Fenton parks and downtown now have free wireless Internet access

Local company donates equipment and installation costs

By Cheryl Dennison cdennison@tctimes.com

Despite a government mandate several years ago urging municipalities across the nation to provide wireless Internet access to downtown areas, Fenton is one of the few Michigan cities to actually accomplish it. Effective Sept. 9, all seven Fenton parks and nearly the entire LeRoy Street corridor, from Dibbleville to the north city limits, have free Internet access available to residents and visitors.

Tri-County Wireless, a Fenton-based company in operation since Aug. 2004, donated all the equipment and labor at no cost to the city or residents. “It was put in place by Mr. Rockman before he died last March,” said Tri-County Wireless CTO Fred Moses. “He felt very strongly that free wireless access was crucial to keeping our downtown areas vibrant and growing. He made us promise to finish the project as soon as possible.”

The state-of-the-art equipment and accompanying Wi-Fi signal is not limited to just the LeRoy Street corridor and parks themselves, but will also serve many of the immediate surrounding neighborhoods.

See INTERNET on 10A

Cell phone use and social media policies vary at area schools

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

Summary

► As technology advances faster than a speeding bullet, schools everywhere must find ways of managing the way students use their personal electronic devices during the school day.

Without a doubt, today’s high school students are communicating in ways that were unheard of when their parents were in school. Gone are the days when handwritten notes were slipped underneath desks and phone cords were stretched to their limits so girls could have private conversations with their latest crush. Instinctively, today’s teens reach for their cell phones, smart phones, and much more.

With the rise of social networking and other forms of communication that are not limited to the school building, teachers and administrators are continually looking for ways to encourage positive behavior support programs in all the schools. So many staff, teachers and administrators go beyond their job expectations. I am a parent in the district with three kids. Even the lunchtime workers are helpful and kind to all the kids.

Anonymous

Warrior pride

Wearing football uniforms that resemble camouflage fatigues, the Fenton varsity football team charges on to the field during the second annual Wounded Warrior Project game against the Brandon Blackhawks Friday night. The event exceeded its $30,000 goal. All the proceeds went to the Wounded Warrior Project. Brandton won the contest 21-12.

SeaWorld Orlando appealing citations

► Whale trainer with ties to Fenton killed in February 2010

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

Federal investigators are challenging claims by SeaWorld Orlando that a killer whale grabbed trainer Dawn Brancheau by her long ponytail when the animal pulled her underwater and killed her in February 2010, according to a news article in the Orlando Sentinel, this week.

SeaWorld is appealing citations issued by U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) over Brancheau’s death. Brancheau

See TRAINER on 13A

Former parishioner accused of bilking $10K from church

► Fenton police launch criminal investigation

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

The Fenton Police Department has initiated a criminal investigation after officials of a Fenton church filed an embezzlement complaint.

Lt. Jason Slater said, on Sept. 2, officials from a local church came in and said the church had become a victim of fraud, and possibly out as much as $10,000.

To raise funds, the church took part in a Great Lakes Scrip program. See BILKING on 23A
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Lions, Tigers and Wings, oh my!

Exciting time to be a fan of Detroit sports teams

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

Who would have imagined that the Detroit Tigers, the Lions and the Red Wings would give the Detroit area, and beyond, something to be excited about — all at the same time?

The Tigers clinched the Central Division of the American League last Friday. The Lions’ 48-3 win over the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday marked the largest margin of victory, in the regular season, in team history and the Wings have begun a new season.

Whether you’re having friends over to watch the games on the TV, watching the games in person or heading to your favorite sports bar, be ready for some thrilling action on the field or ice.

The Detroit Tigers — The Detroit Tigers just keep getting hotter and hotter as postseason

Life in the fast lane

Time to get your mind in the gutter

By Tim Jagielo
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With the sound of pins crashing, people chatting, and upbeat music over the speaker system, Fenton Lanes bowling alley grew to a medium hustle Wednesday night.

The guests were genuinely happy, and that’s what co-owner Jennifer Berg loves about spending most of her time there. “Everyone is happy to be here,” she said.

To her, people come to her family business looking for a good time, and they generally find

Summary ▶ Bowling alleys have become places to mingle with friends and family, and maybe get a little exercise during colder Michigan months.

Matt Turner, of Holly Township, gets ready to throw the ball at Fenton Lanes Wednesday night.

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Hot lines — the voice of the people

If you want to start an interesting conversation (and by interesting I mean fisticuffs, shouting and cursing), just bring up the Tri-County Times Hot lines in mixed company. Opinions will be as diverse as...well, as diverse as the Hot lines. Much like life, the Hot lines are many things to many people. Some will decry its format, citing the unwritten code (by unwritten I mean nonexistent) that states ‘any person stating any opinion at any time in any newspaper must attach a name, age, weight, Social Security number or most recent tax return in order to have their comment published.’ Keep in mind that this unwritten code is nullified if the reader happens to agree with your opinion.

By Foster Childs

But, I digress. The truth is that most who decry the Hot line format of anonymous commentary are the same people who demand — loudly, petulantly and indignantly — that any opinion that doesn’t precisely mirror their own political and social perspective, should not be allowed to be published, printed, aired or spoken.

The Times, on the other hand, believes in these challenging times we live in, it is critical to provide the average citizen with a venue to voice their frustrations. Because the Hot lines are the same people who pay the outrageous water bills in Holly, who drive on the crappy roads in Fenton, and pay the high property taxes in Linden. They are the same people who wait on the phone for an hour to speak to someone in India about their impossible-to-decipher cable and cell phone bills. They are the same people whose e-mails and letters to the editor go unanswered and unacknowledged. These are the same people who woke up one morning to find that their president and the unions they had stolen their GM stock literally overnight. These are the same people who are taxed, raped and pillaged on a daily basis by the very people they elected to look after their interests.

Undoubtedly, they feel impatient, angry and frustrated. This is an environment that requires — no, demands — that they have a vehicle for their voice to be heard. That vehicle is the Tri-County Times Hot lines.

Human nature is such that it is the frustrated who holter the loudest, not the complacent. And yes, the manifesting of that frustration varies from the ridiculous to the astute. But every readership study tells us the same thing — that the Hot lines are far and away the most desired, the most read, and the most popular component of the Times.

To those of you who indignantly demand that the Times require a source for all Hot line comments...well, that is simply not practical. In today’s technologically advanced environment, there is no reliable method to verify authorship of any open forum commentary. Besides, anonymity, more often than not, fosters the truth. And anonymity is the secret sauce that drives the success of the Hot lines.

That leaves the Times with the simple decision to either publish Hot lines, or eliminate them...there is no other option.

And so the Times will continue to publish the Hot lines.

And the Times will continue to be the voice of the people.
Township ponders purchase of mobile home park

By William Axford

Township ponders purchase of mobile home park

More than $1 million owed in delinquent taxes to county

By William Axford

Raw Text

Delinquent taxes to county

Items don't need to be sorted.

Supervisor Alison Kalcec said the num cans, junk mail, and office paper.

Pan cans, newspaper, clear glass, alumi-

Township may pay $1,757,883 back to Livingston County.

Due to laws in Livingston County, all delinquent taxes within a municipality are collected by the county.

“The biggest risk here is if someone does buy it for $100,000 and turns it back in four years,” said Supervisor Mike Cunningham.

“We'll still owe $1 million in taxes.”

The best-case scenario for Tyro Township would involve an outside bidder committed to running Cider Mill Crossing. Such a scenario seems unlikely however as the owner of Cider Mill Crossing could collect revenue without paying taxes, forcing Tyro Township to pay the delinquent taxes.

“Either way, we're going to take the hit or buy it and run it.”

David Kurtz

Township treasurer

The Sewer bond rate for Cider Mill Crossing is $225,000.

The board discussed the possibility of buying Cider Mill Crossing for $1 million in order to retain the highest return on rebates possible. If an investor bought Cider Mill Crossing for $1 million, the township would receive a rebate of $779,600 split between various funds. An additional $717,232 sewer bond rate would also be paid to the township. However, if only $100,000 is invested into the mobile home park, Tyro Township will receive a $77,960 rebate from various funds and $71,723 from a sewer rebate fund.

The board of trustees voted to table further discussion in lieu of new information and to hold a special meeting before the Sept. 28 auction. The specific date and time for the special meeting has not been scheduled yet.

Super Hero Fun Run/Walk set

To benefit Weiss Advocacy Center

The Super Hero Fun Run/Walk is set for Sat., Oct. 1, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the University of Michigan-Flint Pavilion, 303 Saginaw St. The event is sponsored by the Weiss Advocacy Center.

All children need heroes, but abused children need superheroes. Grab your family and friends, don your mask and cape, and sign up for the Superhero Fun Run/Walk! You'll have a great time running or walking (or even strolling!) to raise money for the Weiss Advocacy Center's work to protect children and prevent child abuse in Genesee County.

Registration is at 8 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

To learn more and register, visit www.weissadvocacycenter.org/content/superhero-run-use-your-power-protect-ch.
Scott’s victims’ rights bill passes Senate

36-0 vote makes parole details public

On Wednesday, the Michigan Senate approved a bill sponsored by state Rep. Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc) that would provide greater oversight and transparency in the parole process. House Bill 4703 came after a series of hearings where Scott and Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton testified before the House Judiciary Committee.

“I’m proud that today both Democrats and Republicans stood up to protect victims’ rights,” said Scott. “Increasing transparency in the parole process will give prosecutors the tools they need to keep our neighborhoods safe.”

Current law forces prosecutors to file lawsuits against the state of Michigan in order to gain access to information regarding potential parole candidates.

This bill would require prosecuting attorneys in counties where a prisoner was convicted to be notified of the date and time of parole hearings. The prosecuting attorney will also be notified if the parole board decides to grant the prisoner parole.

“Parole decisions are some of the most important decisions made by anyone in state government,” said Leyton. “The wrong decision can have a devastating impact on a community. By providing notice to the prosecuting attorney, these bills ensure that the parole board will have the best available information when making these important and difficult decisions.”

“We commend Rep. Scott and all co-sponsors of this bill for introducing this important reform.”

HB 4703 was approved by the Senate 36-0 with two excused. The bill now goes to the governor for final approval.
HI T AND RUN

Michigan State Police troopers responded to an abandoned vehicle partially blocking the roadway in the 14600 block of Dixie Highway in Holly Township on Sept. 18. The vehicle had struck several wooden guard posts the night before, coming to rest partially in a ditch. The troopers found, and spoke to the owner of the car, who directed them to speak with his wife, who had been driving last night. She said they had been arguing when the accident occurred the night before. She admitted to drinking, and still smelled of intoxicants. The driver could not be charged with an OWI because of the time that passed, but she was cited for violating the basic speed law, and failing to stop and identify at the scene of a property damage crash.

LOST COW

On Sept. 16, Michigan State Police troopers were dispatched to property on the 1100 block of Terrace Road in Davison. The property owner needed assistance collecting a cow that had moved to a neighbor’s property, and the neighbor was threatening to shoot the cow. The state troopers helped to keep the cow under control until the owner could bring a truck with a trailer.

FAKE $10 BILL

The Holly Police Department was notified of a possible counterfeit $10 bill on Sept. 15. An officer was sent to the村子 offices to investigate the complaint. A Holly Village employee turned over the suspected fake bill to the officer, so that it could be inspected further. The officer was unable to see the required watermark. The owner of the bill did not know where they acquired it; however, they believed they received change from a Fenton area business. The officer confiscated the bill for evidence.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

On Sept. 14, a Holly police officer was sent to a business in the 100 block of Battle Alley to investigate an attempted burglary. The responding officer spoke with a security clerk who said that when she arrived at the business to open it up, she discovered that someone had attempted to break into the business through the lower level main entrance door. The officer noticed several old pry marks and one fresh pry mark on the door. The door handle was also broken. The 26-year-old suspect did not gain entry into the business. Police believe that a 26-year-old suspect in a Sept. 13 larceny, which occurred less than 200 feet from this business, may be responsible for this attempted burglary. The scene was processed for evidence and the case was turned over to detectives for further investigation.

NEPHEW STEALS TRUCK

The Holy Police Department is investigating a stolen vehicle complaint. The theft occurred from a home in the 800 block of Elm Street on Sept. 11. The complainant said her nephew lived with her and that he asked to use her truck. She told the officer that she never gave her nephew permission to drive her truck. She told the officer that she saw her nephew drive off with the truck but did not call right away because she did not want to get him in further trouble. She eventually called when he failed to return the truck. She told police that her nephew might be in the Flint area at a suspected Meth house. The case remains under investigation. The truck is described as a green 1997 GMC Sierra pickup truck.

LOST AND INTOXICATED

At 3 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12, a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a home in the 12000 block of Jennings Road to investigate a report of a suspicious male. Det. Sgt. Bill Lanning said a homeowner called 911 after a white male was observed screaming and banging on their door. The deputy made contact with the 20-year-old Davison male, who was intoxicated. The man was not sure where he was. He was arrested for disorderly person and lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

MAN CAUGHT TRYING TO BREAK INTO WOMAN’S VAN

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a business parking lot in the 14000 block of Fenton Road after an employee observed a white male attempting to break into an employee’s vehicle. The deputy made contact with the suspect, a 47-year-old Fenton Township man, who admitted he was trying to get into a woman’s van. The man was arrested for disorderly person and lodged at the county jail. While in custody, the man admitted to breaking into the same woman’s van more than 20 times in the past month to commit larcenies. The case remains under investigation.

DOMESTIC COMPLAINT

At 3 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, Genesee County Sheriff’s Department deputies were sent to a home in the 13000 block of Fenton Road to investigate a domestic complaint. Deputies arrested a 39-year-old Fenton Township man, who was later lodged at the county jail.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SINCE APPLEFEST GETS the sheriff’s department, Fenton police and the support of the whole town (broken sign ordinances and all), pays no taxes, and charges for everything there, how much more money will St. John Church return to the community?

WHAT IS WITH the runners from Fenton High School? When they were out practicing yesterday, they were on the overpass for the overpass standing in traffic. They won’t have a team for long if they are going to block a busy intersection like that.

ALL I’VE HEARD from Republicans since Obama was elected is that he is a liar, a Muslim, he’s not a citizen, and he’s destroying America, etc. I have yet to hear which of the misfits, miscreants, and malingerers I am supposed to vote for. All I can see from their debates is that they are all liars or uninformed.

RECENTLY, ‘NO PARKING’ signs were erected along the entrance road of the Linden Soccer Park. But some people choose to ignore the signs and continue to park their cars along the road. For the safety of everyone who visits the park, especially your children, please abide by the signs.

THE HOT LINES on Wednesday this week looked like an ‘I love me day’ with all politically correct things. Looks like the point of Hot Lines is going the way of politically correct junk.
Detroit Tigers

Sept. 24
Tigers vs. Orioles at home, 7:05 p.m.

Sept. 25
Tigers vs. Orioles at home, 1:05 p.m.

Sept. 28
end of regular season play

Detroit Red Wings

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Detroit Lions

• The Lions have won four NFL championships, the last in 1957.
• The Lions are one of four current NFL teams that have yet to qualify for the Super Bowl.
• The 2008 team became the only team in NFL history to lose all 16 regular season games.

Captains after Steve Yzerman retired. Yzerman was captain from 1986 to 2006.

The 11-time Stanley Cup champions recently announced that all Tuesday night home games this season will feature special merchandise, sweepstakes annoucements, and guest appearances for Joe Louis Arena patrons.

Jeff Mills, a teacher at Lake Fenton High School, is a fan of the Lions, Tigers, and Wings. He enjoys going down to Comerica Park for the baseball games and is excited to see the Tigers in playoffs.

Mills also likes to tailgate in the Eastern Market near Ford Field for the Lions games. He said he is excited for the Lions but remains guarded since they have let the area down for more than 50 years.

“The Wings simply reload every year,” he said. “They are my favorite team. I cannot wait to get down to the Joe as exhibition games are starting up.” Mills believes the team has a chance every year to go deep in playoffs and to win the Stanley Cup.

To keep up with the Wings, go to detroit.tigers.mlb.com.

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**INTERNET**

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areas, such as municipal and private parking lots and properties. Many businesses believe that free downtown Internet will help promote the Fenton merchants’ theme of shopping local and keeping retail dollars in the community, as it has proven to be in other similar sized communities.

“The city of Fenton has been great to work with,” said Moses. “We have been providing wireless Internet service to City Hall for almost five years, so they had confidence in our abilities and equipment. The only concern we had was if the businesses located in key areas would allow us to place equipment on their buildings or property. We only had one owner turn us down. All the others recognized the value we were providing and welcomed us with open arms.”

Fenton City Mayor Sue Osborn is also excited about the project. “It will allow the people to enjoy the out of doors and still remain connected. The citizens of Fenton are fortunate to have the commitment of Tri-County Wireless to our community.”

Company representatives say that the free Internet access is at least five times faster than dial-up. For users who have the need for higher speeds, or larger file downloads, upgraded packages can be purchased by the day, week or month, according to Sales Manager Bryan Harper. “We offer a complete suite of commercial packages tailored to fit any need,” added Harper.

“We already provide high-speed service to several dozen Fenton businesses and retailers. We are known for our service.”

Harper says that connecting to the TC Wireless wi-fi system is as easy as scanning your wireless networks menu and selecting tecco.

The entire project took about six months to complete at a cost of several thousand dollars.

“Mr. Rockman would be proud,” said Moses. “I wish we were here to see this day.”

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RENWICK
Roger and Irene Renwick of Fenton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16. Renwick, and the former Ferne Parker of Fenton, were married at First Baptist Church of Holly on Sept. 16, 1961. They have three children, Edward (Nancy), Julie (Gregory) Hungerford, and Angela Renwick, all of Fenton. They have four grandchildren. The couple celebrated by taking a cruise in August with 18 of their family and friends.

BUERKEL
Bill and Janice Buerkel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5. Buerkel, and the former Janice Radka, of Rogers City, were married at Zion Lutheran Church in Bay City on Aug. 5, 1961. They have three children, John (Teresa) of Berkley, Dan (Jill) of Saline, and Steve (April) of Fenton. They have seven grandchildren, Austin, Bethany, Brendan, Katelyn, Lauren, Lucas, and Noah. The couple celebrated by vacationing at the Double JJ Resort and Ranch in Rothbury.

PADGETT
Kelsey R. Kenel, of Saginaw, became the bride of Justin J. Padgett, of Fenton, on July 8, 2011. The ceremony was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Saginaw, and was performed by Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn. A reception followed at the Swan Valley Banquet Center in Saginaw. After the honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev., the newlyweds are residing in Ferndale.
POLICIES
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iPods, iPads, to hear and see the latest news and gossip. Their gadgets are linked directly to websites, such as Facebook, that allow them to know where their friends are at any given moment, the score of their favorite sports team, the weather, and who just broke up with whom.

There are now so many ways to communicate, such as the social networking site, Facebook, Twitter and Smartphones.

Facebook’s mission is to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected. Twitter is a real-time information network that connects anyone to the latest information about what he or she finds interesting. Smartphones are high-end mobile phones that combine the functions of a personal digital assistant computer and a mobile phone.

Area high school principals and their staff must be up on all the latest technology so that the technology is not abused by techno-savvy students.

Todd Reynolds, the new principal at Lake Fenton High School, said it would be difficult to find a student who did not own a cell phone. Per school policy, students are required to keep their phones in their locker or keep them turned off and stored in a purse or small nylon backpack.

The first time a phone becomes an issue, school officials will confiscate it for the remainder of the day. If the phone becomes an issue a second time, a parent is called and the phone is turned over to them. The students know that if their phone becomes an issue a third time, the school will keep the phone until the end of the year.

Reynolds said that in his eight years as an administrator, one student had their phone confiscated for the year. “The parents usually make it an issue after the first time,” he said.

Other electronics, such as iPads, are a completely different thing, said Reynolds. Because of their Wi-Fi capabilities, students can access any website or listen to music. Students using the school’s computers can only access school-approved sites.

Reynolds said teachers may let students use their iPads after instructional time and many do put earbuds in and listen to music. Students commonly use their iPads during lunch or in between classes. Because of the Wi-Fi capability, students can also check their Facebook account. “It’s a lot for us to manage,” said Reynolds.

“For the most part, a working relationship is our number one goal.”

Todd Reynolds
Lake Fenton High School principal

Students at Lake Fenton High School walk to waiting buses or cars after school. This time is commonly used to check cell phone messages.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WHEN YOU PICKET, you give up your rights as an employee, and you will lose your job. Is it really worth it to picket and stand on the side of the road? Maybe you should just be thankful you have a job, because many people don’t and a lot would like to have the job you’ve got.

I HAVE BEEN rocking over the years that many accidents that involve vehicles are due to elderly people who won’t give up their licenses. Please do everybody a favor and give up your keys. You are not giving up your independence; you are keeping everyone else on the road safer.
It’s critter hunting time

Volunteers needed for water monitoring program

On Thursday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 1, volunteers are asked to get outdoors with the Flint River Watershed Coalition for its 13th year of a water quality monitoring program.

Water quality monitoring is a vital tool that helps assess the health of the area waterways. The organization samples and identifies “creek critters,” also known as macro-invertebrates, such as caddis fly larva, dragonfly larva, and snails.

It’s a fun reason to get into the water. Testing occurs at 34 sites across Genesee and Lapeer counties, including sites along the Shiawassee River in Linden and Argentine Township. The FRWC needs everyone’s help to ensure that all 34 sites are assessed.

Data collected is used by the FRWC as well as local and state agencies to protect the watershed.

If one was unable to attend a recent training session, he or she will be paired with an experienced volunteer, who can teach novice volunteers.

Returning monitors should contact Jaime Welch at jwelch@flintriver.org to arrange their monitoring site, date and supplies. New volunteers are advised to call (810) 767-7140 or e-mail jwelch@flintriver.org.

TRAINER
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was married to Scott Brancheau, the son of John and Terry Brancheau, of Fenton Township.

A lengthy weeklong hearing began Monday and lawyers for OSHA said in court that they believe the 6-ton killer whale, Tilikum, grabbed Brancheau by the arm.

According to the Orlando Sentinel, OSHA’s conclusion was based in part on the testimony of a SeaWorld Orlando security officer. Park officials have said that the whale grabbed her ponytail as it drifted into his mouth, while OSHA lawyers contend that the whale’s actions were more serious and dangerous matter.

OSHA argued that SeaWorld Orlando’s animal trainers couldn’t work safely while in close contact with the world’s largest ocean predator. Lawyers also challenged the accuracy of an internal log that SeaWorld kept, which was supposed to document and analyze every aggression incident over the last 23 years. Lawyers argued that not all acts of aggression were recorded.

SeaWorld Orlando attorneys argued that Brancheau’s death was an isolated tragedy.

Video footage has shown that the whale repeatedly struck and thrashed Brancheau and pulled her under water as she attempted to escape. An autopsy revealed she died from drowning and traumatic injuries.

OSHA cited SeaWorld for three safety violations, including one classified as “willful,” a $75,000 fine in August 2010. “SeaWorld recognized the inherent risk of allowing trainers to interact with potentially dangerous animals,” said Cindy Coe, OSHA’s regional administrator in Atlanta, Ga.

“Nonetheless, it required its employees to work within the pool walls, on ledges and on shelves where they were subject to dangerous behavior by the animals.”

The whale that attacked Brancheau was also involved in the death of an animal trainer in 1991, at a park in Canada. SeaWorld had forbidden trainers from swimming with this whale because of its dangerous past, but allowed them to interact, by touching him while they were lying on the pool edge in shallow water, according to OSHA investigation.

The OSHA investigation also revealed that SeaWorld trainers had an extensive history of unexpected and potentially dangerous incidents involving killer whales at its various facilities, including its location in Orlando. Despite this record, management failed to make meaningful changes to improve the safety of the work environment for its employees.

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**BOYWING**

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it on one of the 24 lanes. Fenton Lanes is one of two bowling alleys in the tri-county area, with Holly Lanes in Holly.

Both local bowling alleys have a variety of schedules and leagues. Some are held during the day, but many are at night. The bowlers on Wednesday night were a mix of different backgrounds and professions, which Jennifer enjoys as she minglest and greets the guests. She knows many of them by name, and has played matchmaker to at least one marriage. The senior couple was married right at the alley. “Isn’t that interesting?” she said.

Arthe far end, at set of couples bowl, and munch on a plate of nachos. “I bowled my first strike!” said Eri Pochubay of Fenton, pumping her fist in celebration. Pochubay and her husband bowl for a team called “The Wild Ones” on weekends.

Jimmy VanVliet, of Grand Blanc, is celebrating his birthday with friends and a few pin-shaped Budweisers. “Beers and bowling, you can’t beat it,” he said.

Employee Dan Munro, of Fenton, maintains the 40-year old machines that collect bowling balls and re-sets the pins. He usually only hears the customers. “It’s great,” he said. “I hear the hollerin’ and screamin’ and I know they’re having a good time.” He greases the many pulleys wheels to keep the complex machines running smoothly.

Fenton Lanes is run and managed by Jennifer’s family. The heavy-duty repairs and preventative maintenance are done by her brother, Jim Berg. Jim is an electrical engineer by trade, but does all of the mechanical engineering the alley needs. His workshop walls behind the five-foot tall machines are lined with dozens of small jars containing tiny pieces of hardware so he can be ready to do quick repairs. Even through a closed door, the sounds of spinning pulleys, crashing and pinging pins are ever present. “When all 24 (lanes) are going, it gets loud,” said Jim.

He finds working at the bowling alley very fulfilling. “You work on something different every day,” he said. At that moment, his mother, JWown Berg, called over the loudspeaker, “Ball return on 24, ball return on 24.” Jim took off down the narrow aisle with machines to place the wayward bowling ball back on its track. The heart of the business, balls and pins, also keeps him busy. The pins themselves are coated plastic, with a maple wood core. After a month of use, Berg lets a set “rest” back in dated boxes behind the return machines. This allows the pins to re-expand to their correct shape after being beaten on by the bowling balls.

Sometimes, he has to send them back to be resurfaced.

While Jim keeps the machines humming along, Jennifer works to provide hospitality to her guests, for 12 hours at a time. She points to the majority of her customers, identifying them by name. “We work hard in the winter,” she said.

The business just opened for the season at the end of August, and they close down during the summer.

Jennifer stocks the bar with Michigan beer and wine, even trying to buy local grease to cook with.

Their business dropped at least slightly with the smoking ban, but Jennifer decided to see the positive side. “On the upside, more families are coming,” she said, which includes more kids’ birthday parties.

To Jennifer and her family, a bowling alley ends up being a microcosm of the tri-county area, almost like a community center. The core of a bowling ball is cork, foam, plastic or ceramic. The core of a bowling alley, at least in this area, is made of family, friends, and good times.

**A History of Bowling**

According to the International History and Bowling Hall of Fame, bowling may have started in Germany as early as 300 B.C. Some form of bowling was very popular in England in the 13th century, and variations were being played across Europe. Bowling came to America with British, German and Dutch immigrants, and endured a rocky relationship with the cities in which the game was played. In 1841, a law in Connecticut made it illegal to maintain bowling lanes, because of the gambling involved at the time. In 1895, parlor games were standardized, and league competition was formed.

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of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Victory Avenue, Flint, Michigan 48501, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successor and assigns. Mortgage, dated July 9, 2007 and recorded July 12, 2007 in Instrument # 2007071700005739 and re-recorded on August 12, 2007 in Instrument # 2007081400269013. Said mortgage was assigned to SAC Home Loans Servicing LP, FKA SAC Home Loans Servicing LP, by assignment dated March 7, 2011 and recorded March 14, 2011 in Instrument # 2011031400015835 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Cents (2034.70) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241, whichever is later. Dated: 9/11/2011 Bank of America NA as successor by merger to SAC Home Loans Servicing LP, by assignment of Mortgage to Centrastate Mortgage Corporation for work done on Foley Road.

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday September 19, 2011 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $704.56.
4. Approved Resolution No. 2011-11, confirming a new special assessment roll for the Pine Lake Improvement Special Assessment District.
5. Conducted a public hearing on a proposed special assessment roll for the Loon Lake Improvement Special Assessment District.
7. Approved Ordinance No. 739, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise provisions regarding Public Utility Buildings and Uses.
8. Approved Ordinance No. 740, an amendment to the Open Burning Regulation Ordinance.
9. Approved Resolution No. 2011-14, supporting the request from Emily’s Helping Hand Foundation that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan.
10. Approved Resolution No. 2011-15, authorizing Lake Fenton High School to apply for a permit from the Genesee County Road Commission to conduct their annual homecoming parade along Flagg Road between North Long Lake Road and Lahrond Road on 10/7/11.
11. Approved Resolution No. 2011-16, authorizing accelerated foreclosure proceedings for tax delinquent properties that are determined to be abandoned.
12. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Clerk’s Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Questions may be called Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.fentontownship.org.
**Public Notice of Ordinance Adoption**

At their meeting of September 19, 2011 the Fenton Township Board adopted the following ordinances:

1. **Ordinance No. 739**, a Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise provisions regarding Public Utility Buildings and Uses.
2. **Ordinance No. 740**, an amendment to revise provisions of the existing Open Burning Regulation Ordinance.

Complete copies of the adopted ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawawa Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The proposed ordinances are also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fenton township.org.

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where the church would sell gift cards to its members and the church would be reimbursed a small amount of money on the transaction.

Summary
A former member of a local church is suspected of embezzling $10,000 from the church.

After a new treasurer was hired this year, a discrepancy of about $10,000 was discovered. The church hired an attorney to look into the matter and to contact the suspect, a 58-year-old Flint woman, and former member of the church.

The suspect managed the gift card orders submitted by church members and accepted their payments. She is suspected of ordering numerous gift cards for her personal use and not paying for them. The church is still responsible, however, for paying for the gift cards that the suspect ordered and did not pay for.

The church went to police after attempts to reach the suspect were unsuccessful. The case remains under investigation and attempts are being made to contact the suspect.

Focus on Vision
By: Dr. Juan Alvarado

Eyes on Learning
Going back to school ramps up the visual demands on your child drastically. There are many visual tools kids need in order to learn effectively.

Multiple visual systems/tools are used in school that can break down and many are not obvious to the parent or teachers. The easy one to spot is poor visual acuity (if the kid can’t see the chalk board, ding-ding-ding…there’s a problem).

Other equally or more devastating visual problems that decrease a child’s learning potential are visual fatigue and poor eye teaming/visual coordination to name a couple. Both drastically decrease reading (books, computer, chalkboard) and comprehension at all ages.

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Catch of the Week

The Tri-County Times wants to give our readers this chance to share all the triumphs they catch this season. If you have a fish worth showing off, snap a photo and bring it in or mail it to the Times office.

Jessica Sands, 5, of Rose Township, caught this 15-inch largemouth bass on Sept. 18 in Kenyan Lake using her Mickey Mouse tackle.

THIS WEEK'S INSERTS

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Local artists encourage others to pick up brushes, explore self expression

By William Axford
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Floyd Tymrak spends his mornings blending colors and manipulating paintbrushes. He reels through images from his past, conjuring a scene and eventually transforms a white canvas into a work of art.

Tymrak is an artist who lives at Shiawassee Shores in Linden. His art studio is located in a small corner of his garage. Surrounding by stacks of wooden beams and tools accumulated in his 90 years of life, Tymrak is passionate about his artwork.

For Tymrak, painting has been a lifelong desire longer than it has been a lifelong passion. It wasn’t until he reached age 70 that he decided to pick up a paintbrush. “When I first started, I would pack up my stuff in the middle of class and go home,” he said remembering his frustrating first lessons at a retirement home in Owosso. “All the girls in class would tease me and ask if I was going home to mother. I did that twice and never walked out again.”

His persistence has paid off as murals of farms and country life now populate his home. A dominate piece

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Manicure tips for younger looking hands

1. FILE: Using a rough nail file can weaken your nails, leading to splitting and peeling.
2. SHAPE: Preserve sidewalks. Use a fine emery board to shape nail tips only—filig the sides weakens nails.
3. GROOM: Stop snipping cuticles! This skin protects the nail’s growth center; cutting it can lead to nail ridging and thinning.
4. PREP: “People think nails turn yellow because they don’t ‘breathe,’ but really it’s from dark polish staining the nail. To prevent yellowing, apply a base coat before colored polish—especially if you’re using a darker shade.
5. STOP: The secret to a lasting manicure isn’t the polish, it’s the top coat.
6. STRENGTHEN: Stop nail breakage with a daily 2.5 mg dose of the B vitamin bidion—good for swimmers or in the summer months when you’re in the water more often.
7. REMOVE: Start by taking off old polish with a non-acetone remover. You’ve probably heard that acetone dries out your nails.

Laughter is the best medicine

Humor is infectious. The sound of roaring laughter is far more contagious than any cough, sneeze, or sneeze. When laughter is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. In addition to the domino effect of joy and amusement, laughter also triggers healthy physical changes in the body. Humor and laughter strengthen your immune system, boost your energy, diminish pain, and protect you from the damaging effects of stress. Best of all, this priceless medicine is fun, free, and easy to use.

Laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain, and conflict. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh. Humor lightens your burdens, inspires hopes, connects you to others, and keeps you grounded, focused, and alert.

With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently is a tremendous resource for surmounting problems, enhancing your relationships, and supporting both physical and emotional health.

5 Ways to have great posture as you age

Open up
It’s important to stretch and open up and improve our range of motion. Try to get up for a couple minutes every half hour and stretch, walk, or stand.

Easy exercises
Every morning and night, lie down on the floor and make slow “snow angels” with your arms for two or three minutes.

Sit straight
When you do have to work at a desk, sitting up with good, tall posture and your shoulders dropped is a good habit to get into.

Strengthen your core
Pilates and yoga are great ways to build up the strength of your “core”—the muscles of your abdomen and pelvic area.

Eat healthy
It is recommended that women 19 to 50 years old get 1,000 milligrams of calcium daily. For older women, it’s 1,200 milligrams.

Best and worst of healthy living around the world

5 Crazy Diseases

POLYGLANDULAR ADDISON’S DISEASE
Type of Disease: Hormonal disorder
Cure: Because: Can cause instantaneous death from sudden emotional distress.

REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY
Type of Disease: Nerve disorder
Cure: Complex: disease may spontaneously resolve, but treatment usually only lessens symptoms.

TRIMETHYLMALINURIA
Type of Disease: Genetic disorder
Cure: None, limited treatment options.

MORGELLONS DISEASE
Type of Disease: Skin disorder
Cure: Complex: Can cause patients to smell like rotten fish.

HARLEQUIN ICHTHYOSIS
Type of Disease: Genetic disorder
Cure: None

Q. I need to stretch my dollar. Which fish and cuts of meat offer the best value?

A. With beef, pork, and lamb, skip the tenders in favor of cuts from the shoulder and leg. They’ll get a long, slow braise in broth and wine, but you’ll be rewarded with some of the tastiest eats money can buy. If you’re cook- ing poultry, try swapping boneless, skinless chicken breasts for thighs or whole chickens. For fish, look for mackerel, monkfish, and fresh sardines.

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The secret to a healthy World

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Laughter is good for your health

• Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relaxes physical tension and stress, leaving you feeling refreshed. It also improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

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We are pleased to announce the opening of Iacobelli Medical Center, the office of Christopher Iacobelli, M.D., on Monday, October 3. Our new location at 14272 Fenton Road in Fenton will feature all of the services you have come to expect from Dr. Iacobelli, including onsite x-ray, laboratory, ultrasound, stress testing and CT scanning.

Until our opening date of October 3, you may still reach us at (810) 714-9660, as we will continue to serve your medical needs from our Silver Parkway location.

Finally, Dr. Iacobelli and his new staff would like to express their gratitude for your continued patience during our time of transition. In addition to continuing to provide excellent care in his new location, Dr. Iacobelli and staff will work tirelessly to develop a much more efficient, accessible, and friendly office environment.
When losing is winning

‘Do you recognize me?’ a woman asked following a service at her church.

‘I know I should,’ I replied, trying to remember her name. ‘I’ve lost 90 pounds since you were here last,’ she announced proudly.

No wonder I hadn’t remembered her. What made her success in slimming possible? Self-control she had gained through prayer.

In trusting God for strength, she had found the discipline she needed to achieve her weight loss goal and knowing I had written on the subject was eager to tell me of her desired accomplishment.

Not everyone appreciates my long effort to help those struggling with this very personal problem. ‘A minister writing about losing weight?’ one questioned. Some do more than question.

While being interviewed on a call-in radio talk show, I was scolded soundly by a listener who called to complain about my Biblical approach to weight loss. She accused me of using valuable time and effort to teach concepts on a subject in which God has no interest.

At one time, I would have agreed with this angry caller. Now, I know I was wrong.

God is interested in helping us overcome every problem we face. Since He cares about flowers, clothing them with beauty (Matthew 6:28-30), we can be sure He cares about our health, our appearance and all of our other needs. If we mean more to our Heavenly Father than fowl or flowers, He must be interested in all the problems that eat away at us, taking away the joy of living.

A friend of mine had such a severe weight problem that at age 19, he was confined to bed. He weighed 750 pounds and spasmodic weight loss efforts were but temporary fixes. In the early hours of one morning, he stared at the ceiling and said, ‘Lord, I’m impossible. Make me possible!’

The next morning my friend found strength enough to walk across his room and shortly after that was able to walk across the yard. He then committed himself to discipline in eating and exercise, which, over time, enabled him to lose 600 pounds.

Richard Ely, a busy pastor, wrote to me saying he had found success in losing weight through walking. He said he had to admit that his weight problem had been spiritual and by the time his letter arrived, his faith commitment had enabled him to lose 50 pounds.

Describing his new way of life, he said, ‘I’ve discovered the time walking is a precious time when I can talk and listen to the Lord and enjoy the beauty of His creation.’

On the wall of my study are the words ‘God can move your mountain.’ Name your mountain and God can move it! He moves hills and bumps in the road, too.

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ARTIST

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of artwork includes a man holding the reins of wild horses pulling a carriage, a painting that covers the door to his workstation.

“I paint because I love it. It gives me something to do. At 90, there’s not much else I can do,” Tymrak said.

Tymrak believes that anyone can be an artist, as long as he or she has the drive and a great instructor.

Professional artist and Fenton resident Sally Bright is a participant of the Grand Rapids ArtPrize this year. ArtPrize is an international art competition with nearly half million dollars in prize money. First place wins $250,000. The general public will determine the 10 prize winners through voting.

Bright said that artists get better by “doing art, studying art, and then doing art some more.”

“You have to do art every single day. Look at what you’ve done and look at what you can improve on,” she said. Over time, an artist will only get better and better.

Bright’s art goes beyond canvases. Instead, she binds rattan and pieces of palm trees into fiber sculptures. She communicates abstract ideas and concepts through colors and different shapes that she sculpts. Many of her pieces have the illusion of motion, accentuated by curves and indents.

Whether by utilizing a brush or weaving materials into a sculpture, residents in the tri-county area are exploring their artistic skills. And, as Tymrak proves, it doesn’t matter if you are 9 or 90 years old.

“The first thing you have to do is find a qualified teacher,” advises Tymrak. “Find an instructor that will teach you all the techniques.”

For tri-county area residents looking to discover some of their artistic skill, the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden offer programs for beginning artists.

The Fenton Artist Guild meets every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:20 a.m. A volunteer painting instructor is present at the senior center every Monday starting at 10 a.m. For more information, call the community center at (810) 629-2512 and the senior center at (810) 735-9406.

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- Cut down on plastic bags. Instead of taking new plastic bags every time you leave a store, put your purchases in a reusable bag or re-use the ones you already have.
- Drive smarter. Don’t add extra weight, don’t drive aggressively and don’t overuse your air conditioner, all of which decrease fuel economy. Also, check the air pressure in your tires regularly. Poor air pressure can reduce your gas mileage.
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Apple Salad with Candied Bacon & Goat Cheese

**INGREDIENTS**
- 6 slices bacon, diced
- 1 T. maple syrup
- 1 T. brown sugar
- 3 honeycrisp apples, cut into one-inch dice
- 1/2 c. walnut halves, toasted
- 4 oz. goat cheese, cubed
- 3 c. baby arugula

**DRESSING:**
- 2 t. maple syrup
- 1/4 c. cider vinegar
- 1/4 c. extra virgin olive oil

**DIRECTIONS:**
1. Fry bacon until crisp, then drain off most of fat. Add maple syrup and brown sugar to pan, cook and stir until bacon is well coated with melted sugar. Remove from pan onto Silpat or parchment paper.
2. Combine remaining salad ingredients in a large bowl.
3. Whisk together dressing ingredients and toss with salad. Garnish with bacon.

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**Humidifier May Help Dog’s Skin Allergy**

**DEAR PAW’S CORNER:** I have just read your column about “Cara,” the 7-year-old dog with skin allergies that itches and scratches terribly. My dog had this problem too, and I was helped by the Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada with a very simple solution — run a humidifier for at least eight hours per day in the room where “Cara” sleeps. I did this with my scratchy fellow, and the problem was solved within a few days! Neither my vet nor groomer had ever heard of such a thing. I also learned about Science Diet Sensitive Skin kibbles. No more scratching at my house. Hope you can pass this on to Cara’s owner.

**-- Pat R., via e-mail**

**DEAR PAW’S CORNER:** Thanks for the helpful advice! A change in diet and the humidifier may have a positive effect on Cara’s allergies. Pets can be very sensitive to seemingly benign dog or cat foods, and it’s often a trial-and-error process to find a diet that such pets can tolerate. Be sure to include your vet’s veterinarian in the process so that he or she knows what your pet is eating and is able to offer advice and expertise that could help. The Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada can be found online at www.tibetanterriercanada.com. The site has general information about the Tibetan Terrier breed and basic care guidelines, as well as links to Tibetan Terrier clubs around the world.

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**Friend chooses new running buddy**

**DEAR AMY:** I have had a close friend for the last few years and we have done a lot of things together. In fact, I have spent more time with this particular friend than with anyone else. In addition to our friendship, we were running and workout partners. Several months ago he met a girl. I am happy for him. The problem is that she is very controlling and manipulative. In the past month my friend has quit running with me. He says he needs a break and he seldom works out with me now. He says that we are still friends and always will be. The problem is that I feel slighted. I feel like this friend is distancing himself from me. To make matters more difficult, I am his supervisor. I feel like ending the friendship and severing all ties with him — including our working relationship — because there is no way for us to avoid each other at work because we work directly with each other. This has taken a toll on me. Any advice?

**— Troubled Friend**

**DEAR TROUBLED:** Your friend seems to have a weakness for manipulative and controlling people, because you are quite obviously attempting to manipulate and control him. You cannot change your friend and you cannot make him break up with his girlfriend, regardless of her suitability. Instead, you need to examine your own behavior and make an effort to change your perspective. You are not being fair, and if you fire or demote your friend because of this, he will have legal recourse against you and your company. I suggest you seek psychological help to work through what seems to be a very unhealthy, toxic and obsessive cycle. In the meantime, back off and let this person — and this relationship — be. Peace of mind.

**DEAR AMY:** I am a junior in high school. I am a good student, a member of many clubs and organizations, and play a varsity sport. My family is very close-knit. I have never given my parents any reason not to trust me. I don’t drink or party. I never use profanity, and — as a chronic perfectionist — I always try to please them. Recently, I got a Facebook page. My parents check it once a day, though they don’t have Facebook themselves (other relatives are on Facebook). My family seems to think that they should have jurisdiction over what I post. For example, if I post “rough day today,” they tell me that I’m mooping and to get permission before posting. When I received an award, they’ll tell me I sound arrogant. I had to take down pictures from my homecoming dance because my grandmother called my mother to say I looked like a prostitute because I wore makeup. The dress I wore covered every part of my body, except for my knees. I feel as if they control me so much that I can’t create my own identity. I know they’re looking out for me, but it hurts when your mother tells you family members think you look like a prostitute. I love them very much, but I wish my parents would let me live my own life. Do I just sound like a whining teenager?

**— Stressed Teen**

**DEAR TEEN:** The good news is that I understand the classic teen rebellion musical “Footloose” is being re-released this month. The bad news is that your family seems to have provided the plot. From my perspective, your folks are lucky you haven’t pushed back in the knee-jerk and (somewhat bool-ish) way that teens do when they feel smothered. Your parents are being very disrespectful. However, Facebook is public (to a degree). If your folks didn’t look over your shoulder at your postings, other family members would report you to them. Keep a private diary (offline and for your own expressions), and if someone in your family insults you, respond to them by saying, “We both hurt our feelings. I deserve better.”

**Send your question or comment to askamy@pawsonline.com or write to Paw’s Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32858-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawsonline.com.**

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**Sunday Jumble**

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**Dear Dr. Donohue:** What is the difference between anxiety and panic attack? I am claustrophobic, and I need to fly from the West Coast to the East Coast and back. I can’t do so because of my problem. I have tried therapy several times, but it did not help. I do not want to go that route again. Can you give me some suggestions on how to be able to fly with this problem? Is there a medicine I could take before I get on the plane?

**ANSWER:** Anxiety is excessive worry. In some cases, worry is appropriate. But with pathological anxiety, the worry is about things that do not merit worry or about imagined things that truly merit no concern. Under “anxiety disorders” are many different conditions, each with a slightly different set of symptoms. They all share some things in common. Panic attacks are the sudden onset of terror in places where such terror is inappropriate. The attack builds to a high point in a matter of 10 minutes or less. The attack can take place in a perfectly neutral situation, like shopping in the grocery store. During an attack, the heart beats fast, people become short of breath, and they often sweat and feel they are at death’s door.

Phobias can bring on a panic attack. Maybe your phobia is not so much a fear of enclosed space but a fear of flying. I’m not certain these distinctions are of importance to you. The important thing for you is to uproot whatever it is that paralyzes you when you must board an airplane or to function in a public place. Mental health professionals can get you over anxiety, panic attacks and phobias. I’m not positive what you mean by “going that route” again. Do you mean a detailed probing into your childhood and such matters? That isn’t usually necessary. The doctor might prescribe a medicine that calms you and that you take only when needed. You won’t become dependent on that medicine every day of your life. You use it only for the situation that throws you into such high anxiety.

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Goin’ Postal expands business by offering office supplies

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Goin’ Postal has expanded beyond the packaging and shipping business and into office supplies. The in-store variety of office supplies and endless selection on their website www.goingpostalfenton.com offers every type of office supply that any business needs.

“There’s not really another place in Fenton for office supply, said storeowner Mike Clabuesch. “If a business runs out of receipt tape, they can come right here and stock up in the middle of their business hours.”

Also new to the store is more printing equipment. Goin’ Postal can print business cards, brochures, canvases, posters and post cards. “There is very little we can’t print,” he said.

The expansion of the website allows customers to design all of their print products, without having to step out of the house. “You can come in and pick up any of your purchases or literally sit at home and have them delivered to you,” Clabuesch said.

Goin’ Postal is located at 1421 North LeRoy Street and is open 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call (810) 208-7155.

Business briefs

Vic Canever Chevrolet sponsors Flint Zombie Walk

On Saturday, Oct. 8, Flint will experience its third annual Zombie Walk. The event is put on by The Flint City Theatre and is sponsored by Vic Canever Chevrolet of Fenton. It will begin at 1 p.m. on the flat lot in Downtown Flint, at the corner of Saginaw and First streets. The walk route is a loop through downtown, and ends back at the flat lot, near The University of Michigan-Flint Pavilion. There is an after party for all of the zombie participants. Registration for the walk begins at 11:30 a.m.
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Fenton volleyball keeps streak alive, defeats Bronchos

By David Troppens
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Holly — Goals have been tough to come by for the Fenton and Holly varsity soccer teams at times this year. On Wednesday, that epidemic reached both teams once again as the two teams battling for the top spot in the Metro fought to a 0-0 tie.

The draw doesn’t hurt Fenton nearly as badly as Holly. The Tigers (2-0-1) still can win out this season and win the Metro League title. Meanwhile, the Bronchos (1-0-2 in the Metro) now probably need to win out and still need some help to defend their championship.

“We worse things could’ve happened,” said Fenton keeper Derek Jenkins, who posted his seventh shutout of the season during the contest. “We weren’t happy. We wanted to win. They’ve been our rivals for years, but we just have to keep working hard. The Metro League is still possible. It’s in our own hands, so there’s no worries. We just have to win out.”

The Bronchos probably had the best chances to break the tie, but never were able to do it. In the first half, Holly missed a penalty kick that was shot off frame. In the second half, the Bronchos enjoyed an 8-3 shot edge. For the contest, Jenkins made 10 saves, while Holly keeper Ryan St. John posted his fourth shutout of the season with four saves. The Bronchos have allowed just three goals all season long, but their lack of offense has them with just one win in three Metro contests.

“If you don’t put the ball in the net, you can’t win,” Holly coach Mike Steibel said. “That’s just the way it is. I thought as a match up, we were better than Fenton, but you have to finish in the offensive third. They had some chances … but we didn’t finish. We have days we can and days we can’t. At least we have days that we can sometimes.”

It’s not like the Tigers have scored a ton of goals in Metro contests lately themselves. They defeated Linden on Sept. 14 with just 11.6 seconds left. If not for that goal, Fenton would be in the same predicament as Holly.

In the second half, both teams had chances to break the scoreless draw, but Holly had the best of it. Fenton’s best chance probably came with about 15 minutes left when Jake Kinsman sent a ball to Chase Marcola. Marcola drove the field for about a 25-yard shot, but missed the net.

Bronchos need to win league meet to assure 19th straight title

By David Troppens
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Holly co-varsity boys tennis coach Will Sophiae won’t lie. He knows that Brandon has a very good team. After all, for the second straight season, the Blackhawks finished a dual meet with Holly with a 4-4 tie earlier this year.

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Fenton, Holly end key contest in scoreless verdict

By David Troppens
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Holly — The Michigan High School Athletic Association televised Tuesday’s volleyball game, and the Holly student section came out with signs, dressed up to support their Bronchos.

The fans did not get a chance to be really vocal, as they didn’t have much to cheer about. Fenton swept the Bronchos in three sets 25-7, 25-13, 25-21 in a Metro League match. Fenton, who is still looking to get its offensive identity, dominated the net play.

“We struggled hitting a lot Saturday (at the Rockford Tournament going 0-4 against tough competition). Tonight, the kills were pretty efficient,” Fenton coach Linda Rusaw said.

“Potentially, we are strong with hitting. We just have not hit the ball well.”

“Really, in our front row, we can go to anyone to put it away with kills,” said sophomore Ashley Bearden. “We were a scared coming in with the graduation of three key players, but the current seniors have really stepped it up for us.”

Behind Bearden’s serving, Fenton scored eight points in a row to take a 12-3 lead in the opening game.

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Fenton’s Brad Gormick (right) and Holly’s Hunter Hooper battle for the ball in the teams’ 0-0 draw on Wednesday.

Holly tied atop Metro with Brandon

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Holly’s Matt LaVallee won his No. 4 singles match against Lapeer West on Tuesday.

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Happy Birthday To ex-Detroit Piston and 2004 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player, Chauncey Billups. He’s 35.
Fenton’s Kenny Allen verbally committed to play football at the University of Michigan in the fall.

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Kenny Allen had a full-ride scholarship offer from Oregon State. He had other several big-name Division 1 football schools interested in his services on the football field. He made a trip to Alabama. But when it came down to it, Allen knew what he wanted to be all along.

When it came down to committing to a school to continue his punting/placekicking career, it probably was never really a question where he was going. And recently, he verbally committed to sign with the University of Michigan football program as a preferred walk-on.

“My whole life, me and my brother would play football outside and pretend we were a team,” Allen said. “Every time we’d pick Michigan.”

Allen has been on the radar as one of the nation’s best punters and placekickers for awhile now. He credits that to Chris Sailer. Sailer holds a kicking camp, and while attending it, Allen’s stock rose.

“I went to Chris Sailer’s camp and after that camp, I was ranked the No. 2 in the country,” Allen said.

Currently, Sailer had Allen ranked No. 10 in the nation, as a four-and-a-half-star prospect out of five stars.

Allen has always been around kicking in one way or another. Soccer has always been big in the Allen household as well. Eventually, that resulted in Kenny’s older brother, Jimmy, playing youth football and kicking for those teams. Still, Allen was thinking about playing soccer entering his freshman year and not much about football, until he was asked to give it a try. Since then, Allen has only worked on establishing his name out there. Last year he averaged 39 yards a punt, and rarely had the punts returned for any additional yardage.

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Lake Fenton — The final score may have not looked like it, but the Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team gave Goodrich a battle before falling 4-1 in GAC Red soccer action Thursday.

“It very easily could have been tied or a 2-1 game,” Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glasstetter said. “Goodrich is a very good team, but I think we actually outplayed them in the second half. You can’t give up three goals on set plays. We moved the ball better, had good intensity and we are so close.”

Goodrich, who stayed unbeaten in the league in five outings, cashed in on its opportunities. The Martians, who spread the scoring around to four different players, also had a stellar effort from keeper Danny Hennessey, who made key saves in the first half, allowing Lake Fenton to be as close as 2-1 at the half. Wyatt Wilson replaced him as goalie in the second half.

“You get a lot of action in net playing a good team like Goodrich,” said Morrison. “We look to (playing Goodrich) every year and try and play our best. They have some good forwards and good passing.”

“We are just looking forward to winning some more games and getting higher in the GAC standings.”

With just under three minutes elapsed in the second half, Danny Garner had a goal and Thomas Flotemersch tacked on another for a 4-1 lead. One of them was from 40 feet out and took some wind out of the Blue Devils. Wilson made a nice stop to keep the lead from growing, but Lake Fenton could not reach the goal. In the latter stages of the game, Rance Hennessey had a shot deflected out front and sophomore Zach Oldenburg was in close range, but his shot just was stopped by the Martians’ keeper.

“Zach almost scored,” Glasstetter said. “I told him just put a little more spicy mustard on the shot. He was excited. We got all 19 players in the game.”

Goodrich has scored eight or more goals four times this season. The Blue Devils did a good job of keeping the scoring machine in check, except for the set plays and the fluke long shot.

“He (Morrison) played very good. A couple set plays should have not gone in. He stayed mentally focused,” said Glasstetter.

Spring Meadows annual golf champions announced

When it comes to someone dominating the competition, Donna Benford does it as well as anyone. At least at Spring Meadows, that is.

Benford won her 20th Women’s Open title in 21 years this summer at Spring Meadows Country Club, posting a score of 81-82-80-143. She also was the Women’s Senior Club Champion, carding a 75 in that competition.

In the Men’s Open competition, Lou Iordanou won the title for a second straight year, carding a 54-hole score of 73-78-71-222. Another past champion, Nick Harley, finished second, three strokes behind Iordanou.

The organization also hosted a six-week junior golf program, which culminated in a Junior Golf Tournament. During that, Brett Benford was the Boys Junior Golf Champion and Julie Guckian was the Girls Junior Golf Champion, both two-time winners.

Charlie Self was the Men’s Senior Club Champion, posting an 18-hole score of 72.

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The defenses played well. For Holly, defenders Joe Budds, Blake Cuthbert, Austin Newcomb and Colin Banes helped keep things clean for keeper Ryan St. John. For Fenton defenders like Logan Bowbyl, Brad Gormick, Andrew Huntley and Alex Chase played well.

“They have some really good offensive players, and some speed up there, so to keep Holly without a goal is great,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “Our defense has been outstanding. Just our offense is lacking right now.”
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expected to close the gap between the Bronchos, but other teams are doing it as well. Fenton gave the Bronchos a spirited battle early in the season, before losing a 5-3 verdict. Meanwhile, Lake Erie has shown some talent as well, losing a 5-3 match to Fenton. This will be the most depth the meet has had since Holly started the winning streak 18 years ago.

“There is a lot of parity in the league,” Sophoca said. “Brandon, Fenton, East and even Swartz Creek have gotten a lot better. Even if some of the teams are not as deep, they have one or two strong flights. It’ll be an interesting league meet, and I’m looking forward to it.”

Brandon 5,
Fenton 3
The Tigers fell to third place in the Met-

Tri-County Top 5
The list is based on sport activities through Thursday night.
1. Linden boys cross county
2. Fenton boys golf
3. Holly girls cross county
4. Holly boys tennis
5. Lake Fenton football

Notes:
Fenton soccer’s draw with Holly opens up the No. 5 spot for Lake Fenton. Depending on what happened against Goodrich Friday night, the Blue Devils could be sneaking higher, or falling off the list next week. The Linden boys cross country team is a solid first right now.

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- **One Pay**: $5,124
- **MPG**: 35
- **24 mo. lease**

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- **Lease**: $195* for 24 mos. w/$2500 Due
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