Senior center goes up in flames

Firefighters battle a blaze at the Loose Senior Citizen Center, fueled by heavy winds Friday afternoon.

No injuries reported, despite full house

By Sharon Stone
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Linden — It’s a sad day for residents who look forward to activities at the Loose Senior Citizen Center in Linden. The building caught fire Friday afternoon. The blaze spread quickly through the old building causing extensive damage. Melinda Elmore-Hajek, an employee of the senior center, called 911 at 1:20 p.m. Carl Gabrielson, executive director, was at the center Friday. He and Elmore-Hajek noticed the lights flickering and a clicking sound.

See FLAMES on 13A

Facebook changes driving many to new Google site

By William Axford
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Area residents logged on to a whole new Facebook last week and the new features are driving some users to other social media sites. Google’s social media site, Google+, recently went public and is already gaining attention with its simpler layout and more protective features. With the use of “circles,” Google+ allows users to share adoption experiences.

See FACEBOOK on 12A

Pretrial set for principal in underage drinking party case

By Sharon Stone
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Tracey Sahouri, 45, the principal at Creekside Elementary School in the Hartland Consolidated Schools district and her husband, Raed Sabouri, 43, were in 67th degree.

See PRINCIPAL on 12A

Bill eliminating personal property tax worries city officials

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — A bill that has been introduced in the state’s senate has Fenton City officials concerned. Senate Bill 34, which was introduced by Sen. Mike Nofs, would amend the General Property Tax Act to exempt personal property from the collection of taxes under the act, for taxes levied after Dec. 31, notwithstanding any other provision of the act.

See BILL on 13A

Health care costs increase for teachers, state employees

By William Axford
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State and public school employees may have to start paying more for their healthcare after Jan. 1, 2012. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder signed a new law that limits how much a public employer can pay toward a worker’s health care. The cap for employers is $5,500 for a single employee, and $15,000 for a family. A second section of the law is expected to be signed by the governor.

See HEALTH CARE on 7A

Duda gets a peek at what new restaurant will look like

Microbrewery expected to open July 2012

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Fenton — Artist renderings of how the old Fenton fire hall will be transformed into a restaurant and microbrewery were presented to the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on Tuesday.

See MICROBREWWERY on 14A
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Pet owners share adoption experiences

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More than 800 cats and dogs adopted last year

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The ABCs of a good night’s sleep

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Texting makes you stupid!

‘Dew! BION I send TXT MSG in TFX TLTBCT. TIGAS?’

For those of you who don’t flitter away endless hours communicating in texting jargon, this translates to: ‘Dude, believe it or not, I am sending a text message in traffic. That’s life in the big city. Think I give a s#!+?’

Much of this crude communication — as found on netlingo.com — contains swear words, off-color sayings, and acronyms that would make Mike Tyson blush.

According to a recent Nielsen survey, American kids between the ages of 13 and 17 send and receive an average of 3,339 texts per month. Not surprisingly, teen girls in this study send and receive more than 4,100 texts per month.

Let’s do the math on that. In a typical month, that means that your teenager is sending and receiving 111.3 texts per day, or 8.62 texts per hour (assuming 16 waking hours per day), or one text every seven minutes of every waking hour, seven days a week. If your progeny happens to be female, add about 20 percent to those numbers.

Wow! That’s a lot of... well, nothing.

And therein lies the problem. We are raising an entire generation of stupid kids. They are stupid because they have been swept up in a society that, due to social media, spends the majority of their day communicating with each other about...well, nothing. This activity has replaced reading. Thus, our kids reading skills are deteriorating at an alarming rate. And reading, as we all know (from actually reading ourselves), is the key to learning — all learning.

If you take a typical American teenager today and place them three feet in front of the Mona Lisa, in the Louvre, in Paris, you will find them not actually looking at the Mona Lisa, or the Louvre, or Paris, but slouched over a 2.5-inch screen, oblivious to their surroundings, tapping away on a tiny keyboard to their friends, not about the most famous painting, in the most famous museum, in the most famous city in the world, but more likely something along the lines of ‘lol, frnc girls bion hfly pits.’

After a couple years of these grunt-talking, troglodyte-like, mini-keyboard exchanges, the typical texter’s communication skills are bearing a striking resemblance to a debate on cosmic galaxial cohesion between Snooki and Amy Winehouse (RIP).

We’ve all seen the clips of zombie-like texters — oblivious to their surroundings — walking into light poles, traffic, glass doors and, in one memorable clip that went viral, a young texting woman stumbles head-over-heels into a mall fountain. GHS (God help us), these are the leaders of tomorrow.

And each year the average age of a cell-phone user goes down. It won’t be long before baby’s highly anticipated first word will be texted, not spoken.

Yikes, TOBAL (there oughta be a law).

Reader’s Write

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“I have a passion for gardening. I like growing the giants.”

Mark Clement

Philadelphia, PA

giant watermelon grower

Holly resident Mark Clement just wants to have a healthy hobby. “I have a passion for gardening,” he said. Clement isn’t a regular gardener, however. In his circle, he is known as a “Heavy Hitter.” “I like growing the giants,” he said.

He grows everything as big as he can, including a 1,032-pound pumpkin this season. But right now, he has his sights on setting a new record for the biggest, heaviest watermelon in Michigan.

His contender is an estimated 265-pound giant, named Captain Marvel. It is named for the gardener who grew the seeds. Clement used to grow this watermelon, which is roughly the size of a small building, “It’s a melon,” he said, giving the watermelon a pat.

On Saturday, he travels to Canfield Ohio for a competition. At stake is a $2,000 and $1,000 prize, from a group he founded, the Giant Watermelon Growers, which has 117 paying members.

Last year, the top winner’s melon weighed in at 267 pounds, which will make this year’s weigh-in a nail biter. “I’m hoping this will be a state record,” he said. If he comes in second or third, he still gets a healthy cash prize. Seeds from his monster melon will sell for at least $10 each.

Clement doesn’t grow giants by chance. It takes the right seed, and a lot of water and fertilizer. Captain Marvel was grown using 90-100 gallons of water every 36 hours. One-hundred thirty yards of leaf compost, 20 yards of horse manure, and 900 pounds of alpaca manure were used in the 7,000-square-foot garden.

To move the beast, Clement will enlist the help of four other men, and use a refrigerator dolly to safely move it into a van for transportation.

After the weigh in, Clement will display his champion, but after that, Captain Marvel will be eaten like any other delicious melon, except the seeds. “You might be a beach if you grow giant fruits and vegetables for competition,” he joked.

“I’d rather do this than watch TV.”

625-pound watermelon?
Q: If I have a 2008 Impala, when I turn the A/C on and then turn it off, I hear a flapping noise right where the A/C vents are. Can you tell me what it might be?

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TEEN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING MARIJUANA

An 18-year-old Argentine Township man was arrested for possession of marijuana following a traffic stop on Pine Walk Pass in Argentine Township on Friday, Sept. 23. The silver full-size GMC pickup truck had three male occupants, a 17-year-old driver from Swartz Creek, the 18-year-old Argentine Township man and an 18-year-old male from Gaines. The 18-year-old passenger said he had some marijuana. He was given a court appearance ticket.

CUSTODY DISPUTE

At 10 p.m. on Sept. 16, a trooper was sent to a home in the 15000 block of Windsor Lane in Holly Township to conduct a welfare check. A 36-year-old Holly man reported that a female friend of his and her mother were in a custody dispute over her children and the man’s friend told him that her mother (the grandmother) was intoxicated. The grandmother has custody. The man had no personal knowledge of the grandmother’s drinking. The trooper advised the man to contact his friend to tell her to contact the judge about her claims. The following evening, another individual requested that a state trooper conduct a similar welfare check. Again, the trooper advised the caller to contact the woman to tell her to contact the judge.

HIT AND RUN

At 4 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, a 37-year-old Fenton man was hit by a hit-and-run driver. The trooper advised the man to contact his friend to tell her to contact the judge about her claims. The following evening, another individual requested that a state trooper conduct a similar welfare check. Again, the trooper advised the caller to contact the woman to tell her to contact the judge.

CRASH ON GRANGE HALL ROAD

At 10:05 p.m. on Sept. 9, Michigan State Police troopers were sent to a hit-and-run crash on Grange Hall Road near Tecumseh Road. The trooper advised the caller to contact the woman to tell her to contact the judge.

COWS AT LARGE

On Sept. 25, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of cows at large. The man called for assistance after a neighbor threatened to shoot the stray cow.

INTOXICATED MOTORIST

On Sept. 25, Genesee County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a report of a driver from Swartz Creek who was driving a vehicle with a false screen. The trooper advised the man to contact his friend to tell her to contact the judge about her claims. The following evening, another individual requested that a state trooper conduct a similar welfare check. Again, the trooper advised the caller to contact the woman to tell her to contact the judge.

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CHAINSAWS STOLEN

On Sept. 26, a 55-year-old Holly man said that someone broke into a barn and stole two Stihl chainsaws overnight. The trooper noticed damage to the doorframe and the dead bolt had been broken. Damage was estimated at $500 and stolen property was estimated to be $1,200. The case remains under investigation.

MAN BREAKS INTO HOGAN ROAD HOME

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a home in the 15000 block of Hogan Road in Fenton Township to investigate a report of a disorderly person. Dev. Sgt. Bill Lanning said a 50-year-old Fenton Township man broke into the home using a sledgehammer. Once inside, he threatened the occupants. The man was arrested and lodged at the Genesee County Jail.

NORTH ROAD LARCENY

At 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 28, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department received a larceny from an automobile complaint from a resident in the 15000 block of North Road in Fenton Township. There are no suspects.

TV STOLEN FROM HOME

On Sept. 24, a 24-year-old Genesee County sheriff’s deputy responded to a home in a mobile home community in Fenton Township to investigate a larceny complaint. The resident said their flat-screen TV had been stolen.

GPS STOLEN FROM TOYOTA

On Sept. 26, a Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that someone had stolen a Garmin GPS from her 2005 Toyota Prius while it was parked at a department store parking lot on East Michigan Street. The theft occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The woman believed she locked her car, however, Police Chief Rick Aro said there were no signs of forced entry. Police will be reviewing the surveillance video footage to identify a suspect.

INVESTIGATION ONGOING OF FATAL CRASH

Fenton police continue to investigate a fatal crash, which occurred Monday morning on U.S. 23, just south of Owen Road. Patrick Fleming, 21, of Ypsilanti was killed in the crash after his SUV rear-ended the vehicle traveling in front of him. The impact caused him to lose control of the SUV, which then rolled over several times before coming to rest in the ditch. Patrick Fleming's death was ruled a suicide. The investigation is ongoing.

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**HEALTH CARE**

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limits employers to pay no more than 80 percent of health care costs, leaving the remaining 20 percent for public employees to pay.

“This changes result in a fair and equitable approach that brings public employee benefits more in line with the private sector,” Snyder said, in a press release. “Getting these currently unsustainable costs under control now helps ensure Michigan’s long-term future and allows us to all move forward together.”

The law will likely save taxpayers money but may raise costs for public workers. Local municipalities in the tri-county area are reviewing their options before the end of the year deadline.

“There are a number of opportunities in the law that we haven’t discussed yet,” said Linden City Manager Christopher Wren. The city of Linden currently pays more toward health care for public employees than the law allows. “We have until the end of the year to be in full compliance with the law, which we will, one way or the other,” he said.

State Rep. Paul Scott (R-Grand Blanc-R) views the law as a step in the right direction for Michigan’s economic future. “The law simply restricts the amount of payroll dollars that can be allocated to health-care costs,” he said. “These tough economic times, Michiganders can no longer afford unlimited spending. This bill keeps costs to state and local governments within reach.

State Sen. John Gleason (Flushing-D) is opposed to the law and said it does not address the high cost of healthcare in Michigan. “It does not matter how we divvy up the cost of health care. The problem is how much it costs,” Gleason said. “We need to do something about the drug companies. They’re gouging this state.”

Teachers and administrators in the Fenton school district agreed to pay 10 percent more toward premium health insurance. It is yet to be determined if the Fenton Board of Education will have to make another decision on health care costs.

**COMPETITION**

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Gov. Rick Snyder

**FLAMES**

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sound, possibly from the transformers turning on and off. He attempted to walk down into the basement to check things out; however, as he descended the stairs, he met with smoke. He rushed back up and the members enjoying activities in all three buildings were immediately evacuated. Everyone exited safely.

“This is sad,” said Gabrielson. Consumers Energy responded to the scene and disconnected power at 2:23 p.m.

Aside from the Fenton Fire Department, fire departments from Fenton City, Fenton Township, Mundy Township and Grand Blanc responded to the scene. Fenton City fire department’s ladder truck was used to cut a hole in the roof to vent the fire.

**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 entire visual system works together so if the kid can’t see the chalk board, ding-dong ding-dong (that is the 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.

Insidious medical problems often are present as well that are hard to detect such as mild lazy eye or a small eye turn that only occurs during reading. The latter by the way is not obvious to the parent or teachers.

With most of these conditions the child is 100% unaware these problems are occurring.

Often I have seen kids that appear to have ADHD or Dyslexia who simply need eye exercises or therapeutic lenses which improve concentration and visual efficiency.

Standard eye exams and screenings are not enough; they are almost completely ineffective isolating learning problems and that’s why we always perform many extra tests and employ very difficult equipment with each and every eye exam we perform.

For eye examinations, call Fenton Vision Center 810-629-3070.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

PLEASE PEOPLE, DO not believe all the propaganda that is emailed every single day full of lies and misinformation about politics. Check them out before forwarding or you are just part of the problem.

**RETIREE JIM, DON’T BE sad about what’s happening to your pension. If you had the country’s $14 trillion in actual debt plus trillions in unfunded promises. Everyone who pushed for premiums (contracts), and those whose policies were approved, those along with those who turned a blind eye to the unsustainable promises, all are at fault.

**IF A CORPORATION is a person, as the Supreme Court states, please introduce me to that individual, so I can truly marry him or her. If a corporation is a person, I’d like that person to adopt me, so I can share his wealth. How about hooking me up with Exxon, GE, or Boeing?**

**I AM A teacher and I do not support the MEA or their greedy agenda, in any way. I sure as heck wouldn’t give them a dime of dues if I wasn’t forced to.**

**I HAVE ONLY one question, how do you define ‘The American Dream’?**

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**FLAMES**

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DDA wants to amend its 2012 budget

**Summary**

- The Fenton Downtown Development Authority approved amendments to its fiscal year 2012 budget. It will be requesting that Fenton City Council approve the changes.

**Seeking city council’s approval**

By Sharon Stone

Fenton — After approving a $40,000 request by the city’s assessing office in August and the upcoming Cornerstone redevelopment, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) voted in favor of amending its budget. The DDA will now request that the Fenton City Council approve the amendments (see sidebar) at a future meeting.

The assessing department needed the additional money to cover possible expenses of fighting tax appeals within the DDA district. Michael Burns, director of the DDA and assistant city manager, said there are a large number of tax appeals and the cost of independent appraisals might fall onto the city.

Tonya Molloseau, city assessor, said losing the appeals could result in a loss of revenue of about $420,000 for the city.

The city purchased the site of the former Republic Bank for $325,000 in December 2010. This city already owned two other vacant properties next to this parcel. These three parcels were then sold to the developer of the Cornerstone project for $1, with the expectation of generating $116,000 per year in tax revenue for the city. The developer, the Saab Group, expects to spend about $4 million on the project.

Les Beare, owner of the UPS Store on Silver Parkway, attended the DDA meeting and questioned the DDA’s decision to table the $600,000 lighting and landscaping project for Silver Parkway. He was told that July 1, 2012 would be the beginning of a new fiscal year and improvements to Silver Parkway would be discussed again as that date approaches.

Because of the costs associated with the assessing department and Cornerstone project, changes are needed for the Fiscal Year 2012 budget. The total amounts in changes to the budget will add $1,000 in budgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012.

**Proposed amendments to DDA budget for 2012**

- Remove $535,000 from the Silver Parkway Lighting Project.
- Add $500,000 to the Master Plan Implementation, to be utilized for the Cornerstone Development.
- Remove $80,000 from the Gazebo Improvements.
- Add $40,000 for appraisals.
- Add $47,000 for Bond Fees.
- Reduce $1,000 in the Conference and Dues.
- Add $30,000 to the Wayfinding budget, as this is a carryover from the amount from fiscal year 2011. The Wayfinding sign project has been in the works since 2008 and is costing the city between $250,000 and $300,000. Signs with metal scrollwork and fluted concrete bases will welcome motorists to Fenton and direct them to various sites within the city.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

DEMOCRAT GRANHOLM HAD eight long years to balance the budget and didn’t. Republican Snyder balanced it in eight short months. What is the lesson here?

THINK OF THE logic of the caller who said paying 10 percent of their health care would devastate two-teacher families. We are a one-income family who pays 50 percent of our health care costs, and we’re not whining.

POSITIVE HOT LINES only? That is the left mantra of silencing the voices of dissent. I love the Hot lines just the way they are.

OUR PRESIDENT WILL be viewed historically as a great man who led us through the greatest depression since the ‘30s. If you disagree, then you are part of the problem.

REGARDING THE POSITIVE Hot line only agenda, isn’t that typical liberal thinking?

TO THE ANONYMOUS Hot line writer who wants an Olive Garden or Red Lobster, what we really need is a TGI Friday’s. It’s good food and good fun, and a step up from all the Coney Islands around here.

A LOT MORE foreign goods are entering the U.S. than we are exporting. There is a very simple cure for this. Establish tariffs on imported goods. This would not cost anything at all. If you have a stove, you’ll think we can raise our prices.

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It can be caused by a variety of situations, including a significant life stress, such as death or divorce of a spouse, job loss or moving, environmental factors or medications that interfere with sleep, depression and/or anxiety, changes in sleep patterns from shift work or jet lag, illness, and emotional or physical discomfort.

Insomnia is considered to be a chronic condition when a person has difficulty sleeping at least three nights a week for a month or longer.

If you think you may have insomnia, experts suggest you talk to your doctor. An evaluation may include a physical exam, a medical history, and a sleep history. You may be asked to keep a sleep diary for a week or two, keeping track of your sleep patterns and how you feel during the day.

In some cases, you may be referred to a sleep center for special tests (see sidebar).

Mild cases of insomnia may be prevented or cured by practicing good sleep habits (see sidebar). A health provider may prescribe sleeping pills for a limited time to help you function during the day.

Over-the-counter sleeping pills should be avoided because of possible side effects and ineffectiveness over time.

For chronic insomnia, underlying conditions or health problems that may be causing the sleep problems must be treated, first. Behavioral therapy may be suggested so that a person can learn new ways to promote sleep, including relaxation exercises, sleep restriction therapy, and reconditioning.

Tips for a good night’s sleep

• Try to go to sleep and wake up at the same time each night and morning. Avoid daytime naps, if possible.

• Avoid caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol late in the day. Caffeine and nicotine are stimulants and can keep you from falling asleep. Alcohol can cause waking in the night and interferes with sleep quality.

• Get regular exercise, at least three to four hours before the time you go to sleep.

• Don’t eat a heavy meal late in the day. A light snack before bedtime, however, may help you sleep.

• Make your bedroom comfortable. Be sure that it is dark, quiet, and not too warm or too cold. If light is a problem, try a sleeping mask. If noise is a problem, try earplugs, a fan, or a “white noise” machine to cover up the sounds.

• Follow a routine to help you relax before sleep. Read a book, listen to music, or take a bath.

• If you can’t fall asleep and don’t feel drowsy, get up and read or do something that is not overly stimulating until you feel sleepy.

• If you find yourself lying awake worrying, make a list of things you need to do before going to bed.

Tips at a glance:

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2. Avoid caffeine, nicotine, and alcohol.
4. Don’t eat a heavy meal late in the day.
5. Make your bedroom comfortable.
6. Follow a routine before sleep.
7. If you can’t fall asleep, get up and do something.
8. If you find yourself worrying, make a list.

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saw the Greyhound in her cage, imme-
 diately walked over and let her out for a
closer look. Her new home went to the
counter and promptly asked the worker what
he had to do to adopt her.

In total, Green said adopt-
ing the purebred dog cost him
about $200, which was fair
with him since he knew this
type of dog was expensive.
Paperwork was filled out and
the needs of the dog were reviewed.
The dog, which they named
Mia, has been a great addition
to the household, said Green.
Mia, who was house trained, was
very shy and scared, at first.
That has changed and she is
now his favorite, of all the
dogs he has ever owned.
“She likes a lot of attention,” he said. “She’s a
demanding pet.”

The Greens are happy with their deci-
sion to adopt a dog and believe that it
is imperative that those adopting pets
have enough time to take good care of
the animal. “If you have no time, don’t
look,” he said.

One of his wife’s favorite stories to tell
is when they took Mia home. Mia climbed
on Chad’s lap in the car and laid her
head down on his shoulder for the ride home.
It was meant to be.

Sherry Stanley-Schmidt, of Fenton
Township, adopted a mixed-breed dog
from Adopt-A-Pet. She has owned dogs
her entire life and has raised Border Col-
lies. Her last Border collie, who was 16
years old, died about three years ago.
“I had a hard time letting him go,” she
said. Stanley-Schmidt occasionally
stopped by Adopt-A-Pet to check out the animals.
In March, she browsed the animals listed
on their website and spotted an
adorable dog with a
cute face. She went through
an extensive phone
interview with the
woman fostering
the dog at her
home.

Later that day, Stanley-Schmidt
met with the foster mom at
Adopt-A-Pet and
was able to meet the
puppy, that she
incredibly
friendly, fun
and
already neutered.

She learned that
the puppy, who she named Parker,
was a rough start in life.
He and his eight littermates were
found in a bag along side a road.
Some-one witnessed this on Christmas night.
One woman fostered all of the pups and
placed all but two of them. She released
one more to Stanley-Schmidt in March.
“It was a good experience,” Stanley-
Schmidt said. “Adopt-A-Pet followed
up with a phone call a week after we
got him to see how things were going.”

Knowing that dogs need socializa-
tion, Stanley-Schmidt took Parker
to obedience training and continues to take
him to Ann Thibault’s doggy day care in
Fenton. “I get to spend time with each other
and their owners spend time visiting
with each other,” she said.

In 2010, Adopt-A-Pet
found loving
homes for
more than 823
cats and dogs
and funded
vet-

inary
for some
very
sick
animals.

Adopt-A-Pet in June 2010. Andy said the
cat does very well at home and she gets
along with their other cat, Chuck.
“We have all adjusted very well,” he said.
“Amiga is an affectionate cat and she
gives to ‘kitty kisses,’ which
would be licking.” Andy
learned that Amiga comes
from a Spanish word mean-
ing female friend.

Teresa Dixon said that her
mother adopted a dog from
Adopt-A-Pet. This dog came
from a house of a hoarder.
The veterinarian believes
the dog is a Brittany spaniel and
hound dog mix. “He is the
sweetest dog I have ever
seen, barely even training needed,” she said.

“He loves my mom so much that if she
leaves the room, he is right behind her.”
Linda Adkins, of Fenton Township,
has adopted cats and dogs from Fenton
Adopt-A-Pet. She has always owned
black cats that she has rescued from
shelters, but always dreamed of owning
a white cat, too. She moved to the area
about six years ago and made a point of
checking out Adopt-A-Pet at its previ-
ous location.

“I wanted them all,” she said when
she walked into the old house. In one of
the cages were two kittens, one white
and one black. She could not let those
brothers be separated and adopted
both of them, naming them Blackie
and Whitie.

Adkins has owned Yorkies in the
past and wanted to have another one.
One day, she stopped by Adopt-A-Pet
and saw a woman holding a Yorkie
in her arms. After asking if the dog
was available, she immediately told
the volunteers, “That’s the one I want
right there.” She considered it her
Mother’s Day gift. “There’s never a
dull moment.”

There are so many adorable pets
available. Adkins said, “If I had the
money and space, I’d take them all in.”
The couple was issued a court appearance ticket in August for allowing underage people to consume alcohol at their home during a high school graduation open house in July. The school district’s superintendent said the school district would wait for the outcome of the case before making any decision on Tracey Sahouri’s employment. She returned to her position at the school in the summer.

With no resolution reached on Thursday, the couple has an Oct. 26 pre-trial hearing scheduled.

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“The top news stories are designated by a small blue triangle at the right corner of the post. Users can assign which posts are more relevant than others, allowing Facebook to adjust which posts will be flagged as top news. Activities of friends are now charted in a small window at the top right of a user’s homepage. Every comment, status update, picture and “like” is detailed in “real time” and can be read by scrolling through the window.

Facebook has changed dozens of times since it opened up to the public in 2006 but the recent changes have been the most aggressive. “I don’t like the changes at all,” said Lake Fenton freshman Megan Davis. “They keep changing Facebook all the time. They need to go back to the old layout.” Davis checks Facebook daily with her phone. As of July 6, Facebook had 750 million users. Last week’s changes are only the beginning of Facebook’s transformation. A new feature called Time-line will soon be available, chronicking everything a user has ever done on Facebook. Movies and music will be integrated into the site, as well. With Facebook’s ever-evolving website and Google’s charge into social media, some young users embrace the constant changes and don’t see the redesign as evasive.

“It took me a few minutes to get used to it,” said Kyle Felix, a senior at Lake Fenton High School. “But I think the upgrades are cool. They make things easier.”
Bills
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The act imposes a tax on all non-exempt real and personal property in Michigan. Personal property includes, for example, commercial equipment, furniture and fixtures, industrial machinery and equipment, gas and electric transmission and distribution equipment, oil pipelines, and agriculture equipment and produce that are not exempt.

Like real property, personal property is assessed at 50 percent of its true cash value, and the amount of the tax is determined by multiplying the tax rate by the taxable value of the property (which is the same as its assessed value, in the case of personal property). The tax on real and personal property is collected in the same manner, and the distribution of tax revenue is the same.

If the proposed bill becomes law, it would increase the state’s General Fund and decrease School Aid Fund revenue, as well as reduce revenue for local units of government, according to David Zin, a financial analyst who reviewed the bill. According to Zin, the bill also would increase School Aid Fund expenditures, assuming per-pupil funding guarantees would be maintained. School Aid Fund revenue would be affected by a reduction of revenue from the State Education Tax, while General Fund revenue would be affected by a reduction in utility property taxes and because taxpayers would no longer claim the credit under the Michigan Business Tax, for personal property taxes.

Fenton City attorney Steven Schultz told Fenton City Council members Tuesday that if the bill becomes law, the city would no longer collect $363,000 in personal property tax. It would be a substantial hit to the city’s general fund, which has already taken a hit. The city already expects to see a decrease on taxable income, and a loss of $363,000 would affect all of the city’s budgets.

In response to introduction of the bill, Schultz recommended that council members adopt a resolution, which provides support for an initiative, at the state level, to seek alternate sources of revenue to compensate for the possible loss of personal property tax.

Schultz said it is important that any alternative would be a constitutionally protected replacement. He said the impact would be felt by area school districts, as well.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said she was happy that the city was showing support for the initiative. She hopes other municipalities in Genesee County are doing likewise. She said this action lets the state know that Fenton City officials are paying attention.

City Manager Lynn Markland said he is not necessarily a big fan of personal property tax, but, “This is a lot to lose,” he said.

Vendors wanted for Prom, Graduation and Senior Expo
Fenton High School publication staffs are looking for vendors for the first-ever Prom, Graduation and Senior Expo. The expo is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor booths will vary in size and prices. Booths will be sold first come, first served.

“We had the idea to create this expo to serve as a fundraiser for the publication staffs,” senior Jacob Taylor said. “While we raise money, companies have the chance to get their names and information straight to their customers and community.”

For more information, contact adviser Pam Bunka at pbunka@fenton.k12.mi.us or Jacob Taylor at jjt1202@gmail.com. Information about booth fees and additional expo information will be faxed or e-mailed. The staffs would like to have all vendors in place by Sept. 30.

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MICROBREWERY

Bill Tadrick, co-owner of the Michigan Brewing Co. restaurant, told DDA members that interior renovations would begin soon. He expects the restaurant to open next July.

Interior plans have been approved administratively while exterior plans will need to be presented to and approved by the city’s planning commission, before that phase of the project begins.

The architectural firm working on the project is Ron and Roman, LLC, out of Birmingham. The general contractor is Brent Williams, owner of Bren-Mar Construction in Fenton.

Tadrick told DDA members that the architects love the charm of the historical building and do not plan to change much, other than bringing in the bar and restaurant equipment.

The restaurant will have two levels. Guests accessing the restaurant from the back will be able to use a new elevator that is included in the plans, to the second level. A large central bar, high-top tables and functional glass/steel garage doors on the front of the building are designed into the new layout.

Additions to the building are planned, which will allow for the elevator and staircase. Exterior surfaces will be done with contrasting limestone colored brick so that the building’s original structure will remain visible. Plans also include outdoor café seating, an upper level deck and cloth canopies.

Tadrick said drawings of the new restaurant and project details would be displayed on the exterior of the building in case residents walking by want to find out what is happening.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (LCC) also requested that the city’s resolution would be amended to allow a small winemaking system and distillery operation to occur on the site. During the DDA meeting on Tuesday, DDA members approved Burns’ recommendation to amend the lease agreement to allow a small winemaking system and distillery operation to occur on the site. During the DDA meeting on Tuesday, council members approved Burns’ recommendation to amend the existing resolution.
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing at its regular council meeting on the 24th Day of October at 7:30 pm, in the City Hall, located at 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196, to consider a proposed amendment of the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority ("LDFA") Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The purpose of the proposed amendment, adopted by the LDFA at its regular meeting on August 17, 2011, is to authorize the LDFA to enter into an agreement with the City that will provide for sharing of a portion of the captured assessed value between the City and the City of Fenton. The text of the amendment reads as follows:

Tax Increment Financing Plan adopted by the City Council of the City on December 27, 1988, as amended by City Council on September 24, 1990, April 24, 2006, April 19, 2007, May 1, 2008, March 22, 2010, September 27, 2010, and December 13, 2010 is hereby further amended in the following respects:

a. Exhibit B attached to the Tax Increment Financing Plan is amended to provide the following additional provision: “The LDFA shall exclude 10,622.6 mills from its capture of millage levied by the City of Fenton for fiscal year 2012 pursuant to an Agreement to share captured assessed value between the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority and the City of Fenton to be effective as of October 24, 2011.”

The fiscal and economic implications of the proposed amendment are limited to the temporary shifting of tax revenue generated by the 10,622.6 mills, in an amount not to exceed $200,000.00, from the LDFA to the City of Fenton.

The district is composed substantially of the US-23 Industrial Park, Fenway Plaza industrial park and certain additional industrial zoned property adjacent to the east of the park. The district is generally bounded by US 23 on the west, Owen Road on the south, Silver Lake Road on the north and Pontchartrain Boulevards on the east.

Maps, plats and a description of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan are available for public inspection at the LDFA office in the City Hall. No persons are expected to be displaced by the plan. All aspects of the plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FENTON, COUNTY OF GENESSEE, MICHIGAN

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FENTON

Approved by the Local Development Finance Authority of the City of Fenton for submittal to the City Council of the City of Fenton on November 17, 1988.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Fenton on December 27, 1988, subsequent to a public hearing on December 27, 1988.


The LDFA shall exclude 10,622.6 mills from its capture of millage levied by the City of Fenton for fiscal year 2012 pursuant to an Agreement to share captured assessed value between the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority and the City of Fenton to be effective as of October 24, 2011.
Briny Breezes, Florida
Rated by GM&F USA Today as “Best Buy” for Senior Living in Southern Florida.
Briny Breezes Community is located on Bayoumen Beach between Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal. Community pool, cable TV, woodworking shop, shuffleboard, lower level, 900 feet of perfect private beach on Atlantic Ocean with clubhouse. 14’ x 50’ mobile home on 1800 sq. ft. truss-constructed, freshly painted and updated, new ceramic tile, new pogo flooring, W/D, AC, lawn sprinkler and covered patio. Existing deck and dock for boat. Estate sale, sold with all furnishings. Priced to sell at $198,000.

Can see Briny Breezes community online at http://brinybreezes-fl.com or call Rick or Craig at 810-750-6095 or 810-240-8315.

Vincent Land For Sale
RIVER 7-700’ frontage
Gorgeous wooded hillsides on paved road! $38,000 and up. terms.

FENTON - LOON lake 2 waterfront and 2 wooded lots, $16,000 and up. Quick sale. terms. 810-629-8694, 810-964-3472, 810-735-6877.

OLD GRAVEL TRUCK ROAD, starts at Hartland Road and runs to Genesee County line. Total acreage 9.5 acres. Road is 80’ wide with an additional split off towards Parkin Lane. $6,100 per acre. Can call on this property between 7:30-8:30p.m., Monday-Friday, phone 810-459-9100, ask for Vaughn.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
OCTOBER 4, 2011 – 7:00 PM

POLICE & FIRE PROTECTION PUBLIC HEARING
The purpose of this public hearing is to hear objections which may be offered
against the estimated cost for police and fire protection and on the distribution
of the levy for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2011

COMMUNICATIONS
#1 Zoning Administrator’s Report- September 30, 2011

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
#1 Update on water Miller Crossings.
#2 Senate Bill #7 regarding health insurance.

NEW BUSINESS
#1 Request of Layla Garant to appeal her fire service charge.
#2 Tree Removal Plans, Phase 2.

#3 Discussion of auxiliary structures and vacant parcels.

Mike Cunningham, Supervisor
Keith L. Kremer, Clerk

INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF FENTON
911 DISPATCH CENTER

October 2, 2011

The City of Fenton, Michigan requests proposals for the purchase and instal-
lation of public service, communications equipment for upgrade to the City of
Fenton, 911 Dispatch Center.

Sealed proposals will be received until October 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM, at the City Clerk’s Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196. Propos-
als will be reviewed by the City Evaluation Team who will then make a recom-
mendation to the Fenton City Council for approval.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked “City of
Fenton, 911 Dispatch Center Upgrades.”

Please refer to the Request for Proposal, available at the Fenton City Hall or
www.tctimes.com

Proposals are being solicited only from responsible and established companies,
known to be experienced in the installation and maintenance of public service, emergency communications equipment.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or any part thereof, and to accept any proposal, or part thereof, which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

Lynn Markland
City Manager
GROVELAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
2012 CDBG FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the Township Board will hold a public hearing at the Groveland Township Hall, located at 4695 Grange Hall Rd, Holly, MI 48442 at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year application in the approximate amount of $14,172 to fund eligible projects. Oakland County will allow participating communities to spend a maximum of 15% of their annual allocation on public services. This action will ensure compliance with federal regulations.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the Groveland Township office located at the above address until 4:00 pm, Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

The Township Board meeting room is handicap accessible. Arrangements to accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact Pamela Mazich at 248.634.4152 for further information or if special services are required.

Pamela Mazich, Clerk
ROSE TOWNSHIP

302 E Leroy St

Former restaurant/office building on 5 acres. Includes yard, screening porches and one bedroom apartment. Call Frank Kramer 810-899-5701

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228 Lookout Lane

Enjoy beautiful views from both levels of this 1396 sq. ft. ranch home backing up to Crapo. Unit 1 has 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, each unit has its own furnace. Furnace & septic field. Guest Cottage offers one 1 bedroom w/numerous updates, great rental. Lot is 70x116, ceiling height is 8 feet, central air, deck, and carport. Vacant lot available next door. Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

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LINDEN

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RENWICK ANNIVERSARY
Roger and Ferne (Parker) Renwick of Fenton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 16. The couple was married at First Baptist Church of Holly on Sept. 16, 1961. They have three children, Edward (Nancy) Renwick, 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.

PADGETT WEDDING
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THIS WEEK’S INSERTS
- ACO Hardware
- Alpine
- CVS
- Happy’s Pizza
- Holly Foods
- Knmart
- Shop Smart
- Taylor Hardware Store
- VG’s Food
- Wailgreens
- Walmart
What would be your idea of a perfect autumn day? How about taking a hike at Sleeping Bear Dunes near Glen Arbor, followed by a leisurely lunch in a quaint Traverse City local restaurant? After that, you could spend the afternoon driving along the Old Mission Peninsula, enjoying a taste of wine amidst the breathtaking backdrop of a northern Michigan fall. Your evening could be spent on Grand Traverse Bay, taking in all the sights while enjoying a relaxing dinner, and then capping it off by watching a beautiful sunset over Lake Michigan.

The vivid blues of Lake Michigan make a dramatic backdrop against the rich, vibrant reds, oranges and yellows of a Michigan fall. Nowhere else is this contrast seen so vividly.

Upper Peninsula
Oct. 1-2: Peak color weekend with some past peak areas
Oct. 8-9: Some remaining peak color, mostly past peak color
Oct. 15-16: Past peak color weekend (but still some color)

Northern Lower Michigan
Oct. 1-2: Early color weekend with some isolated peak color
Oct. 8-9: Early color to peak color weekend
Oct. 15-16: Peak color to past peak color weekend
Oct. 22-23: Past peak color weekend, but still close to peak with a lot of color especially near lakeshore

"Take a walk through the woods or hop in a kayak on a river or lake. That way, you can enjoy the full sensory range of fall."

Mike Norton, Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau

TRI-COUNTY TIMES SUBMITTED PHOTO
Traverse City region shows its ‘true colors’ this fall.

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com

“Creating self-confidence and joy”
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Almost twins

Folk legend turned actor Kris Kristofferson and actor turned singer-songwriter Jeff "The Dude" Bridges look incredibly alike, from the shapes of their grey-bearded smiles and their heavy, happy eyes, to the sway of their hair and the patterns of their laugh lines. They also happen to be good buddies. No wonder Jeff Bridges based his Bad Blake character in 'Crazy Heart' on Kristofferson! They’re basically brothers!

Two new narco subs found in Colombia

This narco sub, which authorities said could carry up to 10 tons of cocaine, was discovered last Friday.

A vessel found on the country’s Pacific coast on Friday could carry up to 10 tons of cocaine and was outfitted with a GPS navigation system, according to a report from Insightcrime.org.

On Monday, authorities said they found a smaller but more sophisticated submarine hidden in a wooden shack in dense coastal jungle north of where the first sub was found Friday, according to a report from the BBC.

The second sub, named The Black Pearl, was made of steel and fiberglass and could carry four tons of cocaine, the BBC report said. It could stay submerged for 10 days with a crew of four tons of cocaine, the BBC report said.

Both vessels were built under the orders of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebel group, which finances its operations with cocaine sales, according to the reports.

Monkeys take photos using unattended camera

A childless French couple have adopted a 13-year-old female gorilla named Digit. The gorilla takes the day at the Saint Martin la Plaine Zoo, before going home with zookeepers Pierre and Elianne Thivillon.

Wit & Wisdom

"It shouldn't take a tragedy for us to realize just how precious time is." — Duncan Bannatyne

"If people are good only because they fear punishment and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed." — Albert Einstein

"And, of course, men know best about everything, except what women know better." — Celia Chetnan

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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, 2011.

Our new facility is located at 14272 Fenton Road in Fenton, featuring all of the services you have come to expect from Dr. Iacobelli, including onsite x-ray, laboratory, ultrasound, stress testing and CT scanning.

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.
Billmeier Camera celebrates 10 years

By Tim Jagielo

On Sept. 1, Terry Green celebrated 10 years as the man behind Billmeier Camera, a tenure marked by growth even through Michigan’s difficult economic times. And during this time, Green has witnessed and lived through a gamut of changes in camera technology.

When Green started his business, he processed 35mm film and prints. On Tuesday, his 40-inch display for a 3D Sony digital video camera arrived.

Green became the owner of Billmeier Camera on Sept. 1, 2001. Prior to that, he was an employee there for the previous owner since 1997, doing sales, customer service, managing the studio upstairs, booking appointments and helping with post production. Everything was done with film. “At that time the store was significantly less busy,” he said.

Green has worked hard to build the quality of products and service. “My big thing has always been customer service,” he said. “My mantra is, I might not be a lot of things to a lot of people, but I can be a little bit nicer and treat people with a little more respect.” And this he does, with a healthy dose of good-natured humor.

When walking into Billmeier Camera, a customer can feel comfortable asking the most basic questions about digital and film cameras.

The camera lines have changed significantly since Green took over the business. His initial primary camera line was Minolta. Then, the company’s ownership changed hands until almost disappearing under the ownership of Sony. After losing Minolta, Billmeier Camera became an official Canon dealer. “That was a big success for us,” said Green. His best-selling camera line is Canon’s high-end, amateur, single lens reflex (SLR) “Rebel” line. “The Canon Rebel line has been fantastic,” he said. “People love ’em.”

Billmeier Camera was recently accepted as a Sony camera dealer, and is working on becoming a Nikon dealer. “I know we’ll do a good job, even better than other shops representing Nikon,” Green said. He is also rearranging the store, and adding new displays.

Along with products and services, the staff has grown and changed over the years. When Green became the owner, he was the sole worker. Over time, he added an employee or two. “We had really good ones come and go,” he said.

Green now has a staff of four knowledgeable photographers. Amanda Burton, of Flint, has been with Billmeier Camera for seven years, and has grown into a role similar to a store manager: “She’s like my assistant, my number one go-to girl,” he said. “She does a pretty good job trying to keep me in line.”

Also on hand to help is Kurt Westervelt and newest employee Rachael Herstein, both of Fenton.

Billmeier Camera offers camera equipment and accessories, digital and film prints, camera repairs and camera lessons.

Summary

Terry Green, owner of Billmeier Camera, is celebrating the 10th anniversary of his business.

Visions in Motion Dance Studio moves to new location

By Sally Rummel

Kim Henderson and Wendy Caster had a vision 10 years ago of creating a dance studio with a more conservative philosophy of music, choreography and costuming. Visions in Motion Dance Studio has evolved into a full-service studio with more than 200 students, six teachers and a new location at 1149 N. LeRoy St. in Flint. The new studio provides more dance space and an area to purchase dance apparel and accessories.

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Now in their 10th year of serving local students, Visions in Motion Dance Studio continues to encourage students to enjoy dance along with other school and extracurricular activities.

For more information, visit www.visionsinmotiondance.com or call the studio at (810)750-8500.

Summary

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Stress tests coming

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Life is filled with stress tests, so we must learn how to handle them. I had the advantage of knowing the date and time of my stress test appointment. Often, stressful situations drop in on us without warning. Consider the disciples of Jesus during a fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee. Strong winds piled waves high and the boat was in danger of going down.

Alarmed at their apparent peril, these seasoned fishermen panicked, crying out to their Lord in fear and questioning His care. I’ve been with people who in stressful times thought God had forsaken them, but this is never the case. He has guaranteed He will be with us during every trial (Hebrews 13:5).

There are no accidents with God and nothing takes Him by surprise. If this thought seems too heavy to handle, take it at face value. Don’t try to understand it, just accept it as proof of God’s love and part of His great plan for us.

A woman sitting in a doctor’s office feared a diagnosis of cancer and struggled to maintain her composure. Then, she says, ‘I realized this doctor couldn’t tell me anything that God didn’t already know and peace came.’

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Stress flees in the face of faith. And true faith begins in the heart.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rogercampbellameritech.net.
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Puppy isn’t growing

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: We adopted a beautiful, fluffy pup at a nearby shelter. A worker there described it as a Russian sheepdog. She said “Curty” should grow up into a large dog with a lot of energy. So far, I haven’t found this to be true. My puppy has grown much beyond his height when we adopted him, and he doesn’t seem to have the energy I have seen in sheepdogs before. Hands down, he is the most playful and easy to housebreak. Are there any health problems he might have, or do we just have a mixed breed dog that isn’t going to take on purebred characteristics?

-- Jerry C., Burlington, Vt.

DEAR JERRY: There are several types of sheepdogs hailing from Russia to surrounding regions, so it’s hard to say exactly which breed you have. Indeed, you may have a mixed-breed dog, if the shelter wasn’t able to provide any information about Curty’s former home.

The best thing to do is take Curty to the veterinarian for a checkup. Explain that he isn’t growing as fast as you thought, and that he doesn’t have a lot of energy. The vet can check for any signs of underlying health issues.

Curty could be a perfectly healthy pup, but just a mixed-breed dog is growing normally and won’t be very big. An even-tempered, playful, well-socialized, easy-to-train dog isn’t a bad thing. But do make sure that he’s healthy and that there are no hidden health problems.
FALL COLOR
Continued from Page 1B
more breathtaking than in the rolling hills and beautiful landscape of the Traverse City region—which includes the quaint towns of Elk Rapids, Suttons Bay, Leland, Glen Arbor and Old Mission.

“We’re just getting started in our fall color show,” said Mike Norton, spokesperson for the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau. “Right now, we’re at 15 to 20 percent of peak color. We’ll have another two to three weeks after that, likely into late October.”

There is now some color in all regions of northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula (UP). Fall colors are starting to peak this week in the western UP, the Keweenaw Peninsula and in the interior part of the central and eastern UP. The peak period in the UP will run through next week, and some late peak color the weekend of Oct. 8-9, especially near the shores of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior, according to Fall Color Tours.com.

Visitors will notice that color peaks first away from the coastal areas and at higher elevations, according to Norton. As fall advances, the color moves downhill and closer to the water.

The first peak weekend in northern lower Michigan is likely to be around Oct. 8-9, unless a single storm comes through the area with high winds that whips leaves off the trees, said Norton. Another late peak weekend will be Oct. 15-16, depending on the weather.

For your own “peak” color experience, Norton suggests that you not only drive through the region but also take in all the sights and fragrance of fall. “Take a walk through the woods or hop in a kayak on a river or lake. That way, you can enjoy the full sensory range of fall,” he said.

With July and August meaning “peak” prices at northern Michigan resorts and hotels, fall color also means many discounted rates. For fall packages, Norton suggested interested visitors check www.traversecity.com, call the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (231) 947-1120 or call your local travel agent.

Synopsis of The Argentine Township
Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2011

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Schmidt, present, Graves, present, Cole, present, Ciesieski, present and Hallman, present. Absent: none.
A moment of silence was observed in memory of longtime resident, Mr. Claude Jay Carr, and for Mike Braun.
Motion to accept the conditions and approve the minutes of August 29, 2011 meeting and the minutes of the Special Meeting on September 7, 2011. Motion passed.
Motion to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed.
Motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of $369,377.48. Motion passed.
Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted.
Fire Department- A written report was submitted. Chief Reid was not in attendance.
Motion to hire Daniel Sturgis and Zachery Thompson as firefighters, pending completion of physical evaluation, passage of drug screening, and successful completion of training, with a 1-year probation period. Motion passed.
Building Department- A written report was submitted. Supervisor Cole reported 6 Permits were issued which total $2,186.00.
Motion to allow Mr. Lattie to place requirements from Planning Commission on a court order to guarantee it happens in a manner set by the court. Motion passed.
Motion to allow Charles Lauer to enroll in PA 116 in Argentine Township. Motion passed.
6th District County Commissioner Joseph Graves gave an oral report on the court commission.
Motion to move the next Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting to October 24, 2011. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by
Denise M. Graves, Clerk

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By David Troppens
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Linden — Fenton’s Taylor Thorpe couldn’t stop crying.
Just four days earlier, she had one of her more forgettable races at Linden Middle School, suffering an asthma attack during the event.
On Wednesday, she had a plan, though. She was going to run with Linden’s Sydney Elmer and have Elmer help her to a sub-20-minute time.
The plan worked to perfection. Thorpe won her first-ever Metro League jamboree, by posting a time of 19:55.81, defeating the field by nearly 30 seconds. Elmer, who won the first jamboree three weeks earlier, took second with a time of 20:23.23. More importantly, Thorpe had her first sub-20 race in her career. That was the reason for her tears.
“Honestly, the biggest thing was I’ve been trying to break 20, and I came here and did really bad (on Saturday),” Thorpe said. “I had an asthma attack, but today I was feeling good. I wasn’t nervous at all. I got to the line and said, ‘All right, sub-20, right here,’ and that’s all I thought.
“This year when (Elmer) came out of the gate at our first league meet, I was like ‘Woah, she’s got legs,’ I told her. ‘You are going to get me to sub-20s. I’m going to stick on your tail and that’s all I have to do.’ My biggest goal is to just stay with her.”
Thorpe did more than that. She took the lead during the first 200 meters and never trailed. She led Elmer by a couple of paces early and stretched her lead during the second half of the event.
The second lap coming over there, we were still pretty close,” Thorpe said. “I was thinking I can’t stop. I have to keep going. My legs are killing.”
Thorpe’s performance helped lead the Tigers to what may have been a small upset. The Tigers finished third at the Metro Jamboree.
See THORPE on 15B.

SPORTS TRIVIA
How many times have the Detroit Tigers made the MLB postseason since 1901?
This year is the 12th time. The Tigers have won the World Series four times — 1935, 1945, 1968 and 1984.

By David Troppens
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Goodrich — The Lake Fenton varsity football team had one of those days when nothing seems to go right at Goodrich High School Friday night.
The Blue Devils had a time when they fumbled away the ball on three consecutive plays from scrimmage on botched snaps, had several poor punts and also had several injuries, resulting in a 27-7 rain-drenched loss to the Martians.
Lake Fenton’s Matt Hornmer suffered the game’s worst injury. He suffered a possible neck injury with 6:09 left in the first half and remained on the field for about 25 minutes until an ambulance arrived and took him off on a stretcher for precautionary measures. The half was called at that time due to the injury. Hornmer moved his legs and his arms while laying on the field, and also gave the Lake Fenton crowd a thumbs-up motion as he was taken to the ambulance.
Goodrich’s ground game proved to be too potent for the Blue Devils (3-1, 3-2). Goodrich scored all four of their TDs on the ground. The first score came on their first possession when Connor Wood capped an eight-play, 55-yard drive with an eight-yard TD run. Nick Glowacki made the first of his three extra points, giving Goodrich a 7-0 lead with 6:20 left in the first quarter.
A bad Lake Fenton punt gave the Martians the ball at Lake Fenton 31, but Lake Fenton’s Chase Hull forced a fumble and Nick VanDusen recovered, giving Lake Fenton the ball at its own 35. However, four plays later the Blue Devils had to punt again, and only got off a two-yard boot.
It cost Lake Fenton this time. Eight plays later, the 39-yard Goodrich scoring drive was capped by Glowacki’s three-yard run, giving the Martians a 13-0 lead with 8:37 left in the half.
Hornmer was injured on the first play of a Goodrich drive, and when play resumed action about 40 minutes later, the Blue Devils appeared inspired. They stopped Goodrich on the series and then went on an 81-yard, 10-play TD drive of their own. The score came on an Allor halfback pass option throw to Austin Frank, from seven yards out. Rance Hennessey kicked the extra point and Lake Fenton trailed just 13-7 with 48 seconds left in the half.
However nothing went wrong for Lake Fenton in the second half. An injury to starting QB Lance Hasenfritz helped spark a run of three straight fumbles lost on snap exchanges, killing any chance of a Lake Fenton comeback.
Meanwhile the defense played fairly spirited during the adversity, but still allowed two third quarter TDs — one on a 42-yard run by Wood and the other on a five-yard run by Zach Sweet.
For more on this game and all the other games, go to www.tctimes.com.

By David Troppens
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Linden — The only AL teams the Tigers have played twice in the postseason are the Yankees and the A’s.

Fenton’s Thorpe wins race, Holly remains in first place

LF struggles against Martians, 27-7

Fenton, Holly post strong Metro league victories

Linden shuts down West, 28-0
Holly clinches 19th straight Metro title

By David Troppens
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Holly — Brandon tied them in dual meets. Fenton gave them a really good scare in another.

And for most of Tuesday, no one really could tell who was going to win the Metro League meet.

But after all the questions, one answer remained the same. For the 19th straight season, the Holly varsity boys tennis team got the answers they wanted and captured the league title.

The Bronchos won what was a competitive Metro League meet, scoring 14 points and earning their 19th straight title. Fenton and Brandon, the squad that entered the meet tied with Holly for first, tied for second with 11 points. The tie means Brandon took second in the final standings, while Fenton was third.

“Not a surprise. I really am glad to be able to contribute to the title,” senior Connor Knudson said. “I really felt like it was part of the varsity team now.”

“It was a pretty challenging. We had a lot of doubts. (Doubles partner) Morgan (Baylis) and I had to work through our mental toughness as a team and there were a lot of doubts that were changing daily,” Knudson said.

“Last year it was so easy because there were so many seniors and it was easy to find a flow to the team. This year, it was tough starting off. But I think we put together a good balance by the end of the season.”

“I was definitely nervous,” No. 2 singles player Sam Caldwell said. “I knew it would be hard to hold our championship in the league. But I guess I just figured I have enough confidence in my team that we can pull it off. I’m so happy with my team and what we did.”

The Bronchos won the meet by earning four flight champions and five flights into the finals. Three doubles flights won championships. The No. 2 doubles team of Taylor Mills and Zach Goodrich defeated Brandon’s Matt Jones and Quinton Trudell 6-2, 6-3, while Craig Richards and Parker Rouse defeated Brandon’s Jesse Lutz and Jeremy Mullen for the No. 3 doubles crown 6-4, 7-5. Beating Brandon foreshadowed the Bronchos’ title chances.

Meanwhile, one of the final championship flight matches to end was Knudson and Baylis’ No. 4 doubles match. They defeated Fenton’s Kyle Walsh and Ben Hooper in an entertaining 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 match.

Caldwell provided Holly’s only singles flight championship, and he did it in style. He won both of his first two matches 6-0, 6-0, and then defeated Brandon’s McKenzie Walsh 6-3, 6-1 for the second straight season in the Metro League final of his flight.

“I’m glad to defend it from last year,” Caldwell said. “Last year we split sets, and this year I shortened it and got the job done (in two sets). I expected a hard match, and came through on the right side.”

Holly’s Jeff Sophiea (No. 1) also made it to the finals before losing to Brandon’s Spencer Navarre 6-2, 6-2 in his final match. A big key was Holly didn’t have a flight earn not a decent amount of points. Matt LaVelle (No. 4 singles) and Parker Cuthbert and Dillon Sink (No. 1 doubles) each placed third, while Connor Bilko (No. 3 singles) placed fourth.

Fenton places second at tennis league meet

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Last year the Fenton varsity boys tennis team wasn’t even a contender in the Metro League tournament. This year, the Tigers proved to be a major player.

After finishing the dual portion of the season in third place, the Tigers tied the Brandon and Bayhawks for second in the Metro League Tournament hosted at William McDaniel Tennis Complex on Tuesday.

“Last year we got fourth and lost to Lapeer East,” Fenton coach Michael Dunbrille said. “I didn’t know where we were the whole time. I thought we had a shot for third. Getting second was a big surprise and all of the kids were happy about it.”

Fenton earned its tie for second at the meet, therefore third place in the league overall, by earning four flights in the championship match, and one fourth place.

The champion was Mitch Campbell, who defeated Brandon’s Nick Skinsacos 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 4 singles final.

Meanwhile, the Tigers also got second-place performances from Harish Kilaru at No. 3 singles, Jake Foguth and Alex Gerber at No. 1 doubles and Kyle Walsh and Ben Hooper at No. 4 doubles.

A couple of Tigers were involved in some of the best matches of the day. Kilaru was seeded fourth at No. 3 singles, but defeated Holly’s Connor Bilko 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(6) in the semifinals in what may have been the most competitive match of the day at any flight. Perhaps the most competitive flight title match involved
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Linden boys CC remains atop Metro standings

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Linden’s boys Cross Country team really closed in on its first-place finish at the Metro League meet with a win on Saturday.

The Linden varsity boys cross country team realized it was clinching the top spot over the summer and may be a stronger squad this fall, but the Eagles have found out in recent weeks just how improved the Mustangs are.

“Linden came within six points of first-place Linden in the first Metro League jamboree, and they were within eight points at the Linn Classic on Saturday,” Taylor said.

The Eagles made sure the Mustangs kept their distance from first at the Metro League’s second jamboree at Linden Middle School’s campus on Wednesday, defeating the Mustangs by 21 and only increasing their lead on the Metro League field.

But, more importantly, another team has snuck back into the Eagles’ radar, that being the Fenton Tigers. Their area rivals and co-defending champions from a year ago came within two points of posting a major upset at the second meet. The Eagles took their top five in the finish in the top 14, earning them 48 points. However, Fenton had three of the top six runners as well, tied just two points behind the Eagles with 50 points. Clio didn’t have a runner in the top seven and finished with 69 points.

“This took us by surprise,” said Linden runner Zach LeMieux, about Clio. “We knew they were going to try to beat us today, so we were watching them. We’ve run them a couple of times and they’ve come close, so we came out and just tried to run our best.”

“We knew they were working hard over the summer so our coaches told us we were going to be one of our main rivals,” runner Adrian Taylor said. “Our goal was to push harder and harder so we could beat them. Go out and stay with them, or beat them.”

The Eagles did just that, having three runners finish just ahead of Clio’s fourth-place runner, pretty much icing the victory. But what may have been not as well known at the time was that pack of three runners — Taylor in 13th (17:44.13), Kyle Susalla in 14th (17:48.33) and LeMieux in 15th (17:48.65) — also finished right ahead of Fenton’s fourth runner, allowing them to beat the Tigers as well.

Now, with just one meet left, all the Eagles need to do is finish either in first or second to win their fifth straight Metro League title.

“It feels good but we know we have a lot of work in front of us to get the championship,” Taylor said. “And we don’t want to go out there and lose the championship race, and end up co-champs, so we have to keep working hard like we have been.”

Linden’s top three runners were Roger Phillips in second (16:51.30), Graham Elliott in third (17:26.06), and Kirk Bennett in 10th (17:27.36).

While Linden was solidifying its hold on first, the Tigers proved that they are certain- ly contenders to the top two spots, at least, with five runners in the top 15.

“Matt Gilbert proved he’s still the league’s dominating presence, winning the event in 16:30.95, about four seconds faster than he was in the first jamboree,” Taylor said.

“I did better than I did on Saturday, (on the same course). Saturday was rough,” Gilbert said. “We have four or five more meets until regionals. I’ve been practicing really hard and I’m waiting for it to pay off any time now. I feel like I’m about to drop some time.”

Fenton’s top three were strong.

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ished second with 75 points, just one point ahead of third-place Linden. The two rivals now enter into a third jamboree tie for second.

However, the teams are a good distance behind the top three contenders. The Holly Bronchos proved why they are the Metro’s most dominant girls team by scoring just 37 points, and placing their top six runners in the top 11 places. The Bronchos didn’t have anyone in the top four, but then had Charlotte Ruffini in fifth (21:15.70), Mariah Riddal in sixth (23:33.55), Shannon Westfall in seventh (21:34.68), Alex Matvichuk in ninth (21:43.16) and Carly Shroeder in 10th (21:53.11). Jennifer Beckner was the team’s sixth runner in 11th (22:02.43), finishing before any other team had even three runners past the finish-line tape.

“We are working as a team and are working on our plan of pack running,” Riddal said. “It’s going pretty well. Today, was more about place than time.”

“It’s exciting for all of us because last year we were so close to Linden, and it was kind of heartbreaking how we always were so close to them, but not really catching up to them like we wanted to. This year we feel so strong and our team is so close. It’s been a lot of fun so far.”

The interesting part about the victory was that six of our top seven girls had an off night and we still scored 37 points, placing six girls in the top 11 for the entire conference.”

Holly coach Matt Weisser said. “The girls were disappointed about their performances and team score. That is a good problem to have. Me, as a coach, I am just glad to see we can score points on an off-night. That’s amazing to me.”

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Fenton’s based team holding tryouts for the 2012 Softball Season.

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AUTO RACING
(ESPN) Nationwide Racing Tuesday 8 p.m.
BASEBALL
(TBS) Arizona at Milwaukee 2 p.m.
(TBS) St. Louis at Philadelphia 5 p.m.
(FOX) Tampa Bay at Texas 7 p.m.
(Detroit at New York 8:30 p.m.
FOOTBALL
(FOX) Air Force at Navy Noon
(B1G) Minnesota at Michigan 2:30 p.m.
(ESPN) Northwestern at Illinois 3:30 p.m.
(NY State at Boise State 2:30 p.m.
(Auburn at South Carolina 3:30 p.m.
(ABC) Ohio State at Michigan State 3:30 p.m.
(ESPN2) Clemson at Virginia Tech 6 p.m.
(CBS) Alabama at Florida 8 p.m.
(ABC) Nebraska at Wisconsin 8 p.m.
(ESPN) Notre Dame at Purdue 8 p.m.
(ESPN2) Mississippi State at Fresno State 9:15 p.m.
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(ESPN) Sprint Cup Racing 2 p.m.
BASEBALL
(TBS) Arizona at Milwaukee 4:30 p.m.
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FOOTBALL
(FOX) Detroit at Dallas 1 p.m.
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