More controversy regarding new signs

DDA questions if design meets bid specifications

By Sharon Stone
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Fenton — The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) agreed to pursue an independent engineer review of the recently installed “welcome” signs to see if they were constructed to the original specifications.

DDA members came to this conclusion during their meeting on Tuesday.

Michael Burns, director of the DDA and assistant city manager, said Jamie Elfstrom, owner of Distinctive Flowers & Gifts early on Monday, Dec. 19, contacted via e-mail to win. Winners will be automatically entered if they provide a user name, password and e-mail address, you will be sent a link, or click the flashing “WIN” in the top right corner. By providing a user name, password and e-mail address, you will be automatically entered to win. Winners will be contacted via e-mail on Monday, Dec. 19 and announced in the Wednesday, Dec. 21 print edition.

Linden veterinarian’s runaway dog found after 17-day adventure

Spotted at cemetery, Spring Meadows golf course, on train tracks and downtown by residents

By Tim Jagielo
Linden — Tuesday, Oct. 25, began as a normal day for 3-year-old basset hound Emma, and her owner, Sue Walton, a veterinarian at Companion Animal Hospital in Linden. But the day soon turned into a nightmare for Walton and was the beginning of a 17-day adventure for the normally very obedient and mild-mannered dog. Emma, a trained therapy dog, is known for getting along well with adults, and especially children. They love her. They kneel down and she comes right over to them.

Summary
Basset hound Emma returns safely to her veterinarian owner, after more than two weeks of being on her own in Linden.

“I didn’t even know she could run fast like that. For some reason that day she got very scared.”

Sue Walton, veterinarian, Emma’s owner

Companion Animal Hospital veterinarian Sue Walton holds Emma, a 3-year-old basset hound that went missing for 17 days.
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**Features and News**

**More pets get microchip implant**

*By Sally Rummel  
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There’s a growing trend in pet care that might help owners find a missing pet more quickly. Microchipping is a method of helping identify pets and their owners, no matter where the animals may turn up.

For about $50 per pet, a tiny microchip—about the size of a grain of rice—is implanted by needle under the animal’s skin, usually between the shoulder blades. The chip has a unique number that can be picked up and then read by a hand-held universal scanner, according to Bethany VanHove, veterinary assistant at Fenton Veterinary Center.

“Microchips can be implanted in any dog or cat, at any age,” she said. “Usually, it’s done while the pet is sedated.”

*Summary*

- You can make your Thanksgiving Day easier by using local grocery stores, bakeries and restaurants for at least some of the cooking.

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**Smart Solutions**

1. **Pets and toilets**

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Dust a delicate pleated lampshade by stroking it from top to bottom with a clean, dry paintbrush. The bristles easily fit in to the hard to reach creases, sweeping out dirt to leave your shade dust free and looking good as new.

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**Turkey and trimmings... TO GO!**

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- Thanksgiving is easy with ready-made meals

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Turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, delicious pumpkin pie and specialty-baked goods. All of these special tastes and treats of the holiday season can be yours, without spending all day in the kitchen.

At VG’s Grocery in Fenton, both store locations are busy getting everything ready for customers who want to serve a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner, without the fuss, in their own home.

See DINNER on 8A

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That’s simply not possible in the Penn State sex-abuse scandal. Each time we are made aware of new information, it’s more offensive and outrageous than the previous revelation.

As it turns out, there were very likely dozens of Penn State coaches, students, employees, janitors, cops, counselors and administrators, including Joe Paterno and the president of the university, that were aware of Jerry Sandusky’s heinous crimes for years. The fact that each of them went to sleep each night for nearly 20 years knowing that Sandusky was a practicing pedophile, speaks volumes about the misappropriation of life priorities that permeate the culture of blunted universities and their blind adoration at the altar of athletic success — at any cost.

If you think this moral bankruptcy doesn’t affect the students, consider the fact that not one student demonstrated against the fact that a coach — their coach — had been molesting children for years. But these same students were enraged when the board fired complici (and evidently morally mute) coach Joe Paterno. They rioted in the streets, causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

Imagine the outrage if Jerry Sandusky had been busted for something as detestable as… oh, procuring a car for a prospective recruit. The NCAA would have been all over him and the university. Then there would have been outrage on all fronts. For God’s sake, they could have lost an athletic scholarship — or worse yet, a recruit to Michigan! Now that’s a horror too awful to even imagine. But molesting innocent young boys for 20 years — heck, no big deal. No harm, no foul — right?

Wrong. In almost every instance of older-male-to-younger-male sexual abuse, the perpetrator was abused as a child. In the majority of older-male-to-younger-male sexual abuse instances, the victim will, at some point, repeat the cycle and molest a young male. That means that the damage inflicted by Sandusky will exacerbate over the next 20-50 years by a hundredfold, as many of his victims will recreate the circumstances of their horrendous experiences in a vain attempt to purge the excruciating memories.

Dozens of adults, many of them paid employees of Penn State and therefore charged with protecting our children, knew about it — some actually observed it — and yet made the conscious decision to stay mute.

Edmund Burke once stated that all that was necessary for the triumph of evil was for good men to do nothing. I think Edmund was right on the mark. I think JoPa, with the ‘benefit of hindsight,’ would agree.

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DOES GOV. SNYDER really think senior citizens can afford a 4.35-percent tax? These people are on a fixed income. How in the world does he think the elderly are supposed to live? A person making $35,000 in pension will have to pay an additional $1,500 in taxes. Wow, who would do that?

I CERTAINLY APPLAUD the Tri-County’s promotion of shopping locally. I found it ironic when two companies that regularly advertise in your paper did not return a call or show up for a scheduled appointment with me. Local advertisers should meet their end of the ‘shop local’ deal, at least call to explain that they don’t need the work.

WHY IS EVERYONE so hateful about unions and pensions? If you work for the government for 35 or 40 years, and paid into a pension for all that time, do you really want to see that swept that out from under a retiree? By the way, most pensions are not that much money.

I JUST READ the Hot Line about Wal-Mart-type greeters at Holly area elementary schools. These people are hired just to do this job. They are paid very well and retire with benefits. Teachers or volunteers should be doing this, saving Holly area schools thousands of dollars every year. Changes need to be made.

I ENCOURAGE PAUL Scott to run again in the next election. All he needs to do is look at Bob Cole in Argentine Township, who was recalled and then re-elected during the following election. Most people don’t vote in recall elections, but they do in regular elections. I think he’d win, hands down.

UNINFORMED VOTING is as bad as not voting at all. My point is simple. Rep. Paul Scott was one of 59 individuals who should be recalled because they dared to pass legislation, which showed no favoritism to any special interest group.Recalls were not designed or constitutionally provided to empower group vendettas, period.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
Anti-bullying legislation in motion

➤ Senate to vote on bill in near future

By William Axford

In the past two weeks, both the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate have passed anti-bullying legislation. Both bills have come under scrutiny however for having vague language and not being comprehensive enough.

The Michigan Senate faced nationwide criticism for their version of the anti-bullying bill for excluding punishment if “a statement of a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction of a school employee, school volunteer, pupil, or a pupil’s parent or guardian.” Parents and teachers worried that bullies would be able to use religious beliefs as a reason for bullying.

The Senate bill did not pass through the House however, and the House’s version of the bill does not include such language. Lansing resident Kevin Epling, who has campaigned for a statewide anti-bullying law in the wake of his son’s suicide in 2002, believes the House bill is still lacking.

“This is a great start,” Epling said. “But the bill is not comprehensive enough. It needs to address cyber bullying and bullying from adults, too.”

According to Epling, language in the bill is specific to only students and does not mention school officials. Epling also offered suggestions to the Senate after having a cyber bully expert review the bill. Epling’s suggestions were turned down but he hopes to make an impact on Senators before they vote on the House’s anti-bullying bill.

Michigan is one of three states in America that does not have legislation against bullying. Locally, Fenton Area Public Schools has been very proactive in the fight against bullying. On Wednesday, students, teachers and parents attended the national presentation “Rachel’s Challenge” at Fenton High School, reinforcing the need to stand up to bullies.

In September, Fenton Theater Director Lori Thompson and her students were featured on the TV program ‘48 Hours’ for Thompson’s production of the ‘Bullycide Project.’ The production was also presented to national leaders at an anti-bullying summit held in Washington, D.C.

Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said Fenton schools are proactive and committed to preventing bullying on school grounds. “Fenton schools does not tolerate bullying, and we have a policy in effect against bullying,” he said. “We want to make sure all of our students feel safe in our schools.”

Students across the state have challenged Michigan lawmakers to pass anti-bullying legislation. The Ann Arbor based Change.org has collected support from more than 50,000 people and is continuing for a comprehensive anti-bullying law from Lansing.

The House’s version of the anti-bullying law is currently in the Senate. The Senate is expected to vote on the bill in the near future.

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Is a community center coming to Holly?

By William Axford
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The Holly Township Board of Trustees agreed to pool funding with the Holly Village for a community center. In a unanimous vote the board allocated a portion of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to use for the building of a center.

The decision was prompted by resident George Kullis, who has spoken at previous Holly Village council meetings about the possibility of opening a community center in Holly.

“There is both a need and desire for a community center,” Kullis said. “I request that the township board propose putting off a decision on how to spend CDBG monies tonight, until the village and township can pool their resources together.”

The decision could not be delayed, however, as the application deadline for the CDBG funding ends on Nov. 30. Clerk Karin Winchester said that the board has to supply a preliminary plan with the application in order to receive the funding.

Originally, Winchester had suggested using $4,806 of the total $8,595 to replace architectural structures at local parks and to use the remaining monies to create a fund for residents in need of home maintenance and to be used to benefit The Haven, a shelter in Pontiac. The plan was rejected however, as other board members believed the CDBG funds should be used more locally and to the benefit of everyone.

Treasurer Mark Freeman requested to use some of the funding for the Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA), as the program has faced cuts in funding over the past few years. Trustee Janet Leslie said she would rather see a community center built instead of starting a fund for home maintenance.

“The problem with the fund is that (the township) may have too many people that qualify for the fund,” Leslie said. “The community benefits more from one well-funded project.”

The board agreed to use $7,306 of the CDBG funds for a potential community center and to donate the remaining $1,289 to HAYA.

Winchester said the board could realign its plan for the CDBG funds in the event plans for a community center fall through. The township expects to receive the CDBG funding in June 2012.

About CDBG

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a program that provides communities with resources to improve buildings and infrastructures within municipalities. CDBG is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program is aimed at providing affordable housing, services to vulnerable communities and to create jobs by expanded businesses. In order to be eligible, municipalities must spend at least 70 percent of the funding for low- and moderate-income persons. The remaining funding must be used to prevent or eliminate blight or address community development needs.

Source: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Slater said just before 7 a.m. on Thursday, police responded to Gerych’s on Silver Lake Road, when an employee arrived for work and discovered that the business had been broken into and ransacked. Police believe the break-in occurred between 8 p.m. Wednesday and 6:45 a.m. Thursday.

Once the intruder gained entry into the store, he forced vending machines open and stole cash and food. It appeared that the suspect ransacked the entire store in search of cash.

Through their investigation, police implicated the Holly teen in the St. John break-ins. Police were able to recover property belonging to the church and Gerych’s when they took the man into custody. Police also learned that the man had two outstanding arrest warrants from Oakland County.

Slater said the teen is homeless and admitted to ransacking three buildings looking for cash. He made his way around town on foot. Although he admitted to the break-ins, he denied any connection with the theft of the St. John the Evangelist statue, which was also stolen last week from the church. Police recovered the minimally damaged statue shortly after learning of the theft.

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Fenton Ambassadors sneak peek

The Fenton High School Ambassadors will be performing a sneak preview on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Students will perform a variety of music including classic rock and jazz, accompanied by solo performances. The performance will be in the Ruby Zima Auditorium in Fenton High School. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Sunday, Dec. 3 – Sunday, Dec. 4

Nutcracker, the magical holiday ballet, will delight audiences in three performances, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at The Whiting, 1241 E. Kearsley St. in Flint. This year marks 36 years of the Flint Institute of Music’s presenting of this historical ballet.

Lasco Ford donates $9,500 for senior center

Lasco Ford, of Fenton, donated $9,500 to the rebuilding fund for the Loose Senior Citizen Center. The money was raised by the auto dealership donating $25 for each vehicle it sold during the month of October. Lasco donated $10,000 to Loose last month in response to the Sept. 30 fire, which destroyed one of the center’s buildings.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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‘Vision Therapy has been extremely beneficial for our child. He has become self-sufficient in school and at home. Homework is more enjoyable and takes less time. He can focus and concentrate better, and is more productive. His grades have improved significantly, he shines for sports and is on the honor roll, and teachers have seen an incredible improvement in him as a student.’

-Current Vision Therapy Parent

‘Nathan’s reading scores have gone from three grade levels in a little over a year’s time. We have also seen great improvement in things such as math and other areas where tracking was a problem. Nathan also learned about some of his limitations and strategies to help him in school. He enjoyed going to vision therapy because Dr. Avadone and his associates made everything so much fun! Everyone at Fenton Vision Center made us feel welcome each time we arrived for an appointment. They showed genuine care for Nathan and our entire family.’

-Sue Lambert-Allen, Former Vision Therapy Parent
DINNER
Continued from Page 3A
kitchen. “Last year, we made more than 100
turkey dinners for our customers,” said Teri Fettig, VG’s deli specialist at
the Silver Parkway location.
This year’s holiday dinner from VG’s
will include enough turkey, stuffing,
mashed potatoes and gravy to serve
from six to eight people, plus a variety of a
l a carte items available from the deli
to accompany the dinner. VG’s Bakery
has also readied its ovens for a variety of pies, rolls
and special orders to accom-
pany a family’s main meal.
Orders must be in to VG’s Deli by Wednesday, Nov. 23
at noon and customers can pick-
up their dinners at a pre-
arranged time on Thanksgiving
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to do all the cook-
ing,” said Wendy Smith,
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ners for years.”
Alpine Marketplace in Lin-
den is serving its first-ever Thanksgiving
dinners-to-go, offering customers their
choice of spiral ham, or turkey in two
different sizes, 12 pounds or 20 pounds.
The dinner includes mashed potatoes and
gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry
relish, dinner rolls, and apple or pump-
k in pie. The turkey dinner also includes
stuffing. “We just need to have 48-hour
notice,” said Marvin Yono, owner. “Place
your order by Nov. 22 for pick-up on
Thanksgiving Day at a pre-arranged
time.”
Four Seasons Fresh Market in Fenton
has created its own version of Thanks-
giving dinner, with a Cornish game
hen meal-for-two, served with mashed
potatoes and gravy, stuffing and a fresh
vegetable serving of green beans or mixed
vegetables. They also have plenty of pies
made from Rosie’s Bakery in Kawakulin
to complete the meal, plus a variety of special
desserts made by Four Seasons
owner Mark Morse.
If it’s a sweet treat you’re longing for
after your holiday dinner, you can order
pumpkin rolls, pies, cakes and specialty
desserts at many different restaurants
or bakeries in the tri-county area. The
French Laundry is known for its specialty pies for
the holidays, from pumpkin to apple,
and its signature three-
berry pie. Pre-orders must be
in by Monday, Nov. 21 for
pick-up on Wednesday, Nov. 23,
according to owner Mark
Hamel.
At Kathy’s Patisserie Spec-
cialty Cakes & Bakes in Fen-
ton, owner Kathy Shouse is
expecting her apple cranberry
cobblestone pie to be a big
hit this holiday, in addition
to traditional favorites of
apple and pumpkin. “People
will also enjoy our cookie
tray and dessert trays,” said
Shouse. While she will have some pies in
her bakery showcase, she encourages
people to place their orders in advance.
For those who still want to make
their own meals, they can take a few shortcuts
that will save them hours in the kitchen.
Making a turkey breast rather than a
whole bird will provide a moist, deli-
cious entree in about half the time of a
whole bird. Ordering a spiral ham will
also give a cook enough extra time to con-
centrate on some of the side dishes a fam-
ily enjoys so much during the holidays.
Since much of the joy of Thanksgiv-
ing is in the time spent with family and
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out enough time in their day to enjoy the
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Applebees honored 500 veterans with free meals on Veterans Day

By William Axford

Fenton — Applebees General Manager Sarah Wittbrodt has made a living out of serving others, and, on Veterans Day, she serves those who have served our country. Applebees in Fenton has served free meals to veterans every Veterans Day for the past three years. This year, more than 500 local veterans visited the Fenton location.

“It’s the most rewarding day I work, to serve someone who served our country,” Wittbrodt said. “The veterans are appreciative to be recognized.”

Wittbrodt said that most of the veterans come dressed with clothing reminiscent of their military days, in either full uniform or decorated coats.

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MICROCHIP

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pet is under anesthesia, possibly while being spayed or neutered. Any pets can be microchipped, including cats, birds, rabbits, snakes, rare fish and horses.

“If a lost pet is found, we can scan the animal to see if it has a microchip. If it does, the number would come up and we can get the owner’s name and number from an Internet database,” VanHove said.

VanHove estimates that nearly half of all dogs they see at Fenton Veterinary Clinic are being microchipped today, as the trend is growing quickly, locally and nationwide.

Nationwide, up to eight million animals end up in shelters each year, but less than 20 percent of dogs and only 2 percent of cats are ever reclaimed by their owners, according to Louise Murray, DVM, of the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in New York City. “One way to increase the chances of finding your lost pet is having a microchip implant,” Murray says.

Once implanted, the microchip number is sent to a national company, Home-Again, which places the number in the national database.

Microchipping cannot help track a missing animal with a GPS device, Murray warns. It only works if someone brings the pet to a shelter or veterinarian’s office to be scanned. “We scan each microchipped pet once a year at no charge, to make sure it stays in the correct place,” said VanHove. Found animals are scanned at Fenton Veterinary Center at no cost, to attempt reuniting them with their owners.

“Some rescue organizations microchip all the animals they put up for adoption,” she added. “And some breeders also do it. Microchipping is becoming much more popular than in the past.”

Murray said microchipping is almost painless. “It hurts about as much as having blood drawn,” she said. “There’s a pinch. But I’ve seen a lot of animals not even flinch when it happens.”

Pets still need identification tags, and usually require local licenses, according to Murray. “A microchip is only part of your pet’s identification system. Your pet should also have a collar with tags on it.”

Are humans next to be microchipped?

Microchip implants are already available for humans. It also contains a unique ID number, which can be linked to a database offering personal identification, medical history, medications, allergies and contact information, according to Amal Graafstra, author of the book, “RFID Toy.” He uses the microchip to open his home and car doors and log in on his computer.
Holly Foods continues as hometown grocery store

By William Axford
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Holly Foods has been Holly’s hometown grocery store for the past seven and a half years, offering fresh-cut meat and Michigan-grown produce. Prior to 2004, Holly Foods was Freeman’s Supermarket. The store was remodeled in 2005 after current owner Raymond Antoon took over the business and was rebranded as Holly Foods.

“My partners and I have a combined 30 years in the grocery business,” Antoon said. “I chose Holly as a location for my business because of its hometown feel and smaller location. Plus, it allows us to specifically cater to our customers’ needs.”

One of Holly Food’s biggest strengths is the meat selection, which is cut daily instead of being precut and packaged. The deli department is another highlight, featuring multiple salads made fresh daily and rotisserie chicken prepared by hand.

“We make a lot of our own salads and cook marinated chicken that’s breaded by our department,” said deli manager Denise Addis. “We only use fresh chickens.” Sandwich subs and other deli specialties are available as well, depending upon customer requests.

In addition to fresh hot foods, Holly Foods offers deep discounts on name brand items. Antoon purchases a variety of closeout items, slashing costs of name-brand foods. Customers can expect to save up to 70 to 80 percent on select items. Antoon said, employees watch for prices at competing stores and are committed to keeping prices low at Holly Foods.

Antoon believes customers should always shop locally and reinvest in the area they live in. Many of Holly Foods’ employees live in the local area and are active in the community. Holly Foods participates in a number of different charities throughout the year, including local sports and other school efforts.

“Most of our employees live locally. If you don’t support any of the local businesses, you can’t support the community,” Antoon said. “Surrounding businesses depend on us, and we depend on them. Shop local, and your money returns to your community.”

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(From left) Jennifer Luisier, Brandy Whitbread, Denise Addis, Susie Wagner and Cassandra Ging comprise the deli department at Holly Foods.
Teen to receive surprise during pre-parade interview
By Sharon Stone
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Anyone following the activities and accomplishments of Gabrielle Ford will want to turn their television sets to WDIV Local 4 to watch the 85th annual America’s Thanksgiving Day parade broadcast live from Detroit. The parade begins at 9:05 a.m. at Woodward and Mack avenues. This year, Ford, of Fenton, known affectionately as Gabe, will be taking part in the parade and recognized for her anti-bullying efforts. The Parade Company selected the theme for this year’s parade, “So Much To Believe In.” She will also be interviewed live on TV prior to the start of the parade.

Ford’s mother, Rhonda Hillman, said she and Ford are very excited about the parade, especially about a surprise they are involved with, which will be shown during the pre-parade interview.

Ford will help present a puppy to a teen from the tri-county area that was recently diagnosed with Friedreich’s Ataxia, a rare genetic neuromuscular disease. She is hopeful that this puppy will provide the same type of friendship and comfort to this young person that she received from her puppy when she was diagnosed with the same disease, at the age of 12.

After the presentation, Ford will go back to her float with her sister Madeline Hillman, a junior at Fenton High School who will also be on the float. The expected TV viewing time to see Ford’s float will be 11:14 a.m.

Confined to a wheelchair because of her illness, Ford endured bullying from classmates. Having that puppy, Izzy, by her side helped her cope with her disease and bullying. Izzy mysteriously developed a condition that mirrored Ford’s, prompting her to emerge from her shell to find the best treatment for her faithful companion.

Summary

Gabrielle Ford, an inspirational speaker from Fenton, has been invited to take part in the annual America’s Thanksgiving Parade in downtown Detroit. During a pre-parade interview on WDIV Local 4, she will be involved with a surprise for a tri-county area teen.

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Gabe Ford takes anti-bullying message to Thanksgiving Day parade

Gabrielle Ford and her dog Dinah, visit with elementary students in the West Bloomfield school district.

Though Izzy has since passed away and she has a new dog, Ford found an inner strength, which she continues to rely on as she visits schools across the country to share her anti-bullying message. Ford, now 31, is more determined than ever to see that no child is bullied the way she was. To find out more about Ford, or to send her a comment or question, visit her website, www.gabeandizzy.com. Ford frequently receives letters and e-mails from teens that have been bullied or from teens that have admitted to bullying someone. Based on the number of messages on her website, Ford has made a difference in thousands of people’s lives.
DOG
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be petted,” said Walton. “She’s the laziest, most laid-back dog.”

But that morning, Walton pulled her minivan up to the back door of the hospital, like she always does, and slid the side door open for Emma, who usually spends the day with Walton at work. Walton expected Emma to wait and enter the hospital after she grabbed her work bag from the back. But when she looked back, Emma was gone. “At first, I didn’t believe it,” said Walton, who then panicked because she couldn’t find Emma, and didn’t see her anywhere.

Walton guessed the dog had simply bolted for the nearby subdivision with reckless abandon. “I didn’t even know she could run fast like that,” she said. “For some reason, that day she got very scared.”

Walton couldn’t find her dog, which was never leashed. She also had to stop looking. The worst part was that Walton still had to work as a veterinarian while her own dog was yet to be found. She had to concentrate on her job, despite her worries.

Walton called the police right away. Other staff members went searching for the dog, to no avail. They would see Emma, but could not get the frightened hound to come to them. “She was just very fast,” said Walton.

Walton and other residents put out food for Emma, after an aggressive search campaign began. Fliers were posted in the areas where Emma had been spotted. People also volunteered to search for her. Walton said she received more than a dozen calls from residents who spotted the wayward basset hound. Emma became a local celebrity because of the flier canvassing.

During her romp, Emma visited the cemetery, a nearby golf course, the neighborhood near the animal hospital, downtown Linden, and the train tracks. “She just kept on the fringe of society, so to speak,” said Walton, who guessed that Emma was so afraid while being alone that she chose to run from any people she met.

As the weather turned chilly, Walton set up a shelter outside the animal hospital with a blanket and one of her coats inside. Afterward, she saw evidence that something had been using the shelter, so Walton chose to stake the shelter out at night, and see if Emma came back there. Sure enough, after 10 p.m. on Nov. 9, Walton spotted the hound making her way across the parking lot over to the animal hospital. In an anti-climactic end to a stressful adventure, Walton simply opened the van door, and Emma hopped in. “She had enough adventure for a while,” Walton said.

Walton was thrilled to see her dog for the first time in 17 days, and gave her plenty of hugs while scolding her for leaving. “I didn’t kiss her because she smelled real bad,” Walton said. Aside from losing some weight, Emma seemed to be in perfect health, and is back to normal, hanging out at the animal hospital. Emma has now lost her off-leash privileges. Walton doesn’t want to take another chance. The veterinarian appreciates the help Linden residents gave in trying to find Emma. “I just really want to thank the people that live in Linden,” she said. “It’s a very caring community out here.”

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STREETSCAPE
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Services (LAS) attended the DDA meeting on Tuesday and presented conceptual drawings of what the road and sidewalk areas near LeRoy Street could look like from Elizabeth Street to Silver Lake Road.

If everything goes as scheduled, the project would begin in 2013. The delay of one year provides time for the road improvement project on North LeRoy Street, from North Road, north to the city limits. The Genesee County Road Commission will also be improving and adding a lane to North Fenton Road (North LeRoy Street), from the Fenton City limits, Fenton Township boarder, and north to Butcher Road.

The purpose of the streetscape project is to make the area more pedestrian friendly, it would slow down traffic, be aesthetically pleasing, safer, have upgraded pavement, parking and utility and add vitality to the downtown area.

As sidewalks become wider in particular areas, some areas of roadway would become narrower. Planners believe this would help slow traffic down. Some parking spaces would be eliminated, but engineers intend to add parking spaces in other areas, so there would be the same number of spaces.

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Engineers will be updating the DDA at future meetings. Craig Schmidt, chair of the DDA said bonds would be issued to cover the costs of this project.

ESTIMATED ROAD RECONSTRUCTION COSTS:
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  1,250 feet - $1,560,000
  Elizabeth Street, between Oak and South LeRoy streets
  270 feet - $273,000
  • Ellen Street, between South LeRoy and Walnut streets
  220 feet - $243,000
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  325 feet - $333,000
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  350 feet - $336,000

Total, not including streetscape, $2,745,000

ESTIMATED PAVEMENT REHABILITATION COSTS:
(mill and overlay)
- Caroline Street, between Adelaide and South LeRoy streets
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Schmidt pointed out that there were no concerns with the concrete bases, made locally and the electrical, done locally. He said it is unknown at this time whether the hollow aluminum at the tops of the signs will last as long as the solid aluminum tops that Bill Carr Signs based their bid on.

DDA member Gary Henderson questioned if the bid specs required solid aluminum.

Burns told the DDA that the city has not paid Grissim yet for her consulting fee and suggested the city hold off on paying her until this matter is resolved.

The DDA’s most recent invoice from Grissim, Metz & Andriese, was $1,610.77, according to Burns. This invoice is being held until the sign concerns are resolved. Her firm’s hourly fee is $130 per hour. LAS, which the city uses now for consulting, charges $75 per hour. Burns said that when Grissim’s firm was dismissed, it was agreed that this project would be her final project with the DDA due to the fact too much work was put in up to the point where the dismissal occurred.

DDA member Chris Bayer said it was Grissim’s job to inspect and approve these signs. “That’s her job,” he said. “If she’s not competent, why did we hire her?”

In addition, a concern of the DDA is the lettering on the smaller signs. Apparently, the lettering on the signs was too small, and not to specs. When Burns was made aware of the mistake, the signs were quickly removed so that they could be re-done by Weaver Designs of Fenton, which created the lettering.

When the redone signs were put back up, DDA members noticed that the lettering was no longer centered, was still too small and not reflective. Schmidt questioned why Grissim approved these signs.

“Summary: A firm sign company that had its bid rejected, questioned whether the large ‘Welcome to Fenton’ signs were built to bid specifications. The DDA will pursue having an independent engineer compare the signs with bid specs to see if the city got what it was paying for.”

Craig Schmidt
chair of the DDA

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Man finds more than $500,000 of cocaine in minivan

California — A San Jose psychologist got more than a minivan when he purchased a Chrysler Town & Country for $18,500. After 15 months of fighting with inoperable windows, Dr. Charles Preston brought it back to the dealership he purchased it from. The mechanic working on the van found more than half a million dollars worth of cocaine hidden in the door panels. Preston was unaware of the hidden cocaine in his minivan and immediately contacted the police that the owner of the cocaine would try to find him. “People make jokes, ‘Oh you should have sold it.’ But honestly, I’ve never been so scared in my life, even when I was mugged in New York,” said Preston. The dealership has since offered to swap the van for a “drug-free ride.”
Military, hospitals, jails go the extra mile to celebrate holiday

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Not every family has a Thanksgiving holiday that is reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting. For many people, circumstances do not allow them to gather together for a meal with family. Miles may separate some people, while misunderstandings may create distances even farther apart.

Still, other circumstances get in the way of a traditional Thanksgiving family gathering. Perhaps a family member is in the hospital, and can’t be home for the holiday. Thousands of military personnel are serving their country in distant lands, or sometimes from military bases in the United States, and can’t be home with their families. Still others have made poor choices, and are spending their holiday incarcerated, leaving an empty seat at the table.

No matter what the circumstances, the calendar denoting Thursday, Nov. 24 as Thanksgiving still arrives, and people must find their way through a holiday that “almost doesn’t exist for them.” Jim Mongrain, director of food and nutrition at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc Township, will be celebrating two Thanksgivings, although his will be a working holiday. “Our big Thanksgiving dinner is actually on Tuesday rather than Thursday, because that’s when we’ll have the most employees to enjoy the meal. Usually, just a ‘skeleton crew’ works the holiday, so our bigger celebration is two days before,” said Mongrain.

A Genesys chef will carve the turkeys in the Thanksgiving Day on 7B

“Life circumstances can prevent many families from celebrating a traditional Thanksgiving holiday.

Summary

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It’s not always “all about the turkey” when it comes to enjoying a Thanksgiving feast. If you want to spend less time in the kitchen and more time visiting with family and friends, maybe you’ll decide to spend a couple of hours dining out at a local restaurant that’s open for Thanksgiving.

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Spiral ham with orange-mustard glaze

Succulent spiral ham is brushed with a glaze of tangy orange marmalade and sharp Dijon mustard, and then roasted until it has created a delicious caramelized outer layer.

INGREDIENTS:

1 jar (12 oz) orange marmalade
3 T. Dijon mustard
1 fully cooked 7-8 pound spiral-sliced bone-in half-ham (shank or butt)

PREPARATION:

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line a roasting pan with nonstick foil. Mix marmalade and mustard in a small bowl. Place ham in roasting pan. Brush on some of the glaze. Cover loosely with nonstick foil and bake according to package directions, brushing on more glaze halfway through baking time. Serve ham with remaining glaze to drizzle over slices.

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Cleaning up the other environment
The scene before me was picturesque — a swiftly flowing river bubbling over and around rocks, framed by flowering banks and protruding ledges. I was visiting a natural beauty spot but swirling pools of foam caused by detergent being carelessly drained into the river somewhere upstream made the experience bittersweet.

Many years have passed since my journey to that formerly favorite tourist retreat, and considering the progress made in cleaning up the environment, I suspect the scene has changed to a more natural and pleasant one. We’ve made great strides in improving the quality of the water we drink and in the appearance of our rivers and streams. Lakes are cleaner, fish taste better and, though the task is far from finished, clouds that now color our sunsets are less likely to be heavenly mountains of pollution rising from industrial complexes.

Does this concern for improving the environment have anything to do with carrying out the will of God on earth? Yes.

Instructions regarding the protection of the environment, including the cultivation and care of the earth so it would remain productive and beautiful appear early in the Biblical account of creation (Genesis 2:15). These ancient environmental commands have never been revoked and should affect our conduct regarding everything around us every day. But there is another environmental obligation to consider — our responsibility to lift the moral and spiritual tone of the communities in which we live, which would in turn affect our entire nation and even the world.

Polluted minds that produce violence and immorality are more dangerous than polluted air and water. And if we’re to clean up the most important environment of all, we’ll have to begin at home.

Our Lord explained that the most serious form of moral pollution is within, saying: ‘For from within, out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness’ (Mark 7:21-23). Strong words, but we all know they’re true!

Let’s face it. Evil is rampant among us. Witness the horrifying headlines that greet us daily and the scary content of late night television news roundups that disturb our sleep.

Can’t we pass laws that will clean up the moral pollution of our time?

Don’t count on it. Most lawmakers aren’t likely to tackle cleaning up the moral environment for fear of being accused of trying to legislate morality.

So the ball is in our court. Churches must take the lead in standing up to moral polluters and members must become committed to conduct that pleases God.

The Psalmist’s prayer for purity would be a good starting place for us all: ‘Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, oh Lord, my strength and my redeemer’ (Psalm 19:14).

Let’s clear the air on this important subject. The stimulus needed to produce a better moral and spiritual environment in our land must begin with you and me.

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7 BEST kitchen gadgets under $50

You’ll wonder how you ever survived without them!

Four-in-One Avocado Tool
Instead of juggling (and driving) a knife, spoon, and fork when preparing an avocado, use this nifty all-in-one tool for ease, convenience and cleanliness. About $15, williams-sonoma.com.

Mini Food Processor
The trick to dice quickly and painlessly lies in this miniature version of the classic kitchen appliance (think onions for any and every recipe). The 21-oz. White Mini Prep Food Processor by Cuisinart is strong yet compact and dishwasher safe, too. About $35, cooking.com.

Corn Stripper
Self-explanatory and really smart, the OXO Corn Stripper shaves the kernels off the cob and collects them in a container as it cuts, about $12.

Non-Stick Mats
You think these silicone mats are heaven sent when you roll dough that doesn’t stick, bake cookies that don’t burn, or clean up the non-stick surface without scrubbing. Nonstick Rolling Mat, about $49.95.

Digital Measuring Cup and Scale
The first ever of its kind, the battery-powered Taylor Digital Measuring Cup and Scale measures (and can convert) both weight and volume for dry and liquid ingredients, about $35.

Palm Peeler
The Chef’n PalmPeeler fits on your finger, like a ring, and allows for speedy and sharp peeling, about $6.

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7 WORST kitchen gadgets ever!

Pizza Scissor
Is the pizza scissor really necessary? Is it really that difficult to cut your pizza? This “innovative” kitchen gadget combines scissors with a wedge shaped spatula for lifting out your hard to cut pizza. If you’re ordering (or making) pizza with cheese and/or crust that needs a pair of 11 inch kitchen shears in order to cut a slice, you need to find some other pizza.

Nice toast
Remember the days when you’d wake up and think “if only I could have an effigy on my toast this morning”? No, we can’t either.

Orange peeler
Frankly we prefer the traditional method of using a fingernail.

Plug mug
Wins the award for most pointless kitchen item ever. The idea is that you keep the plug with you so no one can steal your mug. We say the word mug does not refer to the item, but rather to the person buying it.

Strawberry huller
Removes the stalk from your strawberry so you don’t get sticky hands or strawberry-encrusted nails. Who cores strawberries more than once or twice a year?

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**Liana Periard**

If you could do over anything in high school what would it be?: Get an A in my honors biology class in my freshman year.

What do you do outside of school?: I like to hang out with my friends and spend time with my family.

My greatest high school regret is?: In my freshman year I got a B-plus in honors biology and it’s the only thing keeping me from a 4.0 grade point average (GPA).

My most embarrassing school moment was: One year, I slipped on ice on the way into school and when I got back up I slipped again and a bunch of people saw it happen.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?: To be able to read people’s minds.

If you were principal for a day, what changes would you make?: Kids would be able to use their cell phones during lunch and passing time.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to?: Going to Florida with my friends for spring break.

What is your dream car?: A Jeep Cherokee, white, with tan leather interior.

What has been the best day in your life so far?: Spring break last year, I went to Florida and it was great to be with my friends and be stress free.

What are your plans after graduation?: I plan to go to Grand Valley to get a degree in communications. I am not exactly sure what field I want to go into, yet.

Where will you be and what will you be doing 10 years from now?: I hope to have a stable job that pays good. I also hope to be married or in a good relationship.
Kathy’s Patisserie serves breakfast baked goods, evening desserts

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Kathy’s Patisserie Specialty Cakes & Bakes may have a long, fancy French name, but owner Kathy Shouse’s recipe for success is simple. She wants to be your hometown bakery in Fenton, whether you’re looking for a “break and take” cake, muffins for breakfast, or a plated dessert to enjoy after dinner.

“Thanks to a warm, inviting decor and cozy fire-place, customers can linger at the shop while enjoying a sweet treat with a cup of coffee, tea or hot cocoa. She credits her father, Jack Shouse, and brother, Tom Shouse, for creating the comfortable ambiance.

“I want people to stop in and get a treat, while enjoying the ambiance of the bakery,” said Shouse, a culinary school trained baker and chef. “That’s why I am open in the evening...I want people to ‘save room for dessert’ and stop here after dinner.”

Located at 4037 Owen Rd., near Mancino’s Pizza & Grinders, Shouse opened her bakery on Thursday, Oct. 27. Her sweet shop, which is filled with not only baked goods such as muffins and cinnamon rolls, but also beautifully decorated cakes and her specialty crème puffs and éclairs.

Shouse’s baking specialty is cakes. She loves to decorate them with whimsical designs, such as one that earned her a second place on the Food Network’s Ace of Cakes TV show. Even more important, she wants the cake to be moist and delicious inside, so customers will keep coming back for more.

She keeps cakes of all sizes and flavors in her showcase for people to pick upon their way to a special event, and she’ll even personalize it on the spot. She’ll also make and create one-of-a-kind wedding cakes.

Kathy’s Patisserie is open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To place an order, call (810) 208-7441.

Randy Wise Buick/GMC undergoes $2 million expansion project

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Now you see it, now you don’t. That’s how fast the building and renovation work began on the $2 million expansion of the Randy Wise Buick/GMC automotive dealership in Fenton.

“Last Friday, we moved everything out and on Tuesday, the entire showroom was gutted,” said Rick Porritt, general manager. “This is the first major renovation at this dealership since the year 2000.”

The new car sales staff is now working out of the used car building, while the used car staff is temporarily being housed in a trailer on the east side of the building.

Customers will notice many new features and amenities at Randy Wise Buick/GMC, when the entire project is completed next spring. The showroom is being extended by 24 feet, providing enough room to display five or six new cars. In addition, an enclosed heated delivery area for new car pick-up will be added.

Because business in the Body Shop is growing so fast, a new, detail area is being built. The present detail area will become part of the enlarged Body Shop, which is being completely renovated. Two new paint booths, frames, and other state-of-the-art equipment will be housed in this area.

In addition, new service lanes and a new customer service area will be part of the renovation project. “There won’t be a department that’s not touched by this project,” said Porritt. “It’s a complete renovation of the entire building.”

Thanks to the growth of the building itself, the dealership will be bringing more employment to the area.

“I anticipate hiring up to 10 new staff members next year,” said Porritt. Randy Wise Buick/GMC is located at 2530 Owen Rd., Fenton. For more information, call (810) 629-1551.

Two Holly dentists inducted into International College of Dentists

Two area dentists were honored Oct. 10 during the American Dental Association Convention in Las Vegas, Nev. Rhonda Hennessy, DDS, of Holly Family Dental and Steven Sulfaro, DDS, of Sulfaro Family Dentistry in Holly were among only nine dentists from Michigan formally inducted into the International College of Dentists. This is a worldwide organization, which awards fellowships to dental professionals for their significant contributions to the profession of dentistry, their community and their families. It is by invitation only, with inductees nominated by their dental peers.

Hennessy graduated from the University of Detroit-Mercy Dental School in 1986. She practiced in Romulus until March of this year, when she acquired Holly Family Dental. She has many professional affiliations, including membership on the State Board of Dentistry, serving three years as board chairperson.

Sulfaro graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1985 and has practiced dentistry at Sulfaro Family Dentistry since 1988. He is a board member of the Genesee District Dental Society since 2005, serving as president in 2009.
Ten warning signs of Alzheimer’s

- November is National Alzheimer’s Disease Awareness Month

  Memory loss that disrupts daily life may be a symptom of Alzheimer’s, a fatal brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking and reasoning skills, according to the Alzheimer’s Association.

  There are 10 warning signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s. Every individual may experience one or more of these signs in different degrees. If you notice any of them, please see a doctor.

  - Memory loss that disrupts daily life, especially forgetting recently learned information.
  - New problems with words in speaking or writing. People with Alzheimer’s may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before.
  - Difficulty remembering familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure. People with Alzheimer’s often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes, people may have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game.
  - Confusion with time or place. People with Alzheimer’s can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there.

  Typical age-related change: Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later.

  - Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. For some people, having vision problems is a sign of Alzheimer’s. They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast. In terms of perception, they may pass a mirror and think someone else is in the room. They may not recognize that they are the person in the mirror.

  Typical age-related change: Vision changes related to cataracts.

  - Problems with words in speaking or writing. People with Alzheimer’s may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a “watch” a “hand-clock”).

  Typical age-related change: Sometimes having trouble finding the right word.

  - Misperceiving things and losing the ability to retrace steps. A person with Alzheimer’s disease may put things in unusual places.

  See Alzheimer’s on BB
Inmates at the Geneseo County Jail will be served a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. The Geneseo County Sheriff’s Department has a policy against photographing inmates.

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hospital dining room. Bread dressing, sweet potato soufflé, mashed potatoes and gravy, plus homemade pumpkin pie will accompany the turkey. This meal will be served to more than 400 employees, who will eat close to 200 pounds of turkey that day.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Genesys kitchen staff will serve about 240 patients on trays in their rooms. Their meals will include turkey, bread dressing, jellied cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. “Even though they’re in the hospital, we feel it’s important for them to be able to enjoy the holiday with a special meal,” said Mongrain. “After, 200 employees will also be served a turkey meal at lunch and about 100 at dinner.”

“Enough food to feed an army” is an appropriate phrase for the amount of food it takes to serve U.S. servicemen and women on Thanksgiving. For those in the military, long-standing Thanksgiving traditions rule the day.

Inside the compounds on American military bases and checkpoints in Iraq, soldiers will be feasting on holiday foods from roast turkey to roast beef and sweet potato pie to desserts of all kinds, all served by the officers. Before and after the meal, there will be special religious services, then a downtime to watch DVDs and e-mail family members back home. The most challenging part of the holiday is the months of preparation beforehand and the “crunch time” of the night before. Getting rations in on time and food trucks through the convoys safely are another hurdle, which is why many food service workers and truck drivers make big money in the Middle East.

At Fort Jackson, S.C., the largest Army basic-training base in the United States, nearly 7,000 pounds of turkey, 4,600 pounds of ham, 4,200 pounds of beef, 2,600 pounds of shrimp, 900 pounds of duck, 2,100 pies of every variety and more than 300 gallons of eggnog will be served to approximately 14,000 soldiers and civilian guests. And like the camps overseas, officers, who will wear dress blue uniforms, will serve Thanksgiving dinner at stateside bases.

Inmates who are incarcerated at the Geneseo County Jail on Thanksgiving Day will have a special meal, according to Undersheriff Chris Swanson. “We realize that even though they are inmates, they are still human beings. We don’t deny them the enjoyment of a holiday.” Mayfair Baptist Church in Flint is donating 50 turkeys, mashed potatoes, gravy and rolls and the jail kitchen will add green beans, dressing and a small dessert. “We’ll serve dinner at 4 p.m. We’ll have enough food for 660 meals, and what we don’t use will be used for leftovers in a cold-pack the next day,” said Swanson.

Inmate meals at the jail cost the taxpayers 91 cents per meal, according to Swanson. “We wouldn’t be able to do a Thanksgiving dinner like this, if it wasn’t for Mayfair Baptist stepping up. Even though it sounds like a good meal, this isn’t a place you’d want to spend Thanksgiving.”

The inmates at Geneseo County Jail will fare better than anyone who spends Thanksgiving Day in the city of Fenton Lock-Up. “They’ll get fast food from any restaurant that happens to be open,” said a representative from the city of Fenton Police Department.

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They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time.

Typical age-related change: Misplacing things from time to time.

• Decreased or poor judgment. People with Alzheimer’s may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

Typical age-related change: Making a bad decision occasionally.

• Withdrawal from work or social activities. A person with Alzheimer’s may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects, or sports. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they have experienced.

Typical age-related change: Sometimes feeling weary of work, family, and social obligations.

• Changes in mood and personality. The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer’s can change. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

Typical age-related change: Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.

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Identity theft — 10 millions incidents per year

Take these steps to protect yourself this holiday season

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While you’re trekking through the hometown stores looking for holiday bargains, it may be difficult to remember that not everyone around you is as caught up in the holiday spirit as you are. Some of your fellow shoppers may actually be identity thieves looking to parlay the season’s hustle and bustle into an opportunity to steal your personal information and, ultimately, your money.

Identity theft — the unauthorized use of your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number or credit card number, to commit fraud or other crimes — is approaching 10 million incidents per year.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), on average, it takes a victim an estimated $500 and 30 hours to resolve each incidence of identity theft. No one wants to lose that kind of money at any time of year, but those time and monetary costs can be even more stressful during the holidays.

“The season presents a wealth of opportunity for identity thieves,” said Heather Battison, TransUnion’s senior director responsible for consumer education. “The hectic holiday season can potentially expose our personal information to theft in both high-tech ways like ‘phishing’ scams, and in traditional ones, such as a stolen wallet or mail theft.”

Fortunately, there are proactive steps you can take now, that will help minimize your exposure to identity theft. While these tips are useful year round, they’re especially important during the holiday season.

• When holiday shopping, only carry essential documents with you. Only take your driver’s license and the credit card or cards you intend to use that day. Do not carry your Social Security card, birth certificate or passport, and consider leaving at home other types of cards that may have identifying information on them, like wholesale club cards or library cards.
• The holidays mean plenty of extra trash. Shred everything that contains personal, identifying information before throwing it out.
• Keep a close eye on your credit card bills. This is especially important during the holidays, when close attention can help you catch any charges you don’t recognize on your statement. An added bonus is you’ll also be more aware of how much you’re spending and be better prepared to stay within your holiday spending budget.
• Monitor your credit. Consider enrolling in a credit monitoring service that will alert you via e-mail to changes in your credit report. This way you will know quickly if someone else has tried to open a new credit account in your name.
• When shopping online, only do business with websites that have security measures in place to protect you. Before you provide any personal or payment information, look for a URL that begins with https (not http) and a lock emblem on the page, typically next to the address bar.
• Before you surf the Internet on Cyber Monday, consider changing your account passwords and keep a list of them in a secure place. Passwords and PIN numbers should be a random mix of letters, numbers and special characters, which makes it harder for identity thieves to guess.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE STORY ABOUT the Fenton couple’s foreclosure was heartbreak- ing. It is the people who choose to stop making payments on their house, and then buy iPads, iPhones and elaborate vacations that really get to me. They really need to be punished. I hope the bank comes after you with a vengeance.

MAKE NO MISTAKE assessing the election outcome. Paul Scott was re-called for doing exactly what he cam- paigned on, cutting state spending. Approximately 100,000 51st District voters elected him on that platform in 2010. He was unseated by ap- proximately 25,000 voters in the 2011 recall election. In other words, the people did not speak. But the special interest group of MEA supporters did. There is a lesson here.

I MISS THE good old-fashion toys they use to have for Christmas. Ev- erything is so technical now.

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RECIPES
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Bacon-wrapped pork loin
This bacon-wrapped pork loin is finished with a delicious brown sugar glaze. Serve this flavorful roast with mashed potatoes, corn, and a tossed salad.

INGREDIENTS:
1 (5-6 pound) boneless pork loin
4 to 6 slices bacon
Rub:
1 t. chili powder
¾ t. paprika
½ t. salt
½ t. coarse ground black pepper
½ t. ground cumin
1 t. ground cinnamon
Glaze:
1 c. light brown sugar, packed
2 T. flour
2 T. cider vinegar
½ t. dry mustard

PREPARATION:
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place pork loin in a roasting pan. Combine the rub ingredients and rub over the pork. Cut each strip of bacon in half crosswise and lay them over the pork loin. Roast for about 1½ to 2 hours or until the pork registers 150 degrees. Combine brown sugar, flour, cider vinegar, and dry mustard in a saucepan. Bring to a simmer and simmer for about 1 minute. Spoon over the pork and return to the oven. Roast for about 15 to 20 minutes longer, or until pork registers 160 degrees. Serves 6 to 8.

Beef tenderloin with
red wine sauce

The Bordelaise-style sauce is made with red wine and brandy, along with shallots, vegetables and seasonings. Use a meat thermometer or instant-read thermometer to keep a close eye on this roast’s temperature.

INGREDIENTS:
1½ to 2 pounds beef tenderloin
1 clove garlic, halved
Salt and pepper
2 T. olive oil
4 to 6 ozs. mushrooms, thinly sliced
1 shallot, chopped, or 2 green onions
1 clove garlic, finely minced
3 T. flour
1½ c. dry red wine, such as Pinot Noir or Cabernet Sauvignon
1 can (10-½ oz.) condensed beef broth
½ t. dried leaf thyme
Salt and pepper, to taste

PREPARATION:
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Rub roast with garlic cloves; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast the tenderloin in an open shallow pan for about 30 to 35 minutes, to about 225-230 degrees for medium rare to medium. Remove roast to a warm platter and let rest. Add oil, mushrooms, chopped shallot or green onion, and minced garlic to pan drippings; place over medium heat and sauté until tender. Stir in flour until well blended; add the red wine and broth. Simmer until reduced by about 1/4 to 1/3. Add thyme, salt and pepper to taste. Serve alongside sliced tenderloin. Serves four.
Kim Smith, dietary aide at Genesys hospital, puts on the finishing touches on pumpkin pies that will be served and sold for the holidays.

**OUTSIDE**

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If you do decide to cook at home, maybe you’ll want to try a different meat other than turkey as your meal’s “main attraction.”

While turkey is by far the most popular Thanksgiving Day entree, many other meats prepared in special ways can create a memorable meal.

If part of your family insists on the traditional turkey meal, you can always opt for a turkey breast and add another meat of your choosing. Either way, you can present your main dish with traditional favorite Thanksgiving “sides” such as mom’s green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, dressing and more.

Of course, there is always the option of dining out on Thanksgiving Day.

Fenton Hotel owner Nick Sorise expects to serve about 650 diners this year between 12 and 6 p.m., with about 60 percent of his customers choosing the traditional turkey dinner. “The next most popular items will be prime rib and white fish,” said Sorise, who enjoys fish as his favorite holiday entree. He’ll likely indulge in turkey with his staff, when all the serving is done. The Fenton Hotel Thanksgiving dinner is a more than 15-year tradition. Reservations are a must.

The French Laundry is in its second year of serving a Thanksgiving buffet with the theme, “traditional comfort food, with a twist.” Serving from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., diners will enjoy breakfast favorites such as cinnamon French toast with cranberry orange sauce, as well as traditional dinner entrees such as herb and butter roasted turkey breast. Reservations are strongly suggested.

Janelle’s, in downtown Byron, is serving a Thanksgiving feast from 12-6 p.m. Make your reservations early.

**Why do we eat turkey for Thanksgiving?**

Although turkeys are the main course of today’s Thanksgiving celebrations, these birds were not the most popular centerpieces on the first Thanksgiving tables. In 1621, when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians celebrated the first Thanksgiving, they were gorging up much more than turkey. Since lobster, goose, duck, seal, eel, and cod were plentiful during this time, these foods were most likely the main courses of this first feast. Deer meat and wild fowl are the only two items that historians know for sure were on the menu of this autumn celebration. So how did the turkey become the main attraction of modern-day Thanksgiving, if we don’t know that turkeys were at this first feast?

One story tells of how Queen Elizabeth I of 16th century England was eating roast goose during a harvest festival. When news was delivered to her that the Spanish Armada had sunk on its way to attack her beloved England, the queen was so pleased that she ordered a second goose to celebrate the great news. Thus, the goose became the favorite bird at harvest time in England.

When the Pilgrims arrived in America from England, roasted turkey replaced roasted goose as the main course because wild turkeys were more abundant and easier to find than geese.
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**Love, Loss & Lament**

By: Caitlin Doerr

- November 15, 2011

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Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Parents work hard for those good grades

DEAR AMY: My 10-year-old daughter finished a school project that took her hours of brainstorming, painting and gluing. I made some suggestions and showed her how to apply papier-mache. She did a great job and was very excited for the teacher’s reaction.

I was shocked when she came home from school yesterday and said that one of the other kids had her mother do the project and it was far better.

I comforted my child and reminded her that her work shouldn’t be compared to an adult’s, but now I’m concerned.

What if there were other kids in the class who felt inferior: was that fair of the other child’s mother? Should I try to speak to the teacher? Should I be this bothered?

― Upset Mom

DEAR MOM: Quick story. My daughter was in sixth grade and worked her little hands off on a homework project on ancient Rome.

The parents were invited into the classroom to view all of the finished projects and, like you, I was shocked to see that some looked as if they had been completed by professionals.

When I praised the work of one classmate, whose many-columned Roman bath had actual running water, my daughter’s brilliant teacher sighed and said, “Yes, Wendy’s dad worked very hard on that.”

The teachable moment here is between you and your daughter. She knows it’s not right for a parent to do this; you can also assure her that experienced teachers know who has done what and that, aside from whatever grade she gets, her reward is to know she has done right, and done well.

Don’t hesitate to ask the teacher about this.

DEAR AMY: My fiancee and I live together. Her family members (who live out of town) call her almost every day. They never have anything new to say and all they do is stress her out with their suggestions. I’ve told them a couple of times to try to limit the calls then go back up from once a day back to four or five times a day, plus text messaging her when she doesn’t answer the phone.

This is stressing her out so much that we had to call the paramedics because she was having chest pains. Before that, she would spend the times in a day, called her cellphone and left her a voice mail telling her to call them.

They don’t wait for her to call back; they just call over and over, every day.

I don’t know what else to do to let them know that there’s no need to call her every day. Once a week is more than enough.

Do you have any suggestions?

― Confused Fiance

DEAR CONFUSED: This is your fiancée’s boundary to draw, and if her family members are stressing her out to the extent that she is literally landing in the hospital, then she needs to handle this definitively. To do that, she needs to handle this definitively.

― Jerry in Kansas City, Mo.

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: I see more and more dogs, of all sizes, wearing little booties when outside in winter temperatures. Aren’t dogs’ paws designed to deal with rough terrain and cold weather? Why do owners feel like they have to protect their pets’ paws?

― Confused Fiance

DEAR JERRY: Actually, booties are a pretty smart idea for pets in wintertime, and it’s not a new idea. Sled drivers in the Arctic have put them on their dogs’ paws for centuries to protect them from rough terrain and jagged ice. Booties also protect existing paw or foot injuries.

The booties are made of wool. Owners who are watching on among owners of pets of every size is perhaps due to the increasing variety available. But they serve the same practical purpose: They protect pets’ feet from icy cold surfaces, rough ground and other winter hazards.

The feathery pads on the bottom of dogs’ paws can withstand mild temperatures and most terrain, but they are not invulnerable. Extremely cold surfaces can cause frostbite or worse. Stepping on urban hazards like glass or sharp chunks of concrete can scratch or cut the foot pads, which is very painful for the dog. The soft skin between each pad is also very sensitive and easily can be scratched if debris gets caught between the pads.

Owners who don’t opt to fit their dogs with booties in the winter before bringing them outside should check the dog’s paws each time it comes back inside to make sure the pads are free and nothing is caught against them.

― Confused Fiance

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Fenton’s Cowger heading to Ball State to play D1 softball

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Sammi Cowger can breathe a sigh of relief.

She has already decided where she will play her college softball after her senior season. Cowger has committed to Ball State University to play softball. She is excited to continue her career at the D1 level.

“I am so excited to have the chance to play highest level. It’s a great opportunity for me,” Cowger said. “I’m excited to play with the players and coaches at that level high level. I’m excited.”

Using most measures, Cowger has been the best prep softball player in the tri-county area over the last two seasons. She has been the Tri-County Softball Player of the Year each of the last two seasons and has also been an All-State performer during both seasons. She’s done a little bit of everything for the Tigers. She held career record of 55-49 on the mound, going 23-13 last year. At the plate, she’s been outstanding, batting .479 her sophomore year and .446 last season. She posted a career-best .479 slugging percentage last year.

“I’m wanted for the opportunity. I’m wanted last year we’ve been outstanding, hitting 15 doubles. She also had a .519 on-base percentage. Yet, with all her success, Cowger realizes playing at the D1 level will be challenging.

“I don’t think I’m there yet,” Cowger said. “Right now, I have to keep my work ethic up and keep going 100 percent all the time. I will need to work my butt off to get me at the level I need to be at.”

Cowger has had success with other programs as well. She was a member of this year’s undefeated and Metro League champion.

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Hickoffs headed to D2 Notre Dame College of Ohio

Fenton’s twin stars want to stay together at collegiate level

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When it comes to the Hickoff twins, it seems you rarely see one without the other. It looks like the identical twins are going to keep up that trend in college as well. Fenton hoop standouts Dylan and Ryan Hickoff have decided to continue their basketball careers at Notre Dame College of Ohio next season.

The identical twins wanted to go to a school that wanted both of them, and Notre Dame College of Ohio, located near Cleveland, fit that description.

“It was definitely important to me because we’ve been playing together our whole life,” Ryan Hickoff said. “We come together and like playing with each other. This was an offer we just couldn’t pass up.”

“We were definitely hoping for that,” Dylan Hickoff said.

“We’ve been playing together our whole lives. What a great opportunity we have to play together. We have chemistry and have been playing the game with each other our whole lives.”

Their varsity basketball coach, Tim Ofl-

Tremendous Twins

Since Ryan and Dylan Hickoff joined Fenton’s varsity boys basketball team as freshmen, the program has won three Metro League titles. Here is a look at their stats last year.

**Ryan Hickoff**
- Averaged 12.2 points, 5.6 rebounds, 3.0 blocks and 2.3 steals a game as a junior.

**Dylan Hickoff**
- Averaged 17.2 points, 6.1 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.7 blocks a game last year.

Ryan Hickoff (background) and Dylan Hickoff (right) are both headed to Notre Dame College of Ohio to continue their basketball careers next fall.

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Powers’ state playoff charge has distinct tri-county flavor

Squad consists of 13 area prep football players

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Flint Powers senior and Fenton resident Macauley Rybar has seen his share of tough times with the Chargers’ varsity football program. He went through an 1-8 season a year ago, but he has seen a great change between seasons and then saw the team begin the season 2-4. But that was the past.

The recent past and present have been pretty dark sweet.

Rybar is one of 13 tri-county athletes on Flint Powers’ varsity football squad (8-4), which won a regional championship last weekend and will play in a Division 5 semifinal contest against Almont (11-1) at Brandon High School Saturday at 1 p.m.

“I’m really excited,” Rybar said. “Especially from the turnaround we had since last year, and getting in at 5-4. I’m happy we made the playoffs and am happy we have been able to continue.”

“We are excited,” linebacker Christopher Koensigknecht said. “We started rough, learning a new system, but we learned it and are doing well.”

Rybar and Koensigknecht are two of seven Fenton residents on the squad, and there are five Linden residents on the team. Of the group, six are starters. Rybar plays defensive guard, while Tennessee-bound Danny O’Brien also plays on both lines. Garrett Pouget is the team’s quarterback, and one of his top receiving options, Prescott Myers, is also from the area. On defense, Jacob Cornillie plays end on defense and on the line on offense. Jacques Pouget is just a freshman, but starts in the secondary. Meanwhile, Pete Plasters is a safety and Derek Trecha also plays on the defensive line. Other
Co-op hockey squad opens with 4-2 loss to Bay City

Brandon joins Holly, Kearsley as the third team in co-op

By David Troppens

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Flint — The first game of the newly formed Kearsley, Holly and Brandon hockey varsity team didn’t start out quite like how the program would’ve liked.

Donning their new hockey jersey, and the program’s new name — KBH United — the squad got off to a slow start against the Bay City Central/Western co-op, dropping a 4-2 verdict at Perani Arena on Wednesday.

KBH fell behind by a 3-0 margin before playing some spirited hockey in the third period. However, it wasn’t enough to overcome the original deficit.

“I think they started off with some butterflies,” KBH coach Bill O’Brien said. “They were a little nervous with the puck. They weren’t skating hard. The other team outworked us for the first two periods. And when you get outworked, you expect to be down.”

“The third period was totally different. They came out, worked hard, forced the play and played the system. I thought we won that period. But that’s not good enough.”

The third period clearly produced the program’s top highlights in the season-opening contest. Right away in the opening minute of it, KBH United got off two nice shots. One came within 15 seconds of the opening face-off and the next on a shot by Brandon Csutoras, which was saved.

That pressure continued during the first three minutes of the period, and resulted in the co-op’s first goal together. Off a rebound from a shot by Csutoras, Jordan Orth got the rebound and scored. The goal cut the Bay City lead to 3-1 with 12:01 remaining to play.

However, that deficit didn’t last long. With 11:14 remaining, Bay City got a rebound goal from Garrett Pashak. Once again, the lead was back to three goals at 4-1.

From there, KBH didn’t really threaten. However, the squad did get another goal with seven seconds remaining in the game, this one was another rebound goal. This time Orth took the shot and it was put in the net by his younger brother Brandon Orth. Csutoras also assisted.

The squad played much better in the third period, outshooting Bay City 10-5, but the early deficit was just too much.

“Good things happen when you go to the net, and we did that in the third period,” O’Brien said. “It’s early in the season. There’s always things you have to improve on, and that’s one of them — doing the dirty parts of the game.”

There were times when KBH did a strong job in the opening two periods of keeping the puck in Bay City’s zone. However, it rarely resulted in dangerous scoring chances. That didn’t matter much until the final two minutes of the first period, when Bay City scored two goals — one by Pashak and another by Carson Eby.

The lead grew to 3-0 with 9:50 left in the second period on a goal by Chandler Foco.

Being the first time the three schools have played together, just getting that familiarity could’ve been an issue, but O’Brien didn’t want to use that excuse.

“When hockey players, they are so used to that because with their (travel) team, there’s kids coming from different parts of the state,” O’Brien said. “They are used to that. This group likes each other. It’s not a matter of chemistry. It’s just a matter of getting used to playing with each other a bit.”

The co-op program returns to action Saturday with a game at the Polar Palace against LakeVille Memorial at 5 p.m. On Wednesday, the squad plays Davison for the team’s annual day-before Thanksgiving game between the programs at Perani Arena at 6 p.m.
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The Lake Fenton Freshman Blue football team had a pretty good season.
Actually it was nearly perfect.
The squad, which plays out of the Lake Fenton Youth Football Program in the Mid-Michigan Rural Football League Division C, finished the season with an unbeaten 5-0-1 record.
“It’s not often that a smaller school district like Lake Fenton can field a team that can go in and successfully compete against the larger schools such as Kearsley, Fenton, Flushing, Grand Blanc and Holly,” head coach Chris Hemsap said.
“But this group of kids not only competed, but excelled.”
The squad ran a wishbone option offense. On defense, the team gave up only an average of six points, recording two shutouts. The squad never gave up more than 12 points.
The team of 17 children were 8- and 9-year-old boys from Linden and Lake Fenton. Eight of the players scored points at sometime during the season.

HICKOFFS
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the work ethic they have. They’ve worked hard their entire lives and it has paid off for them.
“That has to be a rarity (having twins go to the same school). They’ve secured themselves two great basketball players and two great people.”
The Fenton Tigers have captured at least a share of the Flint Metro League title each of the last three years, and the HICKOFFS have had a lot to say about why they have.

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Pond hockey turney slated for January
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For as long as Sean Lapham can remember, he’s been playing pond hockey.
Ad to this day he still plays, as does his son.
“My father owns a farm and we play pond hockey from what the cows drink out of,” Lapham said.
“We play at night and have a campfire. We play all day long like we are little kids. I’m 37 and I can’t get enough of it.
Lapham knows there are hundreds of other people of all ages that feel the same way, so he’s decided to have the Inaugural Lake Fenton Winter Classic at Lake Fenton from Jan. 27 to Jan. 29.
He hopes to get about 100 teams of all age groups, calibration of players and sexes. The cost is going to be $350 a team and each squad is guaranteed at least four games. The games will be played on 14 “rinks” on Lake Fenton throughout the weekend.
With established competitions already at Whitmore Lake two weeks earlier and at St. Ignace about two weeks later, Lapham, the tournament director, feels he has a great date for the event. There are about six pond hockey dates throughout Michigan during the winter.
“We’ve already got a team from New York, from Canada and from Chicago,” Lapham said.
Games will be played under the lights on Friday and Saturday. The championship game will be played Sunday afternoon. The winner of each division will be able to lift the Des Crowley Memorial Cup and have their named engraved on it.
For more information go to www.lakefentonwinterclass.com.

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| AUTO RACING |      |                                            |
| (ESPN)    |       | Spirit Cup Series racing                  |
| BASKETBALL |       |                                            |
| (B10)     | 2 p.m. | Rhode Island at Nebraska                   |
| (B10)     | 4 p.m. | Creighton vs Iowa                         |
| (ESPN)    | 5:30 p.m. | Puerto Rico Tipoff                       |
| (B10)     | 6 p.m. | UV-Arkansas at Michigan State             |
| (ESPN)    | 7:30 p.m. | Puerto Rico Tipoff                       |
| FOOTBALL  |       |                                            |
| (FSD)     | 1 p.m. | Carolina at Detroit                       |
| (CBS)     | 4 p.m. | Cincinnati at Baltimore                   |
| (CBS)     | 4:15 p.m. | San Diego at Chicago                      |
| (NBC)     | 8:15 p.m. | Philadelphia at NY Giants                 |
| GOLF      |       |                                            |
| (GOLF)    | 1:30 p.m. | LPGA Tour                                 |
| (FSD)     | 8 p.m. | Detroit at Avonhelm                       |
| SOCCER    |       |                                            |
| (ESPN)    | 9 p.m. | MLS Championship                          |
### Varsity Boys Basketball
- **Monday, 1/2** vs. Lapeer East High School
- **Tuesday, 1/3** vs. Brandon High School
- **Wednesday, 1/4** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Thursday, 1/5** vs. Fenton High School
- **Friday, 1/6** vs. Clinton High School
- **Saturday, 1/7** & **Sunday, 1/8** vs. Swartz Creek HS

### Freshmen Boys Basketball
- **Tuesday, 1/9** vs. Swartz Creek HS
- **Wednesday, 1/10** vs. Clinton High School
- **Thursday, 1/11** vs. Brandon High School
- **Friday, 1/12** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Saturday, 1/13** vs. Fenton High School

### JV Boys Basketball
- **Monday, 1/2** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Tuesday, 1/3** vs. Brandon High School
- **Wednesday, 1/4** vs. Lapeer East High School
- **Thursday, 1/5** vs. Fenton High School
- **Friday, 1/6** vs. Clinton High School
- **Saturday, 1/7** vs. Swartz Creek HS

### Freshman Girls Basketball
- **Tuesday, 1/9** vs. Swartz Creek HS
- **Wednesday, 1/10** vs. Brandon High School
- **Thursday, 1/11** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Friday, 1/12** vs. Fenton High School
- **Saturday, 1/13** vs. Clinton High School

### JV Girls Basketball
- **Monday, 1/8** vs. MHSAA District Games – 1st round
- **Tuesday, 1/9** vs. Fenton High School
- **Wednesday, 1/10** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Thursday, 1/11** vs. Brandon High School
- **Friday, 1/12** vs. Lapeer East High School
- **Saturday, 1/13** vs. Fenton High School

### Freshmen Girls Basketball
- **Tuesday, 1/9** vs. Fenton High School
- **Wednesday, 1/10** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Thursday, 1/11** vs. Brandon High School
- **Friday, 1/12** vs. Clinton High School
- **Saturday, 1/13** vs. Fenton High School

### Varsity Hockey
- **Wednesday, 1/16** vs. Bay City Central High School
- **Thursday, 1/17** vs. Bad Axe High School
- **Friday, 1/18** vs. Lapeer East High School
- **Saturday, 1/19** vs. Oxford High School
- **Sunday, 1/20** (tba) vs. Lapeer High School

### Varsity Skiing
- **Wednesday, 1/16** vs. Fenton High School
- **Thursday, 1/17** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Friday, 1/18** vs. Brandon High School
- **Saturday, 1/19** vs. Clinton High School
- **Monday, 1/22** vs. Fenton High School

### Varsity Bowling
- **Tuesday, 1/23** vs. Lapeer East High School
- **Wednesday, 1/24** vs. Brandon High School
- **Thursday, 1/25** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Friday, 1/26** vs. Fenton High School
- **Saturday, 1/27** vs. Clinton High School

### Varsity Wrestling
- **Monday, 1/21** vs. Lapeer High School

### Varsity Competive Cheer
- **Wednesday, 1/24** vs. Fenton High School
- **Thursday, 1/25** vs. Brandon High School
- **Friday, 1/26** vs. Lapeer High School
- **Saturday, 1/27** vs. Clinton High School
VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday 12/5 ... 7:00pm. vs. Clio High School
Tuesday 12/6 ... 7:00pm. vs. Brandon High School
Tuesday 12/19 ... 7:00pm. vs. Kearsley High School
Monday 12/26 ... 7:00pm. vs. Lapeer West High School
Monday 1/2 ... 7:00pm. vs. Davison High School

Tuesday 1/9 ... 5:30pm. vs. Kearsley High School
Wednesday 1/10 ... 5:30pm. vs. Davison High School
Thursday 1/12 ... 5:30pm. vs. Schoolcraft HS
Friday 1/13 ... 5:30pm. vs. Lapeer East High School
Monday 1/16 ... 5:30pm. vs. Brandon High School
Tuesday 1/24 ... 5:30pm. vs. Lapeer West High School
Tuesday 1/25 ... 5:30pm. vs. Powers Catholic High School
Monday 1/30 ... 4:00pm. vs. Lapeer East High School
Wednesday 2/1 ... 7:00pm. vs. Davison High School
Wednesday 2/2 ... 4:00pm. vs. Schoolcraft HS

Wednesday 2/8 ... 4:00pm. vs. Powers Catholic High School
Wednesday 2/9 ... 4:00pm. vs. Powers Catholic High School

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday 12/5 ... 4:00pm. vs. Clio High School
Tuesday 12/6 ... 4:00pm. vs. Brandon High School
Tuesday 12/13 ... 4:00pm. vs. Kearsley High School
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Tuesday 1/9 ... 3:00pm. vs. Kearsley High School
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Monday 1/16 ... 3:00pm. vs. Brandon High School
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Monday 1/30 ... 2:00pm. vs. Lapeer East High School
Wednesday 2/1 ... 4:00pm. vs. Davison High School
Wednesday 2/2 ... 1:00pm. vs. Schoolcraft HS

Wednesday 2/8 ... 1:00pm. vs. Powers Catholic High School
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Tuesday 1/24 ... 4:00pm .......... vs. Clio High School
Monday 1/30 ... 4:00pm .......... @ Brandon High School
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Monday 2/6 ... 4:00pm .......... vs. Lapeer West High School
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Tuesday 2/14 ... 4:00pm .......... vs. Holy Key Schools
Thursday 2/18 ... 5:30pm .......... @ Swartz Creek HS
Thursday 2/23 ... 5:30pm .......... vs. Owosso High School

VARSITY HOCKEY
Saturday 1/15 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Grand Blanc High School
Wednesday 1/19 ... 7:00pm .......... @ Davison High School
Saturday 1/23 ... 4:00pm .......... vs. Waterford Lake Center HS
Wednesday 1/27 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Walled Lake Northern High School
Saturday 1/28 ... 5:15pm .......... @ Fenton High School
Saturday 1/14 ... 7:15pm .......... vs. Brandon High School
Wednesday 1/21 ... 7:15pm .......... vs. Goodrich High School
Wednesday 1/4 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Powers Catholic High School
Saturday 1/7 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Kearsley High School
Wednesday 1/11 ... 5:30pm .......... vs. Lapeer West High School
Saturday 1/14 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Powers Catholic High School
Wednesday 1/18 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Swartz Creek HS
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Wednesday 1/25 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Lapeer High School
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Saturday 2/4 ... 7:00pm .......... @ Swartz Creek HS
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Saturday 2/11 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Lapeer High School
Wednesday 2/15 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Milford High School
Saturday 2/18 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Kearsley High School
Saturday 2/21 ... 7:00pm .......... vs. Durand High School

VARSITY WRESTLING
Wednesday 1/25 ... 6:00pm .......... @ Lapeer East High School
Wednesday 1/29 ... 7:00pm .......... @ Holly Area Schools
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Monday 2/13 ... 4:00pm .......... vs. Powers Catholic HS
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Wednesday 1/24 ... 4:00pm .......... vs. Grand Blanc
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Wednesday 1/13 ... 4:00pm .......... vs. F. W. Barnes
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Saturday 3/10 ... 2:00pm .......... vs. Regionals
Monday 3/13 ... 9:00am .......... @ Regionals
Friday 3/16 ... 9:00am .......... vs. Regionals
Thursday 3/22 ... 9:00am .......... vs. Regionals

VARSITY SWIMMING AND DIVING
Saturday 1/29 ... 9:00am .......... @ Skylake HS (Fenton Relay)
Saturday 2/10 ... 9:00am .......... vs. Fenton Christmas Relays
Tuesday 1/17 ... 6:00pm .......... vs. Powers Catholic High School
Thursday 1/19 ... 6:00pm .......... @ Owosso High School
Tuesday 1/25 ... 6:00pm .......... @ Carman-Ainsworth HS
Tuesday 2/15 ... 6:00pm .......... @ Carman-Ainsworth HS
Tuesday 2/22 ... 6:00pm .......... @ Grand Blanc High School
Tuesday 3/1 ... 6:00pm .......... vs. Lapeer West High School
Thursday 2/9 ... 6:00pm .......... vs. Genesee County Meet @ Fenton HS
Friday 1/26 ... 6:00pm .......... vs. Genesee County Meet @ Fenton HS
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VARSITY BOWLING
Saturday 1/25 ... 7:00pm .......... @ Swartz Creek
Sunday 1/29 ... 2:00pm .......... @ Linden
Wednesday 2/1 ... 2:00pm .......... @ Swartz Creek

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Tuesday 1/17 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Elkton-Pyatt ... Bay Port/Laker
Tuesday 1/20 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Lakeview HS ... Lapeer
Tuesday 1/3 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Lapeer HS ... Lapeer
Friday 1/6 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Bay Port/Laker ... Bay Port/Laker
Friday 1/13 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Durand High School ... Durand High School
Tuesday 1/17 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS
Thursday 1/19 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Saginaw Novel Catholic ... Saginaw Novel Catholic
Thursday 1/25 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Mount Pleasant HSMS ... Mount Pleasant HSMS
Tuesday 1/30 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Lakeview HS ... Lakeview HS
Thursday 2/2 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Beecher High School ... Beecher High School
Thursday 2/16 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Lapeer HS ... Lapeer HS
Tuesday 2/21 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Saginaw Novel Catholic ... Saginaw Novel Catholic
Thursday 2/23 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday 1/17 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Birchport High School ... Birchport High School
Friday 1/3 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Holly Area Schools ... Holly Area Schools
Tuesday 1/10 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Ann Arbor—Gaelic ... Ann Arbor—Gaelic
Thursday 1/28 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Saginaw Novel Catholic ... Saginaw Novel Catholic
Thursday 1/29 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Mount Pleasant HSMS ... Mount Pleasant HSMS
Tuesday 2/3 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Lakeview HS ... Lakeview HS
Thursday 2/9 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Beecher High School ... Beecher High School
Thursday 2/13 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Lapeer HS ... Lapeer HS
Monday 2/15 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS
Tuesday 2/21 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Saginaw Novel Catholic ... Saginaw Novel Catholic
Thursday 2/23 ... 7:00pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday 1/3 ... 4:00pm ... @ ... Lapeer HS ... Lapeer HS
Thursday 1/10 ... 4:00pm ... @ ... Lapeer HS ... Lapeer HS
Friday 1/12 ... 4:00pm ... @ ... Lakeview HS ... Lakeview HS
Saturday 1/14 ... 4:00pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS

J V BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday 1/12 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Elkton-Pyatt ... Bay Port/Laker
Friday 1/16 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Montrose HSMS ... Montrose HSMS
Monday 1/25 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Lakeview HS ... Lapeer
Friday 1/30 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Lapeer HS ... Lapeer
Friday 2/6 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Durand High School ... Durand High School
Monday 2/11 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS
Thursday 2/17 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Beecher High School ... Beecher High School
Wednesday 2/22 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Durand High School ... Durand High School
Thursday 3/1 ... 3:00pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS

J V GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday 1/12 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Birchport High School ... Birchport High School
Tuesday 1/19 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Holly Area Schools ... Holly Area Schools
Tuesday 1/23 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Ann Arbor—Gaelic ... Ann Arbor—Gaelic
Thursday 1/28 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Saginaw Novel Catholic ... Saginaw Novel Catholic
Thursday 1/29 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Mount Pleasant HSMS ... Mount Pleasant HSMS
Tuesday 2/2 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Lakeview HS ... Lakeview HS
Thursday 2/9 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Beecher High School ... Beecher High School
Thursday 2/13 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Lapeer HS ... Lapeer HS
Monday 2/15 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS
Tuesday 2/21 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Saginaw Novel Catholic ... Saginaw Novel Catholic
Thursday 2/23 ... 5:30pm ... @ ... Goodrich HS ... Goodrich HS

VARISTY WRESTLING

Wednesday 12/14 ... 6:00pm ... @ ... Beecher High School ... Beecher High School
Wednesday 12/28 ... 9:00AM ... @ ... Oxford JV/Varsity ... Oxford JV/Varsity
Friday 1/10 ... 9:30AM ... @ ... Portage High School ... Portage High School
Wednesday 1/14 ... 5:00pm ... @ ... Mt. Morris/Montrose ... Lakeview
Wednesday 1/11 ... 5:00pm ... @ ... Bendle/Beecher ... Beecher/Goodrich
Saturday 1/14 ... TBA ... @ ... Capac High School ... Capac High School
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Saturday 2/25 ... 2:00pm ... Good Ledge/Westney of Clark Park

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Flint Powers players, and Fenton residents, Macauley Rybar (left) and Christopher Koenigsknecht pose with the regional trophy after the Chargers defeated Hemlock 26-0.

POWERS’
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area residents on the team include Matt Cramer, Chris Gonzalez, Brooks Morgan and Rory Haas.

Some of Powers’ “struggling” start had to do with the teams they played. The Chargers opened the season against and lost to Saginaw Nouvel and Lansing Catholic Central. Both of those teams remain undefeated and in the playoff hunt of their respective division championships. In fact, Lansing Catholic Central is playing in the other Division 5 semifinal this weekend. The two winners of those games will play in the Division 5 State Championship game at Ford Field Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Powers won its only state championship in 2005, capturing the Division 4 state title with a 17-10 win over Grand Rapids Catholic Central. Now, it’s hard to think that this team was 2-4 at one time this season.

Koenigsknecht credited the seniors for the turnaround. “Especially after our first loss to Carman-Ainsworth, we really had a gut check,” Koenigsknecht said. “But the seniors on the team took the initiative and got the team ready. They wanted to make the playoffs. They told us this is what we have to do, we did what they said and we did it.”

First, the Chargers had to defeat a tough Goodrich team during the ninth week just to make the playoffs. Since then, Powers has defeated Frankenmuth 35-13 at home and then defeated previously unbeaten Milington 28-7 on the road for the district title. The Chargers captured their first regional title since 2005 with the 26-0 road victory against Hemlock on Friday.

“The defense was playing really well, and that’s the key to our turnaround — how the defense has played. It’s been our backbone,” Rybar said.

In the 26-0 victory against Hemlock, Powers broke a scoreless tie with 4:11 left in the half on a Garrett Pouget four-yard run. Powers led 7-0 at the half.

The Chargers added another TD a six-yard TD pass from Pouget to Ethan Wiskur. The kick failed, and Powers led 13-0.

Powers need the contest with the two fourth-quarter scores by Idris Hobdy, one on a four-yard run and the other on a two-yard run.

Pouget ran for 83 yards, while Plasters ran for 31 yards. Koenigsknecht led the defense with 15 tackles, while O’Brien had six tackles and two sacks.

The team defense stood out. “Our coaches got us prepared,” Koenigsknecht said. “Hemlock had a big line. They ran a veer and our coach was used to running a veer. We just played our hardest, with intensity and got the job done.”

The team’s challenge against Almont won’t be easy, but they are ready for it. Almont beat Jackson Lumen Christi 31-21 in the regional finals.

“They are a run-oriented team, and we have to stop that first,” Koenigsknecht said. “As long as we read our keys and stop the run game, they’ll be forced to pass.”

“Everyone has Ford Field on their mind, but we have to take it one game at a time,” Rybar said. “They are a big and physical team on the offensive and defensive lines.”
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pionship volleyball squad at Fenton High School.

Cowger always had Ball State on her list of schools. She also was looking at North Dakota and Western Michigan. But after about four trips to Ball State, located in Muncie, Ind., she made her decision.

“I liked Ball State’s campus and academic program,” Cowger said. “I then met coach and the team and loved them, too.”

Ball State has been a pretty solid Mid-American Conference squad in recent years. The team finished very a respectable 13-8 in the MAC and 34-24 last season, but posted back-to-back first-place finishes in the MAC West the two seasons before that.

“They are pretty strong,” Cowger said. “A couple of years ago they won the MAC, but then they lost their main pitcher. They are expected to be really good again this year.”

Cowger isn’t sure if she’ll be redshirt her first year or play. Changes are, she’ll see her playing time in the outfield and at first base when she does get on the field. She’s happy to get the decision made now.

“It’s a huge load off my mind,” Cowger said. “I’ve been thinking about it a long time, so I was starting to get pretty stressed. It was nice to get it out of the way.”

**Fenton’s Sammi Cowger dives for a ball during the Tigers’ victory against Kearsley. Cowger is headed to Ball State to play softball next year.**
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