Suspicious man spotted near bus stops

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Sheriff’s department doubling patrol vehicles in response

A day at the waterpark

Only 15 minutes away

Farmers’ market closing for the season

Rennae Healey, of Clio, sells fresh produce to Dell Cox, who shopped with Emily Ketzbeau at the Fenton Farmers’ Market this past Thursday afternoon. The market will close for the season tomorrow.

Man dies after Monday morning crash near Owen Road

Rear-end collision result of traffic slowdown for construction zone

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Fenton City Council meeting cancelled

No quorum for first time in 20 years

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Fenton — For the first time in her 20 years of serving on the Fenton City Council, Councilwoman Cheryl King called Monday night’s meeting to order, and then motioned for an adjournment, due to a lack of quorum.

The city’s charter mandates that five officers be present to conduct city business. However, Mayor Sue Osborn, Councilman John Rauch and Councilwoman Dianne North had called in earlier in the day and requested to be excused from the meeting. Two of the three missing officials were ill and one was required to work.

Monday’s agenda included five resolutions and other action items. The four council members present agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m.

Researching health issues online gets mixed reviews

By Tim Jagielo
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You’re experiencing lower abdominal pain, but it’s Sunday, and your primary care physician is not available. You don’t want to call the emergency line, so you decide to check out WebMD.com, a reputable general health website, for some advice.

The symptoms for lower abdominal pain range from “bleeding” to “worms in stool”—and a lot of horrible things in between. Possible diagnoses include colon cancer, aortic aneurism or muscle strain or gas pains. And with that range of possible conditions associated with one simple symptom, it’s no surprise that online medical research can be a mixed

Fenton Summer Happening

a go for next year

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In Fenton — Soon, the building formerly occupied by the Randy Wise Car Care Center on Fenway Drive will be sporting a whole new look inside. The Fenton City Planning Commission gave conditional approval last week for an indoor recreational area for skateboarding and snowboarding and instruction. The plans were submitted by Shaun and Tera Hamilton, of Fenton, owners of Misfit Lab.

Shaun Hamilton said he and his wife moved to Fenton six years ago. He is a firefighter and she is a nurse at Hurley Medical Center in Flint. After being laid off, Hamilton said he wanted to provide something for the Fenton area.

With both Shaun, 30, and Tera, 26, being experienced snowboarders and skateboarders, this facility was a natural fit. Tera was lead designer with the facility’s layout, said Hamilton. Her unique ideas were incorporated into the design then used by the architect, Mark Baldridge.

The couple found that the former car care center building would suit their needs and approached Fenton City for approval. “The city has been nothing but supportive of us,” said Hamilton.

Carmine Avantini, of LSL Planning, Inc., reviewed the couple’s special land use application and recommended that the planning commission approve their plans, with a few conditions. All activities would have to be conducted inside and if they ever decided to make any changes to the exterior, the Hamiltons would have to have their plans reviewed and approved by the zoning administrator, Brad Hissong.

Hamilton said a 2,100-square-foot snow surface and a 20-by-20-foot foam pit will be designed into the space, as well as a 5,500 square foot skate park, with obstacles. Ramps will be 12- to 14-feet high. A 2,500 square foot area inside the facility will be retail space.

According to Hamilton, this facility in Fenton would be the only indoor snowboard facility in the Midwest and one of just three in the country. They hope to be open by mid-November.

As one who has received many tickets for skateboarding in Brighton while growing up, Hamilton knows what it is like for skateboarders who need a place to skate. Market research told the Hamiltons that this area would support this type of facility. The Hamiltons will be instructors and they plan to have other experienced instructors come in to work with the small groups. They anticipate their biggest age group to be the 12 to 18 group, but they also expect younger and older individuals to give it a try. Hamilton is currently teaching his 3-year-old son.

Unlike outdoor ski resorts, Misfit Lab will be using a synthetic powder, made in the U.S., for its snow. In order for guests to use the foam pit, Hamilton said they would be required to take a lesson and be foam pit certified.
Upcoming winter ‘very white and wet’

So says Farmers’ Almanac

By William Axford

If you ask any Michigander about what the most unpredictable aspect of the Great Lakes State is, the weather is bound to be near the top of the list. From heavy snow to unbearably humid days, Michigan is famous for its versatile, and sometimes volatile, weather patterns.

The weather’s unpredictability hasn’t stopped people from trying to forecast every season, however. Publications such as the Old Farmer’s Almanac and the Farmers’ Almanac have told people what to expect weather wise, year after year, and not always so accurately.

“An almanac may give us a general idea of what to expect for a season, but shouldn’t be used for people looking for everyday local weather,” said Catherine Bodak, a meteorologist for WNEM TV 5. “An almanac may be helpful for some but most are just looking for a forecast in their subdivision.”

According to Bodak, television stations only do a seven-day prediction, focusing on near-term forecasting. Accurately predicting the weather for an entire season is difficult, if not impossible. “You wish you had more time to predict a big storm.”

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Indoor water park just 15 minutes away...

By Sally Rummel

You don’t have to go as far away as Frankenmuth or Traverse City to enjoy a family-oriented “indoor water park” experience. Just 15 minutes from Fenton, Hartland’s Caroselli Aquatic & Fitness Center attracts thousands of visitors each month to its facilities located next to Hartland High School.

A leisure pool with a beach-like “zero decking” entrance and “Splash & Play” mini water park draws families and recreational swimmers, while a competitive pool attracts racing enthusiasts, lap swimmers and serious exercisers. This creatively designed community aquatic center draws a huge pool of swimmers from as far away as Flint, Ann Arbor and Fowlerville.

Its biggest draw is its suitability for a variety of ages, from infants to senior citizens.

“Splash & Play” is set aside for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to enjoy the leisure pool at a quieter pace, with water toys and a current channel, similar to a “lazy river.” The leisure pool and play area are set to a comfortable 86 degrees, and goes from zero to four feet deep. The competitive pool, kept at 82 degrees, goes from 4 feet, to 12 feet deep. The hot tub is set at 101 degrees.

Programs for all ages include open swims, swimming lessons, water exercises classes and rentals for birthday parties.

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Pay the Dead

There isn’t much about dysfunctional government that shocks me anymore, but this story did. According to a report by the Office of Personnel Management and reported in the Washington Post, our government has been sending checks to dead people. ‘In the last five years, the Post writes, our government has made more than $461 million in payments to dead federal retirees, according to the agency’s inspector general. Total annual payouts range between $100 million and $150 million.’ ‘Improper payments to dead retirees are up 70 percent in the last five years,’ cites the OPM report. In one outrageous case, the son of a deceased man kept receiving federal benefits for 37 years after his father’s death. OPM didn’t learn about the improper payments until after the son died.

Senator Tom Coburn, Oklahoma Republican, conducted an investigation and reported last October on his findings. Coburn discovered that ‘the federal government had paid nearly $1 billion to at least 250,000 dead people since 2000.’ As congressional Democrats and Republicans play another round of ‘chicken’ over what, if anything, can be cut from the bloated budget and engage in phony shutdown, those members who wish to be more responsible with other people’s money ought to make the issue of wasteful spending central to the upcoming campaign.

After removing the dead and incarcerated from the federal payroll, they can go on an agency that touches all Americans: the U.S. Postal Service. According to Citizens Against Government Waste, ‘The USPS has 600,000 employees and is the second largest employer in America behind Wal-Mart. USPS employees were paid $21.9 million for $875,540 hours of “stand-by” time for 2012, Obamacare is saving Medicaid by transferring it to Medicaid recipients who used Medicare now look like the patyke mascot.

YES, WE NEED pedestrian signs in downtown Fenton need more people walking downtown and this will be the job new business downtown. For new people should just walk around and nique beauty of downtown, and go to neighbors walking abroadet out and nique neighborhood.

I JUST WANTED to thank the city of Fenton for putting up the signs if pedestrians no longer i had to pigy dodge when I am crossing the street with mynights clothes are new actually south of the us.

IT’S ABOUT TIME someone stepped up to the plate and wireless service to the downtown area. See HOT LINE throughout Times.

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THEAPPLEFEST IS always a fun event. My congratulations to Slohine, Father Hasey and all the staff and volunteer of putting Fenton on the map something other than Andy streets.

WHEN I WAS watching and casting a higher position at a high position previously left a big weeks into it, the boss asked the deal and I told him I had been handed a Thes boss load me square in the sand said you could do the deal that time on, allowed me a else for what I had to do to keep it look at Obama said he could do the job.

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I wonder the weather is turning

WAS THE DOG Florida ever captured?

$300,000 home. That comes out to $11,400 on a

I worry now that the weather is turning

The most beautiful time of the year

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.” — Stanley Horowitz

It’s true, isn’t it? There is nothing secret, beautiful Sunday afternoon. On some autumn days, you can still enjoy the warm breeze of the summer, and the brilliant color of the autumn leaves easily replace the wilting flowers. The autumn breeze brings a plentiful supply of activities to look forward to.

One of those activities is homecoming, a long-honored tradition for schools for many years. Linden and Fenton schools are celebrating homecoming this week, with Holly and Lake Fenton’s celebration following in the next two weeks. There will be Powder Puff football games, dances and pep rallies, not to mention the hanging of the homecoming king and queen. School spirit is high in the tri-county area during this time.

I’m planning to visit the west side of the table in the fall. I made my first batch of chili and corn bread, one of my family’s favorites.

Don’t forget, tomorrow is the last day of the Fenton Farmers’ Market, which has brought an array of summer’s bounty to residents in the area. And, it is also the final weekend of the Renaissance Festival in Holly Township, which attracts thousands of visitors.

Many area residents are looking forward to the big game between Michigan State and the University of Michigan, which is Saturday, Oct. 15. The various college football games spur a favorite pastime — tailgating.

Yes, indeed, autumn is a glorious time of year.

Enjoy your week.

Comments on this column can be made online at www.tctimes.com or by calling 810-629-9221.

Have you ever used the Internet for health information?

“I’ve had both my knees replaced, and I researched the procedure on the Internet beforehand.” — Ken Wensel, Fenton

“No, I haven’t had any reason to do so. If I do in the future, I certainly will use the Internet.” — Roger Renwick, Fenton

“Yes, to me, the information isn’t set in stone. If there’s really an issue, I’ll seek real medical advice.” — Kathy Williams, Fenton

“I haven’t had the occasion to. If I do have a medical situation, I’ll just deal with my doctor.” — Frank Romarini, Fenton

“No, I haven’t had any health issues. If I do, my sister is a doctor, so I can go to her with questions.” — Linda Berry, Fenton

“Yes, I have. The information has been very helpful.” — Amber Willet, Grand Blanc
You’re fired!

Holly Village Council releases millpond treatment contractor

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — The verdict was clear after a public hearing for the Holly Millpond Assessment district. LakePro must go. Millpond residents spoke during a public hearing at the last Holly Village Council meeting. The residents told the council about poor service and poor communication from current contractor LakePro, which is based in Swartz Creek.

LakePro has already been notified verbally of the cancellation, and written notice should be received by Wednesday, said Village Manager Jerry Walker. Bidding from a new contractor will begin after the Oct.11 environmental committee meeting.

The 2011 weed control assessment costs $88,249, and affects 17 families that live around the 900-acre millpond. LakePro, along with the Department of Public Works (DPW), had been the focus of complaints concerning noxious weeds around the pond, and undesirable lake levels.

Resident Sherlynn Everly spoke out about the fluctuating pond levels, which are set by the DPW, but mostly about LakePro. She said the entire southern part of the pond was not treated. “It really looked bad over there,” Everly said. “We’re not happy. We know they’re not effective.” She also said LakePro representatives were not responsive to resident inquiries. “That is terrible customer service,” she said.

Walker said LakePro wasn’t responsive to village requests, either. “They did not perform as promised,” he said. “The service provided was sub-par this year. The residents are correct.”

DPW director Brian Klaasen had asked the contractor to provide 48 hours notice for the residents before a treatment, but often only posted warnings the day of the treatment itself.

“I think it’s time to sharpen our pencils,” said Jeff Miller, president of the Holly Village Council, meaning that it is time to look for another contractor.

“Business is not that easy to get. We have options,” he said. The council immediately directed Walker in a unanimous vote to start sending out for bids for a new contractor.

The council also voted to schedule an environmental committee meeting to discuss issues such as establishing a standard water level for the millpond.

“Business is not that easy to get. We have options.”
Audit reflects enrollment drop of 189 students at Holly schools

By Tim Jagielo
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“Budget loss of $369,526 for 2011-12 school year”

According to Kent Barnes, superintendent, Holly Area Schools (HAS) administration made the last fiscal year, they are still not out of the woods, yet. The audit presented to the HAS Board of Education on Monday was routine, and considered “clean,” said audit presenter Mike Frawley, of the firm Yeo & Yeo. “A number of my districts are dealing with this problem.” Administrators had budgeted to only lose around 90 students. “It was a shocker,” said assistant superintendent of administration Steve Lenar. That loss of students along with other expenses has resulted in the administration having to find another $369,526 in the budget. HAS had planned on a $1.4 million operating deficit, and now has to deal with additional revenue loss.

The district still has a positive fund balance of $3.2 million, but that is reserved only for emergencies.

The drop in students represents a double whammy for the school system that is already wrangling with the statewide $470 reduction in per pupil funding. “It won’t be pretty,” said Superintendent Kent Barnes. “We cannot cut our way out of this.”

According to Barnes, it is too early to guess where the savings will be made, but said the $33.5 million general fund can’t handle the cuts. He hopes to come to the school board in a few weeks with recommendations, after talking one-on-one with the various administrators from across the district.

Although it is not certain why students are leaving the district, Barnes suggested the economy plays a large factor. The HAS board plans to survey families that have left the district to discover if there are issues within their control that they can change.

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP WOMAN SENTENCED

Julie Villarreal, 37, of Argentine Township was sentenced last week for her no-contest plea for attempted insurance fraud. Initially charged with setting her Pine Walk Pass home on fire, she later pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of attempted insurance fraud. Villarreal was sentenced to 24 months probation and she must wear a tether for one year. She must maintain a 40-hour workweek, perform 30 hours of community service and pay court costs. She was sentenced to three days in jail and was given credit for time already served in the Genesee County Jail. Villarreal must also make restitution. The amount has not yet been determined.

SUSPICIOUS

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The second incident was reported at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, in the 13000 block of North Long Lake Road. Swanson said a white male was seen approaching a 12-year-old student waiting for the school bus. A friend of the 12-year-old saw the unknown man jogging toward the 12-year-old and yelled to their friend.

When the friend yelled, the unknown man turned and ran into the nearby woods. The man was described as about 5-feet, 10-inches tall, thin build. He had shoulder length, light-colored hair, and was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, and jeans.

Another suspicious incident occurred Friday morning, near the entrance to the Spring Oak subdivision on Baldwin Road, east of Fenton Road. Parents reported seeing a white S-10 pickup truck, with a blue Sunoco sticker in the back window, driving slowly near the bus stop, while students were walking to and waiting to be picked up.

Swanson said they have not been able to determine if the suspicious males described in the separate incidents are the same person. He urges all community members to look out for everyone and to call 911 if the slightest thing seems odd or suspicious.

“With nearly every person owning a cell phone, Swanson urges motorists to call 911 if the slightest thing seems odd or suspicious.

“Act on your gut reaction,” he said.

News briefs

LOOSE FUNDRAISER NETS NEARLY $6,000

The fundraiser held on Aug. 27 at the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden raised $5,781.31, according to Cheryl King, a member of the senior center’s board of directors. The senior center would like to thank all of the contributors, to be held at the St. John Activity center. The fundraiser held on Aug. 27 at the St. John Activity center would like to thank all of the contributors.

Linden as well as the Loose Community Angels that made the fundraiser a success. Appreciation also goes toward St. John’s for allowing the fundraiser, featuring singer Cal Roberts, to be held at the St. John Activity Center.

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TRUCK KEYED AT RESTAURANT
The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department received a malicious destruction of property complaint on Sept. 18. The complainant said his Ford pickup truck had been keyed down a passenger side, while it was parked in a restaurant parking lot in the 14000 block of Fenton Road, sometime between midnight and 6 a.m. on Sept. 18. There are no suspects.

THEFT OF UTILITY SERVICE
On Thursday, Sept. 22, Fenton police were dispatched to a home in the 700 block of Millerway Drive to investigate a theft of utility service complaint by Consumers Energy. Jason Slater said a utility employee said a resident, who had had their utility service cut off by the utility company, had reconncet their house to service. Police learned a reconnection to gas and electrical service had been made four times in the past four months. Detectives are looking at possible charges, such as theft of utility service and malicious destruction of utility property since the person responsible for reconnecting service damaged a transformer box. The case remains under investigation.

LARCENY ON BAIRD STREET
On Saturday, Sept. 17, a Holly police officer was sent to a home in the 800 block of Baird Street to investigate a larceny from vehicle complaint. The case remains under investigation.

Linden Teen Arrested After Driving Careless
At 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, a Linden police officer initiated a traffic stop in the 200 block of Hickory Street for careless driving. The vehicle nearly struck a utility pole. The officer made contact with the driver, a 17-year-old Linden male. The officer detected a strong odor of marijuana and marijuana was found on the driver. The teen was ticketed for careless driving and arrested for possession of marijuana and driving without a valid driver’s license.

A Brief History of District Courts in Michigan and Fenton
I am a state district court judge. What many people may not know is that at one time we didn’t have district court judges or a system at all. Instead, there were a number of justice courts, which had a justice of the peace presiding, and some municipal and police courts.

In 1968 that all changed, when the legislature created the district courts and abolished all of the justice courts, police courts and many of the municipal courts. The effective date was Jan. 1, 1969.

In the court library there is a book titled ‘1969 Annual Report Including Judicial Statistics.’ The author is the then State Court Administrator for the Michigan Supreme Court, William Houk.

The opening paragraph of the District Courts report is instructive and is as follows: ‘The initial year of operation of the district courts has been fraught with a variety of problems which have required an abundance of organizational cooperation and tolerance through months of experimentation and change.’

Of course, this is a polite way of saying that there were problems statewide in the start up of the district court system.

One of the chief problems was to have courthouses in which the district courts could hold court. As to the 67th District Court, there initially were courthouses in the cities of Davison, Fenton, Flushing and Mount Morris.

As to Fenton, the initial location of our court was in an old lumberyard building (now torn down) on Lincoln Street right next to the railroad tracks. Whenever a train went by court had to stop until it passed.

Now that we are in our 43rd year, I believe the district court system is here to stay and I look forward to our future always keeping the past in mind.

Hot Line Continued
I never see a vehicle pulled over in Fenton or cruising too fast. Speeders are everywhere. I hear incredible car stereos booming wherever I turn. I’m curious how many of these times were written in the last third of the year?

Gas prices in Fenton are among the highest in the country. The city is one of the top 100 most congested areas in the country. Why doesn’t the city manager live in Fenton? I heard he is out in Lansing working on something.

Why doesn’t Coach Robinson is Bandana’s brother-in-law? Should this be considered a bias in the private sector? Is this taxpayer money?

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it.” Mahnke said. “I wish you guys would close down an hour early. You guys are really loud and it echoes down the millpond.”

Summary
The Linden City Council approved hours of operation for an entertainment tent for the 2012 Linden Summer Happening.

The council unanimously voted to adopt Lossing’s proposed hours of operation for the entertainment tent. Councilor Ray Culbert urged Carr to have the site plans for the event turned in by March or April of 2012 so the council could have all the adequate preparations.

“I wasn’t the city trying to get rid of the Summer Happening,” said councilor Danielle Dixon, as to why the festival wasn’t held this past summer. “More money is lost from alcohol sales in the entertainment tent than is gained.” Carr said the attendance in the entertainment tent more than covers the loss from alcohol sales.

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POLICE
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MISSING LOTTERY TICKETS
The Fenton Police Department is investiga-
ting a larceny complaint involving $696 worth of missing instant lottery tickets. Lt. Jason Slater said police responded to a store in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway after learning that the lottery tickets turned up missing from a vending machine during an audit of the machine. The machine had been in need of repairs and when a lottery commission employee changed the inventory over to a new machine, they noticed the missing tickets. The serial numbers of the missing tickets were turned over to the lottery commission, which in turn cancelled the tickets.

DRUNK TEEN WALKING IN ROAD
At 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, Fenton police responded to Owen Road, near Jennings Road after a caller reported seeing a white male walking down the middle of the road. Police located the male, who was then walking on the sidewalk. Upon contact with the male, police detected the strong odor of intoxicants. The 18-year-old Fenton Township male blew a .20 on a preliminary breath test. He was ticketed for Under 21 Consumption and transported to the police station. He has a pending court date and was released to his father.

INTOXICATED MAN WINDS UP AT WRONG HOUSE
At 11:40 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, Linden police were dispatched to the 700 block of Murphy Court to investigate a breaking and enter-
ing, in progress. Police Chief Scott Sutter said the responding officer observed a white male standing on the porch of the house in question. Contact was made with the 30-year-old Linden man, who appeared to be very intoxicated. The man’s blood alcohol level was .31 percent. He was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the hospital due to the high level of intoxication. The chief said the man believed he was at his own house.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM GIRL’S LOCKER
On Friday, Sept. 23, a 43-year-old Rose Township woman filed a larceny report with the Fenton Police Department. Lt. Jason Slater said the woman reported that her 12-year-old daughter’s silver Apple iPod Touch and LG EnV2 cell phone had been taken from her locker at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School between 12:30 and 2 p.m. Police learned that the locker was improperly locked. Serial numbers of the items were entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) as stolen property. Police are working with the school to obtain surveil-
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The Farmers’ Almanac predicts a very white and wet season, according to Catherine Bodak, meteorologist for the almanac. "The people who usually buy almanacs buy them all the time, so there must be people who still believe in it," said Karen Paciencinti, the owner of Fenton’s Open Book. The almanac also comes in a calendar form and is popular at her store.

For the 2012 winter, the Farmers’ Almanac predicts a very white and wet season, in contrast to the mild winter of 2011. According to Bodak, the almanac is labeling the 2012 winter as "clime and punishment," or a season of unusually cold and stormy weather. For the 2011 winter, the Farmers’ Almanac predicted a cold and very snowy season.

How an almanac predicts the weather is not spelled out in detail. For the Farmers’ Almanac, predictions are made two years in advance. According to their website, the Farmer’s Almanac forecaster uses a top-secret mathematical and astronomical formula, taking sunspot activity, tidal action, the position of the planet, and many other factors into consideration.

The one thing that almanacs do better than weather stations is to offer a general, big picture idea of what to expect from a season, not details. "A winter can be defined by just a couple of storms," Bodak said. “For a farmer, almanacs give big trends and ideas.”

Dr. Michael Kirby, of Fenton Family Medicine, doesn’t mind online medical resources, as long as the sites are reputable. “Overall, it’s helpful if you can point people in the right direction," he said. Patients have to be able to sift through the inaccurate or even sensationalized information online. “(They read) the most rare and sinister ominous types of things, and it scares patients,” Kirby said. He has had to say, “You have to go to Asia to get that,” when a patient has diagnosed themselves with something that is very rare and not tested, and he has had to say, “You have to filter out the junk,” he added. Kirby believes that sites such as WebMD.com and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are useful resources. He does not recommend simply typing a symptom into the Google search engine because anything can come up. “Always look at what the source truly is," he said. A certain article you find online may have been written with a bias for a medication. Kirby doesn’t use WebMD himself, but he does use a physician-only web service that he pays a licensing fee to access. On the other hand, Marie Crum, manager for the Springfield Family Clinic, finds that online research can, at times, do more harm than good. Patients have self-diagnosed themselves, and come in for an appointment convinced they have a certain condition, or are convinced they have already solved the problem their own way. "In some cases it’s much more harmful," said Crum. The more harmful scenarios arise when a patient under- or over-diagnoses themselves.

Medical Assistant Terry Parker gave the example of a person suffering from an extended headache and just assumes they have a migraine after consulting an online source, when they may really be suffering from high blood pressure, which could lead to a stroke. On the other hand, patients have suffered from a sinus infection, and have plugged in their symptoms and decided they have a brain tumor, when they really just need some antibiotics. “I think they figure they can trust anything they read,” said Crum.

In a weak economy, people may also choose to forego seeing a doctor and try to diagnose themselves to save money. The downside is the patient is not tested, and there is no physical examination to substantiate what they’ve read. “A computer can’t do blood work, testing, or physical exams,” said Parker.

Parker and Crum recommend using web research for term papers, or just coming up with a list of possible diagnoses, instead of diagnosing yourself. “The warning always would be, find a doctor to substantiate what you found," said Crum. Online medical research can be used to further explore and learn about what your doctor already advised you. In the case of a serious diagnosis such as diabetes, a patient may need to go home and do some more research. “I can go home, and I can read more about it, at my own pace, at my own understanding level,” said Crum.
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“I do believe I will be successful. I plan to publish a paper on my findings,” Bauerle said. He hopes that his findings will influence other mathematicians and the field of medical image restoration.

Bauerle has not decided on what college he will attend, but is interested in the University of Michigan and Michigan State.

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The Autobots Bumblebee, Ratchet, Ironhide and Sideswipe, led by Optimus Prime, are back in action, taking on the evil Decepticons, who are determined to avenge their defeat in 2009’s “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.” In this new movie, the Autobots and Decepticons become involved in a perilous space race between the United States and Russia. The Autobots learn of a Cybertronian spacecraft hidden on the Moon, and race against the Decepticons to reach it and to learn its secrets — and once again, human Sam Witwicky has to come to the aid of his robot friends. There are new characters too, including a new villain in the form of Shockwave, a longtime Transformers character who rules Cybertron while the Autobots and Decepticons battle it out on Earth.

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The aquatic center operates separately from Hartland High School, creating a comfortable and convenient setting for the 102 hours a week it is open across seven days. “We have our own parking lot, entrance and locker rooms,” said Joe Horton and son Michael, 2, of Hartland Township, spend the morning at Hartland’s Caroselli Aquatic & Fitness Center on Monday. Kimberly takes Jimmy to swimming lessons twice per month.

Winter is the center’s busiest time of year, according to Hill. And as their poster says, “Come to the Hartland pools, where it’s always warm and sunny.”

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All season most of the talk has been about the Metro League race in the tri-county area. Now, it's about time to give the Lake Fenton Blue Devils their due.

Entering the sixth week of the football season, it's Lake Fenton (4-0, 4-1) that is on top its conference, the Genesee Area Conference Red Division. The Blue Devils also look to be the team in the best shape to make the playoffs as well. All four teams have a reasonable shot, as no one has more than two losses, but for some, their margin for error is reasonably small.

Lake Fenton (4-1) at Goodrich (3-2): A win on Friday should set up an epic battle between Lake Fenton and Montrose for the GAC Red title during Week #8. However, first thing's first — Goodrich. The Martians are probably already out of the GAC Red race, but are now fighting for their playoff lives. The Blue Devil ground game is punishing everyone that's runs into them lately. Goodrich must stop it if the Martians want to stay above .500. Goodrich's QB Nick Glawicki is a decent thrower, and his top target is Mark Hildebrand. Meanwhile, Sam Bolongaita and Conner Wood are the running threats. Expect them to both get a decent number of carries.

LaPeer West (4-1) at Linden (3-2): This is the week we find out if Linden's offense has truly improved. West's defense is among the best in the Metro League and will present a great challenge for Linden. Expect Chad Ferguson and Zeshawn Jones-Parker to carry the load on the ground for West. Quarterback Hunter Sharrard has completed about 50 percent of his passes this year. Jones-Parker also is a key receiver. Linden has four tough games remaining, if the Eagles qualify for the playoffs this season, they'll really earn it.

Clio (0-5) at Fenton (3-2) & Holly (3-2) at Keansy (0-5): If the Tigers and Bronchos want to make the playoffs, these have to be victories. Fenton should be favored in all of its remaining games with the possible exception of the LaPeer East game. If the Tigers win the games they are expected to, they'll make the playoffs. Holly's last three opponents this season have a combined record of 11-4, so the Bronchos' playoff chances seem a little bit more up in the air. But both teams have to take care of business this weekend or fall on the condition critical list.

**Records fall at county swim meet**

By David Troppens
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Fenton — With Grand Blanc's depth, it was pretty much known before the 11th Annual Greater Genesee Swimming and Diving Championships began that Grand Blanc would finish as the champions. But that doesn't mean that local teams didn't have a strong showing as well. In fact, Fenton placed fifth, while Holly came home third.

The Fenton Tigers came home with six first-place performances. Gabrielle Haaraaaja and Sara Wujciak took part in three of them.

The pair teamed with Haley See as they took third in 16:36. Others finishing in the top 40 for Fenton were Max Kryza in sixth (17:02.69) and Brady Morton in 14th (17:18.77).

Linden's boys cross country team was the tri-county squad that posted the best team finish at the Linden Invitational on Saturday, taking third in the large school division.

Bloomfield Hills Lahser won the event, while Midland took second, just three team points ahead of Linden. Fenton placed sixth, just 12 points behind the Eagles.

Fenton's Matt Gilbert was the area's top competitor, taking third in 16:36. Others finishing in the top 40 for Fenton were Max Kryza in sixth (17:02.69) and Brady Morton in 14th (17:18.77).

Linden's top finisher was Roger Phillips in fourth (16:48.81). The rest of Linden's top five finished in the top 40. They were Graham Elliott in 20th (17:29.55), Kirk Bennett in 27th (17:40.08), Adrian Taylor in 31st (17:50.30), and Zach LeMieux in 37th (18:00.76).

The Linden boys 'B' team finished in 12th, with Kyle Susalla placing 39th (18:06.64).

Lake Fenton's boys raced in the small school division, taking 13th. The Blue Devils' top runner was Caleb Fletcher in 44th (19:52.54).

In girls action, Linden placed sixth with 180 points, while Fenton's Autumn Molton (left) and Elle Cowger run during a recent race. Fenton placed seventh at the Linden Invitational on Saturday.
Eagles crush Kearsley, 47-14
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It was Lindon's offense back to its usual back-to-back losses, the Linden varsity football team has scored 102 points in its last two contests, both victories.

The Eagles improved to 3-2 overall with a 47-14 thumping of winless Flint Kearsley Friday night.

Linden quarterback Shay Brown completed 20-of-27 passes for 320 yards and four touchdowns. The first two of those TD strikes were to Kevin Baker in the opening quarter, one from 65 yards out and the other from 60. Later, Baker caught a third TD pass, one from 17 yards out. Other touchdown receptions were earned by Tyler Kraus (nine yards) and Mitch Juhi (34 yards).

Travis Marsh also had a 20-yard TD pass to Luke Belmore. Baker caught five passes for 153 yards, while Juhi had five receptions for 100 yards. Marsh ran for 79 yards on 15 carries.

Kearsley quarterback Lance Sherwood completed just 5-of-18 passes for 112 yards. Matt Wierenga led the Linden defense with 12 tackles, while Gareth Elliott had 11. Ben Armstrong chipped in nine.

Linden hosts its homecoming game against Lapere West in an important Metro League contest on Friday.

Fenton soccer falls to Mustangs, 4-1
By Al Zipsie
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Fenton — Clio scored three goals in eight minutes, dooming the Fenton varsity soccer team on Monday.

Fueled by the trio of quick-strike goals, Brandon beat Fenton 4-1 in a key Metro League soccer match. The Blackhawks (2-0-1 in the Metro) started the scoring on a goal by Zane Marshall midway through the second half.

“Brandon played a beautiful game. That was tough,” said Fenton coach Matt Sullivan. “We were ready coming out for the (second half) with the right attitude. I am proud of our kids. They didn’t give up or point fingers at each other. We were fighting for goals.”

Brandon had a strong performance from keeper Ryan King, and had two goals each from Benjamin Stowers and Kyle LaCroix. The Blackhawks scored the first goal of the game less than a minute into the second half on a LaCroix boot. The attack continued 90 seconds later as Stowers scored on a shot in front of the net.

About eight minutes later, the Blackhawks added a goal by Brandon but a 3-0 cushion on a LaCroix goal 15 feet out. The Tigers’ (2-1-1, 7-3-2) only chance to celebrate a goal came at the 24-21 mark of the second half, when Zach Whitener’s kick found its mark on an assist from Logan Bowley. It came 30 seconds after Luke Weiberg had a shot that hit the post and bounced away.

“I was off the corner and Logan got me the ball,” said Whitener of the goal. “We just didn’t click, and we just could not get things going.

“After facing big playing after playing soccer for 14 years, here it is, my final season. We have the big game with Lapere East coming up who have just a tie. We will see what happens. Holly, East and Linden have to play Brandon yet.”

The Blackhawks looked like they scored again midway through the final half on a cross and a header, but the goal was wiped out. With 6:15 left, Fenton’s Jake Davis had a shot that hit the post after it was deflected by Blackhawk’s goalie King.

Brandon had scored 2 goals and Marshall had 3 points.

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Fenton was seventh with 182 points.

The area’s top female runner was Lindon’s Sydney Elmer, finishing sixth (20:11.86). Placing 40th for Linden was Dominique Scripper (22:24.11).

Fenton’s girls were paced by Taylor Thrope, who placed 11th overall (20:45.16).

Fenton teammate Ellie Cowger placed 33rd (22:03.17). Ellie White just missed out of the top 40, taking 41st (22:26.26).

Lake Fenton’s girls also competed in the small school division, earning 12th place. The Blue Devils’ top runners were Andrea Roe in 27th (22:37.46) and Becky Femelius in 37th (23:06.67).

Ritchie and the Linden varsity girls have qualified for the state meet.

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Shaw and Kelsey Kidd to earn a meet record and a state cut time of 1:56.02 in the 200 medley relay, and also teamed with Shaw and Kidd to set a school record in the 400 medley relay to post a meet and pool record time of 3:44.56.

Haaraoja also won the 50 freestyle (25.50), while Shaw took the top spot in the 100 backstroke (58.90), posting a pool, school and meet record.

Finally, Kali Finger also took a first, winning the 500 freestyle (5:31.62), less than three seconds from a state qualifying time.

“We knew Grant Blanc’s depth was something we could not overcome regardless of how well we did as a team. Our girls were based on our individual performances,” Fenton swim coach Brad Jones said. “This was the first championship meet (prelims and finals format) for a lot of our younger girls and is a great warm-up for the Metro League meet in November.”

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With a 1-7 record entering the meet, senior current varsian and service- woman were briefly discussed.

The man that helped organize most of the night’s activities was Fenton assistant coach Ryan Coffman. Coffman’s and his WWF committee put together an event that raised the two-year total contributed to the WWF to $54,032. Coffman said it took more than 1,000 hours combined from the committee to get the event accomplished.

“It was great to know that we accomplished our most important goal — raising awareness of our servicemen and women,” Coffman said. “The $30,000 goal was just a way to get people to ask questions about the WWF, and we succeeded.”

“This is what the event is about — honoring the men and women that have served and are currently serving. No one likes war, but we appreciate the sacrifices that men and women make to keep us safe.”

The night reached far more than the residents of Fenton and Brandon. Holly’s varsity football team, who competed in last year’s game, contributed $500. Coffman’s grandparent’s from West Virginia contributed a $500 to the veterans represented many areas of the state and the nation.

“The military has helped every single person in the United States,” Fenton varsity coach Jeff Setzke said. “What can we say, the servicemen and women that make this a moving experience.

“We have found that no matter what the outcome of the game is, once it’s over it becomes secondary to what we are here to do, and that honor our servicemen and women. Everybody knows somebody that serves. It wasn’t until we got involved with this project that we truly understood the magnitude of what this project was.”

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“Linden soccer Invitational:
At The Emerald, the Eagles shot their lowest score of the season, capturing the Shiaawasee Invitational title. The Linden girls shot a 360, just one stroke off the tournament record. The tournament’s medalist was Linden’s Julie Guckian, who carded an 87. Miranda Day had an 89, finishing second, and McKayla Mitchell had a personal-best 90. Majia Satkowiak and Sierra Juhi had personal best 94s as well.

“These girls are really working hard and playing good golf,” Linden coach Todd Skinner said. “You never know what’s going to happen when they hit the course. There has been a personal record set from one of the girls every time they play. It’s been a very exciting and fun two weeks of golf.”

VOLLEYBALL
Linden at Goodrich Invitational:
The Eagles went 2-2-1, beating Bentley, splitting with Anchor Bay and losing to Valley Lutheran and then lost to Croswell Lexington.

Sabrina Kinney led Linden (14-11-3) with 43 kills, 12 aces and 45 digs, while Kelsey Brecht had 26 kills. Karylin Dunfield had 50 kills and 38 digs, while Levi Downes had 18 kills and 10 blocks. Jordan Sargent chipped in 85 assists, seven aces and 34 digs. Mary Starr had 42 digs.

Lake Fenton at Goodrich Invitational:
The Blue Devils made it into the second round of the Gold Division, eventually losing to Haslett in the second round. They defeated Brandon in the opening round.

Sidney Scott led the offense with 19 kills, while Elisaa Smith and Chelsea Jordan had 17 and 15 kills, respectively. Rachael Mundy had 58 assists.Defensively, Smith had 26 digs, while Scott had 16 digs and seven blocks. Mundy had 15 digs and Jordan had 10 digs and three blocks.

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Lake Fenton’s Rob Kesler gains yards in a recent game. He had 145 rushing yards in the Blue Devils’ 35-21 victory against Flint Beecher on Friday night.

Bromchos crush Clio, 42-6

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Editor’s Note: For a more detailed game story on this contest, go to www.tctimes.com.

Following back-to-back losses in the opening two weeks of the season, outsiders probably believed the 2011 Holly varsity football team was going to be mediocre — at best.

Since that point, though, the once 0-2 Bronchos have rattled off three consecutive wins, including Friday’s 42-6 drubbing they gave Clio.

Coupled with Fenton’s loss against Ortonville-Brandon, Holly remains right in the thick of the Metro League race.

“I feel this game helped get our offense going,” junior center Joel Schuerrmann said. “We’ve been relying on our defense, and this game will really give our offense confidence.”

Quarterback Johnny Williams ignited and fueled the Holly attack. The junior took the game’s first snap, followed a lead block from running back Patrick O’Conner and raced 67 yards to paydirt.

Big scoring plays were far from uncommon sights at Clio’s Senior Night. In addition to Williams’ 67-yard run, A.J. Lewandowski added a 24-yard score and a 12-yard touchdown scamper. O’Conner bolted 46 yards, and Williams added an 11-yard romp to close out the first half and game scoring.

Wideout Austin Hopkin hauled in five passes for 166 yards and a TD and also had an interception.

“He’s (Williams) developed into a great quarterback,” Hopkin said. “I have a lot of trust in him.”

Williams was 6-for-6 with 204 yards passing and had 99 rushing yards. All told, Williams threw for a score and ran for two more.

The first half’s offensive fireworks may have been just what Holly needed. All told, the visiting Bronchos netted 436 yards of offense in the first half alone. Despite the big scoring plays, Holly still picked up 13 first downs in the opening 24 minutes.

Holly returns to Flint Metro League action with a road contest at Flint Kearsley on Friday.

Lake Fenton captures key GAC win vs. Beecher

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Editor’s Note: For a more detailed game story on this contest, go to www.tctimes.com.

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity football team won its fourth straight game Friday night, defeating Beecher 35-21.

The Blue Devils scored three touchdowns by the time there was 9:35 left in the second quarter, leading 28-0. However, Beecher’s passing game, stuck for two TDs before half making it a 20-14 contest at the break.

Bucs quarterback Ahtian Burks passed for 237 yards and three touchdowns. However, Burks’ two interceptions came at pivotal times. The first came from Matt Hommer, setting a Lake Fenton touchdown. The second was earned by Neil Allor. That one sealed the victory.

“I was thinking passing which they had been doing all game,” said Allor, who also rushed for two touchdowns. “I had my man in sight, saw the pass coming, got the interception, and it feels great. (When I’m running) I just follow our blocks and find the hole.”

Beecher cut the gap to 20-14 with 2:34 left in the half, but the Blue Devils got the momentum back on their next drive. Lake Fenton scored on a 13-yard TD run by Allor. He also ran in the two-point conversion, giving Lake Fenton a 28-14 lead with 35 seconds left in the first half.

Lake Fenton passed only once, and that play was called back on a penalty. The running game was dominated by Bryce Fronwelder who had 171 yards rushing while Robbie Kesler had 145.

Lake Fenton had one of its trademark long drives on its first possession of the game. The Blue Devils marched 74 yards in 13 plays, eventually scoring on Kesler’s 36-yard TD run. Lake Fenton led 7-0 after the first of three Rance Hennessey extra points with 3:14 left in the first quarter.

Hommer’s defense took over from there, setting up two more Lake Fenton TDs in the first half. First, Hommer picked off a pass at Lake Fenton’s 6. On the next play, Fronwelder had a 94-yard TD run. Lake Fenton led 14-0 with 2:17 left in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, Hommer recovered a fumble. Kesler did the scoring honors on this drive with a four-yard TD run.

The Bucs got back into the game with TD passes from Burks. The first was a 47-yard reception to Terrill Thornton and the other was a 31-yard reception to Eric Cooper. The ‘Devils answered back with Allor’s 12-yard TD run right before the half.

Fenton’s Damon Thomas intercepts a ball during the Tigers’ 21-12 loss to Brandon on Friday night.

Tigers drop verdict vs. Brandon

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Fenton — The Tigers held the Brandon Blackhawks to just 218 yards total offense, and racked up 371 yards themselves.

On Friday night, that yardage did little for the Tigers. Fenton had to settle for too many field goals, had too many turnovers and had one too many critical penalties called on them, resulting in a 21-12 loss at home to the Brandon Blackhawks.

Brandon took advantage of a running into the punter penalty and scored on a 22-yard TD pass to Ryan Barnes from Shane Mahaffy. Brandon led 7-0 with 4:45 remaining in the first quarter.

Fenton never led. The Tigers cut the gap to 7-3 with 10:29 left in the first half on a 29-yard field goal by Kenny Allen, but Brandon scored on its final drive of the first half on a 17-yard TD pass to Feltrim. The ‘Tigers’ best drive of the game was their first of the second half. They drove 83 yards in nine plays, scoring on a 29-yard sweep by Gerald Wegner. However, a bad snap resulted in no extra point, and Fenton still trailed 14-9. Later, the Tigers had possession at Brandon’s 16, but they had the net for Allen’s 31-yard field goal. Fenton trailed 14-12 with 4:20 left in the third quarter.

Brandon made it a 21-12 lead with its last possession of the third quarter, which extended into the fourth. The Blackhawks went 55 yards, scoring on a five-yard TD run by Blake Noble.

The Tigers had the ball on Brandon’s side of the field two more times, but failed to score on both. One drive ended at the Brandon 7 when the Tigers failed to convert a fourth-and-1 play with a QB run.
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**James Bryce Evans**

1933-2011

James Bryce Evans - of Allen, TX passed away at the age of 78 on Wednesday, September 21st, 2011. He was born August 24, 1933 in the small town of Linnell, Michigan, the son of Bryce Ralph and Gladys Sybil Greene Evans. Jim is survived by a sister, Dorothy Nicholson of Anaheim, CA, and was preceded in death by his parents and older brother Ralph William Evans.

A hands-on engineer, Jim mentored many young engineers who treasured him for sharing his vast knowledge and experience. For the last several years he was associated with Mustang Technology Group in Allen, TX, providing guidance in all aspects of mechanical engineering as the company grew. He will be sorely missed by his friends, former coworkers, and especially the cadre of mechanical engineering interns he has mentored. Jim was a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Michigan with post graduate studies in engineering, math construction. He was also an experienced pilot and was flight instructor for the Texins Flying Club and the North Texas Flying Club at the McKinney Airport during the 1980s. As a flying instructor he touched the lives of many young pilots and especially those who guided them not only in flying but also in life values. Jim loved planes and continued his flying throughout his life. Jim served as an officer in the United States Army from 1955-1957. During the Vietnam War he worked for the University of Michigan and later for the Army Air Force. There he taught Thai army personnel use of airborne heat sensing equipment for detecting personnel movement in border areas. After about five years he returned to the U.S. where he began working for Texas Instruments as a mechanical engineering associate. Several years after Jim began his association with Mustang Technology Group and was instrumental in supporting its growth and technology advancements until his untimely death. The entire Mustang team is greatly saddened by the loss of a true friend and comrade. A memorial service for family and friends will be in the McKinney Aerodrome Building at the Collierville Regional Airport at McKinney, 1500 East Industrial Blvd. McKinney, TX, on Friday, October 7th at 11AM.

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**Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials**

Jeremy "Jerry" Pykon

1955-2011

Jeremy "Jerry" Pykon - age 55, of Davison, loving husband, father, step-father, friend to all, passed away on September 25, 2011 at his residence. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, September 29, 2011 at Sparrow Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton. Visitations will be held 5-8 PM Wednesday. Those desiring to make contributions to the Americana Cancer Society or the charity of one's choice. Jerry was born December 29, 1955 in Southfield, the son of Joseph and Clara Kubinski (Pykon) and was a graduate of Cody High School in Detroit. He had worked in the Auto Industry for most of his life. He had been employed as the Parts Manager at Al Sierra and was currently employed as Parts Manager for Vic Canever. Jerry married Joyce Donovale on October 6, 1990 in Flint and had resided in Davison the past 25 years. Surviving are: wife, Joyce; children, Kristin Pykon of Grand Rapids; (Lynne) Cline of Gilbert, AZ; Jeffrey Cline of Mem-phis, TN; grandchildren, Meredith and Abraham; sisters, Camilla and Rose; brothers, Leo and Irvin. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Nancy Robinson; brother, Leo and Irvin.

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