Retiree pension tax confusing to many

Those 67 or older are not affected

By William Axford

As of January 2012, pensions for retirees born after 1952 in the state of Michigan will no longer be exempt from state income taxes. The tax was a central focus of Gov. Rick Snyder’s platform and is expected to raise $60 million in 2012 and $90 million in 2013 for the state of Michigan.

The new pension law has been shrouded in confusion and subject to much misinformation.

Man charged with armed robbery

Suspected of making bomb threats to area schools as distraction

By Sharon Stone

Investigators believe that Adam Lee White, 33, of Burton called in two bogus bomb threats on Nov. 4 as a distraction, while he committed an armed robbery at a bank in Burton.

Schools across Genesee County went into emergency mode on Friday, Nov. 4 after learning that someone called 911 twice from Birch Run. The unknown caller reported that dirty bombs had been placed at area schools earlier this month to distract police, while he allegedly held up a bank in Burton.

Summary

Adam White, of Burton, is suspected of calling in fake bomb threats at area schools earlier this month to distract police, while he allegedly held up a bank in Burton.

Shop Local campaign a real gem

Mary Ann Betinick, owner of Sawyer Jewelers in Fenton, is one of the many local merchants who are experiencing the positive effects of the Shop Local campaign. Local retailers say their Black Friday sales are already well ahead of last year.

What to know before you go

Airlines charging sky-high prices for everything

By Sally Rummel

Restaurants aren’t the only industry serving a la carte. If you’re planning to travel by air this holiday season, you may notice that airlines are now turning to seat options as a way to collect additional fees beyond the price of the actual ticket.

“The biggest new fees are coming from airlines like Delta, that are charging for what they call premium seats,” said Cheri Church, owner of Travel Brokers, Inc. in Fenton. “Your aisle seat, window seat or emergency exit seat may cost you more than the ticket price.”

Summary

Know your airline fees and TSA policies before you fly this holiday season. Seating options are the newest fees charged. For exact information, contact your travel agent.

Tyrone Township man drowns

Pre-Thanksgiving duck-hunting trip near Lake Erie turns tragic

By Sharon Stone

Carl Jennings, 75, of Tyrone Township, drowned Tuesday afternoon after the boat he was duck hunting from capsized during a heavy rainstorm. He and two other men were thrown from the boat into the Halfway Creek, near Lake Erie, just north of the Michigan/Ohio border.

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FEATURING

Drive-thru window

not just fast food

Prescriptions, dry cleaning, ice cream, all part of ‘behind the wheel’ convenience

By Sally Rummel
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Do you want ketchup with your friess, or your latest doctor’s prescription served to you from the comfort of your driver’s seat?

Fast-food restaurants and national drug store chains such as Walgreens are just a few of the businesses that offer the convenience of drive-thru service.

When you think of drive-thru windows, the first image likely in your mind is a fast-food restaurant or a bank. While these are the most common applications of the drive-thru concept, today you’ll find ice cream shops, pharmacies, party stores, dry cleaners, and even some hardware stores using this technology.

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More men going under the knife

Facelifts top list of popular cosmetic procedures

By Sharon Stone
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A recent survey reveals that 53 percent of women and 49 percent of men say they approve of cosmetic surgery, according to the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (AMAPS). That same survey found that 67 percent of Americans said they would not be embarrassed if their friends or family knew they had cosmetic surgery.

A survey conducted by Allure magazine found that 93 percent of women and 84 percent of men say the pressure to look young today is greater than it’s ever been. The pressure, whether it’s real or perceived, along with the focus

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Janet Napolitano, who obviously hasn’t read her own job description lately, this week had her Department of Homeland Security release a two-minute video highlighting the incredible danger to Homeland Security posed by (drum roll please) “turkey fryers.” This inane video shows a short, portly, government-bureaucrat-looking guy staring into the camera and gravely monotonising, “We recently tested several models of deep-fat turkey fryers and find that this method of cooking can be very hazardous.” Even more oddly, he was wearing a construction hard hat.

This latest non-intentional joke comes from the same moron who, as head of Homeland Security, decreed on national television last year that, henceforth, acts of terrorism will be officially called “man-made disasters.”

Any populace that believes its government’s responsibilities include warning them of the dangers of preparing their holiday fowl, is a populace that has clearly lost its way. That laughing you hear is the rest of the world.

This also helps to explain why we are so far in debt. Heck, everyone knows that babies are expensive. And today, in the eyes of our inane government, we are all perpetual-newborns who should be suckling, glassy-eyed and unthinkingly, at the tit of our federal government from the cradle to the grave.


I recently read that Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., has proposed the Diaper Investment and Aid to Promote Economic Recovery (DIAPER) Act, which will provide federal funds to subsidize diaper-buying for poor families. Now we can sleep better knowing that in the event this latest handout of our hard-earned tax dollars passes, we can actually crap our pants in surprise, knowing that the guv’mint will provide us with diapers.

Of course, ass-wiping comes with a price. Like all babies, we will be completely at the mercy of the people doing the ass-wiping – politicians with IQs that make Kim Kardashian look like Stephen Hawking, and morals that make Bernie Madoff look like an Eagle Scout.

Make no mistake about it. There are many in this country who would be perfectly happy living off the backs of the rest of us at the price of something they never valued in the first place – their freedom. They don’t feel hemmed in when they look out at the world through the bars of their government crib.

As for me, I’ll fry my own turkey and run my own life, thank you very much.

New Hampshire’s state motto is becoming ever more relevant under the rule of the Obama administration. Live free or die.

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If you could be on a game show, which one would it be?

“Wheel of Fortune,” it’s fun and exciting.”
— Daloress Sydor, Fenton

“Hole in the Wall,” it would be fun to jump through the wall.”
— Ashley Lyon, Fenton

“Wheel of Fortune,” because I do well at guessing when I am watching it.”
— Jamie Collier, Fenton

“Wheel of Fortune,” it would be a fun experience.”
— Samantha Stratman, Fenton

“Jeopardy,” I have enjoyed it for years and I like to try to beat them.”
— Fred Tamchuck, Fenton

“The Price is Right,” I have always liked it. It’s a better chance and a better gamble.”
— Michael Sanders, Fenton
Linden cop to lead holiday parade

Rescue efforts in summer bring unexpected attention

By Sharon Stone

Linden — Linden Police Officer Gary Conklin has been selected to be this year’s grand marshal of the Linden Holiday Happening parade. The Linden Holiday Happening is an annual event, which takes place this year on Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3.

Conklin, 41, of Fenton, has been a police officer for 17 years and he has been with Linden police since 1999. The 1988 graduate of Linden High School was quite humbled to have been selected for this honor.

The selection committee chose Conklin to lead the parade to recognize his rescue efforts this past summer. On Aug. 3, Conklin, who was patrolling nearby, rushed to an emergency at the airpark off Silver Lake Road, just beyond Linden City limits.

Two workers had succumbed to toxic fumes and fell into a large sanitary sewer manhole. Without hesitating, Conklin, grabbed a facemask he carried in his vehicle and lowered himself into the sewer to rescue the unconscious men. One of the men died.

Conklin has always shied away from attention and believes that being a police officer merely allows him to serve his hometown. “It’s a great honor to work with the people I grew up with,” he said. Being part of a smaller department allows him to assist the residents at a more personal level. “That’s what police work is all about.”

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the selection committee made an excellent choice with Conklin. “I had to do with the rescue efforts,” he said. “He was a worthy choice and I’m very proud of him.”

DROWNS

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According to an article in the Monroe News, Jennings and the other men were on a pre-Thanksgiving duck-hunting trip. After the boat capsized, Morin Point firefighters and sheriff’s deputies searched more than two hours before finding Jennings floating in 6 feet of water, about 200 feet offshore at about 5:30 p.m.

Jennings’ hunting partners attempted to swim back to shore. They were pulled from the water by firefighters working from a rescue boat and tended to by rescue personnel.

Morin Point Fire Chief Pat Zaleski reportedly said that rescue efforts were challenging because of the torrential rain accompanied by waves of 1 to 3 feet high, 25 to 30 mile an hour winds and temperatures in the 30s.
TAX

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“The first thing that concerned retirees should do is talk to their tax preparer,” advises Mike VanGeothem, owner of VanGeothem Bookkeeping and Accounting. “If retirees do their own taxes, they can visit Michigan.gov to see what pensions are taxed and which ones aren’t.” VanGeothem said concern amongst retirees is rising because pension providers are asking their clients if they want state income taxes withheld from their pensions for 2013. The new law does not go into effect until Jan. 1, 2012 however, and retirees won’t have to grapple with the new pension tax until the 2013 tax season.

The law affects young retirees the most. For retirees born between 1946 and 1952 and are younger than 67 years old, they will no longer be eligible for the senior citizen exemption for interest, dividends and capital gains. Public and private pension subtractions are now limited to $20,000 for single filers and limited to $40,000 for married couples.

The pension subtractions are not available to retirees who have an income that exceeds $75,000 a year or to married couples who have an annual income of $150,000 or more. Once retirees born between 1946 and 1952 reach the age of 67, they will no longer be eligible for an income exemption if a retiree’s income includes a military or railroad pension exemption.

Taxpayers born after 1952 — 59 years old or younger — are not eligible for the exemptions outside of Social Security, railroad pensions and military pensions until they reach the age of 67. Once they reach the age of 67, retirees are not eligible for senior citizen exemptions for interest, dividends and capital gains. Public and private pension subtractions are void as well.

However, once retirees born after 1952 reach the age of 67, they will become eligible for income exemptions. One option limits income exemption to $20,000 for single filers and $40,000 for married couples. Exemptions for Social Security, military or railroad pensions are void.

Single retirees who have an income that exceeds $75,000 and married retirees that have $150,000 or more are not eligible for the income exemption.

The second option for retirees born after 1952 and reach the age of 67 is an exemption on Social Security, military and railroad pensions.

Retirees born before 1952 are not affected by the new tax law.

Personal accountant Roger Renwick advises retirees born after 1952 to file for a MIW4P tax form in order to avoid big penalties before the 2013 tax season hits.

“The only thing retirees (born after 1952) can do is file for a MIW4P and have the Michigan tax taken out of their pension every paycheck,” Renwick said. “If not, retirees will owe a chunk of money every year for not paying their taxes quarterly.”

Renwick said that most of the complaints from his clients are amongst GM retirees who have not reached the age of 67. Some GM workers receive a supplemental income to hold themselves over until their Social Security activates. A significant number of GM retirees have not reached the age of 67, however, and many of them are concerned about retiring at a younger age.

“All retirees 66 and younger will have to pay the state income tax on their pensions, but once they turn 67, the taxes return to normal.”

Mike VanGeothem
Bookkeeper and accountant
HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON who said ‘begging for money for Loose senior center is a disgrace.’ Yes, it is a disgrace that Loose provides meals, which for some, is their only meal, a disgrace that they have events that allows seniors to interact. I will contact Webster dictionary to add a good definition to the word ‘disgrace.’ Thank you, Loose.

THESE HYPOCRITES AT the debates want you to believe that they will fix the mess that Obama left. Surprise, these same people helped get us in this mess. We should not hold an election at all until we take the money and the 1 percent out of politics.

LUNCH LADIES ONLY work three hours per day, get absolutely no benefits, no retirement, and are not paid for sick days. People need to check their facts. Don’t think that they are part of the budget or when the children don’t have school. We should not hold an election at all until the same people helped out the mess that Obama left. Surprise, they want you to believe that they will fix the problem. People need to check their facts. 

ROBBERY

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would go off at five unnamed schools in the county. White was arraigned on a felony charge of armed robbery on Nov. 9 in Genesee County District Court. He is being held on a $50,000 cash surety bond. His arraignment is tentatively set for Nov. 29.

Michigan State Police are investigating the case and are seeking arrest warrants for the fake bomb threats, which caused disruptions for thousands of students and concern for their parents and school officials.

Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said they believe White made the bomb threats, however, he and investigators believe there were no bombs. “He used it as a diversionary tactic so that police would be scattered for the safety of the children,” he said.

“He could rob the bank without worrying about police.”

White was to be arraigned on two more felonies Wednesday afternoon. Leyton said they are charging him with one count of a terrorist threat, a 20-year felony, and making a false bomb threat, a 4-year felony. Based on the statute, Leyton said what White allegedly did was a threat of terrorism.

Leyton said White’s alleged actions affected virtually every school within Genesee County, including those in the Lake Fenton, Fenton and Linden districts. “A lot sent their kids home early,” he said.

WHEN PAT LOCKWOOD was our state representative, we didn’t have all this drama. I am glad to see Paul Scott gone. He just didn’t have the maturity needed for the job. Lockwood should run for the open seat.

MILLIONAIRES ARE TESTIFYING in Congress, asking to pay more taxes, yet the super committee is fighting over raising taxes, unless there are more loopholes for millionaires. Obviously, they don’t feel they are paying their fair share, so tax them. Why do they need to beg to pay taxes?

I WOULD JUST like to say that these greedy newscasters and newspapers that put new in on Natalie Wood, what difference does it make. It was 50 years ago. Somebody is making money from it, and it’s not fair.

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Walgreens Pharmacy has provided drive-thru services for prescriptions since it opened in Fenton in 2002.

**DRIVE-THRU**

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Uncle Ray’s Dairyland in Fenton has offered drive-thru service since 1988, when the Durant family built a new building to house their popular retail ice cream business. “What we offer through our drive-thru is convenience more than speed, because almost all of our menu items are custom-made,” said Dave Durant, of Uncle Ray’s. “We don’t ever say that it will be fast, as in ‘fast food,’ but it will be easy and convenient.”

He believes that drive-thru business became popular when car seats for babies and children made it difficult for moms to get everybody out of the car and into a restaurant. “Drive-thrus also allow customers to remain anonymous while they place an order,” said Durant. His biggest drive-thru customer base is his hundreds of “doggie customers.”

The first drive-thru restaurant was created in 1947 by Sheldon “Red” Chaney, operator of Red’s Giant Hamburg in Springfield, Mo. Located on the famous Route 66, the restaurant served customers until its closure in 1984. Several other companies to have invented the first drive-thru restaurant, including the N’ Out burger chain, which didn’t open a drive-thru until 1948, and Jack in the Box, founded in 1951. In 1975, McDonald’s opened its first drive-thru window in Sierra Vista, Ariz. This service gave Americans a fast, convenient way to enjoy a quick meal. The company’s goal was to provide service in 50 seconds or less. Drive-thru sales eventually accounted for more than half of McDonald’s system-wide sales, and some locations report a drive-thru usage of up to 85 percent.

McDonald’s founder, Ray Kroc, was the first person to realize two drive-thru windows would allow service to two cars at a time, one to order and pay for food and the second to pick-up the food. This concept is now nearly universally used at fast-food restaurants now.

At Tim Horton’s Silver Lake Road location, manager Eric Andrews said that about 70 percent of their business is done through the drive-thru. “Fall is our busiest time, because people really want their coffee on cold mornings,” said Andrews.

Walgreens Pharmacy in Fenton has operated a double-lane drive-thru since the business opened in 2002. Just under a third of its pharmacy customers utilize the drive-thru, which was designed especially for elderly customers, parents with sick kids and patients who were recently released from the hospital. “We’re the first drug store chain to offer drive-thru service,” said Robert Ellinger, media relations for Walgreens.

“We opened our first drive-thru in 1992 and now 6,500 out of our 7,700 stores have a drive-thru.”

Trivia fans may be interested to know that the first drive-thru business was not a restaurant, but a bank. The City Center Bank in Syracuse, New York, opened a drive-thru in 1928 for the convenience of busy bank customers.

Drive-thru services may be limited only by a person’s imagination. The Robert L. Adams Mortuary in Compton, Calif., is one of a handful of funeral parlors in the United States to offer drive-thru viewings of the dead. Visitors can come by after work, they don’t need to deal with parking, they can sign the book outside, and the family knows that visitors came to pay their respects.

Some churches, including The Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ in Mt. Morris Township, have also offered drive-thru services in their parking lot.

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Fenton couple deeply involved in post-revolution Libya

By Tim Jagielo

Editor’s note: This is the first of several articles written by Times Staff Reporter Tim Jagielo, who is in Libya reporting on a Fenton couple who has been involved in the Libyan uprising and the rebuilding of the country’s new government.

On Monday, Tyrone Township couple Mustafa Gheriani and Lois Van Lente sat on the couch together, as Mustafa looked at images of Google Earth with his laptop. The weather outside is cool, and threatening rain.

Throughout the day, the couple, who has been married for 30 years, argue about politics, go for a walk, and Van Lente becomes impatient with Gheriani as he drags his feet trying to get out the door. And, Gheriani sometimes speaks over his wife. “It’s a normal life,” they said.

The couple is sharing some time together before Gheriani goes back to Libya to help rebuild his country. Van Lente is preparing to return to the United States to their American family and friends, and college-aged sons. “This has probably been some of the most relaxing time in years,” she said. “It’s been great,” said Gheriani.

Gheriani is Libyan-born but has lived in the Fenton area for many years. Since December 2010, he has spent most of his time in Libya. He saw his country go through the violence of its revolution, while Van Lente waited from their Fenton home.

Communication was very difficult. They couldn’t have discussions over daily problems. Conversations were limited to cursory chatting even after the fighting had ended in Libya. “The visits became very important, because you couldn’t get much depth,” said Van Lente.

Now they are enjoying a little relief, eating grilled sea bass at a Tunisian restaurant on Monday evening, before they are separated again by 10,000 miles of land and ocean.

Van Lente joined Gheriani in Tunisia, Tunisia in mid-October. Tunis is currently the safest place from which to fly into Libya. Gheriani’s home city is Benghazi, Libya, where his family still resides. Since October, the couple has lived under his mother’s roof.

Lois Van Lente and Mustafa Gheriani take a walk through the streets near Tunis, Tunisia on Monday, before Van Lente flies back to the United States and Gheriani flies back to Libya. (See more photos on Page 14A)

“Libya is at a crossroads.”

Mustafa Gheriani

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LIBYA
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Gheriani has been busy building a water distribution infrastructure and forming a political assembly, which could eventually become a legitimate political party in Libya.

Van Lente enjoyed the sights of her surrogate home country, and attended important events, including when Libya declared its freedom from the past regime earlier this month. She visited with her extended family and worked on learning more Arabic.

The couple exercise and take trips to the store together. Having traveled to Libya in the past, Van Lente has felt a little more at home. Both Van Lente and Gheriani have adjusted to their surroundings.

For Mustafa, living with his mother was almost natural for him. Van Lente, however, had more trouble adjusting.

With a background in corporate America, holding corporate positions at General Motors, it was difficult for Van Lente to experience living in a traditional, conservative Arabic household that requires the women in the house to help with the cooking for hours each day. She said she felt like she had lost her power, her agency. Her mother-in-law cut her lots of slack, and she, of course, loves her extended family.

Gheriani’s challenges were the result of being away from his home country for 30 years. He found that communicating with other Libyans in Arabic about complex issues concerning government and business is difficult. His Arabic hadn’t developed while in the United States and his internal “library” lacked the correct terms to express some complex thoughts aloud to other Libyans.

Van Lente hopped on a plane back to the United States from Tunis on Tuesday morning. She arrived in Flint late that night. Mustafa will return to Fenton for Christmas, and then immediately return to Benghazi until late January.

The couple is hoping things will stay calm in the family, and in the country. “Libya is at a crossroads,” said Gheriani. The country has a limited time to get on its feet and establish a government. Gheriani hopes to use his political assembly to get Libyan citizens involved.

Their family is at a crossroads as well. On the counter at the hotel is a drawing of a house that combines ideal features of both Libya and America that Gheriani hopes to design and build. For the next extended stay, the couple hopes to have a permanent residence where Van Lente can have her agency, and her own space, in Benghazi.

About Libya
Libya is located in North Africa, and is separated from Italy by the Mediterranean Sea. Libya has 6 million people inside a country twice the size of Texas. The next step for Libya politically is to hold elections, and form their own government and constitution after completely removing the past government from power.
AIRLINES
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than a middle seat or seat at the rear of the plane.

The new seating fees are the latest hikes in an industry that has raised prices up to 20 percent this year alone. Baggage fees, which were implemented by airlines three years ago to keep fares down when fueling costs skyrocketed, have become almost standard across the industry.

The only major airline that hasn’t jumped on the baggage fee bandwagon is Southwest Airlines, according to Church. Dallas-based Southwest Airlines acquired Orlando-based Air Tran earlier this year. Air Tran continues to charge $20 for the first checked bag and $25 for the second checked bag, each half of a round-trip destination.

The worst airline for charging extra fees, according to Church, is Spirit Airlines. Spirit is the only carrier to have added fees for travelers who wait to pay for carry-on or checked luggage within 24 hours of departure: an extra $5 on top of the carry-on fee when paying online and an extra $10 when paying over the phone. Flyers who pay for carry-on bags early — and aren’t members of the airline’s fare club — pay $30 for a carry-on that won’t fit under the seat.

Spirit became the only U.S. carrier to charge for carry-on bags when it instituted new fees in April 2010. Paying for carry-on bags at the airport now will cost $40 at the airport check-in counter or kiosk and $45 at the gate.

Flyers that travel with overweight bags will also get socked with extra fees. Most carriers charge for bags weighing more than 50 pounds. Spirit Airlines charges an additional $25 for bags weighing more than 40 pounds, in addition to the checked-bag charge. Checked-bag fees start at $28 for the first bag checked online or by phone — 24 hours in advance — for travelers who aren’t part of the airline’s fare club. Bags weighing more than 50 pounds on Spirit incur $50 to $100 overweight baggage fees, depending on weight.

“The only way we can say on top of all the fees is to keep our website up to date,” added Church. “We make sure our customers know about the website, because these fees change so often.”

Baggage fees at a glance

These fees are used only as an example. Depending upon whether a traveler checks in on-line, in advance, or at the check-in the day of travel, will determine the exact fees charged. For more exact information, contact your travel agent, the airline website or visit www.iflybags.com.

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Airport travelers will want to adhere strictly to Transportation Safety Administration policies relating to security, such as only carrying 3 oz. or less of liquids or gels, in containers that fit into a quarter-size plastic bag. “Travelers today are utilizing more of their hotel’s personal hygiene items, so they don’t have to worry about the restrictions,” said Church.

TSA is also very strict about a traveler’s name on his or her ticket, which has to exactly match the name as printed on a driver’s license or passport. “You can’t be off by even a letter,” said Church. “They can deny you entrance onto the aircraft.”

There are some bright spots, however, in the world of air travel. Some airlines are beginning to respond to the needs of travelers who are seeking comfort on long flights. Called Economy Comfort, these coach seats provide four more inches of legroom, a larger seat, more room to recline and better service. One example is a Detroit to Amsterdam flight from Delta Airlines.

“Almost all of the airlines are going to start doing this,” said Church. “We’ll see more domestic East Coast/West Coast flights offering Economy Comfort, plus flights to Hawaii. The extra ticket charge is about $75 to $125 per seat, much less than flying first-class or business. It’s a good option for many people.”

The best way to ensure smooth travel, especially during the holidays, is to use the services of a travel agent, or to book a trip on-line using their website. “You get the best of both worlds that way,” said Church. “You can use the Internet to plan your trip, but book it through an agency. That way, we can help you if you run into a snag while you’re traveling. Otherwise, you’re out of luck.”

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KNIFE
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many Generation X’ers (31–45 year olds) have on health and beauty may mean an increase in both surgical and non-surgical cosmetic procedures in the coming years, according to AMAPS. More than four million men and women in this age group underwent a procedure.

Baby Boomers between the age of 51 and 64 accounted for 29 percent of total cosmetic procedures in 2010. As this generation ages, they may be more apt to seek out treatments, procedures and surgeries to help them appear younger. Botox injections, eyelid surgeries, liposuction and chemical peels are common requests, according to the AMAPS.

In a recent Wall Street Journal article, Daniel Hamermesh, an economics professor at the University of Texas in Austin, measured out the benefits of attractiveness in his book, “Beauty Pays: Why Attractive People Are More Successful.”

According to Hamermesh’s research, people are likely to earn an average of 3 to 4 percent more than a person with below-average looks. That adds up to $230,000 more over a lifetime for the typical good-looking person. He said even an average-looking worker is likely to make $140,000 more over a lifetime than an ugly worker.

Statistics released earlier this year by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) show that more men are going under the knife. Overall, cosmetic plastic surgery procedures in men were up 2 percent in 2010 compared to 2009.

Some male surgical procedures, however, increased significantly. Facelifts for men rose 14 percent in 2010 while male liposuction increased 7 percent.

Statistics from 2010 ASPS show that men underwent more than 1.1 million cosmetic procedures, both minimally invasive and surgical. The majority of the Men’s Top 10 fastest-growing cosmetic procedures are surgical, which bucks the previous trend of growth in minimally invasive treatments.

“The growth in cosmetic surgical procedures for men may be a product of our aging baby boomers, who are now ready to have plastic surgery,” said ASPS President Phillip Haeck, MD. “Minimally-invasive procedures such as Botox and soft tissue fillers work to a point. However, as you age and gravity takes over, surgical procedures that lift the skin are necessary in order to show significant improvement.”

Stephen Baker, MD, an ASPS member surgeon based in Washington D.C., said, “Typically people think of celebrities and high profile men undergoing cosmetic surgery.

“And while that may be true, the typical male cosmetic surgery patient that I see is an average guy who wants to look as good as he feels. Most of my patients are ‘men’s men,’ the kind of guy you might not think would have plastic surgery.”

Steve Singer, office manager at Skin and Vein Center in Fenton, said although he could not provide exact numbers, the office has seen an increase in the number of men coming in for a procedure. Their clientele remains predominately women.

Singer said, unlike plastic surgery, which changes the appearance of a person, cosmetic surgery turns back the clock five to 10 years for a client. Popular procedures that men request are laser hair removal, tattoo removal and procedures such as brow lifts, mini facelifts and skin resurfacing. Men are also increasingly requesting liposuction and hair transplants.

Singer said he has even been thinking about having his eyelids improved.

Summary
Men are increasingly thinking about having cosmetic surgery to present a younger appearance.

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Fenton Education Support Personnel would like to thank the community and all the volunteers for their help in collecting food, donations and VG’s receipts. A special thanks goes to VG’s Grocery North Leroy Street employees for their contributions, donations and management in helping make this a very successful year in collecting food.

Thank you to the Fenton Fire Department for their help in unloading the bus and delivering the food. Volunteers that helped make up the holiday baskets and work the collection sites are Denny and Mary Colwell, the National Honor Society, Fenton Educational Support Personnel, Fenton Area Public Schools, the Loose Center Community Angels, many members of area churches and the Tri-County Times.

Without the community, we could not have accomplished what we did this year. It will help many families. Thank you for your generosity.

— Carla Juarez
Fenton Educational Support Personnel

St. John school to host annual tree lighting

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School and St. John School Educational Foundation will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 8, in the cafetaria at 9:45 a.m., following the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at St. John Catholic Church. Christmas ornaments decorated by the students will be displayed on the school’s Christmas tree. For a donation to the St. John School Educational Foundation, these ornaments will be decorated “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” a loved one. All proceeds will go to the school’s art program. Ornaments may be reserved by calling (810) 629-6551 or visiting the school office at 514 Lincoln St., Fenton. All those who have given donations to the foundation in 2011 are invited to attend the ceremony.

Social News

BIRTHS

MILLER

Chad and Jessica Miller of Fenton have announced the birth of a son, Grayson Thomas Miller. He was born on Oct. 21, 2011 at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township at 7:17 p.m. His weight was 10 lbs., 1 oz., and he was 21 inches long. His grandparents are Tom and Nancy Miller of Fenton, Rick Morris of Fenton, and Rick and Marty Neal of Fenton. He has brothers, Sutton, 4, and Hudson, 2.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF CONGRESS, THE super committee, or any other political entity doesn’t get the job done, then we, the people, should be able to demand an immediate election to remove any or all of the parties involved for not doing their jobs. I’m sure someone out there is capable.

I HOPE THAT all of you anti-union Target/Walmart people, who have to work on Thanksgiving, enjoy your day. If you had a union, you’d be protected by your contract pertaining to holiday work. Before retirement, my union contract (ironworkers, not autoworkers), negotiated Thanksgiving off, with pay. Working Thanksgiving was voluntary, and paid triple time wages.

WHEN AN UNSUSTAINABLE deal is made between a government employer and a union on behalf of a government employee, whose fault is it? Don’t blame the taxpayers who had no part in the deal. It’s the same with all government promises. Blame the failed unsustainable promises on politicians and dealmakers.

MY WIFE AND I would like to know about the tree branch that’s down on the power line on Elm Street. I wish they would cut it, because it’s really not looking all that hot. Also, the lights by the school (down to Corbin) are out, and kept going off and back on. I was hoping they could get that fixed, as well as the streetlights. Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and don’t eat too much.

IF HUMANS EVOLVED from apes, why are there still apes? Dogs evolved from wolves, why are there still wolves?

Fall Classes at Gerych’s

This is just a preview of all the classes and events, please check online for the full list.

SAT & SUN, NOV 26-27, 11AM-4PM
Photos with Santa
Photo sessions are available at no cost.

SAT & SUN, DEC 3-4, 11AM-4PM (FREE)
Christmas Open House
Remember the best gift you can give is the gift of love. Come shop at the WAY7 Detroit Christmas Program

THURSDAY, DEC 1, 4-8PM (FREE)
Sewanee Tree or Wreath Bash
Join us and decorate your own Christmas tree or wreath and enter our raffle to win. We will be giving away prizes! Each piece comes with its own creative vessel.

THURSDAY, DEC 1, 4-8PM (FREE)
Upland Off-Season Workshop
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Linden school receives $500 grant
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**THIS WEEK’S INSERTS**

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If you think reality TV is a new genre of television programming, then you must be too young to remember shows like Queen for a Day, The Newlywed Game and The Dating Game. These, and other game-type shows from decades ago, gave 15 minutes of fame and sometimes fortune (or at least, a new washer or dryer) to a regular person on the street, while providing tears and laughter to a burgeoning new TV audience.

Today’s programs such as Survivor and Amazing Race might be considered “pumped up” game shows with more complicated plots and substantial winnings than their predecessors of yesteryear. Even The Bachelor and The Bachelorette could be considered game shows of wins and losses, and high emotions — from hopes and fears to laughter and disappointment.

Television game shows have played a huge role in American popular culture. When Truth or Consequences launched on TV more than 70 years ago with host Ralph Edwards, the show and the host had already enjoyed radio success for more than a decade. Game shows became enormously popular because they struck a familiar chord with the common person — anyone can be president, anybody can be rich, anybody can be famous, anybody can win, etc.

From its beginning, the term “game show” has been applied to a wide variety of programs, from Let’s Make a Deal and Deal or No Deal to the Love Connection. While quiz show scandals of the 1950s tanked these shows for a time, today’s “Reality TV” is actually the same genre of TV programming as game shows, which have been popular since the 1950s.
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Jeopardy!

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• Groom for a game show interview as if you were interviewing for a job.

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If you could do over anything in high school what would it be?: I would be more organized the first couple of years.

What do you do outside of school?: I play travel softball and hang out with my family as much as possible.

My greatest high school regret is?: being so involved and busy, I didn’t have much time to myself.

My most embarrassing school moment was: One year, the heel on my high heel shoe fell off and I fell in front of these senior boys and I was wearing a skirt.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?: To fly, because you could take off whenever you wanted.

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If you do anything to get ready for a class what is it?: I do homework from the day before.

What are you planning to do after graduation?: I plan to go to Ball State in Indiana. I want a degree in pre-physical therapy and exercise science.

Where will you be and what will you be doing 10 years from now?: I hope to be married and have a family. I hope to be a partner at a physical therapy business, and I want to live in North Carolina.

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By Sally Rummel
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Parents wonder when to finish raising the kids

**DEAR AMY:** I have four adult children, two of whom used to adore each other but now have had a definite parting of the ways. One of the children has said really hurtful things to other family members and even after the issue passes there is not one word of apology. Nor have we, as parents, asked for apologies — even when the vitriol is pointed at us. We have just gone on and put it out of our minds, but it is definitely not forgotten.

They all function well in society, are college graduates, earn good livings, pay their bills and don’t seem to have problems. What are the parents of adult children supposed to do in these circumstances? Stand by and pretend nothing is going on, or try to help work things out? What are our responsibilities, if any, to keep their behavior “between the lines” if they earn their own livings and no longer live in our home?

— Older But Not Wiser

**DEAR OLDER:** When your children become adults, your primary responsibility reverts to checking, monitoring and adjusting your own behavior — not theirs. Upon reflection, you may see how your behavior has influenced your children. You may see, for instance, how your garrulous ability to absorb and not react to vitrioliccondemns — an abusive dynamic.

You may also notice that waiting for “issues to pass” sometimes means that the issue never really passes. It merely lies dormant. You should not tell these adults how to behave out in the world. You should encourage them to work things out without over-functioning for them.

On your own behalf you say, “I’ve had it with your behavior toward me. You are my child, and I love you. If you want to talk things out and work things out, I’d really like to do that. But I simply won’t put up with being treated badly.”

There might be more to this dynamic that you haven’t contemplated (or are ignoring). If this adult has emotional wounds left over from childhood, you should welcome these discussions — as long as they remain civil.

**DEAR AMY:** This is dumb, but I seem to have found myself wanting my horrid ex-boyfriend back. I thought I loved him, but in reality I was just obsessed with him.

I know we’re not good for each other, but I also know I can’t do anything else. I feel like I don’t have a choice.

What do I do?

**DEAR HELP:** Has it occurred to you to be alone for a while? Think about it: no beer, no alcohol. Just you and your couch and the Lifetime channel. (Not that you should take your relationship cues from the Lifetime channel, mind you.)

You cannot use one person to get over another person. As much as I wish it weren’t so, idiots and jerks do not cancel each other out. Idiots and jerks accumulate. What you need to do to change is to change yourself. Keep your ability to keep your own company. Be alone. Figure out what you need to do differently. And then do things differently.

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**LeftoverTurkeyRECIPE**

**Turkey Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Pickled Onions**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 2 slices of rye bread
- 2-3 T butter
- 2-3 slices leftover turkey
- 2-3 slices Monterey jack cheese
- 2-3 pieces of arugula (optional)
- A handful of sweet pickled onions or another sweet side

**INSTRUCTIONS**
1. Heat a frying pan, preferably a cast iron one, over medium-high heat for 1-2 minutes. While the pan is heating, assemble the sandwich, starting with a layer of bread, then cheese, then turkey, arugula, pickles, and another slice of bread. Butter the side closest to the cheese and place the sandwich butter-side down on to the hot pan to cook.
2. Once the bottom of the sandwich is browned, about 2-3 minutes, butter the top of the sandwich and carefully flip the sandwich over in the pan. Toast for another minute, then turn the heat to its lowest setting and cover the pan. Watch the cheese, and when it melts you’re done.

Eat immediately.

**Note:** Makes 1 sandwich

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**paw’s corner**

Can cats overdose on catnip?

**DEAR PAW’S CORNER:** Is it possible to give too much catnip to a cat? And, is dried catnip as potent as fresh?

— Gina in Flint, Mich.

**DEAR GINA:** I’ve seen cats react to catnip in a variety of different ways — from tearing around the house to lounging draped across furniture — but have not read of a cat actually “overdosing” on the herb.

Nepetaclacium is the chemical that produces a cat’s distinct reaction to catnip. It’s released when the plant is bruised, which is why you’ll often see a cat rubbing against and biting fresh catnip. According to various sources, the cat’s “high” is produced when it sniffs the bruised leaves or stems; eating catnip produces a sedative effect. Cats generally lose interest in catnip once they’ve had enough.

As to whether fresh or dried catnip is better, or equally potent, dried catnip can be just as effective, although like any dried herb, the age of the catnip and how it has been stored can affect its potency. That’s one reason to look carefully at brands of dried catnip or catnip-impregnated toys before purchasing.

Pet owners can grow their own catnip on the windowsill, in full sun (out of reach of the cat until it’s strong enough to put up with a cat’s devoted attention) and either present it fresh to the cat or trim the mature plant and hang it upside down to dry.

Finally, what to do if you place catnip in front of your pet and it shows no interest? Walk away for a while — it will either get interested eventually or not, but most cats can’t be forced to ingest or play with catnip.
**Small advocates, big cause**

Holly Elementary School fourth-graders Maika Hogarth (left) and Samantha Dimercurio raised more than $1,000 for diabetic research during a walkathon.

Both students have had diabetes for the past four years and are excited to have contributed toward a cure.

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Notice is hereby given to the residents of Groveland Township that a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 @ 4695 Grange Hall Rd., Holly, MI 48442. The purpose of the hearing is to reprogram 2011 CDBG funds for the following:

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Change Description To: Transfer funding from the purchase of equipment to Remove Architectural Barriers for the competition of two handicap restrooms at Fire Station #1, 14645 Dixie Highway, Holly MI 48442. The project is ongoing from PY 2009 & 2010 with grant funding being used to purchase restroom fixtures.

The Township board meeting room is handicap accessible. Arrangements to re-arrange the accommodation special needs will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice.

Pam Mazich, Clerk 248-634-4152 or by e-mail clerk@grovelandtownship.net

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**Featured columnist**

By Roger Campbell

Enjoy the sound of silence

How much noise can you pump into your head before you begin to drown out God’s voice? This question introduces a timely article by Joseph Benz, appearing in the daily devotional booklet ‘In Touch,’ titled ‘This Noisy Life.’

The author of ‘Silent God: Finding Him When You Can’t Hear His Voice,’ observes that it’s not hard to spend every waking (and sleeping) moment connected to some sort of device that injects information into our brains, writing: ‘From morning ‘til night, we’re bombarded by 24-hour news channels, billboards, websites, e-mail, and other potential mental clamor.’

The Psalmist advised those going through great trials to be still and know that God is in control (Psalm 46:10). But how can our hearts be still when our minds are filled with unnerving news flowing in continually from both near and far away?

At one time, I was so hooked on being in touch with every late-breaking headline that the tuning buttons on my car radio were set to enable me to hear the latest news reports as quickly as possible by those whom I felt were most able to keep me informed. This moment-by-moment button pushing enabled me to feel current with what was happening in the world, no matter where I was traveling.

Then, while passing through a period of great stress, I suddenly realized that part of my trouble was of my own making. I was feeding my fears by always reaching out for all the trouble I could grasp. As a result, I reset my radio buttons and started tuning out much of what I had been inviting into my mind. The positive results of this move proved to be pleasantly surprising. The quiet silenced my fears and increased personal peace.

Joseph Benz warns that the real danger of being ruled by a noisy life is that all these distractions can lure us away from God, adding that another result of this continual clutter filling our brains may cause Him to be just one more item to multitask.

In his words: ‘The addictive quality of this perpetual din is what makes it so tough to get under control. We may move from not being able to escape it to not really wanting to. Take away our e-mail or cell phones — even for a short time — and we feel deprived, maybe even anxious.’

How, then, can we break this desire for noise and bondage to our toys?

An important resource for achieving such freedom has for many, been having a daily appointment in a quiet place for prayer and Bible reading.

Our Lord frequently took His disciples away from the crowds that followed them so He could teach them without being disturbed.

Isaiah, the prophet, was told he could find strength for his many responsibilities and trials through quietness and confidence (Isaiah 30:15).

How does one build a devotional life that insulates from the negatives in this noisy world? Times of quietness and prayer that work well for some may be impractical for others, but the basic ingredients for achieving a quiet heart in the midst of this commercial clutter are the same — a desire to break the bondages that monopolize our lives and steal the sweet sounds of silence we need to build our faith.

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By David Troppens
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Maybe it has to do with the number of sports that the fall has to offer. Or maybe the fall sports season is just that much better than the other two seasons during the school year.
Whatever the reason, the true answer probably lies between both of those thoughts. And the fall has produced another strong season.
And because of it, we are going to extend our final Fall Top Five with another five below as honorable mention squads. When the 2011-12 school year ends, it’s likely some of these teams will make our end of the school year top 16.
We’re going 10 deep, and here’s the amazing thing. The list still doesn’t include our own football team — Lake Fenton.
We will breeze through No. 10 to No. 6 pretty quickly.
Lake Fenton volleyball had 31 wins during the regular season, but then capped the year with a Class B district title. The Blue Devils earn the No. 10 spot.
Holly football (7-3) has now started 0-2 in each of the last two years, rebounded with wins against Fenton and Linden and then made the playoffs after that rough start. This year’s team was a co-Metro champion. The Bronchos finish at No. 9.
Linden football team had its ups and downs, but when given a second chance in the playoffs, the Eagles responded. They finished No. 8 in the poll due to their district title. The Bronchos could argue ownership of this spot, but Linden went farther in the playoffs, giving them the nod.
The Holly girls cross country team flirted with the No. 1 spot for much of the fall, but a rough regional doomed them to a spot outside the top five. Still, their Metro dominance earns them the No. 7 spot for the fall.
Fenton volleyball is finding itself the dominant team in the Metro, but also is finding competition in its districts with teams double their school size pretty. See TOP FIVE on 10B

Final Fall Tri-County Top Five Team list announced

Area soccer players training in England

By David Troppens
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Logan Volmar and a few other Fenton area soccer players didn’t have time to enjoy their turkey dinners on Thursday.
That’s because they were heading to England.
Volmar was one of six tri-county players that were given the right to travel to England for coaching by English Premier League trainers from the Bolton Wanderers. The English Premier League is, arguably, the strongest professional soccer league in the world and is certainly one of the most watched leagues.
“Yeah, I’m pretty excited. It’s my dream to go to England and to play,” Volmar said. “I have watched the games on TV and the atmosphere is incredible. Soccer is their main sport. It’s looked upon differently than it is here in the United States. Once you are born, they get into soccer right away.”
Others that were invited were Fenton’s Derek Jenkins, Andrew Huntley and Liam Adams, as well as Linden players Austin Brassuer and Michael Ziccaidi. They earned the opportunity through ties with the Midwest Soccer Association, which is based on Fenton, with the Bolton Wanderers.
Players went through training and had to catch the eye of the EPL trainers. The ones that did were invited to Bolton for five days of training, as well as an invitation to watch the Bolton Wanderers play Everton in an EPL game Sunday. Bolton is the home of United States national player Stuart Holden. Meanwhile, the U.S. team’s starting keeper, Tim Howard, plays for Everton.
The students weren’t the only ones invited to go. Rick Miracle, MSA Director of Youth Development, is also going to watch the training.
“I’m pretty excited about it. It will be the first time I have ever gone to England,” Miracle said. “I’m looking to work with the coaches. I want to pick their brains.”
The training will include several types of testing. There will be a grand skills competition as well.
“It should be a good experience,” Volmar said. “Hopefully I can perform well and catch their eye. I can learn a lot from the other kids and the coaches.”
“The training is going to be pretty rigorous,” Volmar is excited about attending the EPL contest as well.
“That will be my first professional soccer game ever,” Volmar said. “And it’s sweet it will be in England.”
Fenton’s Logan Volmar (left) chases a ball in a game this fall against Holly. He is currently in England, training with the English Premier League’s Bolton Wanderers.

Five individuals, one team inducted into Linden athletic HOF

By David Troppens
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Kyle Hopkins remembers the 1987 Linden varsity baseball season fondly.
He was a team member, well, sort of.
Hopkins was the bat boy for the squad that compiled a 34-6 record, earning a Metro League championship with a 13-2 record and earning the first Class B district championship in school history.
Little did the team know at the time, that it was also the year they would enter the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame the same day Hopkins would enter as an athlete.

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Current Linden coach and past football, basketball and baseball standout Kyle Hopkins was one of five people that were inducted into the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame recently.

The 1987 baseball team and Hopkins were just two honorees during the Nov. 19 banquet at Spring Meadows Country Club. Also entering were athletes Dan Champagne, Jon Champagne and Missy Ward. James Stairs also earned induction under the special services category.
“That baseball team was one of the first teams I remember,” Hopkins said. “I was the batboy, and I kept score during the game. It was nice to be able to have a relationship with everyone.”
That year when (current Linden High School varsity baseball coach) Steve Buerkel went to the All-Star Game, I went down with my mom and dad to watch the game. I was close with a lot of the people on that team, and was close with Dan and Jon the one year we overlapped and played together.”
Hopkins, who continues to

did you know?  Wilt Chamberlain once grabbed 55 rebounds in a single NBA contest on Nov. 24, 1960.

See BASEBALL on 11B

Area baseball team wins Flint League title

By David Troppens
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Rhino Recycling enjoyed last year’s championship so much, it made sense to win it again this year.
And that’s what the recreation baseball team did.
Rhino Recycling, coached by Harold Krueger, won the Jack Wright Flint Baseball 35 and Over title for the second year in a row.
The squad won the league, the mini playoffs and the regular playoffs, earning a 19-1 record during the fall season.
In fact, the team’s only loss came when coach Krueger went to the wrong field.
“That’s the first time in 63 years of coaching I’ve ever done that,” Krueger said. “Getting old is my excuse.”
The squad won the championship game 4-0. Offensively, Steve Buerkel, Timmy Farnswiller, Matt Idoni, Ryan Snodsmith and Brett Luchenhall were the team’s top hitters.
Meanwhile, Greg Deeg, Steve Sarkan and Joe Schneider combined for the shutout on the mound.
See BASEBALL on 11B

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Fenton baseball players and fans were among the first teams to be inducted into the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUF BACH
Fenton JV football program records perfect season

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The Fenton varsity football team has won a Metro League title and gone to the regional finals in each of the last two seasons. And it looks like the Tigers may not be done with their impressive runs if you go based on the sophomore class. The sophomores completed a perfect 9-0 JV season this fall, earning the class its second straight perfect regular season. As freshmen they also went 9-0. And it’s not like the Tigers are being pushed on a consistent basis. This season the JV team outscored its opponents 332-60.

“The challenge for most of the season was not having them think they were as good as they were,” JV coach Mike Tokarsky said. “We were blowing out people most of the time, and it was hard to say, ‘This is the hardest team you’ll play all year,’” and then have them blow them out by 30 points. That’s a football bunch of kids. Top to bottom, they love to play football.”

The “football first” mentality showed during the offseason. Since last November, Tokarsky said a majority of the team participated with offseason weight-training, speed and agility work and 7-on-7 passing leagues.

The team capped its season with one of its closest games of the year, but still beat Swwartz Creek 24-7 in that contest. Tokarsky said he frequently changed lineups from week-to-week, but the players didn’t squabble about it.

“We’d change things every week with the starting positions to create matchups against our opponents,” Tokarsky said. “Each week the players were ‘all-in’ to helping the team. Nobody complained or questioned our strategy. They just all wanted to win.”

Tokarsky said the team has good speed at the skill positions on offense and that the defense was aggressive.

“There are two things that really helped this year,” Tokarsky said. “We played solid defense and had good field percentage. And half of the time we went deep, we were successful.”

“Tokarsky can’t wait to see the players at the varsity level next year.”

“I’m excited to see what they do next year,” he said. “Things are going to get better. I truly believe that.”

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Tomaszewski caps great career; Rivette begins collegiate career strong

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Gabrielle Rivette at Northwood University

Fenton graduate and Northwood University freshman Gabrielle Rivette is getting accustomed to the college game really well.

In Northwood’s first two contests — both wins — Rivette has played outstanding. She has started both contests, and leads the team with 13 assists and seven steals. She has scored 23 points, and grabbed eight rebounds as well. She is shooting 50 percent from the field.

Northwood opened the season with a 71-62 victory against Illinois-Springfield.

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Baseball

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Most of the members on the team are from the tri-county area. They include Krueger, Snodsmith, Jeff Krcijek, Mike McClain, Steve Michels, Gary Igna- siak, Buerkel, Luckenbill, Darin Dreasky, Randy Nosek, Mark Niec, Mik Hardin, Steve Sarkon, Chad Logan, Jeff Hamilton, Scott Aldred, Tony Mora, Louie McFall, Idoni, Dennis Younce, Gordie Heterick, Jeff Tanery, Aaron Ruby, Joe Schneider, Jim Bailey, Jeff Bailey, Timmy Fromwiller, Al Thomas, Duane Kinney, Ryan Long, Dan Snower, Eric Rettemmund and Jim Antonangeli. The team scorerkeeper was Lauren Reynolds.

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Fenton graduate and Northwood University freshman Gabrielle Rivette (right) is off to a strong start at Northwood.

and followed that up with an 82-71 win against Mercyhurst. In that game, Rivette had 10 points, seven assists, six steals and five rebounds in 35 minutes of action.

Rivette, a 5-foot-6 guard was a four-time member of the Tri-County Women’s Basketball Team while at Fenton High School. She was the Tri-County Female Player of the Year twice.
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