New 10¢ per gallon gas tax likely to pass

Michigan lawmakers introduce new tax and fees for road work

By Tim Jagielo

If given the chance, what would you pay to ensure Michigan no longer has crumbling roads or bridges? How about 9 cents per gallon extra, or $60 more for your registration? This could become a reality if the set of bills introduced last week by the Michigan House of Representatives becomes law.

See ROADS on 3A

“Got to fix the roads, then yeah, for me it's a good idea to raise the price and fix the roads.”

Joe Yousif
Marathon Service Station, Fenton

Local man experiencing all Super Bowl has to offer

Best friend is Patriots punter
Tim North, originally from Linden, is enjoying numerous festivities associated with this year’s Super Bowl. His friend Zoltan Mesko, who he met while playing football for the University of Michigan, surprised him with tickets to the game. Mesko now punts for the New England Patriots.

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Best thing since sliced bread

Lyllis Mann, of Hartland Township, grabs berry muffins for a customer Wednesday morning at the Crust bakery in Fenton. The new shop is a sister business of The French Lavender restaurant, and handled a steady stream of customers leading up to the lunch rush.

Fenton Cinema could be sold

Purchase agreement accepted by bank

By Tim Jagielo

A Tyrone Township man has announced that he has a purchase agreement to buy the former Fenton Cinema building. He intends to convert the eight movie theaters into seven venues to provide a variety of local entertainment.

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Man survives bout with Lake Fenton ice

Don Bugala, 81, of Fenton Township, has survived hurricanes, falling off a boat in the Cayman Islands, and fishing amongst alligators in South America, but he nearly left his wife a widow by the thin ice of Lake Fenton this week.

See ICE on 3A

“I didn’t want to panic, but I thought I was probably going to die.”

Don Bugala
Fenton Township resident
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The spice of life...

Fresh herbs and spices enhance favorite dishes

By Sally Rummel
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If you are the main cook at your house, you likely have a shelf or rack of spices and herbs in your kitchen that you use every day to enhance the taste of the foods you prepare. While you may never have stopped to think about it, do you know which of those small, flavorful containers are filled with spices or herbs? What is the difference? Spices are aromatic seasonings that are obtained from the bark, buds, fruit, roots, seeds, or stems of various plants and trees, according to a book, “The New Food Lover’s Companion: Comprehensive.”

About the Sheriffs

The oldest and largest law enforcement agency in Michigan

By Tim Jagiello
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When Argentine Township police needed a confession extracted from Brandon Hayes, convicted killer of Dominick Calhoun, they called the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. It was sheriff’s deputies who removed $900,000 worth of marijuana plants from a Fenton Township home last fall, and it is the sheriff’s department that responds if you live in Fenton Township. It’s even a sheriff’s deputy that fights the most zombies on “The Walking Dead.” Sheriff departments have a role different and apart from other local police in Michigan, and provide services unique to their agency.

See SHERIFFS on 14A

The three most EXPENSIVE SPICES in the world

- SAFFRON - essentially the stigma of the crocus flower, saffron is native to Central Asia and is used as a flavoring and coloring agent. A pound of fine quality saffron may cost up to $5,000 in the international market.

- VANILLA - natural vanilla comes from the beans of the Vanilla Orchid, native to Mexico. Its high price is because flowers are artificially pollinated by hand and fruits are picked by hand once ripe. In the international market, one pound of whole vanilla pods may cost between $50-$200. Pure vanilla is $2-$3 per ounce. Mexico and Madagascar produce the best quality vanilla in the world.

- CARDAMOM - native to Southwestern India, this spice is a popular additive to Indian curries, Arabic coffees and Scandinavian baked goods. The spice itself is the seed, hand-picked from the plant before the pods are fully ripened. A pod typically contains 12 seeds and about 10 pods produce 1 teaspoon of powdered cardamom. Whole cardamoms are sold at about $30 per pound, while ground cardamom commands a price of $5-$10 per ounce.
Super Bowl XLVI by the numbers

- 85 – For all you bettors (of which I am one), here’s a ‘hot’ tip. The team whose city boasts the lowest unemployment rate during the previous calendar year has won 17 of the past 20 Super Bowls — a remarkable 85 percent success rate. The unemployment rate for the Boston area is 6.8 percent, compared to 8.5 percent for New York. Do the math!
- 0 – Number of punt return touchdowns in Super Bowl history, and the number of overtime games in Super Bowl history.
- 1 – Rank of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and wife, supermodel Gisele Bundchen, on the ‘richest celebrities’ list.

By Foster Childs

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, the undersigned, By Foster Childs, do hereby subscribe my name and affix this seal, this 2nd day of January, 2012, as a witness to the foregoing instrument.

Foster Childs

Compiled by Eric Trowt, intern.

Who would you like to see entertain during Super Bowl halftime?

- Toby Keith, because he’s my favorite.
- The Moody Blues, I think they put a classical spin on heavy metal.
- Frank Sinatra, even though he’s dead.
- Carrie Underwood, because she has a beautiful voice.
- Anyone but Madonna, because I just don’t like her.
- Linkin Park, because they’re awesome live.

— Shirley Stekawski
— Darlene Heath
— Ted Goupil
— Kathleen O’Connell
— Erin Welch
— Brittany Crossley

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NEWSFLASH: IT’S NOT Obama’s EPA.
EPA has existed since the early 70s. The rules and regulations were and have been established from that time on. Whatever they’ve done in the Virgin Islands was done by pre-existing rules and regulations, not Obama’s EPA.

MORE RIGHT-WING lies about the health care bill. It does not impose a 3.8 tax on selling your house, with a few exceptions. The first $500,000 profit will not be taxed if you are single. The first $500,000 profit will not be taxed in cases of married couples.

WHERE DID THE word ‘texted’ come from? The word ‘text’ is a plural on its own. Do we have a lazy language also?

TO THE PERSON that just bought the new TV, it must have been defective and made in China or Japan for you to get reruns on it. I just purchased an American-made TV and get only first-run shows on it. No reruns.

I WAS JUST wondering if the holes in your pockets are as big as the potholes on McCallin Lake Road. That’s sad, man. I will never vote for you again.

WAY TO GO to the Detroit genius who called in a bomb threat to the New Orleans stadium. You know, if you use a smart phone, it probably took your picture.

NEWT AND MITT, siring dirty laundry, calling each other liars, both admitting they have offshore accounts. Mitt made $40 million off Freddy. Newt made millions off backroom deals, and they call Obama a bad president. What is wrong with the Republican party?

LAST SUNDAY AT about 1 p.m. I was in McDonald’s on Owen Road and I found your Kindle. I turned it in to McDonald’s main office. I hope you got it back. God bless you.

I READ THE article on the man that tried to get a permit for that other restaurant, I’m sorry, but in a way, I’m glad because we have enough pizza places in Fenton. That place is so beautiful inside. Maybe we could get something different inside.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.
Non-profit group’s goal is to raise $60,000

By Sharon Stone

In 2011, Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton adopted out 849 homeless dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. This number is expected to rise.

Because of the growing demand, Adopt-A-Pet is holding its seventh annual Wags & Whiskers in the Woods silent auction gala on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the YWCA’s Copneconic Conference Center in Fenton Township. This event is the organization’s biggest yearly fundraiser.

Last year, more than 200 people attended and helped Adopt-A-Pet raise in excess of $30,000. Jody Maddock, program director, said although ambitious, their goal is to double those figures in order to provide continued care and loving homes for even more deserving animals.

Because of the need, Adopt-A-Pet is in the midst of constructing a new dog building, which will allow them to rescue and place more needy animals. Adopt-A-Pet is a growing no-kill, non-profit animal shelter located in Fenton Township.

Adopt-A-Pet helps find homes for homeless pets and it serves the community and surrounding area by taking in unwanted animals. They spay and neuter the animals and provide necessary veterinary care before adopting the animals out to loving families. They also rescue adoptable animals to save them from being euthanized.

Among Adopt-A-Pet’s goals is to educate the community on how to care for animals as well as inform people about the overpopulation problem, meaning that they encourage people to spay and neuter their pets.

The organization is hoping residents and businesses will want to be a part of this event by attending or making a donation for the auction.

Organizers are excited about the variety of auction items that guests will be able to bid on this year, including car washes, restaurant gift cards, photography sittings, paintings, sports memorabilia, Detroit Tigers tickets, wine tasting, hotel stays, spa treatments, jewelry, airplane rides, etc.

Last year they had more than 150 items in the silent auction and 10 items in the live auction. A small number of donation volunteers have been actively giving throughout the community soliciting donations, however, organizers are hoping to reach even more people to help with their cause. If anyone wants to donate, they should contact Lisa Kowalski, donation chairperson and volunteer at rlbelle@comcast.net or (248) 459-2337.

Donations can also be dropped off at Adopt-A-Pet at 13575 Fenton Road.

Summary

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton is holding its biggest fundraiser of the year, Wags & Whiskers in the Woods’ silent auction and dinner on Saturday, Feb. 25.
Voices activate smartphones

By William Axford

Smartphones have become so advanced that owners no longer need to call someone in order to have a conversation. Siri, the iPhone 4s program that speaks back, is the latest innovation in the evolution of smartphones.

“People are buying the iPhone for the iPhone, not because they want Siri,” said Wireless Zone owner Joe Bommarito. “Ever since I opened my first store four years ago, people have been asking for the iPhone.”

Bommarito said the demand for iPhones has always been strong but was limited to only AT&T when it was first introduced. After Apple expanded their services to Sprint, Verizon and other carriers, the iPhone has become far more accessible.

That accessibility has brought huge profits for Apple, who reportedly earned $46.3 billion this past December. Android’s profits are harder to calculate since Google doesn’t create phones and sells the Android platform to multiple manufacturers.

As impressive as Siri is, speech capabilities are not exclusive to iPhones. Google’s Android software allows for various speech applications as well, such as speech-to-text and voice recognition. Bommarito, for example, has asked his phone for the nearest restaurant and a list of nearby eateries appeared on his screen. A major difference between the Android speech features and the iPhone 4s however is Siri’s ability to speak back, sometimes with snarky responses.

Ask Siri “Guess what” and she might respond with, “Don’t tell me... you were just elected President of the United States, right?”

Both the iPhone and Android phones can send e-mails and text messages via speech-to-text apps. Users can even utilize the speech functions to update statuses on Twitter and Facebook. Simply save the phone numbers listed underneath the mobile sections on the sites and an update can be sent by a simple voice command.

Bommarito sees the speaking functions becoming a standard feature of smartphones in the future. “It’s so prevalent with Android that I don’t even think about it,” Bommarito said. “I can tell my phone an address and it will give me turn-by-turn directions.”

‘Face time’ giving way to ‘screen time’?

In addition to making phone calls, smartphones come with a slew of extra avenues for communication. FaceTime, Skype and text messaging are becoming more prevalent on our phones, decreasing the amount of time people spend communicating face to face.

The lack of in-person communication may lead to social problems however, especially for younger children and teenagers. A study developed by Stanford University researchers suggests face-to-face communication helps with developing feelings and social behavior.

The study also suggests frequent multitasking has a negative impact with focusing and remembering things. The report concludes that no other form of communication as valuable as in person communication.

In a Psychology Today article, it debates whether technology is causing us to sacrifice social connections for digital and virtual ones. The debate was begun by a 2006 study conducted by sociologists Miller McPherson, Lynn Smith-Lovin and Matthew Brashears.

The study found that since 1985, Americans have become much more socially isolated and have fewer connections with their neighbors and communities, which lead the researchers to speculate that one cause may be the dramatic rise in internet usage and mobile devices over the last 20 years.

The researchers found that for better or worse, most agree that connecting through social media has become much more than a trend, it’s become a way of life. The key is to figure out how to reap its rewards without sacrificing the benefits of face-to-face contact.

Dr. Nicole Rantilla, a clinical psychologist wrote in an article for UWire that the connection between students’ mental health and their technology use, social media can be a fun and interesting way to increase connections, but it’s important to make sure it doesn’t replace the value of relationships and attachment.

“It’s all about ease and convenience,” she says, “even with making friends. I encourage people to utilize them to augment existing relationships, stay in touch, meet new people and cultivate meaningful interactions away from the computer, in addition to those at the computer.”
Auto thefts decrease

Dodge Ram trucks still at top of thieves’ favorite choices

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Thieves’ favorite choices

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Blue | September | Wednesday
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Gold | April |
Tan | March |

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Sunday, February 5, 2012

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Bugala has lived on Lake Fenton for 50 years, and was fishing all the time. He watched half a dozen other people fishing the day before and figured he would be fine. “They would have gone down,” he said.

He walked out onto the ice to fish at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, with his wife, Muriel, still asleep. The ice was fine for the first 150 feet, but he spotted some gray ice ahead. “It didn’t look good,” he said.

He turned out to head back to shore.

One foot immediately broke through the ice and Bugala went down. “I was in a state of shock,” he said. He ended up with his elbows on the ice, and his head on the ice where he broke through and one leg out of the water.

In those first moments he thought, “I’m never going to see my wife again. I’m never going to see my children again. And I’m never going to see my grandchildren again.”

Bugala thought he was going to die, because no one knew he was out there and there was no one on shore he could call for help. “I didn’t want to panic, but I thought I was probably going to die,” he said.

Bugala, however, isn’t an average octogenarian; he lifts weights and has faced down death before. So he made a plan. “I’ve been in water practically my whole life,” he said. “One thing I know about water, you can’t panic.”

He worked himself up out of the water with his elbows, and then with hands, and funneled all his remaining strength into one motion that propelled him out of the water and onto the safe ice.

Knowing it was unsafe to try to walk, he rolled himself toward shore until he knew he could safely walk on the ice.

He went inside, warmed up with a shower, and woke Muriel up to tell her she was almostwidowed that morning. It was then that she swore off of ice fishing again for good.

From his experience, he recommends never ice fishing alone, or at night. If you fish with someone, don’t walk next to them on the ice, in case one of you breaks through.

ROADS Continued from Front Page

Historically, Michigan has paid for the maintenance of roads through a retail gas tax paid at the pump. This tax is separate from the price of fuel, which fluctuates with the market, and pushes drivers to lessen their road time, and buy more fuel efficient vehicles. Cars and trucks will grow increasingly more efficient, with hybrids and electric cars relying on gas little or not at all, reducing the funding that goes toward road maintenance.

According to the Detroit Free Press, Michigan is $2 million short in funding for road repair every year.

Because of this, a set of 20 bills was introduced last Thursday that will immediately affect each motorist in Michigan, should the Senate get on board with a bill of their own. Gov. Rick Snyder spoke in October about the need for reforming the system for road maintenance revenue.

The new changes would bring in $1.4 billion annually in two different ways. The retail tax assigned to gasoline and diesel would be replaced with a wholesale percentage tax on the fuel, raising prices by about 10 cents per gallon. This part of the law would raise more than $500 million annually.

This makes Smitty’s Exit-80 Sunoco owner Doug Smith a little worried. “Why would the powders that he want to lower our gas prices?” said Smith. He means that if a higher price of gas brings in more money for the state, he doesn’t see any reason for the state to try to reduce the price of gas for consumers. He also thinks this would cause customers to drive less, and reduce his income on the things that actually make him money, like soft drinks or even his fishing bait.

Joe Yousif of the Marathon Service Station on Silver Lake Road supports improving the infrastructure. “We need really good roads in Michigan,” said Yousif, who lives in Sterling Heights. He thinks the fee is necessary to have better roads and bridges.

“It’s not gonna hurt business here,” he said. “If it’s gonna fix the roads, then yeah, for me it’s a good idea to raise the price and fix the roads.”

The price of registering your vehicle would also go up about $60, adding another $500 million to the pot. This would be used to fix the aging infrastructure of roads and bridges in Michigan.

Bob Green of Fenton stopped into the Marathon to use the ATM. “I think the more they fix the roads, the less it will damage people’s vehicles,” he said. He said that in the long term, the fees would be worth it for better roads, and may even save on damage to drivers’ tires.

“Absolutely, we have ignored our infrastructure for too long,” said Eric Hess of Fenton, who filled his tank at the Marathon station. He feels that not fixing the roads and bridges now would pass the cost onto the next generation. “It’s broken now, so we may as well pay the fixing up to get it done.”

Michigan so far is not behind the measure. A Detroit Free Press article reported that 58 percent of Michigan residents polled were against the proposed new taxes.

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Summary
A Fenton township man saved himself after he fell through thin ice on Lake Fenton this week.

$18,000,000
That’s how much money would be pumped into the local economy if every area family spent just $50 more per year shopping locally!

HOT LINE CONTINUED

YES, I HAVE to agree with the person who said the DDA should consider helping out the owners of Michigan Bean Company to paint and redo the mural on the building.

YES, THE FENTON VFW is having a hillbilly breakfast on Feb. 12. The last one I went to was great and I’ll be there again to support my community and local VFW post. Thanks again veterans for all you do.

REPUBLICANS WHINE about illegal immigrants and the one from Wednes-

day complaints about legal ones? My friend came here as an exchange student from Germany 17 years ago, did everything the right way, has a job, husband, and three children, she’s about to become a citizen. Not all immigrants are bad. 

GM HAS NOT paid back all the money that Obama gave them. We still hold thousands of shares, which we will never be able to sell at a profit to repay the treasury for the GM debacle. The only people who made out in that deal were the unions.

THE OCCUPY PEOPLE have caused tens of millions in damage to public property across our nation. How can they condone such cost to the American taxpayers, especially in this economy? The answer is simple. It’s not their money. They are “takers” not “makers.” What do they want? More, more more!

SO, OBAMA WANTS the Catholic Church to provide contraception, sterilization, and abortifacient drugs in its healthcare. I don’t think it’s within the Evangelical Church who support all of this. Lord Jesus Christ come first. We will not be forced to do evil for Obama. Go to StopHHS.com and sign the petition to stop Obama.

IT IS MY hope that all school personnel pushing the Fenton band proposal do not use government resources of any type to sway voters. In Michigan, that is illegal. Most importantly, don’t use our precious and innocent children as props. I’ll be watching.

SURE, YOU CAN drive 50 on the expressway, but stay to the right unless you are passing. It’s the law. Some will think it’s those that want to travel continuously in the left lane, if you aren’t passing, move over, it’s the law. How soon we forget the little lessons.

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Summary
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Definitions of Over-4000 Food, Wine, and Culinary Terms. Examples of spices are cloves, cumin, and black pepper.

Though spices have always been essential for flavoring food and drink, throughout the ages they have been used in crowning emperors, making medicines and perfumes, in religious ceremonies, etc. During the Middle Ages the demand for spices was so high that they became rich commodities, a pound of mace could buy three sheep and the same amount of peppercorns could buy freedom for a serf.

Today, the U.S. is the world’s largest buyer of spices. Herbs, on the other hand, usually come from the leafy part of a plant. Herbs can be used for medicinal purposes, too, but examples of culinary herbs are oregano, basil, cilantro, and bay leaves.

The most confusing thing about herbs just may start with the way the word is pronounced. Both “hurk” and “urk” are correct pronunciations of the word “herb,” although 90 percent of Americans pronounce it as “urb” and other English speakers prefer “hurl.”

People who pride themselves on their culinary skills prefer the use of fresh herbs in their dishes, either from their own garden or from a supermarket or produce specialist. If fresh herbs aren’t available, frozen herbs are the next best alternative. Dried herbs should be used only when fresh or frozen aren’t available.

To freeze herbs at home, one can simply freeze the chopped herbs in plastic freezer bags or small glass jars with tightly-fitting lids. Another way is to freeze a pre-measured amount into an ice cube tray with just enough water to cover, then place the frozen cubes in a plastic bag and use the cubes as needed. Herbs will lose much of their color and texture in the freezing process, but will retain most of their flavor for up to a year in the freezer. Unlike dried herbs, where the flavor gets more concentrated when drying, frozen herbs can be used in the same proportion as fresh herbs.

If you prefer to cook with dried herbs and spices, you’ll want to know if the ones you have in your kitchen are still flavorful enough to use for cooking. Smell is a good indicator, according to allrecipes.com. Rub a small amount between your fingers. If the spice or dried herb is not fragrant, or has only a faint smell, then it is probably time to replace it. Taste is another good test. If you find you are using a larger amount of a spice or herb than usual in your favorite recipes to get any flavor, replace it.

The best way to store dried herbs is in a cool, dark place. Dried leaves and ground spices can be stored for up to six months. Whole spices can last longer. Fresh herbs can be stored in the refrigerator for up to five days. For storage up to 10 days, depending on the type of herb and its freshness, place the bouquet of herbs stem end down, in a tall glass and fill with cold water. Change the water every two days to maintain freshness.

In using dried herbs and spices, the general rule of thumb is to convert teaspoons of dried herbs into tablespoons of fresh ones: for example, use two tablespoons of fresh basil instead of two teaspoons of dried basil. Most herbs are best added to a dish during the last 5 or 10 minutes of cooking, or even as a last-minute garnish. Heat harms the essential oils that give herbs their taste, and prolonged cooking will noticeably reduce their flavor.

**CINEMA**

Continued from Front Page

local entertainment. He wants to engage the local community and bring in local musical groups, motivational speakers, movies and plays as well as a have a Hookah and Cigar bar, featuring beer and soft drinks in one of the theaters.

The plans are preliminary and Justice said he has not yet approached Fenton City about his plans. He acknowledges that he needs to obtain licenses, including those for tavern, food, entertainment and tobacco.

A major focus of Justice is to donate much of his proceeds to charity, including the March of Dimes and Wounded Warrior organizations.

Justice intends to change the look of the building’s exterior by changing the color scheme to creamy white, Detroit Lions blue with red accents. The American Flag will be incorporated into his design.

Realtor Patrick Welty of Legacy Realty took over the listing of the building in mid-December. He said since that time, he has received four bids. He confirmed that Justice did in fact put in a legitimate bid and that it was the best offer of those submitted.

Welty also declined to release the amount of the purchase agreement, although it was listed at $535,000.

Welty said a closing date has not yet been determined and he expects a significant amount of due diligence to be done with the transaction, including inspections and feedback from other parties.

Justice filed a lawsuit against Fenton police in 2006 after an incident when he was pepper-sprayed by a police officer. The case was settled out of court.
Social News

ENAGEMENTS

Klann-Burgess
The engagement of Jacylyn Victoria Klann of Fraser to Steven James Burgess of Holly has been announced by his parents, Robert and Kathy Burgess of Fenton. Her parents are Laurence and Linda Klann of Fraser. The bride-elect attended Western Michigan University. She is employed by Clarkston Community Schools. Her fiancé attended Michigan State University. He is employed by Calvin & Co. An Aug. 24, 2012 wedding will take place in Plymouth.

Wascher-Burnett
The engagement of Danielle Leigh Wascher of Linden to Walter Ryan Burnett of Linden has been announced by her sister, Briahna Carey. Her parents are Barry and LeeAnn Wascher of Milford and David and Candie Buzza of Seminole, Fla. His parents are Dennis and Barbara Bishop of Fenton and the late Walter Kenneth Burnett of Flint. The bride-elect graduated from Lake Fenton High School in 2001 and she is employed by Michigan Eye Institute. Her fiancé graduated from Lake Fenton High School in 1999 and he is employed by Auto Lab of Fenton. A March 31, 2012 wedding ceremony is planned to take place in Troy.

Ward-McFarren
The engagement of Casey Ward to Gary McFarren has been announced by her parents, Matt and Marty Ward of Fenton. His parents are Kevin McFarren and Kathy McFarren-Smith. The bride-elect is employed by BumbleBar, Inc. in Spokane Valley, Wash. Her fiancé is employed by Target Corporation. The couple recently moved to Coeur D’Alene, Idaho. A wedding ceremony is planned for fall of 2012 and will take place in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Westwind Milling selected as Michigan-made vendor
Lee and Linda Purdy, owners of Westwind Milling Company in Argentine Township have announced that there store is one of several vendors representing Michigan-made foods at Meijer. Eight of their best mixes are on the shelf in 32 Meijer stores, which is promoting Michigan-made products with Michigan State University. The nearest Meijer locations are Ann Arbor, Brighton, Howell, Lapeer and White Lake. The Purdys said they appreciate Meijer for having the vision to see that more and more of today’s customers are asking for quality and transparency in their food choices and for making an effort to promote Michigan products.

FENTON TOWNSHIP MEETING CANCELED
The regular Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Monday Feb. 6 has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Questions regarding the meeting cancellation may be directed to the Fenton Township office at (810) 629-1537.

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Teammates miss Katie

Presence felt at charity basketball game
By Sharon Stone
Linden — Although she was not there in person, Katie Wyatt’s presence was felt by her teammates during the freshman basketball game between Fenton and Linden high schools Thursday afternoon.

Katie passed away on June 14, 2011 at the age of 14. She had been battling a form of liver cancer more commonly found in adult men since she was 11. She served as team manager last year during her illness and is missed immensely by her friends.

Recognizing that Katie Wyatt would be a freshman on the team, her teammates approached their coach Don Kutchey and told him that they wanted to do something in Katie’s memory for the annual Coaches vs. Cancer game. With the coaching staff’s approval, the girls lined “Katie’s” spot with the other teammates, draped it with a special T-shirt and made sure no one sat there.

One of her best friends, Taylor Jones, 15, taped the shirt to the bleachers and added a portrait of Katie. It was a quiet tribute at the game, with no fuss or announcements. “I’m happy because she loves basketball and she’s here with us,” said Taylor. “It’s sad because she’s not here, but I know she’s in a better place.”

At the varsity game on Friday, attendees had an opportunity to buy baked goods, bracelets and T-shirts in Katie’s memory, proceeds going to charity.

Kutchey said the girls wanted to do something special for Katie during the charity game. A portion of the gate proceeds will be donated to Coaches vs. Cancer (see sidebar).

During the annual event, school officials took a few moments to discuss the Coaches vs. Cancer and how the local schools were showing support for cancer research as well as their beloved teammate.

Reporter Tim Jagielo contributed to this story.

Coaches vs. Cancer, formed in 1998, is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) that empowers basketball coaches, their teams, and local communities to make a difference in the fight against cancer. The program leverages the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of basketball coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs.

Edward Jones
Making Sense of Investing

Investors Can Learn Much From Super Bowl Teams

It’s Super Bowl time again. And whether you’re a sports fan or not, you can probably learn something from the Super Bowl teams that you can apply to other endeavors — such as investing.

What might these lessons be? Take a look:

• Pick players carefully. Super Bowl teams don’t usually get there out of luck; they’ve made it in part because they have carefully chosen their players. And to potentially achieve success as an investor, you, too, need carefully chosen “players” — investments that are chosen for your individual situation.

• Choose a diversified mix of players. Not only do Super Bowl teams have good players, but they have good ones at many different positions — and these players tend to play well together. As an investor, you should own a variety of investments with different capabilities — such as stocks for growth and bonds for income — and your various investments should complement, rather than duplicate, one another. Strive to build a diversified portfolio containing investments appropriate for your situation, such as stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other vehicles. Diversifying your holdings may help reduce the effects of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can’t guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

• Follow a “game plan.” Super Bowl teams are skilled at creating game plans designed to maximize their own strengths and exploit their opponents’ weaknesses. When you invest, you also can benefit from a game plan — a strategy to help you work toward your goals. This strategy may incorporate several elements, such as taking full advantage of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, pursuing new investment opportunities as they arise and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it’s still appropriate for your needs.

• Stay dedicated to your goals. Virtually all Super Bowl teams have had to overcome obstacles, such as injuries, bad weather and a tough schedule. But through persistence and a constant devotion to their ultimate goal, they persevere. As an investor, you’ll face some challenges, too, such as political and economic turmoil that can upset the financial markets. But if you own a diversified mix of quality investments and follow a long-term strategy that’s tailored to your objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance, you can keep moving forward, despite the “bumps in the road” that all investors face.

• Get good coaching. Super Bowl teams typically are well-coached, with disciplined head coaches and innovative offensive and defensive coordinators. When you’re trying to achieve many financial goals — such as a comfortable retirement, control over your investment taxes and a legacy to leave to your family — you, too, can benefit from strong “coaching.” As your “head coach,” you might choose a financial professional — someone who can help you identify your goals and recommend an appropriate investment strategy to help you work toward them. And your financial professional can coordinate activities with your other “coaches,” such as your tax and legal advisors.

Unless you’re a professional football player, you won’t ever experience what it’s like to play in the Super Bowl. However, achieving your financial goals can be a fairly big event in your life — and to help work toward that point, you can take a few tips from the teams that have made it to the Big Game.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
The best and worst of Super Bowl halftime shows

**Best**

**Prince, Super Bowl XLI, 2007** – Using four different guitars and the Florida A&M Marching Band, Prince stole the show with multiple covers including, ‘We Will Rock You,’ ‘All Along the Watchtower’ and ended with his signature ‘Purple Rain,’ which fit perfectly with the intensifying rain throughout his set.

**Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Super Bowl XLIII, 2009** – The Boss took down the house with trademark classics ‘Tenth Avenue Freeze-out,’ ‘Born to Run’ and ‘Glory Days.’ Springsteen had the performance well rehearsed, striking poses from some of his album covers and having a referee throw a penalty flag at the end of his performance.

**Paul McCartney, Super Bowl XXXIX, 2005** – The Super Bowl got a small taste of the Beatles as McCartney sang ‘Drive My Car’ and ‘Hey Jude.’ Fireworks lit up the sky as he sang ‘Live and Let Die.’

**Worst**

**Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake, Super Bowl XXXVIII, 2004** – Forever known as the “wardrobe malfunction,” Timberlake tore a part of Jackson’s costume, exposing her in front of millions of viewers on national television. CBS was fined $550,000 by the FCC that year for indecent exposure.

**Aerosmith, N’Sync, Britney Spears, Nelly, Mary H. Blige, Super Bowl XXXV, 2001** – As if the awkward danceoff between Steven Tyler and N’Sync wasn’t enough, the performance was topped off with Aerosmith’s ‘Walk This Way’ and the boyband trying to rap the words. The 2001 halftime show proved having the biggest stars doesn’t always translate into the best performances.

**U2, Super Bowl XXXVI, 2002** – Following the events of 9/11, U2 gave tribute to America and the victims of the terrorist attacks. The names of those who died on 9/11 were displayed on a giant screen behind the band as they played ‘Where the Streets Have No Name.’ The performance was topped off by Bono pulling back his jacket and revealing an American flag.

**Prince, Britney Spears, Nelly, Aerosmith, N’Sync, Britney Spears, Nelly, Mary H. Blige, Super Bowl XXXVII, 1993** – Jackson was known as one of the best performers that ever lived and he certainly wasn’t awful during the 1993 Super Bowl. However, for the grand finale of his performance, Jackson sang ‘Heal the World’ while 3,500 kids flooded the field. Perhaps that wasn’t the best way for Jackson to end his performance.
SHERIFFS
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 Fenton, Vienna, and Atlas townships contract with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department. Tyrone Township is policed by the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department. The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is the largest law enforcement agency in Genesee County, with a budget of $29 million, and more than 150 deputies and paramedics, said Genesee County Sheriff Robert Pickell.
 County sheriff departments have jurisdiction over the entire county in which they reside. Should local Fenton, Linden or Holly Village police need assistance, sheriff departments can help. “We all kind of help each other out,” said Det. Sgt. William Lanning, of the Fenton Township sheriff’s substation. Aside from contracted communities for which sheriff departments are responsible, they also are responsible for the security of the Genesee County jail, and the courts. “It’s a logistical nightmare,” said Pickell.
 Sheriff departments are unique, because according to Pickell, they are the only constitutionally mandated law enforcement agency in Michigan. The sheriff is elected by the residents, unlike a police chief who is appointed by the city or village council. The sheriff’s department is obligated to secure the courts and the jail. Patrolling is paid through a millage, as well as the paramedics, who are also certified police officers. Without the millage, the sheriff departments may not be able to patrol, or provide paramedic services. Because the sheriff’s department is paid through property taxes, it has suffered the loss of 60 deputies in the past five years, and their drug team.
 There is only one sheriff in each county. The job of the sheriff is no longer breaking up brawls at a local saloon. It has evolved into running the $29 million operation administratively. Pickell has to coordinate and oversee the different tasks, and ensure the many contractors the sheriff’s department works with is doing their job. “It’s a huge operation,” he said.
 Pickell admits he misses being in the front lines. “You can’t be working cases and supervising 233 people,” he said. He worked with the Flint police, prosecutor’s office, and spent five years with the CIA before being elected in 1999. Though the days of the lone sheriff being the law in town are gone, it’s not hard to imagine Pickell in the appropriate western garb.
 The career path for a sheriff’s deputy begins like any local police, at the academy. A deputy is the first rank in the sheriff’s department. They spend their first five years at the Genesee County Jail, overseeing up to 580 inmates. “They’re a tough crowd,” said Pickell. Deputies can be assaulted, and also have to break up fights, which is also dangerous.
 The next rank is sergeant, followed by lieutenant, captain, and undersheriff. There is only one sheriff, and one undersheriff. Christopher Swanson of Fenton Township is undersheriff for Genesee County, and Pickell describes him as his “chief executive officer,” helping oversee the huge operation. Swanson oversees the substations, like the one in Fenton Township.
 The ranking officer at the substation is Lanning. His job is to respond to complaints, and investigate crimes inside Fenton Township. He also accepts any complaints from Genesee County, though the local law enforcement agency like Fenton police would do the follow up. Lanning regularly handles larceny from vehicles and domestic disputes.
 There are five deputies that work out of the Fenton Township precinct. They are divided among four shifts, and are responsible for patrolling inside the township. “We cover a much larger area than a local police department because we’re partly responsible for the whole county,” he said.
 Lanning owns Wednesday handled reports, but also had to dash off to investigate a break in. “It’s a pretty gratifying job being able to help people,” he said. Firing his weapon in the line of duty has never been necessary, though he has had to dispatch injured deer that are hit by cars, something that is unique to rural areas like Fenton Township.

Robert Pickell has been the Genesee County Sheriff since 1999. “It’s just a huge job,” he said. “There’s no other police agency in the entire county that has the number of people we have.” Pickell was also with the Flint Police Department, the prosecutor’s office and the CIA.

“It’s a pretty gratifying job being able to help people.”
Det. Sgt. William Lanning
Genesee County Sheriff’s Department

Summary
Your county sheriff’s department is mandated to secure the county jail and courts. They can also be contracted to patrol communities that don’t have their own police. Sheriff departments are the oldest law enforcement agency in Michigan.

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2012 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP
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MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE
The 2012 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:
- March 6, 2012 2:00pm Organizational Meeting (No Appeals Heard)
- March 14, 2012 1:00pm – 4:00pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- March 15, 2012 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 4:00pm
- March 21, 2012 9:00am – 12:00pm

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – Call (248)634-7551 to schedule. APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN 5:00PM MARCH 12, 2012. APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE NOTICES OF ASSESSMENT HAVE BEEN MAILED. APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES. PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL BY MAIL IF RECEIVED BY 5:00PM MARCH 20, 2012.

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Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend the meeting are asked to contact the Rose Township Clerk (248) 634-8701 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF LINDEN
PARKS & RECREATION 2012-2016 DRAFT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Commission on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan 48451. The public hearing is being held to receive comments and consider the adoption of the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2012-2016.

A Parks and Recreation Plan will assist the City in identifying recreation needs within the community. This plan will serve as a guide to document priorities for improvements. While a Parks and Recreation Plan assists the community in determining its goals and needs, if approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), it also qualifies the community for recreation grants which are administered through the MDNR Grants Administration Section. The proposed plan includes a community description, an overview of the administrative structure of the City, an inventory of existing facilities, a recreation needs analysis, goals and objectives, and capital improvement priorities for the next five years.

The hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to express their opinions regarding all aspects of the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan.

Copies of the draft City of Linden Parks and Recreation Plan 2012-2016 will be available for public review at the Linden City Hall, located at 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451 on February 6, 2012, as well as on the City’s website at www.lindennmi.us.

Synopsis of The Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting 
January 30, 2012

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Graves, present, Schmidt, present, Cole, present, Hallman, present. Absent: Cieselski.

Motion to adopt the minutes as printed of December 19, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the January 4, 2012 Special Board Meeting. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the budget adjustments as submitted by the Clerk. Motion passed.

Motion to approve payment of the invoices and expenditures as printed in the amount of $186,911.14. Motion passed.

Reports: Police- A written report was submitted.
Fire Dept.- A written report was submitted.

Motion to hire Tacoma Curtis as firefighter effective February 23, 2012, pending physical and drug screening passage and a 1-year probation period. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the resignation of firefighter Angela Brown upon the recommendation of Chief Reid. Motion passed.

Building Department- 3 permits were issued in the amount of $1,285.00.
Planning Commission- Cole gave an oral report.
Attorney Report- Mr. David Lattie gave an oral report.

Old Business: Open bids for Fire Truck. Motion to accept the highest qualified bid on the fire truck and allow the Clerk to accept the next bid in the event anyone declines their bid. Motion passed.

Open bids for property: Motion to accept the highest qualified bid for the lease of farm property. Motion passed.

Pension Plan Resolution 2012-1: Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1 to amend Agreement for Summer Tax Collection: Motion to sign the agreement for Summer Tax Collections with QGIS and Linden Schools. Motion passed.

Delegates to the Water and Waste Services Advisory Committee: Motion to appoint Cole to the Water and Waste Services Advisory Committee and appoint Graves as the Alternate Member. Motion passed.

New Business: Appoint to Metropolitan Planning Alliance: Motion to appoint Robert Cole as the representative and Jane Leffer as the Citizen Representative to the Metropolitan Planning Alliance. Motion passed.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Moratorium: to extend the Medical Marijuana Moratorium for 1 additional year. Motion passed.

Agreement for Summer Tax Collection: Motion to sign the agreement for Summer Tax Collections with QGIS and Linden Schools. Motion passed.

Delegates to the Water and Waste Services Advisory Committee: Motion to appoint Cole to the Water and Waste Services Advisory Committee and appoint Graves as the Alternate Member. Motion passed.

Pension Plan Resolution 2012-1: Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-1 to amend Argentine Township’s existing 401 (a) Plan.

Roll call: Schmidt, Yes, Cole, Yes, Hallman, yes, Graves, yes, Cieselski. Absent: Motion passed.

Lobdell Lake/ White’s Landing Agreement: Motion to allow Supervisor to sign the License Agreement with White’s Landing & Marina LLC. Motion passed.

Lobdell Lake/ (Aquatic Service Contract- Motion to authorize Supervisor to sign the Agreement for Services Contract and the Aquatic Plant Management Services Contract. Motion passed.

Motion to solicit bids for the removal of the Oakwood property structure after the Fire Department is through with a training exercise in mid June 2012. Motion passed.

Motion to enter Executive Session with Attorney to discuss pending litigation. Motion passed. Entered Executive Session @ 7:56 p.m.

Motion to return to Regular Session. Motion passed. Returned @ 8:25 p.m. to Regular Session. No motions or decisions were made in Executive Session. Meeting adjourned @ 8:26 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves, Clerk

NOTICE OF PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Argentine Township Clerk is accepting sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. February 24, 2012 on the following property:

01-05-300-008, 11481 Markley Rd, Gaines – Improved – minimum bid $30,000

Property will be transferred by Quit Claim deed and will be sold “as is.”

Property information is available at the Argentine Township Hall. Property will be shown by appointment only. 810-735-5050

The Township has the right to accept and/or refuse any and all bids.

Please send sealed bids to: Denise Graves, Argentine Township Clerk, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451.
The City of Linden will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 132 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked “CUSTODIAL SERVICES – CITY OF LINDEN.”

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Linden City Offices, 132 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Sealed proposals must be submitted on the bid forms furnished by the City.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 has been scheduled for WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. to be conducted at the Groveland Township Office, 4095 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the electronic equipment used to conduct and tabulate the results of the election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Pamela Mazich, Clerk
Groveland Township
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Pizza, new TVs are staples for watching Super Bowl

Consumers to spend all-time high for this year’s game

By William Axford

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Amazing plays and funny commercials aren’t the only things Super Bowl viewers will get watching this year’s Super Bowl.

The Retail Advertising and Marketing Association predict 173 million people will watch the Super Bowl this year, up from last year’s 171 million viewers. The extra 2 million set of eyes is also expected to generate big money for businesses.

The National Retail Federation (NRF) reports consumers will spend an all-time high $11 billion for the big game. Businesses in the tri-county area are also anticipating a surge of consumer activity.

Kmart electronics manager Jill Ingles said TV sales nearly double during the Super Bowl week, attributing the surge in sales to big deals and the close proximity of tax returns.

“People like a big screen for the big game,” Ingles said. “Because it’s near tax season, people like to replace the TV they have with something big and snazzy.”

Ingles said a 42-inch plasma TV for $399.99 was Kmart’s best bargain TV before the Super Bowl. Nationwide, nearly 5 million people are expected to buy a new television this week, up from last year’s 4.5 million and 2010’s 3.6 million.

Area bars anticipate seeing more patrons this weekend. Gabriel Azzopardi of Legend’s Sports Bar expects to have a full building come this Sunday. The sports bar will feature an array of specials for football’s biggest game.

Of the $11 million spent, the NRF reports 70 percent of purchases will be made in food and beverages. Little Caesars of Fenton owner Bill Talbot said Super Sunday is the second busiest day of the year for his store, right behind Halloween. Talbot said he will probably serve at least 350 customers this Sunday.

“The day usually starts out normal but then builds up about an hour before game time,” Talbot said. “The demand dies down for a little and then picks back up around half-time.”

Talbot said pizza and chicken wings are popular for the Super Bowl since it’s an affordable and convenient way to feed people at a party.

Senior Vice President of VG’s Brian Haaraoja said party foods and breads are popular with every Super Bowl. Cakes, cookies, hotdogs and hamburgers are also top purchases for the game.

“People have been doing ‘internal tailgating,’ recreating the tailgate experience outside their home,” Haaraoja said. “Pizza becomes a theme throughout our store. Beer and pop are the big beverage sellers.”

The increased spending for Super Bowl XLVI may be an indication of an improving economy. Fenton businesses saw an increase in shoppers this past Black Friday and the NRF reports consumers spent $471 billion this past holiday season.

The Super Bowl will air this Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Top Super Bowl foods

Pizza and hot wings dominate Super Bowl parties. This Sunday will be the second busiest pizza day of the year, behind Halloween.

Salsa, bean dip, guacamole and chips are staples for any party and the Super Bowl is no exception. Did you know salsa is the number one condiment in America, outselling ketchup annually?

Cheese balls are comprised of cream cheese, ham, onions, cheese and a multitude of other ingredients. Served with crackers, bread or vegetables, the cheese ball is a versatile dish.

Hotdogs, burgers and bratwurst may be more common in the summer but Super Bowl viewers will bust out the grill to recreate the tailgating experience.

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I’D JUST LIKE to let the voters know through the source of the teachers that this millage goes through, the first supply is going to the teachers. They’re going to get their own laptop computers, new cell phones, so they get all of their supplies out of the millage first.

AFTER THE SCHOOL board spending all that money on the old middle school, we need to realize that they need to look ahead. There are fewer and fewer young people in Michigan now. They are all leaving for work out of state. There won’t be as many students in the future.

OBAMA IS QUICK to blame everything wrong on Bush, yet takes credit for the fact that for the first time in years, more than 50 percent of our oil is from the U.S. He never mentions that this is due to the wells authorized during the Bush years.

TO THE FORMER Troy resident who suggested using Holly’s closed school for the Loose center. It is supported by millages on Genesee County residents. Don’t think they’d go for supporting a building in Oakland County.

HELLO, I’M A senior citizen and I see no reason why they need to spend $3 million on a senior center. I think that is so ridiculous. Thanks for listening.

MAYBE IT’S JUST me, but every time I look at the new signs, all I see is the word ‘Mom’ across the top.

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College buddy (Patriots’ punter) surprises Linden man with tickets to...  

SUPER BOWL XLVI

Summary

Tim North, originally from Linden, is enjoying numerous festivities associated with this year’s Super Bowl. His friend Zoltan Mesko, who met while playing football for the University of Michigan, surprised him with tickets to the game. Mesko now punts for the New England Patriots.

By Dave Troppens
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Tim North thought it was a joke. But now the Linden native knows better. When his good friend from his Michigan Wolverine football playing days Zoltan Mesko, called on Jan. 31, the last thing he thought Mesko, who also happens to be the New England Patriots’ punter, was calling him about was Super Bowl tickets.

But that’s exactly what Mesko, whose team is playing the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLVI on Sunday at Indianapolis’ Lucas Oil Stadium, was calling about.

“I didn’t have any clue,” North said. “I was just sitting at work last Tuesday and I was still kind of hung up on the previous weekend. I had a great time in Boston (at the AFC game). Then Zoltan calls and asks if I want to go to the Super Bowl. I was like, if this is a lie, this is a sick joke. He said he was serious and I told him that’s not a question I need to answer. He knew my answer.”

As North is finding out, when it comes to getting tickets to the best games the National Football League has to offer, having a best friend who is also a punter for a Super Bowl-bound team is a pretty nice bonus. Last year, when the Patriots played the Detroit Lions at Ford Field, Mesko gave North tickets to that game too.

But North never really expected to get Super Bowl tickets.

“I didn’t know what type of ticket package the players get,” North said. “I didn’t think I’d have a chance to get one because of the great demand for tickets.”

North, the son of Cathy North, the athletic director at Linden schools, headed out to Indianapolis on Wednesday night. Now an account executive for IBM and living in New York, he flew on a charter plane with several other New England Patriot friends and family members. He’s participating in many pre-Super Bowl game festivities while there, and is looking forward to all of them.

“We have about 17 PDF documents from the team listing everything going on,” North said. “It’s such a spectacle with so much going on. As well as going to the game, I’m excited to be around the atmosphere. Making it to a Super Bowl was on my bucket list even before this game came up. It just came out of nowhere.”

See SUPERBOWL on 11B
Unsold championship T-shirts for the Super Bowl’s losing team are distributed to residents of impoverished nations.

What happens to the losing team’s championship shirts?

After a Big Game in any sport, fans and players are going to be clamoring for commemorative merchandise, often just minutes after the game ends. To meet this demand and cash in on the wallet-loosening “We’re #1 euphoria, teams never to compete in a Super Bowl.

1. By the Numbers:
Professional football players are assigned special numbers:
• 1 to 19 for quarterbacks and kickers
• 20 to 49 for running backs and defensive backs
• 50 to 99 for centers and linebackers
• 60 to 79 for defensive linemen
• 80 to 89 for wide receivers and tight ends
• Centers may also be assigned numbers up to 99

Did you know?
1. It is estimated that more than 8 million pounds of guacamole and 14.5 tons of chips are consumed on Super Bowl Sunday. More than $50 million are spent on food during the big weekend.
2. Early footballs were made out of pig bladders, but now all footballs are made from cowhide. It takes around 3000 cows to make enough footballs for one NFL season.
3. A lot of waste is generated on game day. Just in the stadium alone, past Super Bowls have generated an average of 65+ tons of trash each.
4. 2011-2012 Super Bowl Tickets average from $2,000 - $7,000 depending on location.
5. Chain crew members and ball boys must be uniformly identifiable.
6. A football weighs between 14 and 15 ounces. All clubs must use standardized sideline markers. Pylons must be used for goal line and end line markings.
7. Super Bowl – Know It All
If you’re not a die-hard football fan but want to impress your friends who are coming to your house to watch the game, use the Super Bowl – Know It All iPhone app to brush up on Super Bowl history and trivia.
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Super Bowl Trivia

1. Which team has played in four Super Bowls, but has never led at any point during the game?
2. Which player has won the Super Bowl MVP three times?
3. Who was the youngest NFL head coach to win a Super Bowl?
4. Who was the oldest NFL coach to win a Super Bowl?
5. Who is the only NFL coach to win a Super Bowl and then win a point season championship in NASCAR as a car owner?
6. How many Super Bowls have gone into overtime?
7. Name the six teams never to compete in a Super Bowl.
8. Name the teams that have lost four Super Bowls.
9. What was the lowest score ever posted by a team winning the Super Bowl?
10. What was the highest score ever posted by a team losing the Super Bowl?

By the Numbers:

3.43 billion wings will be served at parties, bars and other social gatherings on Super Bowl Sunday.
When silence is golden

Solomon said there is a time to be silent (Ecclesiastes 3:7). His call for a time of silence immediately preceded his advice that there is also a “time to speak.” This wise king may have been telling us it is best to be quiet long enough to think before speaking so we won’t say things we will later regret.

Abraham Lincoln observed that it is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt, agreeing with the writer of Proverbs:17:28: “Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; when he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.”

But it is not always wise to be silent; there is “a time to speak.”

John Bunyan, who wrote the enduring classic, “Pilgrim’s Progress,” said a turning time in his life came when he heard a few women sitting outside one of their homes talking about the Lord. He said if they had been gossiping about their neighbors or enjoying some choice pans in the neighborhood, and he later wrote that as he went about his work the words of these good women went with him, ultimately playing an important part in making him a man of faith and a writer whose words still change lives.

When then is silence golden? Silence is best when speaking will injure others, especially those closest to them.

Silence is always better than deadly digs disguised as humor. We have no right to speak degradingly of those we love, even in veiled jest. Instead, let’s build up others with positive words of praise.

Silence is priceless when speaking will cause divisions among the members of your church. According to the Bible, words that produce bitterness and strife come from an unholy source.

On the other hand, words that bring peace in your church are said to be from the Lord: “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy” (James 3:17).

Silence is vital when your minister is being criticized.

Too many come to church services to evaluate sermons rather than looking for ways to apply them. Little groups of critical members may gather to complain about their pastor instead of looking for ways to share their faith in the community.

Refuse to be part of the critical crowd. Let your silence speak of your loyalty to the Lord and His servants.

The still highly respected minister, C.H. Spurgeon, of London said, “The anvil breaks a host of hammers by quietly bearing their blows.”

It’s never easy to be calm and quiet under fire, but the silent Savior, not answering those who falsely accused Him, is the perfect example for us all.

When silence is golden, silence is important. Let it be your weapon of choice.
**New Realtors join Coldwell Banker Professionals of Fenton**

Olivia Sousa has been involved in the housing industry since 2003 and is experienced with first-time home buyers, investment properties, downsizeing, manufactured homes and the appraisal industry.

Sousa is focused on helping clients by providing them with a commitment as a full-time Realtor. She does not dabble in real estate, this is her life.

Lance Sherwood has joined the Coldwell Banker Professionals of Fenton team as a full-time sales associate. He has more than seven years of experience in residential real estate sales and is very knowledgeable about Genesee, Shiawassee counties and surrounding markets.

Sherwood is extremely dedicated to helping clients have the best experience when buying or selling a home. Coldwell Banker Professionals of Fenton is pleased to have Sousa and Sherwood join the team. For more information call (810) 629-2220.

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**Affordable Scrubs & Uniforms expands**

**Moves to new location**

By Sally Rummel

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Grey’s Anatomy isn’t just the name of a hit television show; it’s also a line of scrubs by Barco that is sold at Affordable Scrubs & Uniforms, now open in Fenton Township. “This is just one of the many lines that we sell at our new retail location,” said Dominic Runci, who added a storefront on Jan. 2 to his existing business.

Affordable Scrubs is located at 3115 West Thompson Rd., next to Runci’s Auto.

**Summary**

Affordable Scrubs & Uniforms, a mobile and online business since 2007, now has a storefront in Fenton Township at 3115 West Thompson Rd., next to Runci’s Auto.

**Affordable Scrubs & Uniforms**

**Carriving brand names like Barco, Cherokee, Dickees, Carhartt, Landau, Koi and others, he and his staff work out of their new retail store and two mobile units, which visit medical offices, nursing homes, veterinary clinics, etc. Other clients include the Village of Holly Fire Department and local nursing and culinary school programs. “We charge the same in our store as we do from our mobile units and online,” said Runci.

“Way that people need to change a size or style, they can come into our store and get the same price as they did from the original sale,”

Affordable Scrubs & Uniforms is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call (810) 877-3120 or visit their website, www.affordablescrubs4y.com.

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**Business briefs**

 Affordable Scrubs & Uniform owner Dominic Runci loves living in the tri-county area and serving customers from his new retail store.
Ray Denam

18-year-old senior

Lake Fenton High School

Family: parents, Bob and Denise Denam and I have two siblings, Bobby and Leah Denam.

“Live life to the fullest.”

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy? Wrestling. I really don’t have time for much else.

My dream car is: The Bugatti Veyron SS, because it’s the fastest car in the world right now.

My all-time favorite movie is: ‘Goodfellas,’ because I just like the way the plot unfolds.

My earliest memory is: One of our many family trips up north, but I’m not sure which one.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? I think it would be really fun to fly.

I always: Work hard.

I never: Lie.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be? I’d make a rule against dishonesty because I think it’s really cruel.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for? I’d like to go back and stop myself from quitting the freshman football team; it’s one of my biggest regrets.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? I would go back and witness my wrestling team win regionals last year. I missed it because I had to get shoulder surgery that day.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? It would say ‘End Poverty,’ because I think that would make the world a better place.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? There’s an individual wrestling meet this weekend.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? Dave Matthews, because he’s my favorite artist.

What has been the best day in your life so far? My first day at Lake Fenton, because a lot of my friends had already transferred here.

What are your plans after graduation? I’m going to Central Michigan University to get my bachelor’s degree.

How are you preparing for college? Staying focused and applying to different schools.

My parting advice for a better world is: Remember to stay focused.

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What happens when your house is foreclosed upon?

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Michigan is now No. 7 in the Top 10 list of states in the U.S. with the most foreclosed properties. That’s actually good news for Michigan, which ranked No. 4 in foreclosures nationwide in 2011. Michigan now ranks behind Nevada, California, Arizona, Georgia, Utah and Florida in the number of foreclosed properties.

Rounding out the Top 10 foreclosure states so far in 2012 are Idaho, Illinois and Wisconsin, according to CNBC.com.

In Genesee County, a total of 4,571 foreclosures are recorded at Realtytrac.com, plus an additional 1,702 homes are for sale.

What is foreclosure?
Foreclosure is a legal process by which a bank, mortgage company or other creditor takes a homeowner’s property in order to satisfy a debt. The foreclosure is the result of non-payment of the mortgage (including second mortgages and home equity loans); however, people also lose their debt. The foreclosure is the process by which a bank, and a bank representative, or investors are typically the only people there. Once the sheriff sale is done, a representative of the sheriff’s department signs the deed.

Once a sheriff’s deed exists, the homeowner is no longer the legal owner; however, they do have redemption rights for six months, as long as they have not abandoned the home. Homeowners with more than three acres have a one-year redemption period.

During the redemption period, the homeowner needs to find a lender willing to get the property or to do a short sale. “They can stay there until the redemption is up,” said Welty. “But, they are no longer the legal occupant. I’ve seen some stay for months after the redemption period. It could go for years.”

Summary
Michigan’s foreclosure numbers are going down in comparison to some of the other states. This year, Michigan has moved down the list to No. 7, in comparison to being No. 4 in 2011.

Welty said these advertisements are typically posted in the local papers or Flint Genese News-Legal News for five weeks. After five weeks, a sheriff’s sale is held on the property. Welty said the sale would be held at the county courthouse and a bank representative, or investors are typically the only people there. Once the sheriff sale is done, a representative of the sheriff’s department signs the deed.

One sheriff’s deed exists, the homeowner is no longer the legal owner; however, they do have redemption rights for six months, as long as they have not abandoned the home. Homeowners with more than three acres have a one-year redemption period.

During the redemption period, the homeowner needs to come to Cranberries where we have several sandwiches to choose from. Try our mouth-watering Angus Burger cooked just the way you like it!

When the redemption period expires, the bank sends a real estate broker to the home to make the resident an offer. Welty said the broker might offer the “cash for keys” agreement, where the broker would give the resident an amount of money if they vacate the home by an agreed on date. This agreement keeps the person in the home, and hopefully, maintaining it. “There are lots of abandoned homes,” said Welty, “Some don’t want to deal with the stress. They’re living there for free.”

Welty said the first thing a homeowner should do if they suspect they will be unable to make a house payment is to contact their lender. It could be embarrassing and overwhelming, but the homeowner needs to make that call to see where they stand with the bank. If the homeowner is not satisfied with the bank’s response, they should then contact an attorney or real estate broker.

“It’s a difficult situation for the homeowner,” he said. “They’re depressed, stressed and embarrassed.”


Gloria Woodrich Woodrich - age 100, of Colorado Springs, CO, formerly of Linden, died January 26, 2012. Funeral services were held 11 AM Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel. 209 East Broad Street, Linden with Pastor Margo Kivisto officiating. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation was held 5-8 PM Monday. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Milton and Ella Stover Endowment Fund for Star Commonwealth. Allen Ella was born August 31, 1921 in Highland Park, the daughter of Edward and Clara (Ward) Peterson. She married Milton Stover on June 15, 1946 in Ann Arbor and he preceded her in death November 7, 2007. She was a life member of U of M Alumni Association and a member of Alpha Chi Omega. She was the former President of Franklin Forum, President of Star Commonwealth Auxiliary. She was on the board of Star Commonwealth Schools in Albion for 11 years. Surviving are: 3 children, Janet and husband Larry Pollock of Holly, Milton Stover, Jr. and Brenda Jean of Renovo, NV and Ward and wife Carol Stover of Columbus; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, Bessie McGregor of Linden, Vera Pratt and Maymie Gordon Coffey; 2 sisters, Gale, Donna Woodrich; six grandchildren, Kaeden Vasquez; several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Elaine L. Stover, Elaine L. Stover - age 90, of Fenton, died Monday, January 30, 2012. Funeral services were held 11 AM Friday, February 3, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, with Pastor Roger Cook officiating. Visitation was held at the funeral home Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the Milton and Ella Stover Endowment Fund for Star Commonwealth. Allen Ella was born August 31, 1921 in Highland Park, the daughter of Edward and Clara (Ward) Peterson. She married Milton Stover on June 15, 1946 in Ann Arbor and he preceded her in death November 7, 2007. She was a life member of U of M Alumni Association and a member of Alpha Chi Omega. She was the former President of Franklin Forum, President of Star Commonwealth Auxiliary. She was on the board of Star Commonwealth Schools in Albion for 11 years. Surviving are: 3 children, Janet and husband Larry Pollock of Holly, Milton Stover, Jr. and Brenda Jean of Renovo, NV and Ward and wife Carol Stover of Columbus; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, Bessie McGregor of Linden, Vera Pratt and Maymie Gordon Coffey; 2 sisters, Gale, Donna Woodrich; six grandchildren, Kaeden Vasquez; several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


SUPERBOWL STARTERS

BUFFALO CHICKEN BITES

INGREDIENTS
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken (about one store-bought rotisserie chicken, skin discarded)
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup hot sauce (or more to taste)
- 3/4 cup crème fraîche
- 1/4 cup chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup chopped chives
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl, mix the chicken, cream cheese and hot sauce until combined.
2. Using a small cookie or ice cream scoop, spoon out the chicken mixture and roll into about 1½-inch balls. Place on a plate or separate baking sheet (not lined) until ready to dip.
3. In three separate bowls, set out the flour, eggs and corn flakes. Dip each chicken ball first into the flour, then the egg and ending with the corn flakes. Place on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve warm with ranch or blue cheese dressing.

Yield: 48 small bites, or 30 medium bites

PAW'S CORNER

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

February is Responsible Pet Owners Month, and while I sometimes grouse about events that designate a specific period of the year to do something that should obviously be done every single day, I think it’s a worthy way to enlighten new pet owners or those thinking about getting a pet on how to care for that pet. So, how can you be a responsible pet owner?

If you’re considering getting a pet:

- Study and learn all you can about the pet or breed you’re interested in.
- Consider adopting from a shelter or rescue.
- Avoid buying dogs from puppy mills, at flea markets or other sketchy places.
- If buying from a breeder, research and consider carefully before making a purchase.

If you already have a pet:

- Spay or neuter your pet.
- Do more than just provide food, water and shelter.
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DEAR AMY: I have been out of the workforce for 10 years while being a stay-at-home mom to our son. I recently have interviewed for positions for evenings, nights and weekends (my husband would stay with our son).

During all of these interviews, I have been asked, point-blank, “Do you have children?” My initial thought is, “Can you really ask me that?”

The first time I was posed this question, I replied, “Yes, I am a mother, and child care is not a problem.”

Of course, I don’t want to initiate a confrontation on a job interview. I want to be considered based on my education and experience, not whether I have a child.

What do you think my reply should be?

— Eager to Be Employed

DEAR EAGER: I shared your letter with Justine Lisser, lawyer and spokesperson for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington (eeoc.gov). Your question is understandable — and valid. Lisser says: “It is illegal to treat women differently from men. While the question itself of whether you have children is not illegal if posed to both men and women, our experience is that it is most likely usually posed only to women, which is illegal.

If you went through this employer’s records and noted that only female applicates were asked this question, you could prove that this employer was in violation of the law.

On the other hand, I think it’s possible that an employer might pose this question to both men and women who interview for jobs on the late shift.

Lisser suggested that your answer was good. You answered truthfully and anticipated what the employer was really getting at. However, you could also have responded with a question: “Why do you ask? Is being a mom an advantage or a disadvantage in this position?”

You can turn this into a pitch by saying: “My parenting explains my employment gap of 10 years. But I hope you’ll see from my educational and professional background that I can definitely do the job. And you know that as a mother I am used to working long hours — I’m extremely reliable, motivated and ready to go.”

DEAR AMY: I have a son in his mid-30s who was conceived through in vitro fertilization because I was infertile. Now, 30 years later, my now ex-wife decided, in a fit of anger against me, to tell him that I wasn’t his “real” father (she is jealous of how close he and I are). Someone who witnessed this conversation told me about it. My ex did not elaborate or ask me for any details.

He has yet to confront me. How am I supposed to respond if he asks? Should I bring it up if he acts odd or indifferent toward me? Looking back, were we wrong to keep this information from him?

— Perplexed

DEAR PERPLEXED: You should stop acting ashamed of yourself and tell your son the whole truth. Aside from keeping this a secret for so long, you have done nothing wrong. You are his “real” father, no matter what the biological issue.

More than 3 million babies have been born through IVF since the 1970s. Your son is in very good company.

Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw’s Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.
Q: I have a Ford Focus that when driving it makes a very loud noise, unless I turn left then the noise stops. What could this be? Is it dangerous?

- Kayleigh

A: Kayleigh. This sounds most likely to be a front or rear wheel bearing. You should have it fixed as soon as possible. By the time they start making enough noise for you to hear, it is already in fairly bad shape. It could stop the wheel from turning or do more damage to other parts and cost quite a bit more to fix. Also look to see if you could possibly have any plastic rubbing a tire from inside the wheel well, but I would strongly suspect a wheel bearing.

Do you have a question that you would like to have answered? E-mail it to me at askthemechanic@wilkinsonautorepair.com

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Hard currency trumped by electronic transactions

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Recently described as the single most ubiquitous manmade object, which doesn’t interact with any machine or mechanism, the penny has enjoyed an illustrious circulation over the past two centuries.

But gone are the days of 1-cent stamps and penny canopies, so the question remains, why are people clinging to the penny?

In 1981, due to rising material and production costs, the U.S. mint stopped producing copper pennies in favor of a cheaper and less attractive zinc-based coin. It was, however, only a temporary fix.

Currently, it costs just over 1.7 cents to make a penny, which makes them worth more as scrap metal than money. According to a 2007 U.S. Treasury figure, the zinc penny has produced an estimated loss of more than $500 million in the past 10 years, and 80 percent of those produced fall out of circulation.

For the most part, two things typically happen once a penny is circulated. It could end up in a change jar or it could be thrown away, which would eliminate the bother of dealing with them altogether.

The only machines that accept pennies today are the ones used to dispatch them. Coin Star charges 8.9 cents out of every dollar to take them off your hands. This means that people are being charged for accepting pennies in the first place.

The only place that pennies can be used is in tollbooths across Illinois to honor Abraham Lincoln in his home state.

“The penny has become somewhat of a nuisance and seems to have outlived its usefulness.”

Stacy Webb
vice president of retail banking at The State Bank

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The first American penny was minted in 1793

• There has never been a coin in circulation in the U.S. worth as little as the penny is worth today.

• The cent was the first coin authorized to be minted and the first to be put into production.

• A steel core with copper colored coating is the penny’s newest proposed design.

• When the United States discontinued the half-cent coin in 1857, it had a 2008 equivalent buying power of 11 cents.

• As of 2007, a nickel is worth approximately what a penny was worth in 1972.

• If the copper coating is breached, zinc pennies can be toxic or even fatal if swallowed.
MICHIGAN MEN

Here is a list of players on both team’s active rosters of athletes who played their collegiate ball in the state of Michigan.

**NEW YORK GIANTS**
- Michigan: David Bass, center; Mario Manningham, wide receiver.
- Michigan State: Devin Thomas, wide receiver.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**
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SUPER BOWL XLVI

North’s friendship with Mesko

Both Mesko and North entered the University of Michigan in the fall of 2005 and both had to work hard for their positions on the team. They quickly became friends.

“He was my first friend I made on the team in terms of being a close friend,” North said. “We both came in with the same mindset. We wanted to get in business and were both academically driven. We have the same sense of humor.”

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SUPERBOWL

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was shocked when he was asked if he wanted to go to the Super Bowl to watch the Patriots, and Mesko had a chance to celebrate the win on New England’s home field. North

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Bronchos enter Metro meet on top of league standings

By David Troppens
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Holly — Zack Jones knows Bo Bronchewell.

So when he defeated his good friend from Fenton in a wrestling match on Wednesday, the Holly wrestler probably felt a little warm inside.

And making the story even better, was the way he pinned his good pal from Fenton High School. Jones looked like he was in trouble against Bronchewell, possibly getting pinned himself. But then, Jones stretched his body over Bronchewall’s, did a bridge, held down Bronchewall’s shoulders with his head and arms and got an unusual pinfall.

“It’s a defensive pin,” Jones said. “If the person gets too high, you just grasp on the head and push him back. I’ve done that a few times.”

The pinfall was the highlight of what was a dominating night for the Holly varsity wrestling program. Holly defeated Fenton 69-9 and Linden 49-18, assuring the Bronchewell sole possession of first place entering Saturday’s Metro League wrestling meet. Linden also defeated Fenton 52-15 in the night’s other match.

All Holly needs to do is earn a second-place finish at the Metro League meet to capture at least a co-title this winter, and earn back-to-back league titles. If the Bronchewell win the meet, and they are favored to do just that, they will end the season as outright champions.

“We feel excited,” See LEAGUE on 15B

Fenton basketball teams sweep Linden Eagles

Muntin’s 13 points, defense sparks Tigers past improving Eagles, 71-30

By David Troppens
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Fenton — When it comes to scoring, Connor Muntin is the fifth option on the Fenton Tigers’ talented starting five.

So when he gets a chance to shoot, he better do it.

Without sacrificing his usually strong defense, Muntin also got involved in the offensive side of the game, scoring 13 points in the Tigers’ 71-30 victory against the Linden Eagles Friday at Fenton High School.

“It feels good, especially with the offense we run,” Muntin said. “It goes through the four main guys, and when teams key on those four, I am able to find a seam here and there and hit my shot. It feels good when I am able to hit my shot.”

Fenton (11-1, 13-1) dominated the game between area rivals, scoring the contest’s first 12 points. Dylan Hickoff started the run with a three-pointer, and Ryan Hickoff dashed to Muntin for a small jumper with 4:55 left in the first quarter to cap the run.

Things never really got any better for the Eagles (4-8, 6-8), who netted just three first-half field goals. The Tigers’ first-half lead grew as many as 27 points when Eric Branch converted two free throws with 1:02 left in the half. A driving layup by Linden’s Dillon Nash with 37 seconds left in the first half assured Linden would at least score 10 in the first 16 minutes, trailing 35-10 at the half.

“Our defensive rotation was good,” Muntin said. “I thought when we got them where we wanted to, and that was in the corner, we kept them there. We had guys rotate up, and we ball-pressured them. I don’t think they could handle the pressure tonight, and that’s one of the things we stressed in practice.”

Linden turned the ball over 29 times, and only had 36 shots from the field. Meanwhile, Fenton had four players score double-digits. Readman and Cory Cox had 14 points each, while Ryan Hickoff and Muntin had 13 points each. Dylan Hickoff had nine points, eight rebounds and three assists. The Tigers netted a sizzling 28-fo-50 from the field, with seven of those field goals being three-pointers.

Linden was led by Shaye Brown’s 12 points. Nash netted eight.

Holly 63, Brandon 52

Holly (10-2, 11-2) remained a game within first-place Fenton, as Nic Stoll netted 21 points, 12 rebounds and six blocks, his second straight six-block game. Holly used an 18-4 second-quarter to help establish a lead.

Jared Plawski had 10 points and four assists, while Austin Hopkin had nine points and nine assists.

Girls Basketball

Holly 37, Brandon 22

In the first quarter to establish a lead the Bronchewell would not lose.

Brooke Harthun and Lauren Maher had five points each for the Bronchewell.

Linden varsity poms place third at Chicagoland meet

By David Troppens
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The Linden varsity poms team has gone to the Chicagoland Dance Championship before.

Usually it’s a great trip and a great experience but the results aren’t overly kind.

“We do two dances there each year and we usually come in last place,” Linden poms coach Joy Smith said. That didn’t happen this year. The girls competed in two events, and took third in the small varsity hip hop competition of the 2012 Chicagoland Dance Championship.

“We were two points away from first place,” Smith said. “I’m proud of them.” The team started somewhat shaky, taking ninth out of 10 squads in the small varsity poms competition, but then bounced back amazingly well.

“In Poms they were nervous,” Smith said. “But the hip hop was a couple hours later, and they were more relaxed. They had fun and did great.”

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Fenton’s Connor Muntin (left) defends Linden’s Travis Hull in the Tigers’ 70-30 victory Friday night.

Allyssa Copley scored a game high 20 points and 15 rebounds, leading Holly (10-1, 12-3) to the win.

Holly outscored Brandon 17-3 in the first quarter to establish a lead the Bronchewell would not lose.

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Strong third quarter leads

Lady Tigers, 42-31

By David Troppens
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Fenton Fenton junior guard Payton Maxheimer realizes that her varsity girls basketball team is getting better.

They showed it on Friday night, particularly in the third quarter.

The Tigers outscored Linden 17-2 in the third quarter, leading to a 42-31 victory at Fenton High School.

Maxheimer scored eight of her team-high 14 points in the third. The Eagles scored the quarter’s first two points on a baby hook shot by Madison Noffsie, but a Hannah Evo three-pointer with 6:46 left in the quarter sparked the 17-0 run. Maxheimer scored consecutive possessions on putbacks.

The second one gave Fenton the lead for good at 17-15.

“We are improving,” Maxheimer said. “What our coaches are saying is now we have the smarts of basketball. If we play smart, don’t make mistakes passing the ball, then we can come out with the win. We are working harder in practice, and everyday we are working hard on improving the things we need to improve on.”

The run continued on back-to-back assisted layups. The first was a layup by Jaelin Judson on an assist by Sarah Collier. The second was a Katie Conroy hoop off a dish from Julie Gilbert.

Fenton led by as many as 32-18 with 4:30 left on a hoop by Maxheimer, but Linden tried to fight back.

The Eagles cut the gap to 36-31 on a hoop by Jordan Sargent with 43.8 seconds left, but Fenton iced the game by netting six straight free throws — two each by Judson, Conroy and Evo.

For more details on this game, go to www.tctimes.com.

Happy Birthday

Baseball Hall of Fame member and slugger Hank Aaron was born on this date in 1934.
SUPER BOWL BLUES

When I was a kid, I thought the Super Bowl was one of the coolest days of the year. I remember when the Super Bowl was at the Silverdome. It was Super Bowl XVII, and it was a big deal already. I couldn’t believe looking at that roman numeral 16, that it had only been in existence for that many years. I was only nine years younger than the Super Bowl’s existence.

Looking back at the history at that time, it didn’t bother me too much that the Detroit Lions were never listed among the teams that participated in Super Bowl. After all, it was 1982. Up to that point in my life, none of the Detroit teams were particularly good. The Tigers were usually mired in fifth place in the American League East. The Red Wings were never very good, and were called the “Dead” Wings. The Pistons had this real guard named Isiah Thomas, but beyond that seemingly always stunk. The last time any of those squads had won anything was the Detroit Tigers in 1968, and that wasn’t even in my lifetime. I was comfortably accustomed to supporting, at best, mediocrity Detroit teams.

But as the years went on, things changed. The Tigers won a championship in 1984. Thomas ended up being a gem and helped spark the Bad Boys era, earning the Pistons two championships. Even the Red Wings were in the mix during my early adult years, and eventually won back-to-back cups, and a couple more after that. Suddenly Detroit felt like a city of champions. That was true in all but once case, the Detroit Lions.

The Lions came close in 1991. They trailed the Washington Redskins by seven points at halftime of the NFC Championship game that year. I still remember the chills I got at half when I thought to myself, “The Lions are just one good half of football away from the Super Bowl.” Of course, that “good” half never happened. And not much has happened since. Sure, there were other playoff games, but it never turned into a win or anything close to a season resembling a Super Bowl contender again. Watching the game started bothering me.

The Matt Millen era occurred and it got worse. I got to the point where I just didn’t watch. The year Adam Vinateri kicked the game-winning field goal for New England — I slept right through it. I missed it, and I didn’t care.

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So while I hope people enjoy the Super Bowl and their parties (even I’ll be at one), don’t be shocked if you ask me about the fourth quarter on Monday, and I say, “I didn’t see it. I was watching a dog drinking water during the power outage when the game was ending.” Because chances are, that’s what I will be doing.

Plaski’s hoop keeps Holly in race for league crown

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Holly — Jared Plawski picked a good time to make his only basket of the night for the Holly varsity boys basketball team on Tuesday.

After a time out and with the game tied at 47-all, Plawski drove the lane with 17 seconds left and scored on a short runner earning the Bronchos (9-2, 10-2) a 49-47 victory against the Clio Mustangs Tuesday in a Metro League game.

It was Plawski’s only bucket, netting just six points (four at the free throw line). He did dish eight assists though.

“I am a senior point guard and I did what I am supposed to do, good timing,” joked Plawski on his only bucket from the field. “I’m bringing the ball up court. They gave me the lane as they collapsed inside on Nic (Stoll) and I took it. It was a hard game on a Tuesday, but it’s a win.”

“Jared is a 6-foot-2 point guard who is strong and handles the ball well,” said Holly coach Lance Baylis. “I am happy he hit the big shot for the game winner. The way he played in the first half is just not typical of him. When he is on his game he is good as anyone in high school.”

The Mustangs played scrappy. They trailed just 47-41, and then scored six straight points, tying it at 47-all. With 1:01 left, Seamus Belhill had a hoop on a spin move, creating the tie. After Plawski gave Holly the lead, Clio could not convert. Holly’s Austin Hopkin then missed the front end of a one-and-one, giving Clio one more shot. However, Zach Borowsk’s desperation half court shot fell short.

Stoll dominated inside, and had a game-high 19 points and six blocks for the Bronchos. Sophomore Logan Spiker scored eight in his first start in the varsity game.

“Logan is a great skilled guy,” Baylis said. “I decided to go with him to go with Nic (Stoll) starting two bigs. The guy is still going to grow a few more inches. He has a nice reverse layup and I didn’t realize

A few thoughts about the area’s sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.

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Sublime Dabblings
Lady Bronchos fall to Mustangs

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Clio — In traditional Holly girls varsity basketball style, the Lady Bronchos battled back to create a tie against the defending Flint Metro League champion Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

After scoring just 10 first-half points and trailing by as many as 12 during the contest, the Bronchos had the game tied up at 37-37 with about two minutes remaining.

However, that’s when the Mustangs proved why they are the defending Metro champions. Clio scored the game’s final 10 points, earning a pivotal 47-37 victory at home against the Bronchos.

“Overall, we played very well,” Holly coach David Hall said. “We showed a lot of heart and a lot of composure. We played well enough to win, but didn’t make enough plays to win it.”

“Clio is a good team, and it was a good high school game. I think people got their money’s worth. We learned a lot. We learned that we are still a pretty good team.”

The loss wasn’t a death sentence for Holly, looking for its first Metro League title since 1993, by any stretch of the imagination. The Bronchos (9-1, 11-3) and Mustangs trail first-place Lapeer West by one game in the standings.

However, Holly still has another game remaining against West, a squad the Bronchos defeated earlier this season, meaning they control their own destiny for at least a Co-Metro title.

The Bronchos struggled mightily in the first half. They scored just three first-quarter points, but still trailed 6-3. However, the lack of offense finally caught up to the Bronchos in the second quarter, as they trailed 18-10 entering the break.

The Bronchos trailed by double-digits early in the fourth, but had the gap cut to 37-34. Then, Holly’s Lauren Maher responded with a three-point bucket, tying the game at 37-all with about two minutes left.

However, Clio responded with a bucket. Holly turned the ball over and Clio scored again, making it a 41-37 Clio lead. Holly turned the ball over again on its next possession, forcing them into a must-foul situation. Clio made its free throws down the stretch, earning the win.

“The girls learned that the game isn’t over until it’s over,” Hall said.

“They kept fighting. You never give up until you decide to give up. They kept playing until the very end, when the clock said...”

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PLASKI’S

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ize he scored nine points. Stoll was more open inside than any time in his career, and he did a good job scoring.”

Holly scored 21 third-quarter points, more than the Bronchos did the entire first half. However, they still led 20-17 at the break.

Freshman Morgan Baylis put the Bronchos in the lead at 12-9 after the first quarter when he made a steal at half court and scored on a layup. He also was fouled and he completed the three-point play with 26 seconds left in the quarter.

The Bronchos built some breathing room in the fourth quarter by establishing a 10-point lead. Donovan Williams hit a three-ball, Stoll had a slam on a long lead pass from Plawski, and Spiker scored in the paint leading Holly to a 41-31 lead entering the final quarter.

CHIEFS still growing; KBH United capture 10-2 non-league win

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Flint — Linden sophomore Nathan Allen has been waiting to get his first goal of the season.

He got two for the price of one.

Allen broke loose, scoring both Tri-City goals in a 10-2 loss to KBH United Wednesday at Iceland Arena.

Three of the four schools in the tri-county area were represented. The Tri-City Chiefs include Lake Fenton, Linden and Durand, while KBH United includes Kearsley, Brandon and Holly.

“The first goal came on a slap shot and the second on a two-on-one with Austin (Frank),” said Allen. “We are looking at controlling the puck better, and then capitalizing on our opponent, and we are starting to do better at that.”

“We have a bunch of young players, at practice. We have different skill levels. We are just working on getting better and taking it day-by-day.”

While the Chiefs remain winless, they didn’t fold and battled back after falling behind 6-0 after the opening period, getting the two goals.

“Hockey is a survivor mode. Schools have had to...” said KBH United coach Bill O’Bryan. “They (Tri-City) have been day-to-day.”

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work their tail off and are well coached. It has got be hard to struggle, but they keep working hard. You root for those schools to keep having a team.”

Holly has five players on KBH’s first-place team. Brent Smiles and Austin Kirby are goalkeepers along with forwards Matt Gagnon, JT Kirby and Tyler Russell. Gagnon scored a goal. Smiles, who usually starts in goal, had the night off. Austin Kirby stepped up with a solid game and a first-period shutout.

“The Holly kids don’t play too much during the season and got a chance for more playing time,” said O’ Bryan.

“For me and Brett as goalkeepers and both from Holly, it is a friendly competition,” said Austin Kirby. “I played better. It helps to have so much scoring on this team, to take the pressure off the goalie.”

KBH came out on the ice firing away with 20 shots on goal in the first period to just one for Tri-City. Freshman goalkeeper Thomas Messenger, from Lake Fenton, made some nice saves, but the Chiefs didn’t create any offense of their own to counter.

For KBH United, Brandon Csutoras had four goals and one assist. He scored three of the first four goals. Jordan Orth and AJ Yuchasz had three assists each. Kody Eddy and Cam Fox both had a pair of goals, while James Gleason and Gagnon had a goal.

The Chiefs trailed 6-0 after the opening period and it looked the mercy rule would come soon. However, Tri-City played and trailed 7-1 at the second intermission. Allen scored his first goal of the season, with an assist from Linden’s Jared Peterson, staving off the mercy rule. Just over a minute into the final period, Allen struck again with an assist from Lake Fenton’s Austin Frank cutting the lead to 7-2. KBH then scored two goals in a 44-second span for a 9-2 lead. Csutoras then ended the game for a 10-2 mercy win with 1:36 left in the third period.

The Linden varsity poms team recently competed at the Chicagoland Dance Competition, and came home with a third-place team finish in the small varsity hip hop competition. They also competed in the pom competition. The hip hop placing was the best the Eagles have ever done at the Chicagoland competition, and was the best placing they’ve earned this year in any event.

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but we are only halfway done,” Jones, a junior, said. “The other half is Saturday. It would be the first time in Holly history we’d be back-to-back champions. We are going to have to wrestle the way we do, stop making the small mistakes and wrestle with the holly heart, and make sure we pull through.”

Holly was expected to dominate the duals, and did just that. The Bronchos had 10 wrestlers cap the day with perfect 2-0 marks. Jones (140) was one of them with his pinfall of Brancheau in 4:16.

“Bo is one of my best friends,” Jones said. “We were really even when I was at Fenton.”

Other Holly wrestlers posting 2-0 marks were Jacob Palleson (103/112), Tyler Gibson (119), Mason Cleaver (125), Anthony Gonzales (130), Jesse Torres (135), Kyle Pepper (145), Jake Harless (152), Blake Cuthbert (171) and Shawn Scott (189).

Holly coach Don Pluta liked the way his team wrestled.

“We wrestled really well,” Pluta said. “A couple of kids were out still, but, hopefully, we will be healthy Saturday.”

(Winning back-to-back titles) would be huge. We have a good history. I’ve been here for a long time, but it would be nice for the seniors and the program. That’s what we’ve talked about most of the year — we want to get the Metro title back-to-back, the district and regional titles and be a state finalist for back-to-back years. That’s never been done before.”

Linden has been in a rebuilding year, but finished with a victory against their top rivals, Fenton. The Eagles had three wrestlers go 2-0 on the day. They were Johnnie Bates (112), Jeff Fisher (215) and Cliff Coleman (285).

**BRONCHOS**

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0:00. “We just happened to be on the short end.”

Allyssa Copley led the Bronchos with 13 points, while Maher had nine points, all coming on three-point shots.

Kayla Skopek had eight points and Delaney Serra had five. The Bronchos only got to the line seven times, making four of the shots. Chö’s Allison Kitchen and Brenna Pennington had bit games, each scoring 19 points.

No one else had more than five for the Mustangs.

If the Bronchos win the rest of their Metro League contests, they’ll earn at least a share of the Metro League title.

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(Top photo) Holly’s Zack Jones gets an unusual pin against Fenton’s Bo Brancheau. (Below) Fenton’s James Castiglione holds Linden’s Matt Tulip on his back before action was called dead.

“Beating Fenton was nice, and to be honest with you, I was a little concerned,” Linden coach Todd Skinner said. “We still have guys out of the lineup. I thought we wrestled halfway decent against Hol-ly. We stayed off of our backs and didn’t get pinned. We battled.”

“But we beat Fenton, and that’s our ri- val. That’s our Ohio State. We don’t like to lose to Fenton, not at all.”

Norm Golden (103) was Fenton’s only double-winner of the night.

“I thought we had a chance with Lin-den, even though we had several starters out of our lineup,” Fenton coach Bruce Burwitz said. “Things didn’t go our way.”

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