#### tctimes.com ONLINE COMMENTS

#### HOT LINE: **AS PRICES W**The only reason

gas prices are temporarily down is that we quit



driving so many miles. The guy who keeps telling

us to drive less and gas will come down is right on the mark. I skipped a planned trip to Traverse City last weekend for just that reason. Once again, we control our own destiny.<sup>1</sup>

#### STORY: **ELMET LAW**

**44**Quit complaining that the no helmet law



survive an accident without a helmet.<sup>1</sup>

#### STORY: LOTTERIES **44**All lotteries are a

rip-off. They say they give the money to the schools, but what happens to the rest of the cash that earns interest for 20 years?"

#### **4**Don't play the

lottery. It is worse odds than betting that Obama was born in America.

ONLINE COMMENT: **44**Oil rises in price in the morning, gas price rises in the afternoon. Oil lowers in price in morning, gas lowers in price two days later, or not at all if oil rises again in the interim.



#### Meatless about pets Monday **Articles including Benefits and** healthy pets and olitics of meatgood grooming free trends SCRIBE TO THE Midweek \* Wednesday **MES ONLINE**

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> tion starts next month. The overall projected cost of the project is \$1.25 million.

City of Fenton gears up for \$1.4 million revitalization

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**North LeRoy construction to start in May** 

The construction project is set to refurbish North LeRoy Street, from

North Road to the northern city limits. During construction, two lanes are expected to remain open, and businesses will remain accessible. See CONSTRUCTION on 8

The North LeRoy Street project is getting closer and closer to starting." **Daniel Czarnecki** Director of Fenton's Department of Public Works

Shopping

and the way

it affects you

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## Adopt-A-Pet part of largest animal rescue in state

**By Ryan Tackabury** 

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

**Fenton** — The planning phase

for the North LeRoy renovation is

drawing near a close as construc-

More than 350 small breed dogs seized from puppy mill

#### **By William Axford**

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton is expecting to take in 15 to 20 animals from a puppy mill operation in Allegan County. The rescue is considered the largest recovery of animals in Michigan said Adopt-A-Pet Director Jody Maddock.

"The owners have released the dogs to the county, asking for help," Maddock See PUPPY MILL on 9

#### Summary

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton Township anticipates adopting 15 to 20 puppies from an animal rescue in Allegan County, where more than 350 puppies were rescued.

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News station WoodTV captured footage of hundreds of dogs being rescued in Allegan County on Tuesday. Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton Township may nurse 15 to 20 puppies that were recovered. The rescue is believed to be the biggest in Michigan's history.

## Grandfather of slain child recognized

Rick Calhoun to receive Crime Victim Advocate of the Year award

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

tjagielo@tctimes.com He's not taking much credit, but Rick Calhoun and his family's efforts are being recognized officially, this month.

"It's an accumulation of my family," he said. "My name's on it, but we've got a bunch of supporters."

Last week, Rick Calhoun, of Linden was notified by Genesee See AWARD on 8



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** Rick Calhoun, left, celebrates with friends and family following the sentencing of Brandon Hayes and Corrine Baker in February.

"My name's on it, but we've got a bunch of supporters." **Rick Calhoun** 

Child rights advocate

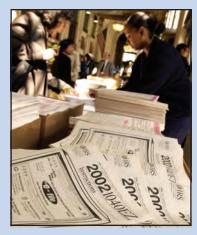
# Last minute tax advice

## ► Take your time, don't rush

#### **By William Axford**

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 The deadline to file state and federal taxes is Tuesday, April 17, less than a week away. Despite having two extra days, many people will find themselves crunching numbers next Monday night. racing to meet the deadline. Tax experts agree that a majority of mistakes are made when people are rushed.

"The problem you run into is you tend to look over things," said Dick Beauchamp See TAX on 9



Filing taxes can be stressful, especially if you do them last minute. Take your time when you file them and compare your taxes to previous returns for a more accurate tax file.



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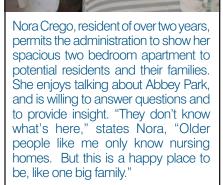
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#### A Cut Above What distinguishes Abbey

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is that personal care services can be purchased 'a la carte' as the need arises. For those who are able to live independently, the basic rental package is sufficient. The Medicare-certified, Medical Team home health agency provides personal care for residents who require it, and also provides 24 hour emergency staffing. Medication reminder service, escorts to meals, scheduled check-ins, assistance with dressing and grooming are some of the services that are available through the Medical Team. A full time professional nurse is on site to address questions or concerns that the residents have. The nurse also performs blood pressure checks, monitors dications, facilitates diagnostic testing, and coordinates with visiting physicians.

# ABBEY PARK 3221

#### Activities

All the necessities for an active senior lifestyle can be found at Abbey Park. Activities include Nintendo Wii bowling tournaments, crafts, puzzle construction, happy hour, ice cream social, three nights of Bingo, trips to the Casino and local

chapel services and movies. During chair exercise class; which is three times per week, at least thirty residents can be found using therapy bands and kicking

b a l l s across the circle to each other. Every week, en-

tertainment is brought in for the enjoyment of all. A monthly

and a weekly calendar are distributed to all of the residents so that they can participate in their favorite activities. Various socials and parties are also planned, including a monthly Champagne Brunch, which provide a wonderful opportunity to bring in guests.



Abbey Park's main dining room is not only elegant, but renowned for their hot and delicious food. Deserts made from scratch are the highlight of the noon and evening meals. "The food is delicious and it is served hot," remarks Nora. There is also an auxiliary dining room that families can rent for private parties.

Kathy Felix, Administrator of Abbey Park remarks that the employees care for the residents. "We all treat our residents as i they are our family," states Felix, "it is truly an honor to know them."

Assistant Administrator Debra Holbin agrees, "It is so rewarding to work here. Every day I talk about how I love my job. It is just a really good feeling to help other people with anything they may need."

Five year resident, Lois Bomier, lovingly called the 'Abbey Park Poster Child' by her son says, "It is a delightful pleasure to live here and to be cared for by all of the loving employees.'

#### **PARK NEWS**

Happily Ever After A Love Story



Residents Dora Mayo and Joe Ashley recently married in the community lobby after a one-year courtship. Mayo, who is preceded in death by four of her five children, moved into Abbey Park November of 2008 after losing her husband of 57 years. Ashley moved in just weeks after Mayo, after losing his wife of 63 years. The two are now happily married and enjoy their friends as they share their lives at Abbey Park.

#### Abbey Park is now on Facebook

Check out Abbey Park's facebook page at www.facebook.com. search "Abbey Park Grand Blanc" to become a fan. Check out photos from year-round events, offer feedback or keep up on scheduled events.

#### Mark your calendar...

Valentine Sock Hop Dance the Night Away at the Annual Valentine Sock Hop with live music by Mario Messina Friday, February 12, 2010 Don't forget to R.S.V.P.

**TESTIMONIALS** 

"The staff is so kind," says Nora, "I have never heard a cross word. Every day someone comes in and makes your bed, and once a week they come in and clean." Nora also reassures the more hesitant visitors, "No one wants to leave their home, but it's better to do it before something happens and you get here, you'll just love it, I do."

Perhaps Eileen Boucher who has lived at Abbey Park for over nine years put it best when she said, "It is not the bricks, mortar and the beautiful surroundings, but the people that we enjoy mingling with that make this one special place...the best as I see it.'



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#### **SMART** SOLUTIONS



#### Homemade mouse repellent

When mice invade your home, put out sacks of crushed peppermint leaves to chase them away. Make them by filling old stockings, socks or pantyhose with peppermint leaves (from your garden or from your local health food store). Mice dislike the smell and stay away.



#### Packing tips

Packing shoes and clothes together is difficult — who wants to get clothes dirty with putting their shoes next to them? The next time you travel, slide your shoes into old, clean socks for packing without problems

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# The psychology of shopping

Summary

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moods.

► The experience

of retail shopping

shown to affect

a person's brain

patterns and

▶ 'Retail therapy' affects a person's mood, brain patterns

#### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 If you're a woman, chances are that one of your favorite leisure activities is retail shopping. In fact, it's jokingly called "retail therapy," because shopping has a way of positively affecting your mood — unless you feel you have over-spent.

"Once a month, we have our 'round' of shopping," said Rochelle Jones, of Fenton. She usually shops with a girlfriend, and sometimes they'll put their purchases together if it means a better deal at the cash register.

If your heart starts beating

faster and you begin to feel almost "giddy" when you've found a good deal, it's not just your imagination. You may be experiencing what is known as "shopper's high," according to a recent CBS news report.

During a pleasurable shopping experience, the human brain releases the chemical dopamine, which has a role in See RETAIL THERAPY on 19

# Seven ways retailers get you to spend money

1) "Free" Stuff - free things draw you in to a store or website where you're likely to buy other things. 2) No dollar signs - prices marked with dollar signs have been proven to reduce consumer spending. Expensive restaurants usually have minimalistic prices like "24" - meaning \$24.00 - because they want you to focus on the food and not the price. 3) "10 for \$10" - consumers often think they have to buy 10 items to get the deal, so people often buy more than they normally would. 4) Per-customer limits pricing such as "Limit 5 per customer" leads people to think the product is scarce See SPEND on 19

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Rochelle Jones never shops or dines anywhere without her dozens of discount cards, reward cards

# Meatless Monday

#### Benefits and politics of meat- free trends

**By Tim Jagielo** 

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 Last Monday evening, The French Laundry in Fenton sold six vegetar-

ian appetizers, including spinach and artichoke dip and a veggie pizza. The vegetarian entrees are too numerous to count quickly. "We probably sold quite a bit," said co-owner Chad Brennan.

See MEATLESS on 20

Summary Meatless initiatives like Meatless Monday can lead to healthy lifestyle choices provided that the nutrients found in meat are replaced with

other options.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Courtney Stayhue of The French Laundry reaches for a vegetarian lasagna plate Monday afternoon. The restaurant sells a modest percentage of vegetarian plates daily.





#### **Titanic - The Reality**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland -Here, where the Titanic luxury liner was built, the joke for years has been, "It was fine when it left here." This year marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the ship "not even God himself could sink...." and it is being observed in diverse ways.

In America, where Titanic was headed when it sank April 15, 1912, James Cameron's 1997 blockbuster film 'Titanic' is being re-released in 3-D. The film gives us a host of historical inaccuracies that may be all a generation of young people will learn about the ill-fated ship and its tragic maiden voyage.

The true story of the Titanic, however, is quite different, and as far as I know has never been told in a feature film. In Cameron's version, he depicts the wealthy as asserting their privilege over third-class passengers and crew so they could escape in lifeboats not made available to all, a depiction that plays on issues of class warfare and social inequality.

In many cases, the opposite was true, according to documented historical accounts that include real-life examples of rich passengers coming to the aid of the less fortunate. The truth is that men of power and prestige (including Benjamin Guggenheim, John Jacob Astor and Macy's department store owners Ida and Isidor Straus) sacrificed their lives for women and children of the lower class, many of whom were indentured servants, day laborers, and domestic workers.

Dr. Harry L. Reeder, a minister in Alabama asks "Why?" and answers his own question: "...the undeniable influence of Christianity.

The Lusitania was torpedoed by a German U-boat on May 7, 1915, killing more than 1,100, but that ship went down in just 18 minutes, while the Titanic took almost three hours to slip beneath the waters of the Atlantic, thus giving the Titanic more time for real, as well as manufactured, drama.

In Titanic's demise, acts of selfsacrifice that shattered stereotypes about "the rich" were revealed. Those stories would have made for a better film than the ones made. Though, to borrow from the Cameron film's title song, their stories will "go on."

OH, THE WIND in the hair, the bugs in the teeth, the possibility of falling off the motorcycle and cracking your head against the concrete without a helmet - Well, I have ridden on these machines, but always wore a helmet, no matter how it messed up my hair.

#### HR 347 INFRINGES

on this: "Congress shall make no law respect-

ing an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN liberals lose arguments and run out of excuses? Yes, they ask the media (or tell them if they are in charge) to stop the presses. Do not print opinions in Hot lines 90 to 120 days before the election?

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I KNOW TIMES are tough, but Fenton schools need new computers for students. Much of their time is wasted by slow, out-of-date, 10-year-old technology. Let's help students maximize their time at school with the computers they need to do their assignments well and in a timely way.

IT IS SUCH a disappointment that the Fenton Museum is open only two hours a week. Perhaps a grant could fund a needed employee or part-time high school student who would like to major



#### in history in college.

IT WOULD BE smart of us to require our city officials to provide us with a personal credit report. If they cannot manage their own finances, why would we feel comfortable with them managing ours?

MY SON AND I spent four hours on Saturday clean-ing both sides of West Belford Road in Holly. Six

old tires later it's all clean. To all my great

IT DOESN'T SEEM right that the DDA chairman, who I understand doesn't even reside in Fenton, should be freely spending taxpayer funds and giving out dollar leases in our city. Perhaps the Times should report on just how widespread this is among various appointed officeholders.

SPEND TIME IN downtown Holly? Would love to if parking was available. Too many "reserved" or overnight parking spots. We shouldn't have to walk several blocks to enjoy downtown and there are no drop-off spots. Wednesday night all downtown and Red Devil side lot full again but restaurants were not.

THAT \$12 MILLION that was spent on the 'Pure Michigan' ad campaign should have been spent more wisely. Who can afford to be a tourist here when gas prices are so high, and climbing?

DAVID'S BABBLINGS AND the likes of his mindset — you attend and watch a fight, lo and behold, a hockey game breaks out. What a concept.

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gases, soot, and many other things that are undesirable. If you really want to

full garbage cans and two neighbors who are always trying to keep it clean, we now have a fresh start.

around. You know what? I see jobs coming back, they are coming back here. I say you leave the man alone and let him do his job. THIS IS CONCERNING the article on

of story.

the beautiful junk yard on Grange Hall Road. We were thinking of buying in the sub across the road, but decided not to, due to the beautiful junk yard across the street. Why can't he put up a privacy fence along Grange Hall Road to block his beautiful antiques from the public?

and accountable for your own trash.

Simple — keep bag in vehicle, place

trash in bag, dispose of bag at home

where it belongs. Problem solved, end

TO THE GENTLEMAN who thinks that

EPA and Obama should allow coal-fired

and electric generators, those genera-

tors produce much more than electric-

have one of these things, why don't you

give us your address and we'll see if we

can get one placed near your home.

FOR ALL YOU Obama-haters, I wish

you'd open up your eyes and look

ity. They produce a lot of poisonous

IN ANSWER TO the 80-year-old, I'm 85, don't you remember living through Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, George Bush #2 that got us into a war with Iraq over another big lie. Come on, give Obama a break. We've had lying presidents for a long time.

YOU DO INTERVIEWS and every-thing with other authors who are from Fenton and Holly. My son, who is from Holly, has written a book yet you have ignored him. I just wonder why. I have bought your paper for 46 years.

THERE'S NO ONE that's going to convince me that helmet laws aren't good. Not good is having the job of cleaning up someone's brains off the pavement, not to mention insurance rates being sky high for the rest of us.

#### IF SNYDER ALLOWS bikers to ride

without helmets, I'm jumping on the bandwagon to push for no seatbelts. What's wrong with our society? They make it a law to wear seatbelts, and then they tell the bikers just to take it all off. People have gone nuts.

#### I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT anyone of

intelligence would say that there's no global warming. Haven't they seen on TV how the ice caps are melting in the arctic? Some islands are being swallowed up by the rising oceans. Warming is a fact, the question is, what's causing it? Nature, or man?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

#### Compiled by Eric Trowt, intern

# What's the best shopping buy you ever made? Street talk



"I would say my lawn furniture. It was a \$1,200 set that I got it for \$400." Danielle Padden, Linden



"Probably my daughter's winter coat. It was worth \$40 and I only paid \$4." Jessie Weir,





"I found a total gym at Goodwill for \$15 and normally they're several hundred."

– Mike Durkin, Fenton



"I got a good deal on a used car. It only had 12,000 miles on it when I bought it." – Lillian Youmans,

Linden



"Probably at Best Buy on Black Friday. I got a computer, and a camera for next to nothing."

— Patrick McCarthy, Linden



## Fenton reworks civil infraction ordinances

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►Ordinance amendments allow civil instead of a criminal approach

#### **By Ryan Tackabury**

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Fenton — The city council voted on Monday to amend the code of ordinance to allow for civil infraction violations be used as penalties for violating certain city ordinances. Prior to this change, the city had to resort to misdemeanor charges to enforce several ordinances.

Changes include the ordinances on amusements and entertainment, animals and fowl, garbage and refuse, secondhand goods, signs, sidewalks, and public places.

City attorney Stephen Schultz said that the city had a civil infraction penalty for many years, though not many ordinances would benefit from it.

Schultz said that with the amendments to the ordinance code, the city can take a civil approach where before they would have been forced to take a criminal approach.

Building and zoning administrator Brad Hissong said that the amendments are a more effective way to achieve compliance from certain items in the city code that they have had to deal with in the past. "They are mainly policing issues," said Hissong.

The issuing of civil infraction violations, Hissong said, will remain as a last resort after sending out multiple letters asking ordinance violators to comply. If determined responsible for a civil

News briefs **SEN. JOHN GLEASON** HOLDS COFFEE HOUR State Sen. John Gleason invites residents to join him for coffee hour. Gleason will be holding coffee hour in his district to speak with residents and hear their questions and concerns. He will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. on Monday, April 16 to discuss the issues he is currently working on in Lansing. He will be at the Country Carriage restaurant, 9237 Miller Rd., in Swartz Creek.



infraction violation, a fine of no more than \$500 may be faced, in addition to court and prosecution costs.

Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said that the amendment maintains

strong teeth on all "It is an of the ordinances, but it is also better at alternative communicating with ordinance violators. enforcing The council agreed to appoint the posiordinances

tion of Building and Zoning Administrator to also serve as city Ordinance Enforcement Officer. This individual will have the authority to enforce all of the ordinances in the city, and is responsible for investigating ordinance violations,

issuing violation notices, and appearing in court to assist in the prosecution of ordinance violations.





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# **ReLeaf Michigan extends** fundraiser deadline

► Organization promotes benefits of planting more trees and shrubs

ReLeaf Michigan has announced that it has extended the deadline for its tree and shrub fundraiser to Monday, April 16.

For more than two decades, ReLeaf Michigan, a non-profit tree education and planting organization, has carefully selected hardy, bare-root trees and sold them to the public for reasonable rates. The tree sale is a fundraiser that encourages the public to plant trees while bringing in much-needed revenue to support ReLeaf Michigan's ongoing statewide tree

planting and edu-

cational programs. Properly planted trees can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent, increase residential property values by up to 37 percent, reduce storm

5 percent increase in tree cover and make it feel 10 percent cooler in the shade as well as beautify our homes and provide habitats for wildlife. According to ReLeaf Michigan, over the past few years Michigan has

water run-off by 2 percent for every

Summary lost tens of thou-Residents have until Monday, April 16 to order a tree or shrub through ReLeaf Michigan, a non-profit tree education and planting organization.

sands of trees due to the emerald ash borer, storms and old age. Those who purchase these trees can play a vital role in reversing this trend while enhancing the value of their property.

**ReLeaf Michigan** has been working

with community groups throughout the state for the past 24 years to plant trees on public property. More than 25,000 trees have been planted in partnership with nearly 350 community organizations.

Online ordering is available at www.releafmichigan.org. For more information about ReLeaf Michigan or to request information on organizing a tree-planting event in your neighborhood, contact ReLeaf Michigan at 1-800-642-7353 or info@ releafmichigan.org.

#### **Trees and** shrubs available

Trees: 4 to 6 feet, \$32 each, three or more \$30 each. Specialty trees: 4 to 6 feet, \$50 each.

Shrubs: 1 to 2 feet, \$18 each, three or more \$15 each. Evergreens: Containerized one-

gallon evergreens. \$20 each, three or more \$18 each.

A list of varieties is available online.

#### To order

Go to www.releafmichigan.org to order online or download a form. Check, money orders, or credit cards accepted. Pick-up: April 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pick-up locations: Maps on website. (Bring a very large plastic bag to protect roots during transport.) Nearest locations are Haddon Nursery in Fenton and Springfield Oaks Park in Davisburg.



The sinking of the Titanic and the United States Supreme Court

April 15, 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic in the North Atlantic Ocean after it had struck an iceberg.

More than 1,500 lives were lost as a result and this sinking is considered one of the most tragic maritime disasters in all of history.

All of the above and more is well known but what may not be as well known is the fact that after this disaster there were a number of death and injury lawsuits filed in both state and federal courts against the company that owned the Titanic — Oceanic Steam Navigation Company Limited.

At the time there was a United States statute in effect that allowed the owner of a vessel to file a petition with a federal court to limit its liability for damages if certain conditions were met.

The Oceanic Company did just that and filed a petition with the Federal District Court in New York under the Limitation of Liability Act of 1851. This law provided several things including all lawsuits being required to be filed in one court and the ship owner's liability for damages being limited to the post accident net value of the vessel and cargo. The ship owner also had to show that the loss was occasioned without its privity or knowledge.

It has been estimated that the post sinking valuation of the Titanic was as low as \$92,000, which basically was the value of the lifeboats and related equipment. It has also been estimated that the death claims alone were \$22,000,000, so there was a lot at stake.

The case eventually made its way to the United States Supreme Court. The Court ruled that the Limitation of Liability Act applied and thus, as to United States plaintiffs, their potential recovery was reduced to almost nothing.

This was not good news for the plaintiffs. Eventually however this law was amended to increase the funds available for such damages.

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#### DEACTIVATED CELL PHONES CAN STILL CALL 911

Holly police would like to remind parents to not let their children play with deactivated cellular phones with live batteries. Cell phones with a live battery attached can be used to call 911, even when they are not activated by a cellular service company. If parents are allowing children to play with cell phones, batteries should be removed in order to prevent accidental calls to 911.

## GIVE A LANE WHEN PASSING POLICE

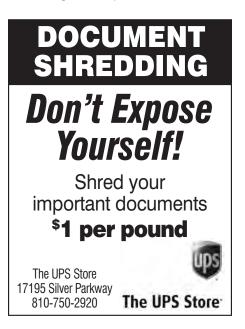
At 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, a Fenton police officer was checking on an abandoned vehicle that was parked along northbound U.S. 23. While checking on the vehicle, and having the patrol car's emergency lights activated, a green 1999 Subaru passed him at posted speeds without moving over one lane. There were no other vehicles in the area. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the Subaru and issued a misdemeanor ticket to the 33-year-old female drive from Howell for failing to move over a lane. Lt. Jason Slater said since there were no injuries, she faces up to a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail. In similar incidents, if someone is injured, the offending motorist faces up to two years in jail and a \$1,000 fine. If a death occurs, the offending motorist faces 15 years in prison and \$7,500 in fines. Police remind all motorists to move over at least one lane if possible or slow down to a safe speed while passing a parked police vehicle.

#### FRAUD UNDER INVESTIGATION

On April 7, a 68-year-old Fenton man filed a fraud complaint with Fenton police. The man reported that someone charged \$594.38 on his credit card without his authorization. All transactions took place at a local department store. Fenton police are working with the store to identify the suspect.

#### **COMPLAINENT ARRESTED**

At 9 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, Fenton police responded to a home on Chinkapin Rill to investigate a theft complaint. The resident said someone had stolen his weed whacker, which he had left outside. While there, the resident told the officer he had an outstanding arrest warrant from Rochester police. The officer arrested the man and was given a April 23 court date.



#### POLICE TRY TO ID FEMALE THEFT SUSPECT

At 2:20 p.m. on Friday, April 6, a 29-year-old Fenton Township man reported a theft to Fenton police. The man said his mother-in-law from Canada had been at a gas station on Owen Road and U.S. 23 at 1:20 p.m. and when she went inside to pay for her purchase, someone stole a diaper bag, containing her passport, cell phone, tablet and credit card from her vehicle. Police learned that her credit card was used about 15 minutes later at a Fenton gas station. Surveillance video was obtained and it showed a heavyset woman, about 5-feet, 4-inches tall, wearing a grey top and black pants using the credit card. The woman was seen on the video with the diaper bag and getting into a dark green car, possibly a Chevy. Later that afternoon, police learned that the diaper bag was located in the 100 block of North Adelaide Street. Most of the stolen property was recovered, except for the phone and tablet. The case remains under investigation.

#### MOTHER AND SON REPORT SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

Holly Police Chief Elena Danishevskaya said a female resident and her 9-year-old son were at Lakeside Park on Saturday, April 7, when they observed a 1990s gold Caravan style van with tinted windows driving by the park. They said the driver showed the child a hand sign, which appeared to be either a "peace" sign or a handgun. They described the driver as a white male, unknown age, wearing a black mask and a yellow hooded sweatshirt. Holly police officers checked the area but were unable to locate the van in question. The complainant believed the incident to be suspicious and went to the police station to report it. If anyone has information regarding this incident, call Det. Julie Bemus at (248) 634-8221. Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes also sent out an alert to parents in the school district.





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If you are unable to make it to the Job Fair, you can e-mail your resume, employment application, reference sheet and cover letter indicating which position you are applying for to hr@rosehillcenter.org

We regret that we are unable to acknowledge every resume we receive, and therefore we will contact only those with whom we would like to schedule an interview.

Rose Hill Center, located in Holly, Michigan, is a non-profit residential rehabilitation and treatment center designed to assist adults with major psychiatric disorders, primarily serving those with a diagnosis of schizophrenia or bi-polar.

Recognizing that mental illness is treatable and manageable, Rose Hill's professional mental health team directs programs aimed at helping people successfully achieve and maintain independent living.

## **Tour showcases nature sanctuary in Fenton**

Summary

Nature

Association

is hosting an

Odyssey Tour.

One of its stops

is at the Dauner

Martin Nature

Sanctuary in

Monday, April

the free tour.

16. The public is

invited to attend

Fenton on

The Michigan

Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary is stop on statewide Odyssey Tour

#### **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 To celebrate its 60 years of operation, the Michigan Nature Association (MNA)

is hosting an Odyssey Tour this year of 20 of its sanctuaries, including the Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary in Fenton.

The Odyssey Tour runs from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, April 16. There is no cost to attend.

Dauner Martin Nature Sanctuary, like the other sanctuaries, has a variety of natural habitats and unique species of plants and animals. The 20 sanctuaries featured on the tour were chosen for their unique natural features, educational value and accessibility to the public.

Odyssey's co-creators and MNA members Dave Wendling and Tina Patterson will lead each leg of the Odyssey Tour,

#### AWARD

#### **Continued from Front Page** County Assistant Prosecutor Tammy Phil-

lips, that he would be receiving the Crime Victim Advocate of the Year Award, for his efforts to shed light on the issue of child abuse. The effort was ignited by the murder of his 4-year-old grandson Dominick Calhoun, in 2010.

The award recipient was chosen by Genesee County Prosecutor Davis Leyton.

"I think that Mr. Calhoun stood very tall on behalf of a very large family during a very tragic time," said Leyton. "He has stepped forward to strengthen child abuse laws in Michigan. I'm very very proud to give him the award."

Past recipients have included police officers, doctors, lawyer and educators. Leyton said his family's experience stood out to him.

Dominick's killer Brandon Hayes was sentenced to 160 years in prison in February, and Phillips handled the case against Hayes.

#### CONSTRUCTION **Continued from Front Page**

The project is currently in the bidding process, which was expected to be finished by April 6. The winning contractor will need four to six weeks to obtain the necessary paperwork, and construction is expected to start in early May.

The city council also approved a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to receive nearly \$1.16 million in funding for the project.

"The North LeRoy Street project is getting closer and closer to starting," said Daniel Czarnecki, the director of the Department Public Works (DPW), at Monday's city council meeting.

"This contract basically spells out the funding and how we have to follow certain steps and procedures. It's a standard MDOT contract."

Other work for the project involves material testing and providing proper reports to MDOT. The city council also agreed on Monday to utilize Schleede Hampton Associates (SHA) to manage this part of

across the state. The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and guests should arrive around 9:30 a.m. near the Dauner Road entrance. Guests are also encouraged to bring a sack lunch to enjoy at the end of the tour with drinks and cookies.

Since its foundation in 1952, MNA has worked to protect rare, threatened and endangered species and natural communities across Michigan.

Over six decades, they have built a statewide network of more than 170 nature sanctuaries, with sanctuaries in 58 of Michigan's 83 counties.

For more information about the Odyssey, or the 60th anniversary, please visit www.michigannature.org. To register to take one or more of the Odyssey tours or email lbaum@michigannatuer.org or call (866) 223-2231.

The local contact is Paul and Sue McEwen and they can be reached at sampdm@ chartermi.net. Paul McEwen

advises people to RSVP so that they may be notified of any last minute changes.

The award recognizes that Calhoun and his family are working to pass "Dominick's Law," which offers stiffer penalties for child abuse.

Calhoun said he is proud of the award, "but who wants an award because your grandson died?" he said.

Beyond the law, Calhoun said he will continue working for children's rights, and raising money for child advocates.

"You just do as much as you possibly can," he said. "Trying to make people realize they need to do the same thing, that's the hard part."

The announcement prompted 415 "likes" on the Dominick's Law! Facebook page and numerous comments. "Awesome job," said one comment. "You've put in a lot of hard work for Dominick and all children. May all of us do what we can to stop child abuse."

Calhoun will be recognized officially at an April 27 luncheon at the Masonic Temple in Flint.

the project, which will cost \$28,000.

In the past, the city's engineers, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment have utilized SHA for this type of work themselves. By working directly with the SHA, the city is saving money in the form of a markup fee.

The project was budgeted through the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission as part of the 2012 county's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) at \$1,424,470. TIP is putting \$1,139,576 toward the project and the city is responsible for \$284,894. The city is also responsible for the design engineering (\$156,560). which has been completed and paid for, and \$186,000 in construction engineering costs. The City has budgeted its total amount toward the project, spread across two fiscal years.

Czarnecki said that on Friday, April 6, MDOT opened the bids. The low bidder was Ace Asphalt and Paving from Flint at \$1,393,681.13. The project has not been awarded yet as MDOT is working to verify the bids and they still need to get insurance and bonds from the contractor.

#### TAX

#### **Continued from Front Page**

of Quality Tax Service. "Numbers with Social Security and birthdays are often typed in incorrectly. Take your time and do it accurately."

Another problem with doing taxes last minute is that people tend to forget important purchases made throughout the year, Beauchamp said. For example, if someone had to switch jobs and was on unemployment for a time that has to be filed into the taxes. If a house was purchased,

taxes exist on the closing papers and the mortgage papers.

Beauchamp recommends using a tax return from a previous year as a comparison while you're filing to ensure this year's return is as accurate as possible. Also, don't send that return out with at least one other set of eyes looking it over.

Before you send it in, have someone you trust look it over. If you do it yourself, you're reading what you

thought you wrote, not necessarily what you wrote," Beauchamp said. The Internal Revenue Service has

embraced the Internet and encourages

#### **PUPPY MILL Continued from Front Page**

said, who has gathered that two birds, 12 cats and 366 dogs will be rescued. "Most of the animals need dental work done, which is very common for puppy mill dogs."

Allegan County Animal Shelter workers are in the process of recov-

ering and delivering proper aid to the animals. A message on the shelter's voicemail called for volunteers, especially from animal health professionals and groomers.

Maddock said the owners, whose names have not been released, likely were dog breeders unable to sell their animals, sheltering them as they continued to breed. The animals swelled to an unsus-

tainable population forcing the owners to seek aid.

Pam Sordyl of Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan said she has tracked 30 rescues in Michigan and that the rescue in Allegan County is the worst she has ever seen. She said many of the puppies are covered in fleas and feces and have many health problems.

as many people as possible to file online. IRS.com/efile features a slew of different programs for filing your taxes. There is even a free filing program for those who make less than \$57,000 a year. The

IRS reports 99 million people filed their taxes online last year, which is about 70 percent of all taxpayers in America.

Even smartphones and iPads have apps that enable users to file their taxes by taking a picture of your W-2. Experts caution however that smartphone filers tend to be younger and often have simpler returns.

Extensions can be filed for those who can't meet the deadlines, however, they are only granted to those who expect

> money back on their return. If you're going to end up paying when you file your taxes, you won't be granted an extension.

The best advice: prepare all the documents necessary and file your taxes online one night. Take your time but make sure your taxes are filed and finished before next Tuesday.

"Good luck, you got two extra days this year," Beauchamp said. "That doesn't mean you should put it off until those Holly High addressing \$3 million shortage

► Loss of up to eight teachers would result in less classes available

#### **By Tim Jagielo**

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 It was sobering scenarios, but not doom and gloom at the Holly Board of Education meeting on Monday. "I know we'll

"We're not here as a high school begging for reduced costs, we understand the situation," said Holly High School Principal David Nuss.

at the high school, at the request of

Possibly putting up to eight high

of a plan to save almost \$2 million in staff reductions district wide to cover more than a \$3 million budget deficit.

The biggest difference would be felt with cutting more than four teachers, he said. Each teacher teaches 12 sections or classes per year. With eight teachers cut, for

example, 96 sections would be gone from the schedule each year, he said. Administrators would need to squeeze more students into a smaller program. "You can see we're trying to fit a rather large program into a much smaller entity," he said.

Nuss said his staff could handle this reduction, but the programs would look different to make it fit.

Some courses would probably need to run over two terms instead of three.

Nuss said some students are ready for a two-term core class, which would open up their schedule for another elective. Students that need more time would still take it over three terms.

Some programs could be cut and Nuss said programs would be kept based on student interest, in regards to electives.

"Priority was given to programs that are attractive to prospective students," he said.

These would be the advanced placement courses, for example. In order to keep some programs running, others might have to

be sacrificed. Nuss said the computer aided drafting (CAD) program had taken hits over the years as they prioritize for student interest.

> He did not get into details on which programs may be vulnerable.

> Nuss also mentioned that cutting too many courses could make it difficult to accrue the 28 credits required, while staying a full-time student. "We're starting to get pinched on the titles," he said. A part-time student fetches less funding from

Nuss has a positive take on the challenges ahead for the high school. "We always look at situations like these as opportunities to reinvent ourselves," he said. "We have a very creative staff.

"I've been here for a long time, and the board has always been very fair with everything we've presented from the high school perspective," said Nuss. "I know we'll strike a balance for what's right for the kids."





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Summary

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Tuesday, is the

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Director of Adopt-A-Pet

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# two days though."

"This is the largest kennel I've ever seen in Michigan," Sordyl said. "The people who are conducting the rescue are very professional, but there's been chaos since the public found out."

Sordyl said the Allegan County Animal Shelter is extremely busy organizing volunteers and trying to find homes for the animals.

Maddock said Adopt-A-Pet likely could only afford to bring in a maximum of 20 puppies.

The Kalamazoo Gazette reports the dogs are mostly Shih Tzu and Pomeranian mixes, along with some Yorkshire Terriers and Maltese. Kennel Manager Josh Mohler told the newspaper, "I've not only never seen that before, I've never even heard of anything like this."

Adopt-A-Pet assumes responsibility of the animal's health procedures, including dental work and shots. Maddock said she would have drummed up support from donations if she had earlier notification. As of Tuesday, Maddock was on her way to Allegan County to see how many animals Adopt-A-Pet would be able to take in.

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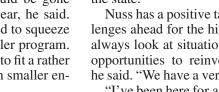
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Holly High School Principal David Nuss presented the impact of the possible cuts in staffing on student programs.

These include some electives reduced and compressed math classes

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# How to pick the

**By Sally Rummel** news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Whether your family chooses an animal that flies, swims, trots or scampers — having a pet will change your family's life in ways that you can't imagine until you own one. Before you head to the

nearest pet store, rescue shelter or breeder, make sure you've thought about everything you need in advance, to choose the right pet.

#### Here are a few things to consider:

• Think first about your family's lifestyle. "The bottom line is, people have to figure out what kind of companion animal would fit their lifestyle," said Sandy Smith, DVM, of Anima Health Clinic in Fenton. How much of a yard to you have? How much time do you have? What about your family's work and school schedules?

• Do you want a "mutt" or a purebred? "Mixed breeds tend to be healthier, live longer and have a better temperament," said Smith. "Because of their genetic di-

versity, they have more hybrid vigor than a purebred that has been raised for specific traits. I strongly believe that's why America has been so successful as a country — we're all 'mutts' who bring together our strengths." • Not all pets are tot-friendly. Depending upon the ages of children in the family, different pet traits will have to be taken into account before bringing one home. Some are too high-energy or aggressive, while others are easily skit-

companion

# Williams, owner of Barking Babes/ Clippendale's Grooming in downtown

1. Exercise your pet first so it welcomes the opportunity to stand quietly in the tub.

or cat at home

2. Place treats strategically so you can offer them during the bath. Some find it helpful to put a smear of peanut butter high along the sink or tub for the pet to lick off while being bathed

3. Moisten the hair all around the pet's neck, apply the shampoo to the neck, and move progressively toward the tail. By starting with the neck, you create a soapy moat that

4. Massage the skin and coat as you shampoo and leave the shampoo on for 10 minutes to kill any fleas. During the 10 minutes, wash the face and ears with a washcloth. Gently massage the body while washing to

5. Rinse, rinse, and rinse again. Rinsing is the most commonly neglected step, and poor rinsing leads to dry skin. Two areas that many forget to rinse thoroughly are under the scrotum of male dogs and the space between the front legs and the trunk.

6. Towel dry. Source: Pet Health 101

# Bathing a dog

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tish and frightened. Is your child allergic to certain animals?

• Do you have enough energy to provide the care and space that a desired pet will See PERFECT PET on 12



**Summary** How to choose a pet for your family is one of the most important and lifechanging decisions you'll ever have to make.

The importance of

**By Sally Rummel** news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

How often you should bathe your dog depends on the dog breed, the climate and the general activity level of the dog. Dogs with long hair, like Yorkies, Shih Tzus, Shih Tzu-Poodles, Bichons, and Maltese are a few dog breeds that need to be groomed every six to eight weeks, according to Sue



Summary Regularly bathing your dog is important for its health. Most dogs need to be bathed once a month. Fenton. "If you don't groom them that often, their hair gets matted right down to the skin," said Williams. "You might end up having to shave your dog because you can't get the matting out with a brush or comb." Thick-coated dogs like Pe-

kingese and Cocker Spaniels have thick coats and may need a wash at least one every four to eight weeks, depending on the climate. Poodles

do not shed their coats and require a wash every six to eight weeks. Short-haired breeds may only need a grooming every three months or so.

See GROOMING on 12B



#### **ALL ABOUT PETS**

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Compiled by Sally Rummel

What is your

FAVORITE

to do with your pet?

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# Healthy teeth and nails -healthy life

▶ Hygiene important for four-legged family members too

#### **By Sally Rummel**

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Good hygiene is as important for your four-legged friend as it is for any other member of your family.

Keeping your pet's teeth clean is important to maintain oral health and prevent further health problems down the road. Brush the teeth with a regular toothbrush, one specifically designed for dogs. Use one of the many types of toothpaste available for dogs.

"I recommend daily brushing, using a chicken-flavored toothpaste," said Natalie Bennett, groomer at Club Canine in Fenton and Howell. "If you don't do it everyday, even once a week will be very helpful."

Lack of good oral hygiene is one of the

biggest problems Dr. Gary La Bar sees in his daily practice at Pointe Animal Clinic in Fenton. "Once there is a huge plaque build-up in your dog's teeth, it spreads like a forest fire, allowing bacteria to get into the bloodstream and can cause major health problems," said La Bar.

If a dog or cat comes into Pointe Animal Clinic with a huge build-up of plaque, the first thing La Bar will do is to clean the teeth, let the gums heal, then strongly recommend to the owners that they begin a regular regimen of oral health care including brushing. "People tend to wait too long before they begin brushing their pet's teeth, and often, the damage is already done," said La Bar. "Once it's there, it's there forever, but you can control it."

La Bar said that families should look at their pet's gum line to check out their pet's oral health. "The gum line should be flat across," he said. "If the gum is going up in an arch, the gum line has already been eroded away and plaque is in the arch. The gum tissue is not going to come back.'

Proper nail care is important because nails that are too long can be painful and damaging to the foot. Local groomers interviewed recommend nail trims every six to eight weeks, along with a regular grooming. "Get on a routine and get nails trimmed on a regular basis," said Natalie Bennett, of Club Canine. Dogs that walk on cement often will have natural filing

done, so nail trims may be less frequent than for a "couch potato" pet.

Bennett recommends using a sanding tool called a dremel to file nails more safely at home. "You can see what you're doing more easily than if you're using clippers," she said.

If you do use clippers at home, spend plenty of time getting your pet accustomed to having his feet and legs handled, and the trimming will go much easier. Hold the foot gently and position the clipper so that you will cut the nail just below the point where the curve of the nail begins. A simple snip and you are ready to move onto the next nail. Have a styptic stick handy in case you cut the nail a little too short.



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Proper oral

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 If you're a pet lover, here are some interesting facts about your four-legged companion:

#### Dogs

• According to the Guinness Book of to be (1) the Border collie, (2) the poodle, World Records, the smallest dog on re- and (3) the golden retriever. cord was a 2 year old Yorkshire Terrier in Great Britain who weighed just 4 oz. • The longest lived dog, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, was an Australian Cattle Dog, named Bluey, who lived to be 29.

• An adult dog has 42 teeth.

• It is a myth that dogs are color blind. They can actually see in color, just not as vividly as humans.

• The only sweat glands a dog has are between the paw pads.

• The world's smartest dogs are thought

• A dog's sense of smell is 100,000 times stronger than that of a human's. A dog's sense of hearing is 10 times more acute. Chocolate contains a substance known as theobromine, which can kill dogs or make them violently ill.

• **Dogs don't like** rain because the sound is amplified and hurts their very sensitive ears. • The U.S. has the highest dog population in the world.

• Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible. See FACTS on 12 Most popular pet names

Is yours on the list?

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NAMES	
1. Lucy	
2. Smokey	
3. Bella	
4. Charlie	
5. Tiger	
6. Oreo	
7. Daisy	
8. Molly	
9. Max	
10. Midnight	
— Source- petfinder.com	

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Most unusual dog name at Club Canine, Fenton

Fhroana -Most unusual cat name at Club Canine, Fenton

#### Buddy -

Most popular dog name at Animal Health Clinic, Fenton

Shadow or Fluffy -Most popular cat name at Animal Health Clinic, Fenton

Mortimer -Most unusual cat name at Animal Health Clinic, Fenton



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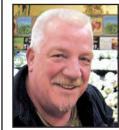
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a chow-lab mix, and pet my cat. 77 Mary Trelfa, Brighton

**I** love to walk my dog,

**4** I play with my 60-pound boxer-hound mix, Buddha, who thinks he's a puppy. 카 -Kathy Cyrulewski, Holly



**I** like to play blind-fetch with my dogs. It's an outdoor hunting game. 77

> Stew Grove, Fenton



My cat, Jimmy, likes to chase around a ball of string. I like to pet my other cat, Sam. 77 – Emily Cohen, Argentine Township





Chloe Eggert, Holly



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**ALL ABOUT PETS** 

PERFECT PET

**Continued from Page 10** Featured Section need? Some dogs are more active than others, but all need varying amounts of exercise. If you have toddlers at home, realize that puppies and kittens are very time-consuming, too. An older dog (or a fish or a bird) may be a better choice than a puppy, especially for young families. • Does your family budget allow for the expense of a pet, especially a dog or cat that will require veterinary care, grooming appointments, food, toys, etc?

• How much grooming is required? "You might not want a long-haired dog breed if you don't want to brush your dog every day," said Martha Trombley, practice manager of Fenton Veterinary Clinic. "Because grooming is so important for the life and health of a dog or cat, you'll want to think about this before you choose a breed."

# **PROS** and **CONS**

of different pets

Dogs **PROS:** loyal and loving, fun to pet and play with, good companions, walking partner, lots of interaction.

**CONS:** expensive to maintain and feed, requires training, needs lots of care, breed needs to be carefully matched to family for good outcome, may bite. Cats

**PROS:** more independent, requiring less care than dogs, fun to pet and play with, doesn't require "going out" for potty breaks, **CONS:** cleaning litter box, less playful than dogs, harder to keep track of because of independence, may scratch.

#### **Birds**

PROS: huge variety of sizes and personalities can be trained and many can talk, they are very interactive, inexpensive to feed. CONS: daily cage cleaning, long life spans, some bite, some are small and fragile, may carry Psittacosis, a disease that children, elderly and immunecompromised people can acquire. Fish

**PROS:** inexpensive, low maintenance, easy to feed.

CONS: care of aquarium, little interaction.

#### Gerbils, Hamsters, Mice, Rats and Guinea Pigs

**PROS:** relatively inexpensive, easy to maintain, little attention needed. **CONS:** relatively short life spans, escape easily, like to chew, and may bite.

> "The Right Dog for You" is a book that will help you balance the specific wants of your family with the details about different dog

breeds. A must read for all families considering a dog in their future, according to Martha Trombley of Fenton Veterinary Clinic. FACTS **Continued from Page 11** Cats

• A litter of kittens is called a kindle, and a group of cats is called a clowder. • A cat's IQ is only surpassed by that of monkeys and chimps in the world of animals.

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• Cats can purr at around 26 cycles per second, which is the same frequency as an idling diesel engine.

• Purring doesn't necessarily mean a cat is happy. Sometimes cats will purr when they are scared or hurt.

• A cat's nose pad is as unique as a human fingerprint. No two nose prints are identical.

• Petting or stroking a cat has actually been proven to help lower one's blood pressure.

• One way a cat shows trust is by rolling over on its back.

• Cats have 32 muscles in each ear and can turn their ear very quickly to catch noise.

• A cat's sense of smell is about 14 times stronger than ours.

• Cats have five toes on their front paws and four on their back paws.

• Cats have over 100 vocals sounds, while dogs have only 10.

• To calm a frightened cat, put your hand over his/her eyes and forehead or let him/her bury his/her head in your armpit.

• Domestic cats are the only cats that can hold their tails vertically while they walk. Wild cats hold theirs horizontally or between their legs.

• Cats get an average of 16 hours of sleep per day.

#### most popular dog breeds

- 1) Labrador retriever
- 2) Yorkshire terrier
- 3) German shepherd
- 4) Golden retriever
- 5) Beagle 6) Boxer
- 7) Dachshund
- 8) Poodle
- 9) Shih Tzu
- 10) Bulldog.

Source: American Kennel Club



National Hairball Awareness Day: April 27 **Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month: April** 



#### GROOMING Continued from Page 10

"Getting bathed and groomed helps exfoliate a dog's skin and gets the dander off," said Natalie Bennett, groomer at Club Canine in Fenton and Howell. "If the hair gets matted, it may cause a serious condition called dermatitis in the skin. It can be the start of some serious skin problems.'

In between regularly scheduled grooming, Barking Babes' Williams suggests using a de-tangler and a metal comb, which can work its way through a dog's hair to keep it well-groomed. "People should comb and brush their dogs every day, or at least three to four times a week," said Williams.

For a professional in-between grooming session, Barking Babes offers a feetface-fanny mini-session. "We clean up your dog's face so she can see better and make sure to remove any bacteria from runny eyes, etc.," said Williams. "We shave hair off the dog's pads and clean up the 'fanny area' so that it's sanitary and free from bacteria.'

Frequently brushing your dog removes dirt and helps distribute skin oils, creating a shiny coat. Proper grooming also allows the pet owner to see the condition of the dog's skin and to notice the early stages of flea or tick infestations and skin infection irritations.

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the first brush brought to the surface and to distribute the natural oils in the skin. • Checking the dog's ears. If you notice dirt or buildup in the ears,

A good grooming session includes:

• Going over the dog thoroughly with

a brush or comb that reaches the skin.

It is important that the brush or comb

reach the skin to bring loose hair and

· Repeating the process with a fin-

ishing tool - a natural-bristle brush,

a cloth or your hand. The goal is to

remove the loose hair and dirt that

dirt to the surface.

dampen a cotton ball with mineral oil or hydrogen peroxide and wipe the ears gently. Don't stick your finger or a cotton swab into the ear canal. If you are concerned about debris farther back in the ear, ask your veterinarian to clean the dog's ears. Healthy ears should be pale, cool and free of odor.

• Wiping the area around the eye gently, from the inner corner out, with a damp cotton ball. If your dog has long facial hair, talk to your vet or groomer about trimming it. This can prevent scratches to the cornea from rogue hairs curling or falling into the eye.

• Keeping the teeth clean with daily or at least weekly brushing (see related story).

• Trimming the nails (see related story).

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#### **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

I CONSIDER MYSELF to be a pretty skeptical person, but your 'local 90-yearold invents computer app' took me in completely. Good job Times.

GOODBYE TO MILLPOND geese? I sure would miss them. I would miss them right next to some mashed potatoes and gravy, and maybe some fresh vegetables. It is almost spring.

THIS IS FOR THE PERSON who was complaining about Michigan public employees driving foreign cars. You want loyalty? GM was bailed out by the federal government. Where did they build one of their first buildings after that? Mexico. That's loyalty.

THIS IS IN REGARDS to the consignment shop. I used to take stuff there, and never had a problem. I'm not out to get rich or anything. But, I know a lady who has at least \$800 worth of stuff and money waiting in that place and she is just sick over this.

YOU ARE COMPLAINING about the consignment shop closing their doors, you need to take a deep breath and let it out slow. Give them a chance to take inventory and have a chance to return the items. Everyone is much too impatient.

HERE'S YOUR ANSWER to underage drinking. Simply lower the age back to 18 where it belongs and you eliminate the problem. How ironic is it that at 18, you can vote for a president, go to war, drive a car but you can't drink a beer with your friend.

CHINA OIL COMPANY has overtaken Exxon-Mobil as the largest trading oil company in the world. Obama stopped new drilling, new refineries, Keystone pipeline; slams oil companies' profits even though they pay huge taxes and support 9 million jobs; wasted over \$800 billion on solar, wind and algae. Gas = \$4.20/gal. Vote Obama out.

CONGRATULATIONS AREA COACH-ES. Once again, talented kids who give 110 percent effort are cut to make room for less talented coach's kids who make the team because of 'good old dad.' If you want your kid to play, run for your local school board or school's coaching staff.

THE GENERAL IN Afghanistan doesn't care about the killing of our soldiers? You are way off base with your comments. I personally served with Gen. Allen in Iraq and his career includes five years in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every casualty weighs on the conscience of those in command. Semper Fidelis!

SOMEONE LEFT THEIR dog in our greenhouse last Thursday night. He needs to be fixed. The price is over \$200. I'm not low income but can't pay this. Does anyone know of a low cost spay and neuter for dogs other then pit bulls in the area?

WHY DOESN'T THE State of Michigan have all the people that are on unemployment cleaning up the trash on the expressway? They are technically employed by the State, so they should be doing something useful.

OBAMA'S INTIMIDATING OF the Supreme Court justices on ruling on Oham acare makes me sick to my stomach. If this isn't trying to destroy our constitution, someone explain it to me?

TO 'GENIUS LIBERAL,' I am the 'Crying Republican Imbecile.' Thanks for your kind words and open mind. I would suggest you take a short trip through history. Take a look at the Cold War years. Change the premise and have the U.S. reduce nukes. 

THE LOTTERY DISHONEST? I think not. They're up front about lump sum versus annuity payments. All it takes is a little brushing up on your basic economics.

And remember, kids, learning doesn't stop when you get your high school diploma. 

TO ALL WOMEN. Obama is going around Congress and giving \$1.5 billion to Egypt. Egypt is now controlled by the Muslim Brotherhood (a known terrorist organization), who impose Sharia Law. Sharia Law significantly represses women's rights. You get to choose in November. Women under Sharia law cannot vote.

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FOR MANY IN the job force, drug testing is a requirement. Since we pay for those who choose to milk the system, shouldn't drug testing be required of those who receive state benefits? This would weed out those who need help and those who just want a handout.

I'M NOT FOLLOWING your logic. How does voting on a ballot with everything on it prevent someone from finding out who you voted for? It was public information no matter which ballot was used.



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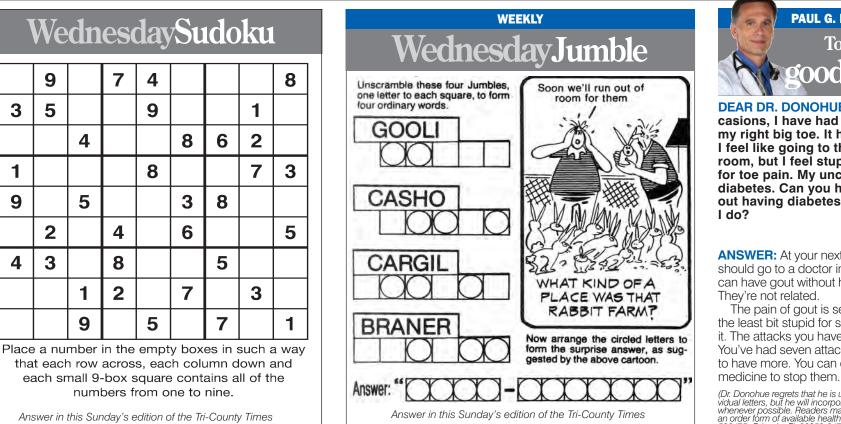
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#### **TIMES MIDWEEK**



## **RELEASED THIS WEEK DVDs&Movies**

#### WARHORSE

Set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First



World War, War Horse begins with the friendship between a horse and a young man called Albert, who tames and trains him. When they are forcefully parted, the film follows the horse as he moves through the war, changing and inspiring



#### WE BOUGHT A ZOO

A true story about a single dad who decides his family needs a fresh start, so he and his two children move to the most unlikely of places: a zoo. With the help of an eclectic staff, and with many misadventures along the

way, the family works to return the dilapidated zoo to its former wonder and glory. PG 2 hr. 4 min.



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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: On seven occasions, I have had severe pain in my right big toe. It hurts so bad that I feel like going to the emergency room, but I feel stupid about going for toe pain. My uncle has gout and diabetes. Can you have gout without having diabetes? What should

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**ANSWER:** At your next attack, you should go to a doctor immediately. You can have gout without having diabetes.

The pain of gout is severe. You are not the least bit stupid for seeking relief from it. The attacks you have sound like gout. You've had seven attacks; you're likely to have more. You can obtain effective

(Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.)

Crossword Puzzle

#### SPORTS TRIVIA TOPIC

He won the AL Cy Young Award in 1985

and 1989. Name him. Bret Saberhagen, who pitched primarily

for the Kansas City Royals, is the answer. He celebrates his 48th birthday 🕯 today.

#### DENNY HOPKINS

Since the 1978-79 school year, Denny Hopkins has been the varsity boys basketball coach at Linden High School. That will change next year, as Hopkins resigned the position recently. He remains the varsity football coach. The sports staff is looking back at a few games in Hopkins' boys basketball coaching career. Jan 2, 1979

#### Linden 43, Brandon 38

Hopkins gets his first win of his varsity basketball career. Linden outscores Brandon 17-6 in the third quarter, taking a 35-26 lead into the fourth. Chris Joslin led the Eagles with 11 points, while Craig Brodie had 10. March 7, 1980

#### Linden 56, Lake Fenton 46

The Eagles got a game-high 37 points from Chris Joslin, leading Linden to its first district title since 1951. Joe Johnson broke a 44-all tie with two free throws. Then, Joslin hit a jump shot, giving Linden the lead for good. March 19, 1998

#### Linden 63, Powers 54

The Eagles win their first regional title since 1937, defeating Powers. Jeremy McCormick led Linden with 21 points, scoring nine in the fourth quarter. McCormick provided the key bucket after a steal and a layup, giving Linden the lead for good. The Eagles iced it with eight straight free throws down the stretch.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 201 The Hopkins era ends in basketball

Ends varsity boys hoops coaching career with 408 wins, 10 district titles **By David Troppens** 

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dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 It seems as long as Denny Hopkins can remember, he's been watching kids trying to put things into or through baskets.

Usually that has meant basketballs. But during Easter it was a bit different,

as Hopkins Summary watched his • After 408 granddaughwins since the ter, "dunk" 1979-80 season, eggs into her Denny Hopkins Easter basket. has resigned the "I varsity boys basketball coaching to an Easter position at Lin-Egg hunt and den. The Linden it was great," coaching icon Hopkins said. will remain the varsity football "Every time she one, she got

excited, put it in her basket and looked around."

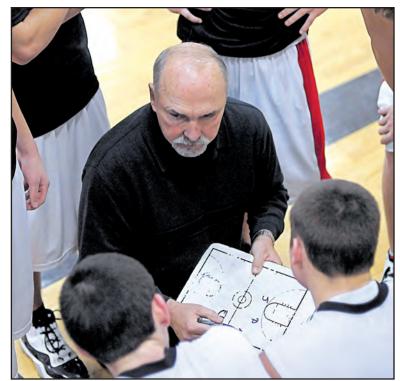
And now, Hopkins will get a

little more time to spend watching his granddaughter, because for the first time since the late 1970s, when the boys varsity basketball season begins at Linden High School, Hopkins won't be the one leading the team.

Recently, Hopkins resigned the varsity boys basketball position. He will remain the school's varsity football coach. Hopkins said he'll miss the job, but he thinks it's the right time.

"I will miss being around the kids," Hopkins said. "Next winter it will be strange, but like my wife said, 'I can't see you getting out of it totally,' maybe one day I'll do something with a younger group. I think I will see how it feels to have a winter off.

"The time had to come sooner or later. I retired from the teaching position two years ago. I See HOPKINS on 17



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Linden varsity boys basketball coach Denny Hopkins instructs his players during a game this winter. Hopkins recently resigned the coaching position. Hopkins led Linden to 408 varsity wins since the 1979-80 season.

## Mandle twins headed down different collegiate paths in the fall

#### By Al Zipsie dtroppens@tctimes.com;

coach.

Rusty and Jill Mandle, parents of twin sons Quinton and Layton Mandle, have a good problem, one many parents would like to have.

Their Fenton High sons will both be on college football teams in the fall. Layton signed as a free safety for Division 2 Saginaw Valley State Univer-

sity, while Quinton, a tight end, is headed for the University of Michigan as a preferred walkon.

"My dad also played at Saginaw Valley, so it trumps Michigan games," said Layton Mandle. "They (my parents) are really happy."

Actually only three of the twin brothers' home games will be on the same day next fall, so some of the problems are settled there. And, of course, it might be a bit before either plays at the collegiate level, because most football players redshirt their freshman seasons.

Both played on the Fenton's two district championships quads the previous two seasons. As seniors, the pair were on a 9-3 team that advanced to the state regional title game. The previous season the Tigers earned a co-Metro League title and went to the regional title game for the first time in school history.

Layton Mandle (6-3, 195 pounds) was a second-team all-Metro League cornerback and was the team's Most Improved Player. He had 58 solo tackles and assisted on 34 more. He also thrived in the classroom, earning See TWINS on 16



# Holly's Beeler moving on to CMU

▶Past two-time state champ looking to improve when he becomes a Chippewa

#### **By David Troppens**

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Jon Beeler hasn't had an easy ride through his first two seasons of collegiate athletics.

Travelling to Kansas to continue his high jumping career after capturing a state championship his senior year in the event at Holly High School, it took some adjusting.

But now, all those hard times have been worth it. Beeler will be transferring to Central Michigan University to continue his jumping career as a Chippewa.

"It's been all right. Let's say it's been a journey, that's what I have to say," Beeler said about his two years at Coffeyville Community College.

Beeler admits it was a tough two years at Coffeyville, but he's excited to continue his career at Central Michigan. The process to transferring to Central began in the fall.

"I called (Holly track coach Rob Basydlo) back home and he asked me what school I'd like to go to, and I told him I wanted to go to Michigan State or Central Michigan," Beeler said. "Central Michigan sent me out for a visit. I liked the place. I liked the people there and they offered me something right there."

Beeler had an incredible career at Holly, culminating in two state championship performances. During his junior season, Beeler leapt as high as 6-foot-9 during the season, but won a state title



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Holly graduate Jon Beeler clears a height during his high school career. He's completing his second year at Coffeyville Community College, and will be headed to Central Michigan University in the fall.

#### by leaping 6-8.

His senior season he returned with added pressures, but thrived with those pressures. He won a second straight state championship, breaking a Division 1 state record with a leap of 6-11. He followed that performance with a jump of 7-0 at the Midwest Meet of Champions. He capped the year, earning the 2010 Tri-County Male Track Performer of the Year award.

The next step was travelling to Coffeyville for the first two seasons of his collegiate career. And in some ways, it was a success. In others, Beeler admits it could've been better. Being away from home has impacted him.

"I didn't know anyone when I first got out here. It was hard to get used to being by myself," Beeler said. "Now, it's my second year and nothing bothers me.



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I have five weeks left with my second semester and then I'm done."

Beeler didn't get the coaching he hoped at Coffeyville, and the result has been him not clearing 7-0 since being at the institution.

"Back in high school I had a (high jump) coach, but when I got here, the high jump coach left and I was left without a coach," Beeler said. "I've been trying to work on stuff on my own. I'm trying to get to seven feet. I want to accomplish that."

During his freshman season, Beeler qualified for the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship Indoor Track and Field Championships by taking fourth with a jump of 6-6 3/4. Then in the outdoor season he placed fifth with a leap of 6-7 at regionals. However, he failed to place at the national meet at either event.

His 2012 season has gone a bit better. During the indoor season, he placed qualified for the indoor nationals again and placed seventh (6-6 3/4). Now, this spring he's doing better. At the Cowley Tiger Relays, he won the high jump with a leap of 6-7 1/2.

Central looked at his prep jumping marks and signed Beeler to a three-year scholarship. Beeler expects to get better coaching there. As well, it will be easier for his family to see him compete. His family has made it to just one meet while he's been in Kansas. It also helps that Beeler already knows at least one track competitor at Central, Holly's Davis Nixon.

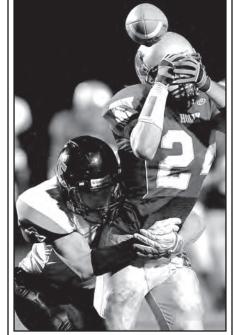
#### SPORTS BRIEF

#### **SECOND ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK TIGER TROT SLATED FOR MAY 19** The Fenton High School Athletic

Department will host its second-annual 5K Run/Walk and Tiger Trot on May 19, at Fenton High School. The event begins at 8:30 a.m.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$17 for students 18 and under. After May 11, a late registration fee of \$25 is imposed. Tiger Trot runners cost \$5 without a shirt and \$10 with a shirt. The late registration fee will be \$8 without a shirt.

For more information or to find a registration form, go to www.fenton.k12.mi.us, or call the athletic department at (810) 591-2608.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Fenton's Layton Mandle (back) tackles a potential Holly receiver in a game during the 2011 season. Mandle is headed to Saginaw Valley University to play football, while his twin brother Quinton Mandle will try to make the University of Michigan football team as a preferred walk-on.

#### TWINS

**Continued from Page 15** a 3.6 GPA. He was a scholar-athlete and Academic all-league as well.

On the football field, he is tough against the run, is strong on pass coverage, can pass rush and can deliver the big hit.

"Layton has great range and athleticism and will only get bigger," said Saginaw Valley State coach Jim Collins. "He has great ability to make tackles at the line of scrimmage on run plays, but also be in position and make plays in the passing game."

Saginaw Valley was 7-4 last season and lost in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs by a field goal in overtime.

"It just feels right (going to SVSU). It will be hard to start right away, but I have a chance to make special teams," Layton Mandle said. "I live my life to play football."

Layton and Quinton Mandle are part of eight sets of twins in the senior class at Fenton, including basketball standouts Dylan and Ryan Hickoff.

"Eight twins, 16 of us, it's crazy," Layton said.

Another Fenton defensive back Justin Mott will join Mandle at Saginaw Valley.

A trio of Fenton seniors will be walk-ons at Michigan. Along with Mandle, kicker/punter Kenny Allen is headed to Ann Arbor, as is longsnapper Tyler Tokarsky.

Michigan, of course, enjoyed a rebirth to the national scene last year, earning an 11-2 overall mark, which included a 23-20 overtime victory against Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

#### Summary

Fenton twins Layton and Quinton Mandle will continue their football careers at the next level. Layton is headed to Saginaw Valley University, while Quinton is headed to the University of Michigan.

#### HOPKINS

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asked them a year ago to let me coach one more year. I'm sure they would've allowed me to maintain my position, but I felt my time was up and it was time to have a younger person come in and work on it."

Current Linden athletic director Cathy North said Linden basketball will miss Hopkins.

"He's huge. He's been our coach since I began teaching," North said. "I think the impact he's created certainly goes beyond what he's achieved on the basketball court. In a lot of cases, he was a mentor and a father figure for countless young men."

How long has Hopkins been around? Current varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel was coached by Hopkins in JV football, varsity baseball and varsity basketball. And, in 1980, when just in elementary school, he snuck in Hopkins' team picture after the squad won a district title.

"I'm 42 years old and he coached me. That's pretty amazing," Buerkel said. "And he's still putting in the effort. Just a few years ago when my kids got a bit older and I got back into it, I talked to Denny about coaching JV baseball with me. That was about five years ago and that's how I got back into it. I owe a lot to him.

"When I think of Linden athletics, Denny Hopkins is the first person that comes up in my mind. No one compares to what he's done for Linden athletics."

Hopkins had an outstanding run while at the helm. Hopkins posted a 408-340 record, winning four Metro League titles and one County B League title. He also led the squad to 10 district championships and one regional title in 1998. The regional championship was Linden's first since 1937.

"I remember it was 1937 because I got some letters from some players from the 1937 team back then," Hopkins said. "I thought it was pretty neat, so I read them to the kids."

The Eagles finished that 1997-98 season with a 22-4 mark, defeating Durand, Brandon, Fenton and Goodrich, before facing Flint Powers in the regional title game. Linden won that contest 63-54. Linden lost in the Class B state quarterfinals to Hastings 69-45.

"I've had great experiences and I've been fortunate to coach a lot of good kids," Hopkins said. "I've had supportive parents for the most part, and I've enjoyed it. There were times when we were really successful and times when we weren't, but one thing I can say about any team is that they played hard. I've never been a person that thinks we have to win, win, win. If we work hard every day and improve, winning will take care of itself. I had some teams that were not very good basketball-talent wise, but they truly outworked a lot of people."

The position was posted internally and is now being posted externally, North said.

"We'd like to get someone in the position as soon as possible so they can get involved with the summer leagues and the summer camps," North said. "We want to have one in place, hopefully, by the end of the month."

Hopkins has had, and continues to grow on, his coaching legacy at Linden. He also coached the varsity baseball team from 1979 until 1998, winning

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**Steve Buerkel** Linden varsity baseball coach and ex-Linden athlete, who played on three different Denny Hopkins teams.

four Metro League championships and three Class B districts. His teams went 401-254, and he was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 2000. He remains the varsity football coach, a position he took in 1998. Since then, his teams have gone 99-43, winning six league titles, and making the playoffs 12 times. Last year, the Eagles had their most successful playoff season ever, winning the school's first district title.

Hopkins holds a 908-637 combined record in the three sports. But, until next year, the one constant was always coaching boys basketball.

"I think the big thing I like about basketball is the competitiveness," Hopkins said. "I've always been told basketball is the toughest sport to coach because you only have five kids. There's no place to hide a weak spot. You have to adjust every day with the talent you have, and I love that kind of stuff. ... I've also made a lot of good friends through basketball. Through the years I've enjoyed the competitiveness and friendship."



Linden varsity football coach Denny Hopkins is doused with water after his team won a district title last fall. Hopkins recently has resigned the varsity boys basketball coaching position.



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#### RETAIL THERAPY **Continued from Page 3**

a human's ability to experience pleasure or pain. It appears also to have a role in addictive behavior, according to the report. In other words, if an action makes you feel good, you want to repeat it.

Recent reports from British researchers also shows a marked difference in brain patterns between shoppers who are just browsing and shoppers who are about to buy. That's why some people who are having a bad day will choose to go shopping and buy something for themselves to make them feel good.

"I buy a lot of clothes and shoes, but I don't pay full price for anything," said Jones. "It's almost a way of life. I have a shopping card to just about everywhere.'

For other shoppers, it's the "thrill of the hunt." Sarah Green, a part-time dental hygienist, lives in Bay City but still comes to Fenton to shop, especially at local children's consignment stores. "As a mostly stay-at-home mom, I consider it my contribution to our household to find the best deal on everything," said Green, mother of 10-month-old Ava.

For her, shopping for good deals is almost a game, and she has her own set of rules that guide her shopping decisions. "I seldom pay full price for anything, unless it's something I literally need right away," said Green.

Green considers patience a virtue when it comes to waiting for the best price. "Sometimes I find something I really want, but

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I'll wait for it to go on sale," she said. "Other times, I'll save shoes, but a manufacturer's coupon and wait for the item to go on sale for an even better price." She's especially proud of a king-size duvet cover she got for \$18, when it's now selling at full price for \$129. Sometimes

you have to be

prepared to snatch a deal when it's available, rather than waiting. That means shopping the day after most holidays one of Green's best shopping tips. "I already have everything bought and ready for Ava for next Easter," said Green.

That's when organization becomes another important aspect of shopping. "I have a little space in the basement dedicated to these holiday deals," said Green. "That way I know what I've got and where it is. If you can't find or remember what you bought, it doesn't do any good to have gotten it half off."

Green's first shopping destination is the Sunday newspaper for circulars that will

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determine her shopping strategy for the week. She'll clip coupons, and then try to match those with store sales for the best price. She also uses Google Offers, gilt. com and eversave.com for online offers.

"I'll always wait for the very best deal and will take advantage of return policies that allow me to get a price adjustment if the item goes on sale soon after I bought it," said Green. She also times her strategy to make as few shopping trips as possible.

The "good mood" of retail therapy can quickly turn bad, however. "I can get frustrated while shopping, if I feel like I've been 'had' with a bad deal, over-spent or an item wasn't in stock," said Green. "It's not always fun, but it's almost always a good deal."

#### SPEND

**Continued from Page 3** and they tend to buy more than they would.

5) The 9 Factor - prices ending in 9, 99, or 95 are called "charm prices," because society has been culturally conditioned to associate 9-ending prices with discounts and deals. Also, the "left-digit effect" encodes a price to the left in peoples' minds before reading all the digits.

6) Easy math - sale products show savings in a round number to make the dollar difference easier to calculate so it's thought of as a better deal.

7) Price font size - consumers perceive sale prices to be a better value when the price is written in a small font rather than a large, bold typeface.

Source: CBS Money Watch







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The restaurant wasn't doing "Meatless Mondays," and the patrons probably weren't either, but the popularity of vegetarian meals has extended to the area's most popular restaurants. "We have a healthy amount of options," said Brennan.

Meatless Mondays is a popular initiative seeping into the home, the school and even the workplace, where meat is cut from the meals of an entire day. It is one piece of a multi-part movement to do something positive on Monday.

The Meatless Monday website offers benefits of dropping meat for one day of the week, including

"I'm a firm believer

in moderation, and a

balanced diet."

John Lucchesi

Culinary arts professor, MCC

**NUTRITION SOURCES** 

meatlessmonday.com

choosemyplate.gov

limiting heart disease, obesity and cancer. "Going meatless

once a week may reduce your risk of chronic preventable conditions like cancer,

cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity," said the site. Environmental benefits include reducing carbon emissions, water usage, and reliance on fossil fuels.

Going meat free on Monday is practiced in some schools, and includes not serving fish. Websites, such as teachkind.org have ethical reasons, like the treatment of animals on

top of health benefits. One article on howstuffworks.com labeled people that are vegetar-

ians one day a week "flexitarians," and is a model for moderation with meat in your diet. The same article said that going vegetarian reduces carbon emissions by 5,000 pounds per year.

"Beltway Beef," the blog for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) decries the Meatless Monday initiative as another attack on meat eaters. The blog, by spokesperson Daren Williams rebuffs the claims that reducing meat consumption is good for general public health, and the environment. "This insidious effort drives the extreme vegan agenda forward with a reasonable sounding request," he said in the blog.

"Today's beef is both good for you and environmentally sustainable," he said. The blog cited peer reviewed studies that said that up to five ounces of lean beef per day can help lower cholesterol, and is necessary to provide 10 percent of important nutrients.

He also cited studies that illustrate a more efficient beef industry, with a reduced carbon footprint since 1977.

Whether it's a good plan might depend on your own opinion.

"I think it's a good idea, it's healthier," said Karen Stroud, one of the owners of the Linden Hotel. Stroud is a vegetarian and said she's pretty healthy and hasn't eaten much meat in 26 years. She skips it for ethical reasons. She feels like going meat free one day per week is a step in the right direction.

> Her restaurant serves a veggie burger and a portabella sandwich. Patrons also have options of making existing menu items vegetarian.

Typically people

only need three to six ounces of meat each day, depending on age and gender. A deck of cards has been the benchmark for adults.

'I'm a firm believer in moderation, and a balanced diet," said Mott Community College (MCC) culinary arts professor John Lucchesi. He professes a love for meat, but also appreciates these healthy

initiatives. He said that the need to cut out meat, probably comes from eating too much of it in the first place.

The dinner entree standard for his industry is four ounces of meat on a plate. "It seems more balanced," he said.

His concern for these trends is that some people will not replace the necessary nutrients and minerals meat provides. Iron and complex carbohydrates found in meat need to be replaced with other proteins.

At choosemyplate.gov, suggestions are offered for choosing a healthy diet. Lean meats and proteins are a quarter of the diet, while fruits and vegetables should make up half of the diet. "Select a variety of protein foods to improve nutrient intake and health benefits, including at least eight ounces of cooked seafood per week," said the website.

The plate illustration has also replaced the familiar food pyramid.



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#### Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

#### **Ethelyn Mae** Stevens 1927-2012

Ethelyn Mae Stevens - age 85, of Linden, died April 8, 2012. Funeral services will be held



209 E. Broad St., Linden. Burial will follow in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11 AM until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to Disabled American Veterans. Ethelyn was born February 3, 1927 in Flint, the daughter of Homer and Nettie Mae (LaFever) Hale. She was married to Calvin J. Stevens; he preceded her in death in 1991. Mrs. Stevens enjoyed working at the Hayloft Market. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. Surviving are: children, Richard J. and wife Cathy Stevens, Michael C. Stevens, Diane Lakies, Rodney A. and wife Angel Stevens; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, including special niece, Kathy and husband Dale Burton; sisters-in-law, Peggy Stevens and Jean Hawley; special friend, Ray Safa and family. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



#### **Donald M. Clark II** 1952-2012

Donald M. Clark II - age 59, of Holly, died Sunday, April 8, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held from 2-9 PM Tuesday. Mr. Clark was born in Pontiac on September 30, 1952, the son of Donald and Donna Jean (Robison) Clark. He was retired from George Fischer Foundry of Holly and was an avid fisherman. He is survived by his wife Leslie; 2 sons Donald Clark III of Lake Orion and Christopher (Dena) Clark of Highland; 5 grandchildren, Brendan, Amber, Donald IV, Ryelee, and Samuel; brother David Clark of TN; 2 sisters, Diana (Roger) Davis of Holly and Denise Clark of Holly; and his beloved dog Carmel. Memorial donations may be made to Seasons Hospice. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

#### **TIMES MIDWEEK**

#### **Roderick James Bowles Jr.**

1954-2012 **Roderick James Bowles** 



Homes Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Rev. Donald Neuville will officiate. Visitation will be held 6-9 PM Thursday and 10 AM Friday until the time of service. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Heart Association or Linden Presbyterian Church. Rod was born March 8, 1954 in Flint, the son of Roderick James and Irene C. (Stubblefield) Bowles. He was a 1972 graduate of Swartz Creek High School. Rod was well known in the area. He worked in the family business, Bowles Funeral Home, for many years, owned and operated Broadstreet Restaurant in Linden and later worked for Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. Rod enjoyed golf and cooking. Surviving are: mother, Irene Bowles; sister, Barbara and husband Dennis O'Reilly; nephews, Bryan Page and Evan Scott; several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



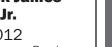


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