed by a cash prize drawing at 8:45 p.m.

“LeRoy Street will be closed off for this event,” said Lesley Tarsi of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, which is sponsoring the event. The main Flint “Back to the Bricks” will follow on Aug. 16 to Aug. 20 in downtown Flint.

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**All about TRAINS**

Locally, trains run 24/7 through Fenton, Holly and Linden with schedules that change daily.

As you sit there waiting for the train to pass by, have you ever wondered where it’s coming from, where it’s going and what’s on it?

If you’re stopped at a railroad crossing in Fenton, a Canadian National (CN) North America train will most likely be the type to pass through town. Locally, CN railroad runs an east and west route through Argentine Township, Linden, Fenton and Holly and CSX railroad runs a north and south route through Holly.

CN trains typically haul freight for its customers and chances are, if one looks close, they’ll spot new vehicles, lumber, or car parts inside the train cars.

Cargo can include automobile parts, finished vehicles, coal, containers, finished consumer products, oversized and overweight loads, fertilizer, forest products, grain, hazardous materials or goods, metals and minerals, petroleum products and chemicals and alternative energy items.

A longtime railroad worker said the company he works for hauls a lot of plastic pellets and LP gas. It’s much easier to haul overweight and oversized freight on trains than it is to ship it by truck. Just as it is for air flights, Chicago is a major hub for trains, many of which head this way. Amtrak passenger trains travel as close as Flint for this area. The railroad worker checked into traveling from the depot in Fenton to Holly for a passenger train at 1965, you could board a train and ride it to Holly for a total price of 27¢.

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A truck passes over one of the several railroad crossings in Fenton on Thursday.

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Danger abounds — especially around eyes

Is permanent makeup worth the risks?

Essentially tattooed eye, lip and eyebrow color has been around for decades, mostly as a way to help burn victims, cancer survivors and those with hair-loss conditions, as well as those who may have trouble applying makeup due to Parkinson’s or arthritis. But more and more women are considering it simply so they can look done-up 24/7. And according to a recent article in The New York Times, the risks — ranging from infections to swelling to fading color (wait, we thought this was permanent!) — might not be worth the beauty benefits.

According to Amy Derick, MD, dermatologist in Barrington, IL, “There are similar risks to tattooing in general: Spread of disease, poor wound healing, inflammatory response, etc.”

“Some of the risks to permanent makeup include: Potentially ‘fatal’ germs are lurking under the eyes — not necessarily due to the risk of infection, but because of the risk of dropping the tattooing machine.”

If you are considering permanent eyeliner or lip color or anything else, Derick says to make sure you go to someone who is recommended by your cosmetic physician (dermatologist, for example) and who is compliant with the licensing body of the state where he or she practices.
TRAINS
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Worldwide, there have been roughly 75 accidents involving trains since January 2010. Eleven of those were in the United States. Since cabooses are no longer the standard, engineers are stationed at the front of the train in order to watch ahead. Some trains are also directed using remote-control locomotive technology.

Because the rail system is a complicated web of tracks in areas, railroad companies are in regular communication with each other to prevent multiple trains from using the same track, which could result in a head-on crash, like the one that occurred on Sunday, June 29, 1952 in Fenton.

The longtime railroad worker was on a train more than 20 years ago when it clipped a car trying to race across the tracks in the Saginaw area. “It was scary,” he said. The train was traveling at about 35 miles per hour and the car was being driven at about 60 miles per hour at the time of impact. The young occupants escaped from the damaged car and ran away.

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A car passes over one of the several railroad crossings in Fenton on Thursday. Trains travel through the area daily with varying schedules to accommodate the customers’ needs.

Rail Systems in the U.S.

Canadian National (CN) in Michigan has most of its history in the Grand Trunk Western (GTW) Railroad, a long-time subsidiary of CN. In a common branding strategy several years ago, the GTW name was eliminated. CN also owns and operates the former Detroit and Toledo Shore Line Railroad, as well as a small part of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad in southeast Michigan, and the Wisconsin Central Railroad (former Soo Line, DSS&A and G&NW) in the Upper Peninsula (map coming soon). It employs an average of 21,967 people in Canada and the United States and has approximately 20,600 route-miles of track in North America, offering rail connections to three coasts.

CSX Transportation operates Michigan’s most expansive trackage system, with lines to most prominent industrial cities in lower Michigan. The CSX trackage is a remnant of the famous Pere Marquette Railroad Company, which in its prime, criss-crossed the Lower Peninsula. CSX’s busiest route is its Toledo to Detroit route, which handles a tremendous amount of auto traffic. The Detroit-Grand Rapids-Chicago line is also a moderately busy, single track main line. In addition, CSX trains, CP Rail runs a pair of through freights from the Detroit River tunnel, through Plymouth and Grand Rapids, to the Chicago area. CSX’s two largest terminals are Rougemere (in Detroit) and Wyoming Yard in Grand Rapids.

Amtrak is this country’s national rail passenger provider. In Michigan, Amtrak operates three passenger train routes: Pontiac to Chicago via Detroit (3 round trip trains); Port Huron to Chicago (1 round trip daily) and Grand Rapids to Chicago (1 round trip daily). Amtrak owns one section of track between Kalamazoo and Porter, Indiana where its line rejoins Norfolk Southern. This section is currently being upgraded with a goal of 150-mph trains in the next 10 years or so. The remainder of Amtrak’s routes are via trackage rights on the NS, CSX or CN.

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Rail system big part of Fenton history

By Tim Jagielo
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Without the rail system, there might not have been a Fenton at all. “When the rail-
road came to Fenton in 1856, it stopped,” said Ken Seger of the A.J. Phillips Fenton
Museum. The tracks are rumored to have ended with a turnaround near where Dave
Lamb Heating and Cooling is today.

He said the train stop is what made
Fenton grow. “It made Fenton a central
point for a long time,” he said.

The original train depot location is
now a vacant lot. The existing brick train
depot, which is on Silver Lake Road and
LeRoy Street, is currently used by South-
ern Lakes Parks & Recreation.

What you see today is actually the third
depot built in Fenton, said Seger. The
second train depot was built in the present
location of the current depot, possibly in
the 1830s.

A fire in the 1920s caused Fenton to
rebuild, which is the depot you see today.

Seger also said there were off-shooting
rail lines to where the museum is today, and
across the bridge with the dam.

Today, the rail lines are still essential
for moving goods, and along with the
trucking industry, provide the lifeline for
everything we use everyday.

Most communities, including
Fenton, Holly and Linden, have their own tracks that cut through town.

History of trains

Where did trains come from, originally?

According to memory.loc.gov, trains first appeared in
England in the 17th Cen-
tury to reduce the friction
caused by the wooden wag-
on wheels used to transport
goods at the time.

The first railway in North America was
built in 1764 in New York for military
purposes, and was called a “gravity road” built by a British engineer.

By 1776, iron had replaced wood in
wheels and railways in Europe. “Wag-
onways” came before the modern rail
system, used for passing carts. In Europe, tramways replaced wagonways, but all of them
were still pulled by horses.

The first crude steam engine was
patented in 1698, by an English military
officer named Thomas Savery. It worked by forcing water upwards by the use of
steam under pressure.

In 1803, Samuel Homfray funded the
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In 1832, the first steam locomotive
traveled at 60 miles per hour, and in 1833, a brake cylinder was applied to
pads installed on the wheels.

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Railway Act in 1862, which lead to the con-
struction of the Central Pacific Rail Line.

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Through the middle century, alternatives to the steam locomotive were
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The first steam-powered locomotive
arrived in the United States in 1829, the
Stourbridge Lion. A lion was painted on
its front, and Stourbridge, England is
where it was built.

The railroad system is what helped Fenton
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Every Wednesday at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School in Fenton, youngsters get an hour-long crash course in the basics of T-ball, through a program offered by Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation. About 40 children and their parents participate in the weekly sessions designed to get them ready for the upcoming season. They work on the basics of the baseball diamond, and throwing, catching and swinging.
Little Blessings Boutique offers upscale children’s resale

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Little Blessings Boutique in Fenton isn’t your typical resale shop. In fact, when you walk in the door, it feels like a retail store — until you look at the prices.

“We have been working very hard to keep our prices down so that bargain-conscious parents, grandparents and parents-to-be can get almost everything they need here,” said owner Dawn Placek. “You’ll find a large selection of clothing and accessories here for 50 to 75 percent off retail prices.”

The shop opened four months ago and has already earned a loyal clientele. “A lot of our customers stop in every week to see what’s new,” said Placek.

Little Blessings specializes in upscale new and gently used children’s clothing up to size 14-16, educational toys, books and baby equipment. The store also has a number of unique handmade items, from “diaper cake” gift baskets, to bows, knit sandal-shoes, boutique-style dresses and more.

Parents and kids alike will find the store atmosphere to be child-friendly, including a 3-D Castle, dress-up clothes and other play activities.

With back-to-school time quickly approaching, Little Blessings is pleased to buy and sell school uniforms, dance shoes and attire, plus soccer gear. There are also a number of affordable, “only worn once” special occasion outfits, dresses and coats.

Placek selects the clothes she chooses to re-sell at Little Blessings Boutique from customers who bring in their gently used items for review by appointment. When bringing in items, she suggests that customers ask themselves, “Would I buy this?” People can either sell their items outright for cash or earn 25 percent more in store credit than the cash they would receive.

Any items that Placek doesn’t purchase may be donated to local charities at the request of the customer, such as the Gabriel Project from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. “Part of our mission at Little Blessings is to have a positive impact on the community,” said Placek.

The store will be hosting a variety of workshops for children, including Music Mondays, Fairy Tale Fridays, woodworking events and Princess/Prince Parties. “We are really excited about our parties, which will include personalized invitations, character visits and digital photos, crafts, tiaras, crowns, balloons, character cake, ice cream, drinks and a special gift for the birthday child.”

Little Blessings Boutique is located at 14789 Fenton Rd., behind Sagebrush Cantina. Store hours are Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (810) 714-1555 or visit www.littleblessingsboutiqueresale.com.

Summary
Little Blessings Boutique children’s resale store opened four months ago in Fenton as a one-stop shop for bargain-conscious parents, grandparents and parents-to-be.

Tumbleweed Cantina serves Tex-Mex food on Bennett Lake

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Now you can enjoy the fresh taste of Tex-Mex cuisine while dining on the shores of Bennett Lake. Tumbleweed Cantina On the Water opened early June with a total kitchen and dining room makeover.

This is the second location of Tumbleweed Cantina. Another in Corunna opened last December. Owner Kirk Norman is especially excited about the new menu, which focuses on authentic Tex-Mex fare made from scratch and on-site smoked meats, including brisket and ribs.

“When we’re concentrating on the quality of every dish that comes out of our kitchen,” said Norman. “All of our sauces, salsas and dishes are made from scratch, including our own guacamole. We even hand-cut our own chicken breasts for our signature chicken fingers. You’ll love our 24 oz. T-Bone steaks, as well as traditional Tex-Mex fare including steak, chicken and pork burritos, tacos, enchiladas and more.”

The first hint that you’re in for something special at Tumbleweed are the homemade chips that are made fresh daily and are served with Tumbleweed’s own homemade salsa, mild, medium or hot.

The end of your meal can be special, too, with a signature Cowboy Fried Ice Cream dessert. “Our ice cream is rolled in graham cracker crumbs and cinnamon sugar; flash fried and then served on a bed of cinnamon-sugared tortilla chips, topped with caramel, chocolate, whipped cream and powdered sugar. It’s amazing,” said Erika Fritz, general manager.

With an emphasis on family dining, Tumbleweed is pleased to offer Monday Night Kids’ Night. One Tumbleweed kid’s meal entree is free with each full-priced adult meal purchased. They also offer a “2 for $20” special, half-off appetizers and drink specials during Power Hours Sunday through Thursday, from 5 to 6 p.m. and from 9 to 10 p.m. (Tuesday 5 to 6 p.m. only), Friday and Saturday Power Hours are 5 to 6 p.m. and 10 to 11 p.m.

Tumbleweed Cantina is also proud of its selection of a dozen Michigan micro-brew beers on tap, and more than 100 tequilas. For added enjoyment, patrons can dine outdoors on the patio overlooking Bennett Lake, while enjoying the shade of newly added bamboo tiki coverings over each booth.

It’s not just the food that is drawing crowds, but also “Happy Times” at the Tumbleweed with free comedy, DJs, dancing and karaoke.

“Tumbleweed Cantina On the Water will be a participant in “Taste in Fenton” on Saturday, Aug. 13. Watch for their Grand Opening on Saturday, Aug. 27.

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**John V. Dale**

**1928-2011**

John V. Dale - age 83 of Hartland Township, left us Wednesday, August 4, 2011 for a better place and an extended illness. He was born in Detroit, MI on March 22, 1928, the son of Dudley and An-nabelle (Baker) Dale. John graduated from Cooley High School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1946-1947 and in the U.S. Army during the Ko-
rane War. He was a radio technician in combat from 1951-1952. John married Donna Byers on August 14, 1951, almost reaching 60 years of marriage. He worked as a lumberman in Detroit after returning from Korea and moved with his wife to Hartland in 1952. John was well known in the area for his TV repair skills. Later he was employed at General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford and became part of the original 12 men who formed the safety research team in the 1960’s. This effort was noted for developing innovative safety devices such as shoulder harnesses and safety bumpers, now standard grill vehicles. Throughout he pursued his love of wood carving, painting and gardening. He was well known in the area as the man who took long daily walks-sometimes up to 20 miles. Beloved husband of Donna; dear father of John Jr. (Beth) of Chesnee, SC and Mi-
chele (Rob) Cannareit of Hartland, grandfather of Laura Dale, Emily (Bran-
don) Pruitt, Christopher, Cannareit, Daniel (Susan) Simon and Zachary Dale; great-grandfather of five. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert. A memorial inter-
ment will take place in the fall at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lewy Body Demen-
tia Foundation, Hartland Senior Center or Hartland United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Mac-
Donald’s Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family’s online guestbook at www.
maconaldsfuneral-
home.com.

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**DEAR AMY:** I recently accepted a new job. On my last day in my old position, a manager confided in me that because of budget cuts a few positions may be eliminated. One of those is the position of someone I became close to at work, and who I expect to see from time to time in the future. I am compelled to tell her so she can try to find a new job right away. Should I divulge this bad news?

—Job Insecure

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**DEAR INSECURE:** Yes. Once you start your new job, you should tell your former colleague what you know, including the fact that this information is speculative and these cutbacks might not happen.
SUNDAY, AUG. 7
The Fenton Village Players is performing “Anything Goes” at the Village Playhouse on Torrey Road on Sunday, Aug. 7 and on Aug. 11 and 14. For more information or to reserve tickets visit www.fentonvillageplayers.org or call (810) 7507700.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9
The monthly meeting of the Linden Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the Shiawassee Shores Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Herb Jacques who will talk about some of his World War II experiences. All members are urged to attend and guests are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10
Holly Aglow — A Community Light-house for Women meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Village Chambers, 315 S. Broad St. in Holly.

Lake Fenton Venetian nights fun for all
The “stars” were shining at the 2011 Lake Fenton Venetian Festival, held throughout the month of July. This annual celebration was highlighted by a dinner dance on Saturday, July 23. Taking home awards for “Best Costume” were Dan and Marilyn Daniels. Winning top honors for the Venetian Night Boat Parade was Sydney Scott with the theme, “King Kong.” Second place honors went to Matt and Brook Sharp with the theme, “Wizard of Oz.” Winning for “Best Home Decor” was Jamie Reager with the theme, “Forrest Gump.”

CORRECTON
It was reported in the article “Towns vote no on charter status,” published Sunday, July 31, that to become a charter township, a township must have 200,000 residents. To become a charter township, a township must have more than 2,000 residents, which is the only requirement to become a charter township.

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Tri-county flavor added to canoe race

Area residents earn strong finishes in AuSable River Canoe Marathon

By David Troppens
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Mike and Matt Savoie had an idea about a year ago.

Working as “pit crew” members for tri-county residents Chuck Armstrong’s and Mark Trudell’s canoe during the 2010 AuSable River Canoe Marathon, the father-son combo figured why not give it a shot.

And that’s exactly what they did, along with Armstrong and Trudell, recently.

The tri-county area was represented by at least five rowers at the largest canoe race in the state of Michigan. The other rower was Fenton’s Jeff Caryl, who teamed with Minnesota resident David Dahl.

Each team braved the night skies, low water levels and extreme heat during the 120-mile event down the AuSable River, taking about 17 hours to finish.

Armstrong, from Davison, and Trudell, from Lake Fenton, posted the best time of area performers, taking 33rd with a time of 16:56:57. Meanwhile, the Savoies finished just one place behind them, in 34th with a time of 16:58:45. Caryl’s team finished in 46th with a time of 17:31:54. Of the 90 teams that enrolled in the professional event, only 69 completed the event in the official 19-hour cut-off period.

The Savoies remember when they decided they’d compete. “We were part of Mark and Chuck’s support team last year and they talked us into it,” Mike Savoie said. “I committed to doing it with my son while having martinis at the Fenton Hotel. Next thing you knew we committed to it and it grew from there.”

The pair’s first training run came Jan. 1 in the Flint River. From there, they put in at least 200 hours of training in various rivers around the state of Michigan. It took great dedication since Matt Savoie, a Lake Fenton resident, has a baseball fan as well.

By Cole Holloway
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Brandan Green had a high school football career to remember.

The three-year varsity starter treated fans at Linden’s Claude Cranston Football Field with countless jaw-dropping plays.

Green, a 2009 Linden graduate, has now taken his talents to Grand Valley State University, a perennial powerhouse in Division 2.

After being redshirted his first season in the fall of 2009, Green is now going into his sophomore year at Grand Valley State.

“It’s been a great experience so far,” Green said. “It’s a lot different from high school football. The game is definitely a lot faster, and you really have to use your head more when you’re out there and think before every play.”

Green was able to get onto the field during his freshman playing year by contributing on special teams.

Green had seven tackles and two fumble recoveries. See GREEN on 15B
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Sunday School........................10:15 am
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Wednesday Adult Bible Study.....6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Bible Study....6:30 pm
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Christian Education Courses.....10:45 am
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Pastor Kari Richardson, Associate Pastor
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Sunday Mass.........................8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm
Confessions.........................3:30-4:30 pm
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248-634-4841
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Saturday Mass........................4:00 pm,
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Sunday School.........................10:15 am
Wednesday Evening..................7:30 pm

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Linden, MI 48451
810-735-4807
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Sunday Worship..................8:15 am & 10:45 am
Adult Bible Study....................9:30 am
Sunday School........................9:30 am

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Wednesday in the Word............7:00 pm
Saturday Traditional Worship.....6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship.....8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour...........9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship...11:00 am
Saturday Night.......................7:00 pm
Sunday School........................9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service..........10:30 am

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Wednesday Evening.................6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting........7:00 pm

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Fenton, MI 48430
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Coffee Hour..........................10:15 am
Worship...............................10:30 am

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Sunday Worship.....................9:00 am & 10:30 am
Children’s Church....................10:30 am
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Celebratory Worship..................10:00 am
Children’s Sunday School.........10:45 am
Fellowship............................11:30 am

TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-1261
www.tyronecp.org
Pastor James M. Mowery
Sunday Worship (includes Children’s Church)...10:15 am
Sunday School.........................9:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship..........6:00 pm
Youth Group & Family Night......Wed. Evenings

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FENTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
405 Fifth St. • Fenton
810-629-9493
Pastor Chris Ames
Church Worship.....................10:00 am
Sabbath School.......................9:00 am
Prayer Meeting.........................4:30 pm Wednesday
(Linden Seventh Day Adventist 7007 W. Silver Lake Rd.)
Tri-county youth learn baseball’s basic fundamentals during camp

By David Troppens
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For much of his baseball career Jake Marshall gets the tutoring.

The incoming Linden freshman plays his share of baseball and, of course, has his share of mentors while playing sports. However, Marshall finds himself wearing a different cap when he participates in the Ballpark Basics camp instructed by Ron Baker.

Instead of learning, he’s one of the people doing the teaching. And it appears he’s having fun doing it. In fact, if Wednesday’s weekly class at Fenton’s AGS Baseball Fields is any indication, he’s not the only one having fun — so are the nearly 40 campers that participate in the instructional series.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES’ DAVID TROPPIES
Young baseball campers begin their day by running the bases at the Baseball Basics camp held at Fenton’s AGS Baseball Fields. There are about 40 participants at the camp.

The camp is designed for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 7 years old. It teaches them the appropriate skills needed to play baseball and, at the plate, T-ball. It’s done in a comfortable, non-competitive setting.

“We are helping out the little kids, trying to get them to be better at baseball,” Marshall said. “It takes a lot of time. They have to do things many times before they get it in their heads.”

“It’s helping me because I’m teaching the fundamentals. I’m going back through everything I was taught when I was younger.”

The camp, offered through Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, began July 13 and runs through Aug. 17 for an hour every Wednesday. It’s obviously popular, based on its large numbers. It’s also different in that the parents are heavily encouraged to participate.

“I make every parent participate on this,” Baker said. “This isn’t a drop off and leave thing. You’ll have every parent out there. Jake, me and (fellow coach) Mars hall are here to teach them the fundamentals.”

“I believe the parents need it as much as the kids, if not more. We wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for the parents,” Baker said.

Baker found his niche teaching baseball at the age of 14, thanks in part to his father, who worked as a baseball coach. He isn’t new to teaching, but he is new to teaching kids his age.

Baker and his fellow mentors teach the fundamentals of hitting, pitching, fielding and base running.

“Right now, we’re in the hitting phase. Next week we’ll teach the pitching phase. In the last week we’ll teach the fielding and base running phase,” Baker said.

Baker said this week’s class included a lot of hitting, particularly power hitting.

“I can’t stress enough how important it is for these kids to become more comfortable at the plate,” Baker said. “These kids are so afraid to punch it, they’re trying to hit singles all the time.”

Baker said there’s nothing wrong with singles, but the camp’s goal is to help kids get comfortable hitting with power.

The camp’s goal, Baker said, is to have every participant leave with an improved skill.

“Some kids are good at hitting. Some kids need a little help with their glove work,” Baker said.

“Every participant is different,” Baker said. “Some are stronger, some are faster. They’re all different. We’re trying to help them take the next step to being a better ball player.”

Baker, who has been helping with the camp for six years, said he enjoys teaching baseball. He also enjoys seeing the kids improve.

“It’s just such a great way to spend the day,” Baker said. “I love teaching these kids. I love seeing them improve and watch their skills develop.”

Baker said this year’s class is bigger than the past, which he said is encouraging.

“I love teaching these kids,” Baker said. “The more kids we can get to tell others about this camp, the better.”

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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.

Macular Degeneration is the most common eye disease among seniors. The macula is one small part of the entire retina, but it is the most sensitive. When it degenerates, Macular Degeneration leaves a blindspot right in the center of vision making it impossible to recognize faces, read a book, or pass DMV’s vision test. “In some states, Biopic Telescopic Glasses can be used to pass the vision test for driving”, says Dr. Smith. “This can allow some with conditions like macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy to continue driving”.

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“Our job is to figure out everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning,” says Dr. Smith. “Whether it’s driving, reading, TV, seeing faces, check writing, bingo or bridge. We work with whatever is on the persons wish list.”

With interest free payment options this technology is now more affordable than ever. If you want to experience the freedom and independence that custom designed low vision telescope glasses can bring, call Dr. Smith now, for a free telephone consultation.

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Biopic 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. Biopic telescopic glasses were prescribed. “These Glasses have made it very easy for me to continue my activities both at home and on the road with these glasses.” I should have done this two years ago, says Ms. Stroope.
GREEN Continued from Page 11B while covering kicks during the year. He also had a forced fumble while covering a punt.

Green was able to haul in three catches for a total of 30 yards during his limited time on offense.

“It was a little different not being on the field as much, but it was great to get back out there and playing again after having to sit a year,” Green said. “I’m just glad that I was one of the few freshmen that were able to get some game-time experience, and I think that’s going to help me starting this coming year.”

Green is now set to battle for a starting receiver job this coming fall.

“I definitely will be splitting time at receiver this year,” Green said. “As long as I keep working hard I should see a lot of time on the offensive side of the ball.”

While at Linden, Green was able to compile an impressive stat line that has been matched by few.

Green caught 60 passes for 1,073 yards and had 13 touchdowns as a senior. He also ran for 110 yards and had three touchdowns on the ground during his senior season. On the defensive side of the ball, Green had 50 tackles and was able to snag seven interceptions as a defensive back.

Green was two-time All-Metro League pick on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. He was also named to the All State Team his senior season, and named the Tri-County’s Football Player of the Year his junior season. He made the All Tri-County Football Team his senior year but finished second in the Player of the Year race to teammate Cody Marks.

“High school football was awesome,” Green said. “I got to play with a lot of my friends and we were able to win a lot of games.”

Linden was able to compile a 27-3 record during Greens’ three varsity years.

As for the future, Green is ready for whatever happens.

“This year should be fun,” Green said. “I’m hoping I’ll be able to take advantage of being on the field more and hopefully make some plays to help the team get some wins.”

Grand Valley State will begin its season on Sept. 1 at home against Western Oregon.

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Fenton graduate, now lives in Kalamazoo. However, their efforts paid off because they ended up being the top performing rookie team at the event.

“It was a neat experience,” Matt Savoie, 28, said. “Not living in the same city (as my family) for going on 11 years, I don’t have as much interaction as we used to. To do this with my father, preparing every single weekend for four months, spending quality time and being a true team was truly amazing… I’m truly blessed and happy to do it with him.”

Armstrong, 53, and Trudell, 60, have competed in the event during other years.

“It’s amazing to accomplish something like that, go through it and push yourself to make it happen,” Armstrong said. “We don’t expect to be in the top 15, 10 or 20 guys, so we are extremely happy to be 33rd. We did well. Last year we were 48th and this year we were 38th.”

Caryl’s experience was challenging from the start. First, he had to find a new partner reasonably soon before the event. He found Dahl, 62, and the pair were only able to prepare about a week prior to the event.

And once in the water, they had their share of issues as well. They tipped early and lost their light, meaning they had to do much of the first stage at night without light. Still, they rebounded and finished a respectable 46th place in 17:31:54.

“We had our share of trouble,” Caryl said. “We had no light and were running in the dark. We had to tell our team to get a light. We had no clue where we were. We ended up getting behind a canoe with a light. They were a bit slow, but we didn’t know if we should risk passing them with no light.”

The entire tri-county group is linked in another way. It seems all of them have had their interest in canoeing tied to another tri-county resident, Ed Adams. Adams didn’t compete this year but will be competing in nationals soon.

“He trained all of us,” Mike Savoie said. “We have spent a lot of time on the Flint River training both Matt and I.”

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon is the oldest non-stop canoe race in northern Michigan and one of the most prestigious events in the nation. It’s also one of the area’s athletic highlights of the year, with estimates of more than 10,000 spectators in attendance.

Most of the commotion occurs at the start where the canoes are lined up in rows of five. Teams must pick up their canoes, place them in the water and start their journey.

There are trials before the event, earning teams better or worse starting positions. A team starting deep in the field must carry their canoe farther to the river and must navigate through more competitors, consequently making it tougher to start.

“It’s wild. You are focused on one thing and that’s getting to the rail and get going,” Armstrong said. “It’s tough running with the canoe. You are huffing and puffing to get there and then you have to get in it and start paddling. It’s pretty exciting really. I love doing it.”

Jeff Caryl (left) poses with teammate David Dahl before competing in the 2011 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

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