

HOT LINE: TATOOS
“The country and social order are going through perilous times, yet so many people are fixated on tattoos, gender, class warfare, so-called gay rights, and trying to take what another person has lawfully earned. It’s all a distraction from the truly serious issues. Think about that.”
— Fentonite

HOT LINE: MOM AND POP STORES
“Just a reminder, Wal-Mart did not cause one business in the area to close. The citizens of our area who chose to support the ‘super store,’ instead of local businesses caused them to close.”
— Mike Emerson

HOT LINE: PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK
“Just be glad you’re not a resident of a military base. Those marked crosswalks are just that, if you don’t stop for the pedestrian you get a hefty ticket and you lose your base driving privileges. I think the state ought to be enforcing a law just like that, especially in the parking lots.”
— Bob



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Adelaide Street completed ahead of schedule

► Fenton’s portion of \$2.5 million project just under \$1.1 million

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Fenton — Fenton City officials were pleased to announce that a road improvement project was completed three weeks ahead of schedule and under the original cost estimate.

For residents and visitors traveling on Adelaide Street and North Road, the days of navigating around orange construction barrels are over. According

Summary
► Fenton City officials announced last week that the Adelaide Street road improvement project has been completed, minus minor lawn repairs, final walk-through inspections and clean up.

to City Manager Lynn Markland, the improvements to Adelaide Street and North Road have gone very well, and ahead of the expected Sept. 1 completion date.

What is left is a walk-through inspection, repairing grass and clean up.

Work began in August 2010, following months of funding preparation for the project, which had early estimates of \$4.3 million. In April 2010, Fenton bonded \$3.8 million of that cost. It also expected to receive \$500,000 from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

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“We took care of everyone that we could.”
Dan Czarnecki
Fenton Department of Public Works director



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SHARON STONE
Traffic passes over a freshly paved surface and striping at the intersection of Adelaide Street and North Road. Work on the roads finished up last week.

Unfinished subdivisions abound in area

► Positive side: Creates opportunities for those with cash to invest

By Tim Jagielo
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At the McCully Lake subdivision in Fenton Township, there are more weeds than mowed lawns, more insects buzzing than people talking. The website promoting the development dated 2008 says, “This serene and peaceful community offers you a variety of lot choices including walkout, lake view or lakefront lots.”

The only problem is that the subdivision is largely empty, with only two of the 35 lots are occupied, and it is remarkably quiet.

See DOWNTURN on 17

“When that demand stopped, by the time developers realized how bad the downturn was, it was too late.”
Patrik Welty,
Legacy Realty



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
The McCully Lake development in Fenton Township sits largely empty, with only two of the 35 lots filled.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD
Contestants chow down at the pie-eating contest during the 11th annual Taste in Fenton event on Saturday. First place won \$500 while second and third place won one free pie every month for the next year.

Thousands flock to downtown for Taste in Fenton

By William Axford
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Thousands of people visited downtown Fenton this past weekend to participate in a popular event. The 11th annual Taste in Fenton was held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center on Saturday, where local

eateries highlighted their food to the community.

VG’s Grocery, Tumble Weed Cantina on the Water and Red Devil Pizza were just a handful of the dozen of local restaurants that gave visitors a reason to smack their lips.

“We have some serious pie eaters in this town.”
Mark Hamel
co-owner, The French Laundry

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Summary
► The 11th annual Taste in Fenton drew nearly 3,000 people to downtown Fenton on Saturday. A pie-eating contest and two live bands were some of the highlights as restaurants showcased their local dishes.

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Council member's flag project set back

►Consumers Energy
denies use of energy poles

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — Sometimes being patriotic is an uphill battle. Ask Holly Village Council member Jackie Campbell, who took it upon herself to raise funds for 300 American Flags for downtown Holly.

Raising money has not been the problem. The problem is finding a place to put them.

So far, Campbell has raised around \$1,500 to purchase 300 flags and brackets at \$30 each at a discount from Flagpoles Etc, in Holly. All the money has come from community donations. "So many

people are digging deep down in their pockets," said Campbell, who is amazed at the support of her project. "They want to see 'Old Glory' fly, bottom line." Campbell wants flags on every street leading into downtown Holly, starting with Saginaw Street, and has seen children break piggy banks to help.

Campbell's first plan was to raise money to buy mounting brackets and flags and use volunteers, with Holly Department of Public Works (DPW) equipment to install them high on the energy poles downtown.

Technically, it's not a village project because the council has taken no action on the issue. Campbell was told at a council meeting in July that she could not use DPW equipment for liability reasons, and the issue would have to be put on a meeting agenda to possibly become a legitimate village project.

The issue was tabled at the last meeting because village council president Jeff Miller, who requested the item be placed on the agenda, was not present for the meeting.

"They want to see 'Old Glory' fly, bottom line."
Jackie Campbell
Holly Village Council member

Last week, Consumers Energy on a three-way call with Campbell and village manager Jerry Walker, denied them the right to attach brackets to the energy poles, to protect their wires from any possible interference or damage. If the village installs the flags on Consumers Energy poles, they risk fines and having to take them

down. Campbell issued a request to the telephone company to use the telephone poles, but she said she expects the same result.

Walker said there are two options remaining for the flag project, one of which Campbell will present to council for consideration, on Aug. 23. One is to mount flags to existing light poles throughout downtown. The other is to purchase flagpoles for \$50 each.

Campbell's original fundraising goal was \$3,000, but if she has to purchase the poles, she'll have to raise \$15,000. "We desperately need more help," said Campbell

She would like to start installing them by the end of August, in time for Patriot Week, which starts on Sept. 11.

To donate to the Downtown Holly Flag Project, checks can be dropped off at the village offices, payable to "Village of Holly Flag Fund" or mail to Jackie Campbell, at 807 Mary Ann Dr., Holly. You can also call her at (248) 634 4977.

Summary

►Holly Village Council member Jackie Campbell is raising funds to install flags downtown, and has faced a few setbacks in the process.

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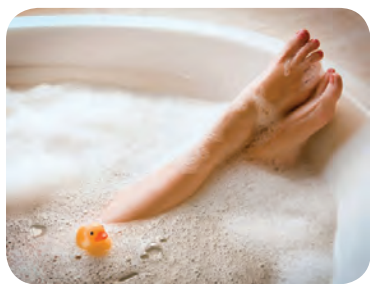
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Is your child *READY FOR SCHOOL?*

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Alexandria Shouse will be 5 years old on Aug. 21, well before the statewide kindergarten cut-off date of Dec. 1. But her parents, Tom and Collette Shouse, of Fenton, have decided to enroll her in the Fenton schools' Young Fives program — giving her an extra year of development before jumping into kindergarten.

"She's in the younger age end of her peer group," said Shouse. "I know she would do fine in elementary school, but what about middle school and high school? I don't want her to be 17 and graduating from high school."

Summary

► The official Michigan cut-off date for a child entering kindergarten this fall is Dec. 1. However, a child's social skills and readiness to learn also play into the decision many parents must make about whether their child is ready for school.

Shouse has approached this school readiness issue not only with the intuition of a mother, but also as a pre-school teacher, who works every day with young children at different levels.

See **SCHOOL** on 8



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Alexandria Shouse, 5, reads "The Foot Book" by Dr. Seuss to her mother, Collette, Tuesday morning in their Tyrone Township home. Alexandria will attend the Early Fives class instead of kindergarten, as she would be younger than most of her classmates.

iPads, tablets gaining popularity

Tablets are increasing in sales while PCs remain steady

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The computer as we know it is changing. So is consumer demand.

According to national reports, tablets are beginning to dominate a chunk of computer sales, forcing some companies to shift their focus away from laptops and PCs. Nearly 50 million tablets are expected to be sold

by the end of this year, and 100 million tablets may be sold next year. When including tablets, Apple is the number one producer of notebooks and tablets in the world, gigaom.com, a tech website that monitors Apple and industry sales.

Linden Mayor David Lossing sees tablets as the future to many avenues, as he uses his iPad for

Summary

► Tablet computers are rising in popularity. By the end of the year, 50 million tablets are expected to be sold. By 2012, 100 million tablets will be in the hands of consumers.



"The iPad is awesome. I use mine everyday."
David Lossing
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Sons of Anarchy

Some have compared the riots in the UK to the London Blitz. It's a flawed comparison. The strategic bombing of London in 1940 came from an external enemy, Nazi Germany. Enemies from within are carrying out the free-for-all that began in Tottenham, England on Saturday — quickly spreading to London and other parts of the UK — following the shooting death of suspected gang member Mark Duggan by Metropolitan Police.

Businesses have been wiped out. Untold numbers of jobs have been lost. If even a few shop owners had been armed, perhaps these products of the British welfare, entitlement and envy state might have thought twice about their thuggish behavior.

The problem in Britain, and increasingly in America, is moral and spiritual, not economic and political. British history and values are no longer being adequately taught in the UK for fear a sense of super-nationalism might be conveyed. This, at a time when no nation is to be considered superior to any other, a view expressed by President Obama.

If civility, right and wrong, personal responsibility and accountability and the right to life, liberty and personal property are not values worthy of being passed on to the next generation, then their opposites will be taught by default. When a society refuses to impose a moral code in its schools, homes and culture, pandemonium is the result — think Detroit, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. Multiply that several times and you have the lawlessness that has swept Britain with greater force than its mad cow disease scare.

'This was not an angry crowd; this was a greedy crowd,' said Chris Sims, chief constable of West Midlands police. One could see that from the TV shots of women trying on clothes and shoes before stealing them and men ripping flat-screen TVs off walls and smashing windows and jewelry cases.

There's a TV program called 'Sons of Anarchy.' It is fiction. These rioters are the real sons (and daughters) of anarchy and it will take more than political condemnations to repair the damage they've caused. Seventy years ago, the London Blitz forged a national unity in Britain. Where's that unity today?

COMMON PEOPLE

WITH common sense (TEA Party) have been saying, 'Stop the spending.' Finally, Standard & Poors caught up. The president blames the messengers. Do you suppose it's because he believes you are dumb enough to fall for it?

THIS IS TO the person complaining about everybody's yards. Some people work 40 hours a week. Don't you have anything better to do than whine?

IT DOESN'T MATTER if you vote Democrat or Republican, because those people you elected are puppets to big business and special interest groups who are in business to make money and most of us don't have the kind of money they are looking for. Vote Independent.

I AM CAUTIOUSLY optimistic regarding the Hot line writer's opinion that writing and calling your Washington representatives actually works. What works every time is when people take the time to vote. Forget those flashy political ads and do your homework. As you can see, there is a price to pay when you vote for a community organizer, which is why we have Obama.

I VOTED FOR Obama but now he's bowing to big business and the rich just like the rest. But I won't vote Republican because they want to destroy the middle class and take away everything we've worked for. I hope the Democrats get smart and nominate Hillary, instead. Do you people really

Hot lines

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think that giving the rich all the tax breaks is the smart answer?

TO THE PERSON who said I'm an idiot because I'm voting Obama in 2012, do you remember how big an idiot you made of yourself and how bad you helped make America look by voting for Bush in 2004?

I AM TOTALLY disgusted by Holly's ridiculous water rate increase. Before, our bill ranged from \$60 to \$70. Now we are paying an extra \$48 per month. That's just too much of an increase for people who are just trying to survive. My family will be leaving the village of Holly along with others, I'm sure.

I'M SO HAPPY to live next to a bunch of hillbillies; they are so loud all hours of the day and night. Come on, do you really have to be so loud? You are living in a community with other people around. Tone it down a bit.

ON A RECENT flight, I sat next to an IRS union official who was returning from a convention. He complained about how Corporate America and the wealthy were not paying enough tax. In the same breath, he talked about how recently he'd enjoyed a nice family vacation and about how he was looking forward to retirement. I almost puked.

WAL-MART STARTED OUT as a 'mom-and-pop' store, it's just that Sam Walton was successful and was able to live out the 'American dream'.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



Cheryl Dennison

From the editor

First day of school

There is a milestone in my family this year. My youngest grandson, Noah, will be heading off to kindergarten on Sept. 6 in Traverse City.

Noah was born on Oct. 11, meeting the deadline set by the state to attend school this year. But my daughter, Melissa, had a few concerns because Noah will be younger than many of his classmates. She even discussed it with her pediatrician, who suggested that she might want to consider waiting until next year.

Feature writer Sally Rummel examines this issue in a story on Page 3 in this edition and provides some very valuable information about what to look for when deciding if your child is ready to attend school.

Noah is very excited about going to school with his two brothers, Mack, 7, and Brennan, 9. The youngest of three boys, as you can imagine, Noah has learned how to 'hold his own.' Being around two older brothers has helped him mature, and he is very independent. Brennan, who will be going into the fourth grade, was accepted in the Traverse City schools' Talented and Gifted (TAG) program and he has been an excellent role model for both his brothers. They will all be attending the same school.

So, it is definitely an individual choice when deciding when your child is ready.

Congratulate your kindergartner

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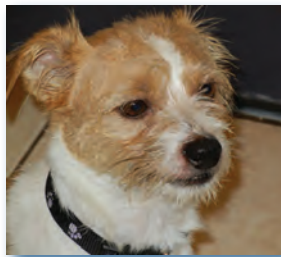
So, congratulations, Noah, welcome to the Class of 2024.

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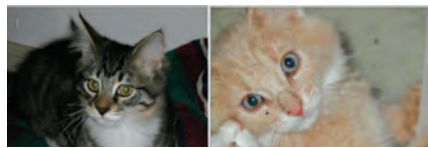
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What is your favorite gadget?

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"My Kitchen Aid mixer, because I like to bake."

— Christine Cross
Holly Township



"None, when you're 90 years old, you don't give a darn."

— Georgine Easton
Fenton Township



"Mine would probably be my kids' (Nintendo) DS. It keeps them calm in the car."

— Amber Polidan, Fenton



"I like my new car keys, they're keyless. I'm old, it's new."

— Karel Johnson
Gaines Township



"It would probably be a chainsaw; I use a lot of outdoor equipment."

— Pete Didilus
Tyrone Township



"A computer, because I'm looking for jobs online."

— Tom Carlson
Linden

Protect and Serve Day

►Holly police, firefighters teach safety at third annual event

By William Axford

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Holly — The sky cleared up just in time for Holly's finest on Saturday. The third annual Protect and Serve Day was held downtown, from 12 to 4 p.m. Families brought their kids so they could meet police personnel and firefighters in person. The Holly Police Department, Holly Fire Department and North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCA) were participants of the event.

Authorities looked to dispel stereotypes of law enforcement as something to avoid and be feared.

"Protect and Serve Day is a friendly atmosphere for kids to meet local police officers and firefighters while encouraging safety," said event organizer and Holly police officer Heather Wolkow. "I think it's important for kids to have a positive view of police officers before they develop a negative view."

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Heather Wolkow

Holly police officer

Prior to the 12 p.m. start, rain came down in a fury in downtown Holly. However, just as the last fire truck parked, the sun barreled through the clouds and brightened up the day.

Children were given free bicycle helmets, identification kits, fire prevention kits and T-shirts. Firefighters displayed the features of each truck to families. Ambulances were opened to the public as kids hopped in and out of the front and back doors. Two police cars were also parked downtown, where people took pictures of themselves from the back seat of a patrol car.

"There's a lot of cooperation and lots to do for the kids and family," said Holly Township Supervisor Jesse Lambert. "I like the turnout." In the past, Protect and Serve Day was held in Crapo Park and was more spread out across town. Lambert said moving the event to downtown Holly was a great idea and brought more people than previous years.

The event was more than a car show for local police, fire and EMS. Blow-up obstacle courses were set up in Battle Alley. Burgers and hot dogs were grilled in the open air. There was face painting and macaroni necklaces for the little ones.

Troy Serta, of Holly, wasn't aware that the event was going on but decided to stop with his three young sons after donating an old crib to a local business. "It just so happens that we saw this," Serta said. "It's really wonderful to see family activities downtown."



A woman steps out of a police cruiser after posing for a photograph taken by her boyfriend. Attendees climbed inside of police cruisers, fire trucks and ambulances at the third annual Protect and Serve Day in Holly.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Hundreds attended Protect and Serve Day in downtown Holly on Saturday. The event gave children an opportunity to interact with local police officers and firefighters, while learning about safety and obeying laws.

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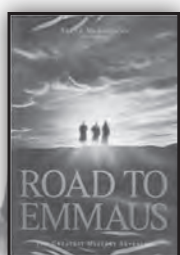
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This Friday's event will include Hur-

ley's Level I Trauma Center presenting "Fall Prevention" for seniors, stroke signs, literature and self-risk assessment, stroke rehabilitation information from Hurley Stroke Program and Hurley Rehabilitation Services. There will also be free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings, courtesy of Hurley Diabetes Center.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP'S FIRE chief has been denied a pay raise for the past several years, despite doing a great job and risking his life for us. The township's justification is they need to balance the budget in a bad economy. Now, I hear teachers want two special elections (in November and in February) and the township must find the money for these elections. Thank you, Rep. Paul Scott, for trying to control the teachers' temper tantrums.

AFTER ATTENDING THE production of 'Anything Goes' by the Fenton Village Players, I just have to say what a wonderful night's entertainment. It was just superb in every way. Kudos to all involved.

I FIND IT interesting that last year the city of Linden cut their fire department's pay, including both officers and firefighters, due to budget cuts. Then, later that week, I read that their DPW got raises. Now, this week, I read that the police department

is getting a new vehicle. That will make five or six cars for only two on-duty officers, while the fire station is falling apart and has outdated equipment.

I AM SO tired of hearing people suggest that not locking your car door makes it acceptable for someone to steal. I drive a 20-year-old car, and the locks no longer work. This does not mean that people are welcome to open my car door and take what they want.

THE CEMETERY IN Linden looks disgusting, how they let the grass get so high before they mow it. Even after it's mowed, it looks terrible because there are clumps of grass piled up.

OBAMA'S TELLING US that we're out of the recession, but what he's not telling us is that we're in the biggest depression since the '30s.

NOW YOU KNOW why I signed the recall for Paul Scott. When he ran, he stood for 'family values,' it seems that these went out the window. He has a son and he is not married.

FOUR MONTHS BEFORE the 2008 election, the price for a gallon of gas was \$3.70. On Election Day, it was \$1.60. This was an attempt on the part of the oil industry to elect McCain. The 32 per-barrel price for oil at the time was only a play on the part of big business to elect another Republican. But the people saw through it. Nice try.



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BROTHERS TO HAVE NO CONTACT

On July 26, an Argentine Township police officer was dispatched to the 16000 block of Murray Road after an anonymous caller reported that two brothers were violating a court order out of Livingston County. The caller said a 21-year-old Fenton man was not to have contact with his 22-year-old brother, who lives in Argentine. The brothers were down by the lake drinking alcohol. The officer questioned the men and then ran a LEIN inquiry. The officer learned that the 21-year-old brother was to have no contact with his older brother. The Livingston County Sheriff's Department was told of the situation and the men were advised of the court order and released.

LARCENIES BEING INVESTIGATED

The Holly Police Department is investigating several larcenies from automobiles. According to Police Chief Elena Danishevskaya, the department received four complaints on Friday, Aug. 5 and four on Saturday, Aug. 6. Through the investigation, a couple of leads are being developed. The police chief asks that residents keep the doors on their vehicles locked at all times and to keep valuables, such as laptop computers, purses, GPS units and iPods out of plain view. Residents and business owners are also being asked to report any suspicious activity immediately. Holly Village has a curfew, which the police department is committed to enforcing. For 14-16 year olds, curfew is 12 a.m. The curfew for anyone under 14 is 10 p.m. If anyone has information about these crimes, call Holly police at (248) 634-8221 and ask for Det. Jose Garcia.

COPPER STOLEN FROM SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

On Friday, Aug. 12, Fenton police received five reports of stolen copper piping and brass fixtures. Lt. Jason Slater said five businesses, located on North Fenway and Fenway Circle reported that when employees arrived for work on Friday, they discovered that the copper piping from the buildings to the sprinkler systems had been cut out and removed, as well as the brass back flow preventers. If anyone has information, they are asked to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

THREE AUTOS STOLEN

The Fenton Police Department is investigating three auto theft complaints. Lt. Jason Slater said since Thursday, Aug. 11, three vehicles have been stolen from an apartment complex parking lot off Torrey Road. On Aug. 11 and 12, suspects stole a dark blue 1995 Olds Sierra. Sometime between Aug. 7 and 13, suspects stole a green 1994 Olds Silhouette van and early Tuesday morning, suspects stole a tan 1996 Buick Century. In each incident, the owners could account for all keys. There were no signs of forced entry, such as shattered door windows. The vehicles were entered into Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen and the information was provided to the county's auto theft team.

INTOXICATED HOLLY MAN

At 7:45 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, Fenton police responded to the gazebo in downtown Fenton after learning that an intoxicated man was interfering with the concert. Lt. Jason Slater said a 47-year-old Holly man had wandered up to the gazebo and played air guitar and attempted to take the microphone from one of the singers. Witnesses said the man was loud and was shouting profanities. A computer check of the man revealed he had two outstanding arrest warrants from Genesee County. He was arrested and taken to the police station for booking, where he registered a .33 on the preliminary breath test. He was lodged overnight and released to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department for his arraignments.



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By statute, a small claims case is one involving a claim of \$3,000.00 or less. The person or business filing the case is called the plaintiff and the person or business being sued is called the defendant. An approved form with instructions is used to start the lawsuit.

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With limited exceptions, intentional tort claims cannot be filed in the Small Claims Division.

Much more information on this is available on Small Claims cases on the Michigan Courts website.

VANDALS HIT FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Fenton Police Department is investigating destruction of property, which occurred at Fenton High School. Employees arriving for work early Tuesday morning discovered the damage. Lt. Jason Slater said graffiti was found spray painted on the outside of the building, near the literature/history wing. On the east side of the building, suspects apparently threw two wine cooler type bottles, containing a flammable substance and a rag, which had been lit on fire, at windows. The outer pane of a double-pane window was broken, and the aluminum frame was damaged. Police estimate damage in excess of \$1,000. Slater said it was fortunate that the flaming bottle did not make it into the building. Both bottles were broken and residue found indicates both had been set on fire. Surveillance video shows footage of three vehicles parked in the north lot at about 12 a.m. although police are not sure if the vehicles are related. The damage remains under investigation. If anyone has information, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

IPADS

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graduate school and various meetings. He said that he could imagine students in local schools using one tablet rather than carrying around multiple books and dozens of papers. The savings to a school system could be tremendous.

"The iPad is awesome. I use mine everyday," Lossing said. "Once I mark up a book or article online, I can search for that section again. In paperback form, I have to hunt and peck for a section."

Tablets have exploded in popularity since the release of the iPad in April 2010. Apple sold three million iPads 80 days after its release and more than 14 million in 2010. The iPad 2 has sold more than 15 million units since March of this year. Motorola, Samsung, Vizio and Toshiba are companies that have tried to emulate Apple's success by releasing tablets of their own. Most tablets outside of the iPad utilize Google's Android software.

Tablets can range from \$200 on up, depending on the manufacturer, memory

and other features a consumer wants. As an all-in-one machine, a tablet is portable and easier to carry around than a laptop, given its lightweight and book-like size. With built in wifi, tablets can access the Internet from nearly anywhere in public. The iPad 2 has a built in camera, allowing users to see each other while communicating.

Despite the rising popularity of the tablet, iPads and its counterparts still have catching up to do. Intel CEO Paul Otellini said that about one million PCs are sold daily. Companies utilize PCs for their IT networks and consumers still keep their home computers for data storage and back up.

"The tablet is functional but it's not replacing the desktop just yet," said Lossing. "The on-screen keyboard is not perfect." Another major criticism of the iPad is its inability to use Flash, which powers websites like YouTube and various games. Still, tablets have only become popular since last year. Who knows what a tablet will be capable of by next year.

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SCHOOL

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“Preschool teachers look at three different factors when approaching the question, ‘Is my child ready for kindergarten?’” said Shouse, a preschool teacher at World of Wonder early learning programs at Fenton schools. “First, we look at a child’s age. When is their birthday? Then we look at a child’s social/emotional development. Are they ready to go to a bigger school with older children? We also look at academics. Is this child ready to learn things, like how to count to 100 and write her first and last name?”

In making this decision in her own family, Shouse believes that the Young Fives program will offer Alexandria a little more time to learn through play, without the push of kindergarten. It offers the same curriculum as kindergarten, but at an adapted pace with more individual attention and with smaller groups. “I know Alexandria would do well academically in kindergarten, but I want her to have another year to develop her other abilities,” said Shouse.

She’s also excited about the new KinderPlus all-day program, which is open to both kindergarten and Young Fives. This program provides an all-day school experience, with additional time in the school day to learn through play. “The parents I’ve talked to are really excited about it,” Shouse said.

In preparing your child for kindergarten, Linda Mora, director of World of Wonder early learning programs at Fenton schools, offers these suggestions. Parents should encourage their child to discover and wonder about things about the world around them. “Ask questions, but don’t necessarily answer them,” said Mora. “Let your child have an opportunity to make his or her own discoveries.”

Parents should also provide their child with an opportunity to socialize with others and work on solutions to solve their own problems, without involving parents. Becoming more independent and learning how to do things without so much help from parents is the goal, according to Mora. She also advises parents to have responsibilities and chores for their children at home.

ADELAIDE

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The city is paying for its portion of the project with an increase in water rates that Fenton City Council approved in January 2010.

Dan Czarnecki, director of the Fenton Department of Public Works, said the city authorized \$2.5 million for the project. Fenton City’s portion of that amount came to nearly \$1.1 million. Another \$848,000 in federal funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program was used on the project.

From August to November 2010, Adelaide Street, between South Holly and Silver Lake roads, was reconstructed, which included replacing the outdated water mains. In April 2011, work began again and included Adelaide Street from Silver Lake Road north to North Road, and then west to Oak Park Drive.

Major work took place near the intersection of Adelaide and North when a 400-foot water main connection was installed to connect the Whisperwood condominiums to an adjacent subdivision to create a looped water system. Intermittent road

Suggestions for parents of prospective kindergartners

- Maintain a daily routine that includes mealtimes, snacks and bedtimes.
- Be sure your child’s immunizations and health checkups are current.
- Make sure your child has plenty of play and outdoor time.
- Play with your child.
- Encourage oral communication, by listening, talking and reading with your child.
- Write with your child.

Source: Michigan Department of Education

“About a week before school starts, visit the school and the playground to familiarize your child with the concept of kindergarten.”

Linda Mora
Fenton schools

Mora encourages parents to make learning fun with their child. “Practice learning skills in fun ways, such as playing with sidewalk chalk, picking out letters on cereal boxes and signs, etc.,” she said. “Have fun with rhyming. Encourage your child to memorize nursery rhymes. There is power in memorization.”

Even though school is less than three weeks away, Mora suggests that parents don’t talk about going to kindergarten too soon. “Children don’t have a concept of time, and too much information too soon will either overly excite or make your child anxious. About a week beforehand, visit the school and the playground to familiarize your child with the concept of kindergarten.”

PARENTS SHOULD ALSO THINK ABOUT THESE ISSUES WHEN CONSIDERING WHETHER THEIR CHILD IS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN:

- Their child’s maturity level
- Look at the “whole picture” of school, not just kindergarten. Will he/she be ready for sports, driving, peer pressure, etc. at a younger age than other classmates do?
- Consider the idea of “slowing it down” rather than being in too big of a rush.

— Linda Mora, Fenton schools

and lane closures forced motorists to find alternative routes.

Overall, the two-year project included water main replacements, repaving of the roads and upgrading sidewalk ramps so that they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Czarnecki said while North Road was being repaired, sewer lines were inspected to assure they were in good shape. He said any lines that needed repairs were addressed.

Although the roads are open to all traffic, Czarnecki said there is still plenty of work to do. Lawns that were disturbed are getting new grass seed and clean up is still underway.

There were a couple of water main breaks and some issues with underground utilities in the first half of the project that workers did not anticipate. Overall, he is happy with the project.

For the most part, Czarnecki said the people most affected by the project have been nice to work with. Sometimes they had valid concerns and yet they were nice and polite when contacting the city. “We took care of everyone that we could,” he said. “They were surprisingly patient.”

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Helping seniors fight fraud

By Sally Rummel

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Most elderly fraud victims don’t make a connection between someone who has contacted them via e-mail or telephone and criminal activity. They don’t associate the voice on the phone with someone who could be trying to steal their money.

That’s because many older people recall a safer, simpler time in life when someone on the phone was simply trying to make a living. The first step in helping older people who may be targets of fraud is to convince them that the person on the other end of the line could be a criminal — and that illegal telemarketing is a serious crime, according to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

“It’s very important that you’re a little suspicious of anyone who calls you to sell you something, or sends an e-mail asking for money or for personal information,” said Sharon Miner of the Miner Law Office in Fenton. “Don’t give out any personal information, not even your e-mail address, and just don’t open anything on the Internet that looks suspicious.”

Fenton City Police Chief Rick Aro sees scams directed toward seniors every day. “Last Thursday, I took a call from an elderly couple who were approached at home by two men to seal-coat their driveway,” he said. “They were very persistent and even coated a small patch on their driveway and tried to collect cash.”

He emphasizes the importance of being cautious with anyone who comes to sell something door to door. “Ask to see their license for selling in the city of Fenton,” said Aro. “If someone is going door to door selling something, they have to have a license to do so. If they don’t have a license, I wouldn’t buy.”

Just two weeks ago, two men posed as city workers in Fenton, broke into

a safe and stole cash and valuables, according to Aro. “This kind of thing happens almost every day.”

He suggests that people be very cautious of any door-to-door transaction. “If there’s no storefront or location to go back to if there’s a problem, I’d say don’t use their services, unless you’re familiar with the product,” said Aro.

“Be extra cautious about letting someone into your home. Just don’t do it.”

For seniors, some of whom take up to 20 calls from telemarketers a day, there are ways to respond to find out what calls are legitimate, and which ones aren’t. AARP suggests telling the caller that they want to check it out and asking for a number to call back. If the caller refuses to give the number or insists on an immediate decision, it’s a “red flag” for fraud. For more information, call the National Consumer League’s National Fraud Information Center at (800) 876-7060.

Older people are frequent targets of fraudulent telemarketers because:

- It is hard to tell if a caller is legitimate.
- It can be hard to hang up, especially when criminals know how to take control of the conversation and bully their victims.
- Seniors tend to trust the caller and give people the benefit of the doubt.
- They want to believe they’ve won a prize or “struck it rich,” and they don’t want their optimism to be crushed by friends or family.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are an estimated 14,000, telemarketing operations that bilk thousands of victims every day.

Source: AARP

Warning signs that an elderly person may be a target of fraud

- **Receiving lots** of junk mail for contests, “free” trips, prizes and sweepstakes,
- **Getting frequent** calls from strangers offering valuable awards or great money-making opportunities, or asking for charitable contributions,
- **Making repeated** and/or large payments to out-of-state companies,
- **Having payments** picked up by private courier services,
- **Receiving lots** of cheap items such as costume jewelry, small appliances, pens and pencils, beauty products, water filters, etc. (often purchased in order to win supposedly valuable prizes, or these were the prizes that they got),
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Retirement communities offer quality of life and peace of mind

There are many choices today in retirement living options. Be sure to ask family and friends for recommendations, experts suggest.

By Sally Rummel

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While just about everyone dreams of staying in their own home during their senior years, the reality is that you and your family might find it more comfortable in a residential setting designed specifically for seniors.

The term "retirement community" can refer to many types of housing available to seniors. Typically, it describes a community specifically for people over age 55 that are healthy enough to live independently, but may need some assistance in housekeeping, personal care, etc.

Included services vary widely among communities. Some facilities provide unlimited medical and nursing home care for the same monthly fees. Others include a certain amount or level of care, but you'll pay more if you exceed the limits. Still others are "fee-for-service," with the charges depending on the care you need.

The best way to look for a community for either yourself or a family member is to ask friends and family for recommendations, and then tour the facility yourself. Visit several places so you can get a feel for what's available in the area. In addition to talking with the staff, also visit with the residents, so you can get a "true picture" of daily life as a resident.

The newest community in the tri-county area is Caretel Inns of Linden — a unique concept of "inns" that provide separate living areas for people with

similar health issues, each named after a famous painter. The Leighton House Inn is for residents in Assisted Living, the Turner House Inn is for residents in Medicare Rehab/Skilled Nursing Care and the Monet House Inn is for residents with Memory Loss. One of the focuses at Caretel Inns is rehabilitation, calling it "Send 'em Home Therapy" - with the goal of each patient to recover well enough to return home or to his or her own optimum

physical abilities.

Abbey Park Independent Living & Assisted Living, located west of Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc, offers a traditional, elegant setting for its 160 residents. This community prides itself on its family atmosphere and small town charm. One of the benefits of living here is that health and personal services can be purchased "as needed," so that residents are only paying for the

services they currently need.

"We are very close with the residents and they also know a lot about us," said Kathy Felix, manager. "We're on a first-name basis with our residents, unless someone asks for a more formal greeting."

Abbey Park is very proud of its 40 World War II veterans who live there, plus one veteran of the Korean War. "We have a Wall of Honor where we post beautiful photos of our veterans as they served our country, plus photos today, folded flags and other memorabilia," said Felix.

At Lockwood of Fenton, the facility's 100 percent occupancy speaks volumes about the confidence family members place in the staff of this local independent senior community with enhanced services. "Our staff and community here are just wonderful," said Jennifer Staniszewski, community manager. "There are so many activities here for everyone to enjoy, and there's 'peace of mind' for families that their family member is being taken care of very well."

Lockwood of Fenton is pet-friendly, too. That's another question that prospective residents need to ask when checking out retirement communities. "We love our furry, four-legged residents," said Staniszewski. Some retirement communities will take pets, although there may be size restrictions.

Don't be shy about asking questions, experts suggest.



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This Wall of Honor includes photos and memorabilia from the 40 veterans of World War II and a veteran of the Korean War, who reside at Abbey Park in Grand Blanc.

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Exercise

is beneficial if you have arthritis

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If you have arthritis, you don't have to run a marathon or swim like an athlete, but it's very important to exercise. It will increase your strength and flexibility, reduce joint pain and help combat fatigue. Even moderate exercise will help ease the pain and symptoms of arthritis and will help you maintain a healthy weight.

Not exercising will actually make your joints even more painful and stiff, according to www.mayoclinic.com. That's because keeping your muscles and surrounding tissue strong is crucial to maintaining support for your bones. Not exercising weakens those supporting muscles, creating more stress on your joints.

Choose exercises carefully

"The goal will be to move your joints without too much compression or load," said Ryan Raborn, orthopedic manual physical therapist at Physiotherapy Associates in Holly. "You want to work your flexibility and strength by doing a mix of exercises with your feet on the ground and your feet off the ground, especially if your arthritis has flared up."

Examples of off-the-ground exercises would be making a "bridge" by lying on your back and lifting up to strengthen your core. Another would be to sit on the edge of a bed and kick your foot with a forward movement.

Compression movements you may want to avoid would be leg squats or excessive walking, although walking itself is an excellent choice for an aerobic activity, according to Raborn. "People generally know their limits. If you normally walk 45 minutes a day, maybe you should break it into several shorter sessions, to avoid the compression on your knees," he said. "Arthritis is not a no-pain, no-gain type of condition. It's best to rest and work up to more movement slowly."

Range-of-motion exercises

Range-of-motion exercises are good to relieve stiffness and increase your ability to move your joints through their full range of motion. Examples of these types of exercise would be raising your arms over your head or rolling your shoulders forward and backward.

Weight training

Weight training is an example of a

Summary
Exercise is good for you if you have arthritis. Just choose your exercises carefully to avoid compression and load on arthritic joints.

strengthening exercise that can help you maintain your current muscle strength or increase it. If joints are sore, rest another day.

Aerobic exercise

Aerobic or endurance exercises help with your overall fitness. They can improve your cardiovascular health, help you control your weight and give you more stamina. Examples of low-impact aerobic exercises that are easier on your joints include walking, riding a bike and swimming. Try to work your way up to 20 to 30 minutes of aerobic exercise three times a week. You can split up that time into 10-minute blocks, which is easier on your joints.

"Water aerobics is another excellent form of exercise for people with arthritis," said Raborn. "Many local schools offer classes through their community education programs and some physical therapy offices do offer water therapy."

Other activities

Any movement, no matter how small, can help alleviate the pain and symptoms of arthritis. It may be OK to try gentle forms of yoga and tai chi, to improve balance and help prevent falls. Be sure to avoid positions or movements that can cause pain.

The important thing is to check with your doctor first, to see how exercise can fit into your current treatment plan. What exercises are best for you depend on the type of arthritis and which joints are involved, according to www.mayoclinic.com



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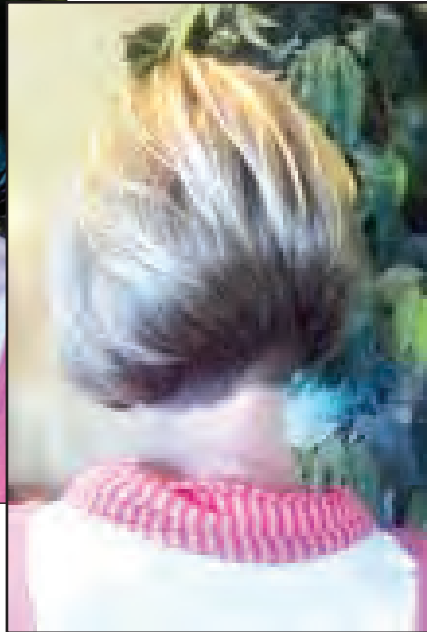
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Summary

▶ Just the right hairstyle can help a mature woman age more gracefully. Casual "blow and go" styles are more popular today, although roller sets are still a mainstay for older clients at some area salons.

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Belle McPhee, age 68, is thrilled with the easy, relaxed style that her stylist, Debra Freeman, gave her during her recent appointment at Allure Hair Company in Fenton. Shown here is the youthful front view of the style as it softens McPhee's features, and from the back, the cut almost styles itself with a quick blow-dry.



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Youthful hairstyles

'turn back the clock for mature women'

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Age is only a number, and you may be able to turn back the clock with a new, more youthful hairstyle.

"Wispy and feathery is in," said Allure Hair Company owner/stylist Bridget Curtis. "It's a more youthful look when it's not so 'done' and structured. No matter what a woman's age, she should enjoy a style that is manageable and conducive to her lifestyle."

While the rules about hair length at certain ages have all but disappeared, most experts agree that clients need to take into consideration their face shape and the condition of their hair when deciding on a style.

"A lot depends on the condition of a woman's hair," said Beth Bertschy, owner/stylist at A Time for You in Fenton. "I always say that as long as your hair lifts you up, looks good and manages well, just about any length will be fine. If it's thick, full and shiny, a woman can maintain the length as she ages."

Choosing a hairstyle also depends upon a woman's lifestyle and how much time she wants to devote to its care and maintenance. "How much work is this style going to be for me to do on my own at home is a question each woman should ask her hair stylist," said Bertschy.

Nicole LaBeau of LaBeau Salon & Day Spa in Fenton said that women want to be stylish and have an easy style to work with. "I like to listen to their concerns while also taking their daily life into consideration," said LaBeau. "They have to get to a style that is comfortable and easy for them to do everyday."

Today, the casual, "blow and go" styles are replacing the tightly coiffed styles of years past, but there are still a number of older clients who prefer a weekly wash and set. At A Time for You in Fenton, Bertschy devotes every Friday morning to roller set clients and has another stylist who has a full schedule three days a week of roller sets. "There is still a generation of women who needs a style that will last a week," said Bertschy.

Renae Jeffers, who has been styling hair for 35 years, has a more mature clientele than some of the other stylists at CC & Company in Fenton. She has noticed that many of her older clients have chosen more blow-and-go styles, compared to the number of roller sets she used to do. "Most of the women want a more casual style, compared to the days when they were working," said Jeffers. "But I do a couple of roller sets every week for my older clients who can't style their own hair for health reasons," said Jeffers. "Many of these women have been having their hair done weekly for 25 years or more. It's a weekly event they've come to look forward to."

As a woman ages, she has special considerations that have to be taken into account when choosing a hairstyle. Her more mature hair often lacks the oils that left it shiny and manageable in her younger years. When the hair turns gray, it can become coarse, limp and sometimes unruly. "This is an opportunity to use color to fill in the cuticle of the hair back in," said Bertschy. "Color will give it more volume, shine and management."

Today's rich, warm tones of hair color are also age-friendly to women, who want to avoid the harshness of a too dark or too light color.

While many women wear pretty shades of gray, silver or white hair beautifully, it all depends on the condition of the hair, the purity of the color and a woman's skin tones. "I advise women to talk to their hair stylist and ask for their advice," said Bertschy. "Then get different opinions from family and friends."

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New, improved medical tests make healthy living easier

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Whether you're turning 50, 60, 70, 80 or more, chances are that your upcoming doctor appointment will include more diagnostic testing, from mammograms and colonoscopies to CT scans and MRIs.

Thanks to recent advances in digital imaging, there has been a huge impact on the diagnosis and treatment of disease, especially in the last five years, according to WebMD. More detailed imaging allows doctors to see things in new ways. Imaging can provide early and more accurate diagnoses. In some cases, it might even lead to better and more successful treatment.

Digital mammography

Digital mammography for breast cancer screening is one medical test in which women will notice changes and improvements. Digital mammograms produce similar results to traditional mammograms, which use X-rays and film. But the digital approach is easier and faster to perform.

Dr. Linda Lawrence, radiologist at McLaren Internal Medicine Residency Group Practice in Flint, said digital mammography has made the test more accurate. "There's still some position-

ing and compression, but the results are instantaneous," said Lawrence. "For a diagnostic study, the results can be analyzed right away. Since they are digital, a doctor can send the images instantly to other experts or medical centers."

Studies have shown that digital mammography has worked as well as traditional mammography in detecting breast cancer. A recent study published in The New England Journal of Medicine found digital mammography was actually more accurate for some women — including women who were under 50, women with dense breast tissue, pre-menopausal women, and women who were around the age of menopause.

"Patients like the digital imaging better, too," said Lawrence. "They can see for themselves how much more detail the imaging shows."

CT angiography

A few years ago, an angiography — an examination of the blood vessels — could only be done by inserting a catheter into an artery. A contrast material was injected through the catheter, and then an X-ray was taken of the area to look for blockages, internal bleeding, or other problems. The testing took time and often required sedation and sometimes a night of hospitalization.

Now, the newest CT scans are a non-invasive way to get the same information. The doctor injects the contrast material into the arm and takes a CT scan. The arteries in the lungs, kidneys, brain and legs can be examined. The whole process takes just 10 to 25 minutes. It's safer, faster, and cheaper than the traditional way, which is still commonly used to evaluate heart arteries for blockages.

PET/CT scans for cancer

Position Emission Tomography (PET) scanning has been around for years, but today's tests are often combined with CT scanning in one device so the doctor can see both the metabolic information of PET and the anatomic detail of CT at the same time. PET images biological functions like blood flow or glucose metabolism. It's able to detect metabolic changes associated with cancer much earlier than tumors or other physical organ changes, according to WebMD.

Lawrence said today's CT scans are much more comfortable for older patients, because they are faster. "Seniors aren't very comfortable lying on a table for any length of time. Anything we can do to speed up the process is helpful," she said.

Open MRIs

While open Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) has been around for years, today's machines are just as accurate, but



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Dr. Linda Lawrence examines a digital mammogram image on a computer monitor at McLaren Internal Medicine Residency Group Practice in Flint.

much shorter, so they don't fully enclose the patient, easing the claustrophobic factor. Today's open machines also accommodate obese patients. But because of image gradation factors, they may not be as accurate as they would for a person of normal weight.

Patients having tests such as chest

X-rays, X-rays of the extremities and ultrasounds will also notice improved technology because of today's digital imaging, according to Lawrence. "We can even perform ultrasounds for a patient confined to a wheelchair," she said. "Today's ultrasound equipment is quite portable."

Over 60?

Here are some tests you'll likely be undergoing during a regular physical exam or as a follow-up to your exam.

- Blood pressure
- Weight
- Rectal exam
- Colonoscopy
- Breast exam and mammogram
- Pelvic exam and pap smear
- Protecting your eyes. Eye diseases, such as macular degeneration and glaucoma, are common with age. Your eyes should be checked every one to two years after the age of 65.
- Hearing test
- Bone density test
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assisted living

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When a person has health issues that make it difficult to stay in his or her own home, family members may decide that an assisted living facility might be the "best of both worlds" — a home-like setting where 24-hour care is available, if needed.

In many families, it becomes a matter of doing what's best for this older person, who may struggle with memory, medications, personal care and daily chores.

Some assisted living facilities offer private apartments or rooms and personalized medical care to suit each resident. There are many levels of care offered at different facilities, and many have "packages" of medical care available as the need arises.

The six residents who live at Linda's Place in Linden need to be there for their own health reasons, according to owner Linda Richter. "They would not be able to physically live on their own," she said. But in spite of their medical issues, she said they are all like "one, big, happy family," and receive specialized personal care, including home-cooked meals.

At Linda's Place, all the services are provided for one price, not "ala carte." "We assist with all showers, plus shampoos and styles are done once a week, all included in the monthly price," said Richter.

Smaller homes like this can be a more affordable option for families, depending on the physical, emotional and social needs of each person. Some people may prefer a large facility with more than 100 residents, while others may thrive in a one-on-one environment. "We offer a cozy atmosphere," said Richter. "Our

Summary

► There are many assisted living facilities in the tri-county area, ranging from large facilities with dozens of residents to small, home-like places in a family setting.

residents don't have to walk far to go to the dining room or to reach their bedroom or bath."

Families who are looking at options to best suit their loved one will need to find out exactly what care is provided at each facility. Some, like Linda's Place, will take dementia patients but not Al-

zheimer's patients. Tanglewood Assisted Living in Fenton is geared entirely to Alzheimer's patients and their families.

At Apple Blossom Hill, with locations in Fenton and Holly, owner Barbara Sherey

works one-on-one with each of the 16 residents to find activities they can enjoy. "My philosophy is that each of our residents wants to maintain their dignity," said Sherey. "So many other things have been taken away, their home and their health. Here, we share with them their dignity and self-worth."

As a nurse and a massage therapist, Sherey has

taken a course in oncology massage and offers Spa Days at her homes. She has also been active in hospice care and welcomes patients who are in need of this level of care.

John Hawkins, owner of Almost Home Assisted Living in Fenton, said families should make sure they are placing their loved one in a home that is licensed by the state. Employees must undergo a background check and be fingerprinted.

He suggests families ask around or ask for recommendations from local senior centers. "Word of mouth is the best way to find a home," he said.



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DOWNTURN

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Unfinished subdivisions exist in many communities. In the tri-county area, the Pulte subdivision in Holly, Liberty Shores, McCully Lake and Byram Ridge in Fenton Township have gone unfinished.

Patrik Welty, of Legacy Realty, said that in the Fenton area, this is a new phenomenon. "It's obviously related to the economy in general," he said.

According to Welty, the most common scenario is that the property was developed when the real estate market was growing, but demand dropped off sharply when the properties were finished, causing the developer to go bankrupt. "The number of lots that were being built were based on projected growth from 2003-05," he said. "When that demand stopped, by the time developers realized how bad the downturn was, it was too late."

The development then goes back to the bank. The bank is responsible for managing the streets, and little management usually happens, he said.

The plots at the McCully Lake subdivision ranged in price from \$55,000 to \$125,000, offered initially by Triangle Development out of Farmington Hills.

According to Pierre Nona, of Triangle Development, his company, the bank that loaned the money for the project, and the land owner all took a significant hit from the sale of the property in 2009 to a Southeast Michigan investor, after the lots went unsold. "That was a perfect storm for real estate everywhere," he said.

Lauren Shampo, who just moved into a home on McCully Lake, wonders who will plow the streets in the winter, and if the properties are being promoted at all.

Shampo and her two children have just possibly doubled the size of the commu-

nity by moving into the only other home three weeks ago. "It was a steal," she said.

Shampo doesn't mind the unintentionally rustic and prairie-like feeling the subdivision has. It's that rustic feel that draws curious motorists who simply drive up and down the main street. Some even stop to eat lunch, looking out over the colorful empty lots. "It's not like living in a subdivision at all," she said. "It's definitely secluded."

Her children like seeing the animals, and the nights are very quiet. She said her children can ride bikes up and down the streets without having to worry about traffic.

Summary

► Unfinished subdivisions with vacant lots exist in many communities but are a newer issue for the Fenton area.

Shampo and her neighbor are lucky, as some of the unfinished developments do not have finished roads until there are more developed lots. In this case, there might have still been dirt roads throughout the subdivision for the foreseeable future.

Subdivision developments first start with the developer getting permission from the local municipality. In the case of the Pulte subdivision in Holly, the developer had to get permission from the township to develop the land. Since the land was developed, it has changed hands and still has more vacant properties than homes.

On the positive side, Welty said the market is doing its job, because these properties have dropped in price, creating opportunities for those with cash to invest. Welty has a home for sale on five acres on Hickory Ridge Road in Fenton that is worth slightly more than the property alone was 15 years ago.

Though the prices will remain low, it's likely most of the lots will continue to stay empty. "Even with that ridiculous low price, buyers are still hesitant because there are taxes and association fees that are holding them back."

TASTE

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"The food's great, the beer's great, the people are great," said Cody Hold-erbaum, a Fenton resident. "The Taste of Fenton brings the whole community together."

The highlight of the day was the blueberry pie eating contests, one for kids and the other for adults. Contestants had their hands tied behind their back while eating as many pies as they could.

"It feels great to win, but I don't want to see a blueberry pie again in a while," said pie-eating winner Matthew Holowicki, of Detroit. "I've never done a pie-eating contest with my hands tied behind my back." Holowicki won \$500 for eating the most pies. The second- and third-place contestants were awarded one free pie a month for the next year from the Fenton pie company, Crust.

"We had an awesome turnout for the Taste in Fenton," said Mark Hamel, co-owner of The French Laundry. "We have some serious pie eaters in this town. This is the first year for the pie-eating contest. Hopefully, this will be a yearly thing. It went off awesome, both the kid's contest and the adult one."

In addition to the abundant food, the bands, Too Much Fun and Mike Espee Blues, played live music, while kids romped around in bounce houses and on inflatable obstacle courses. The Lake Fenton High School Robotics Team gave a live demonstration and the Fenton Fire

Department held a 5K and 10K race in the morning.

"Overall, we were real happy with the event. We heard nothing but good comments," said Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. "It was a nice crowd and the variety of food was excellent."

Day said that nearly 3,000 people attended this year's event, down slightly from last year due to the rain on Saturday evening. She also said the event serves as a reunion for many people, as people have built friendships trying different foods. "A lot of people see the same people from last year and it's the only time of the year they meet up."

The 12th annual Taste in Fenton will be the second weekend in August next year at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. The familiar grounds allowed planners to add new additions this year, such as a tent over the beverage patio and a second tent for seating.

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IF YOU SEE the elite running the world, then you see exactly what the Democratic Party wants you to see and what they try so hard to make you believe. Class warfare is exactly what they want. Stop hating your neighbor because they are rich or poor. Republicans are not much better, by the way.

WHEN SOMEONE IS on a recall election, that person or group should be made to collect money as well as signatures to pay for the election. The cost burden should not be on the local government, but on the one who feels strong enough about the matter to take it to the streets.

BACHMANN'S OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN slogan pretty much summed up the GOP's main concern this election: 'The unifying choice that will beat Obama.' The only thing the Republicans care about is beating Obama. His approval rate could be 100 percent, and they wouldn't care about anything other than beating Obama.

ARE THE STATE'S rules about striking the same as federal? I would have thought if the teachers go on strike that the government would step in and fire the whole bunch. Look at the air traffic controllers who went on strike against the federal government. They all lost their jobs. Doesn't the state government have the same rules? If they don't, then they should.



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Detroit Lions' Matt Stafford

DAVID'S NEWS AND VIEWS SPRING 2011

News item #1: The Lions open their preseason with a blowout victory against the Bengals.

A few years back the Lions finished the preseason 4-0. They finished the regular season that same year 0-16. Preseason games are so meaningless. If your team does well, it creates false hope. If they do poorly you get upset anyway. All that said, it's nice to see Matt Stafford healthy and throwing the ball the way he did Friday night. Gosh, the Lions looked

good. I think I better up my season prediction to UGH, see what I mean.

News item #2: Tiger Woods fails to make the cut at the PGA Championship.

News on Tiger keeps on getting worse and worse in his camp. First, he fires his long-time caddy, watches him win while patrolling Adam Scott's bag and then has to hear his old caddy lambaste him on television after Scott's victory. Come on, you're a caddy that made millions off of Woods. Relax buddy. If the caddy story wasn't enough, Woods still has a long way to go before he's even a shadow of himself on the golf course. There are

probably some players on the Nationwide Tour playing better than Tiger right now. I'm sure the PGA Tour is hurting due to his demise, but I'm not missing him. I wouldn't mind seeing Tiger peak back in the top 10 golfers of the world one day, but when he was as dominant as he was, he made golf boring in my mind. With his fall he's actually somewhat interesting. Can Tiger win again? Will he ever be one of the elite golfers in the world again? Can he break Jack Nicklaus' Majors record? Certainly he'll have another "peak" to his career. It's hard to think he's already "done" before the age of

40. But what level he'll return to one day, and when, is an interesting question.

News item #3: Jim Thome hits his 600th career home run.

Thome became the eighth Major League Baseball player to hit 600 or more home runs when he slugged two at Comerica Park Monday night. His career clearly overlaps the steroid era, but to this point he's remained out of the steroid talk. If that continues, he's a lock to get into the Hall of Fame, and not have to worry about the same fate that players like Barry Bonds, Sammy

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Q On this date in 1948, all games were stopped for one minute in Japan. Why?

A Babe Ruth died the previous evening, and Japan honored him with the moment of silence. Over 100,000 fans lined up to pay their respects to Babe Ruth.

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Times sports

Run Through Flames completes second year

Thomas, Fenton's LeDuc are top overall winners

By David Troppens

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Fenton — Greg Thomas didn't feel like getting up at five in the morning. So the Clio resident hit the snooze bar, and came to Fenton instead on Saturday.

The move paid off for the 10K runner, who ended up winning the Fenton Firefighters Charities' Run Through the Flames 5K/10K Run.

Thomas thought about going to Pinckney's popular Run Through Hell event, but chose Fenton instead.

"It's close to home and it's cheaper than the Hell run," Thomas said. "I didn't want to get up five in the morning to beat the traffic. I went to bed and came to this race instead. I wasn't planning on doing it, but I jumped on runmichigan.com this morning and saw the 10K race in Fenton. I figured that's what I needed to run

Run Through the Flames Race Results

►5K Run winners

Men's overall

1. Matthew LeDuc 18:57

Women's overall

1. Rachel Derocher 21:12

►10K Run winners

Men's overall

1. Greg Thomas 39:03

Women's overall

1. Selena Wallace 47:44

today, so I came out."

Thomas, 42, won the event with a time of 39:03, 12 seconds better than second-place Dave Wolbert, 52. Donald Achey took third with a time of 41:37. The top female was Selena Wallace, 16. The West Bloomfield resident finished the race in 47:44, in 11th place overall. The 10K event had a field of 47 runners.

In the 5K race, Fenton resi-



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Runners leave the Fenton fire station as they start their races during Saturday's Run Through the Flames 5K/10K Run.

dent and Powers junior Matthew LeDuc, 16, took first with a time of 18:58. He easily outdistanced the 80 finishers of the race. Chris-

topher Wilson placed second in 19:32, while Matt Springer was third (19:47).

The top female performer was

White Lake resident and Holly prep runner Rachel Derocher. She finished fifth overall with a time

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The Silver Lake Ski Club took fourth out of 14 teams at nationals.

Silver Lake Ski Club concludes strong season, taking fourth place at nationals

By David Troppens

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When it comes to national competitions, the Silver Lake Ski Club is used to earning successful performances.

The club had another one recently.

They traveled to the Division 2 Show Ski National Championships at Kwahamot Bay in Wisconsin and placed fourth out of 14 teams. While that in itself was a strong showing, the event included six Division 1 teams. Eliminate them from the competition and Silver Lake Ski Club finished first among the Division

2 competitors.

"We had a great weekend," Silver Lake Ski performer Jeff Nichols said. "We ended up taking fourth out of 14 teams, and of those 14 teams, six were Division 1 teams. Also, we won best overall show. To win that award, means we had the best overall entertaining show."

The squad also had two individuals win strong honors. Jocelyn Rich, 18, won the Overall Best Female Skier, while Ty Dibler, 18, won Best Barefoot Act.

Rich, a ninth-year participant, won her honor by performing in

seven of the club's events during their one-hour show. She performed in the high pyramid, the ballet line, with the front flip fliers, the barefoot line, a one-act show, jumped and was part of a grand pyramid.

"It was real exciting, but I wasn't really expecting it," Rich said of the award. "It's pretty tiring because you have to run back-and-forth from whatever dock you performed. Plus there's the heat."

"I was talking to a lady on the team and she said, 'That's my goal for you,' and that was the

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Happy Birthday

Ex-Detroit Pistons player and Duke legend Christian Laettner was born on this date in 1969.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPEMS
Madison Montgomery was one of just hundreds of participants this summer during the Tyrone Hills Junior Golf Program. The event concluded on Thursday with the annual golf meet.

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goal I set for myself (winning Overall Best Female Skier). To accomplish that goal is really exciting.”
Dibler earned his honor primarily because he was able to perform four circles during his barefoot routine. Performing circles isn’t particularly rare, but the number of circles he did was.
“My Dad has done that act before and had some high scoring acts as well. I’m following in his footsteps so it feels pretty good,” Dibler said. “You get really tired (doing circles), especially because I had the acts before it.”
“When I first got there I wanted our team to win. When I saw the teams before me and they did their barefoot circles, it made me want to challenge myself and go for the award. Normally I’ll do three. Since it was the national tournament I went for four.”
Nichols was impressed by the two 18 year olds.
“Jocelyn is unique because she does so many acts, and some of them are not common to females,” Nichols said. “Girls do barefoot, but it’s not as common in ski shows. She jumped in the show and that’s a more male dominated discipline. She also does pyramids, rope doubles, ballet line and swivel skis. She’s very well rounded.”
“Ty is being whipped constantly while making the barefoot circles around the jump. With each circle you do, the water gets choppy and the more tiring they become.”
The team had to do 14 acts in their one-hour show with a group of 24 skiers.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Silver Lake Ski Club performs one of their acts during the national tournament. The squad placed fourth out of 14 teams, but placed first among Division 2 programs at the event.

Many of the larger division clubs can have as many as 60 to 80 skiers for their one-hour show.
“We have quite a few skiers who are in seven or eight acts, and people that have to do acts back-to-back-to-back,” Nichols said. “Just from a cardio aspect you have to be in great shape.”
The team begins preparing its act in the winter and constantly refines it during the season. To qualify for nationals you must place in the top two at regionals. However,

occasionally a regional won’t have one of those top two teams attend, giving the invite to another squad. Silver Lake Ski Club earned their invite that way and took advantage of the second chance.
“We overcame a lot of adversity this year,” Nichols said. “We lost a few very key skiers and had a few injuries this year, so we were without skiers for a portion of the year. But we were able to overcome the adversity and it made it more enjoyable.”

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of 21:12. Alexa Keiser, 9, took second in the female division (23:04), while Jean Keiser was third (25:30).
In the 10K race, Thomas battled with Wolbert for awhile.
“We went back-and-forth,” Thomas said. “He passed me with about five (kilometers left), but I had a little kick left and got away from him. I went out with the 5Kers, not knowing the course. I tried picking up after that. I was a little tired from three days of speedwork in a row. I had tired legs when I ran it.”
Thomas runs a race almost every weekend and has won three races this year.
LeDuc was running the event after hearing about it from friend Ian Dillingham, who placed ninth with a time of 23:29. It was his first victory of the season.
“I’ve run three or four. I came in second in one, but this is the first one I won,” LeDuc said. “It’s pretty nice.”
“I did this more for practice for cross country. I was thinking about keeping an even pace and getting a PR for this summer. I was pretty pleased.”
He just started his cross country season with the first days of practice starting on Wednesday.
Despite rainy weather, both events grew reasonably well since last year’s first run, approximately doubling in size. The 5K race had more finishers this year (80) than the two races did combined (67) a year ago.
“The course is good,” Thomas said. “I’m surprised there aren’t more people out for this race.”



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(Left) The 5K winner of the Run Through the Flames race was Fenton’s Matthew LeDuc. The 10K winner was Clio’s Greg Thomas.

Proceeds go to Fenton Firefighters Charities. It’s one the of department’s two big fundraisers. The races started in the firehouse and ended there as well. The course ran within Fenton’s city limits on mostly neighborhood roads. It took place about two hours before the start of the Taste In Fenton.

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Sosa or Mark McGwire are experiencing. However, I sometimes wonder why Bonds, Sosa and McGwire are looked upon as non-HOF worthy. I’m not questioning their

steroid use. However, it was an era when everyone — from owners to fans — knew players were using, and everyone supported the game. They were still some of the great, if not the best, hitters of their era. They should be in the Hall as well.

News item #4: Prep football begins soon.
To be exact, it starts a week from Friday. People waiting for the Linden at Fenton game won’t have too wait long. It’s on Sept. 1.

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LINDEN GARAGE sale. Children items, toys, books, clothes (Infant-age 5) and various items. August 18th-20th, 9-5p.m., 324 Valleyview Dr., Pine Valley Subdivision.

Real Estate For Sale

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FENTON TWP. - 12 apartments on 2.5 acres, discounted \$250,000, NOW - \$325,000. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

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Vacant Land For Sale

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FENTON - LOON lake 2 waterfront and 2 wooded lots. \$16,000 and up. Quick sale, terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6887.

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Manufactured Homes

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Estate Sale

August 19th, 20th, & 21st 2011

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Real Estate For Rent 21

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Office/Retail 22

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Rooms/ Apartments For Rent 23

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Rooms/ Apartments For Rent 23

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Misc. For Sale 26



168" CONLEY custom slalom ski; 3 piece country white full size bedroom suite. Both items like new. 810-593-7232.

TRI-COUNTYTIMESPHOTOS - Any staff photo published in the Tri-County Times can be purchased by calling 810-433-6797.

Misc. Wanted 27

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CHEAP REMOVAL of old TV antennas. Call Tom, 810-397-4582.

Lost & Found 31

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BLONDE FEMALE Shih tzu w/black tips of ears, surgical scar on stomach, no collar, 10 years, partially blind. Return, no questions asked. 248-634-6457.

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