Teen charged with threat of terrorism

By Sharon Stone
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Devon Dwayne Saxon, 17, of Holly was charged Tuesday, May 1 with false report or threat of terrorism, a 20-year felony, according to Holly Police Chief Elena Danishevs-kaya. Saxon is suspected of making threats against Holly Middle School over the weekend. Saxon was arraigned at Oakland County’s 52-3 District Court in Clarkston and a $25,000 cash bond was set. He is banned from all Holly schools’ property.

See THREATS on 5

DDA seeking new business for fire hall

Director says restaurants, microbreweries have contacted DDA on possible purchase

By William Axford
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The Michigan Brewing Co. may have ended its agreement to redevelop Fenton’s old fire hall, but it isn’t stopping the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) from marketing the building.

On Monday, DDA Director Michael Burns said the DDA has been contacted by a number of new business owners regarding the property. The district is working on preliminary plans for the building.

See DDA on 16

Trial set for former cop

Wade Dilley could face 75 years in prison for alleged criminal sexual conduct with underage girl

By Sharon Stone
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Wade Dilley, 37, of Fenton is facing five counts of second-degree criminal sexual conduct (CSC) for alleged offenses involving a victim under the age of 13 in Fenton City and Mundy Township.

If Dilley, a former police officer, is found guilty as charged, he faces up to 15 years in prison for each felony. Last month, the cases were bound over to Genesee County Circuit Court in Judge Joseph Farah’s courtroom. A jury trial has been scheduled for July 13. Dilley was released on personal bond.

See DILLEY on 8

Fenton budget is in a ‘good position’

Budget cuts will be much less than in previous years

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — While the economy is starting to recover from the 2008 recession, Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland described the recovery as “fragile and slow” in a letter to the city council.

With that in mind, it was with great care as the city council addressed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year in an all-day meeting on Saturday at the fire hall.

See BUDGET on 9
Zumbathon supports music program

Fitness experts lead fun ‘Zumba’ party at LHS

By Sharon Stone ststone@tctimes.com, 810-433-6768

Not only is Zumba a good workout for your body, it will also be good for the band program at Linden Community Schools.

From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 12, the Linden Music Boosters will be hosting a Zumbathon in the gym at Linden High School with instructors from Chasse Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Fenton. One hundred percent of the funds raised at this energizing event will go toward the district’s band program.

Organizers are hopeful that this year’s Zumbathon will surpass last year’s fundraising efforts, when the Zumbathon netted $11,000. To participate, everyone will need to purchase a ticket, either advance for $10 at Chasse or $15 at the door, on the day of the event. Water and snacks will be provided. Cash and check donations, made payable to Linden Music Boosters will be accepted.

Radio station B93 will be there and CK105.5 will be doing a live remote. Several local businesses will be giving away items.
CHEESE
...it's not just for pizza

Hundreds of varieties create endless culinary opportunities
By Sally Rummel

It’s your favorite topping on pizza and a sophisticated pairing with most wines. Cheese is one of the most versatile foods on the planet — finding a place on your table for breakfast, lunch, dinner and as a quick, elegant appetizer.

In spite of the popularity of imported cheeses from Parma, Italy, Roquefort from France and Stilton Bleu Cheese from England, the U.S. remains the largest cheese producer in the world. Half of all U.S. cheeses are made in Wisconsin and California.

Discovered in about 4,000 BC, likely as a shepherding accident when warm milk curdled, cheese has literally hundreds of varieties. See CHEESE on 7.

Obtaining a CPL in Michigan

Thorough background check, safety course required for concealed pistol license
By William Axford

Michigan is one of 49 states in America that issues a concealed pistol license (CPL), allowing people to wear hidden pistols while in public. Article 1, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution allows citizens to have guns as it states, “Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for defense of himself and the state.”

However, having a CPL does not allow the carrier to take their pistol with them wherever they like. Michigan’s CPL law is thorough yet sometimes confusing to dissect.

In order to qualify for a CPL, applicants must meet a number of prerequisites. First, applicants must be 21 or older and a citizen of the United States. An applicant must be a resident of Michigan for at least six months, in order to get a CPL from Michigan, complete a pistol safety course and have a clean history of mental health (no cases of insanity, history of antidepressants, etc.). A felony charge, past or present, is automatic grounds for the denial of a CPL. Drunk driving convictions within the past eight years must also be considered.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRESSIVE Caucus advocates for state control over industries, redistribution of wealth, reduced individual economic freedom and the destruction of free markets. They have even introduced a Constitutional Amendment to redistribute wealth. Members praised Castro after a 2009 visit to Cuba. We must Vote against these destructive policies.

AS A FAITHFUL Catholic, my heart is heavy when politicians pretend to be Catholic, but in their public lives are voting to destroy freedom, life and liberty. Maybe I should send them a bracelet that says 'What Would Jesus Do?' But Judas didn't listen either.

IN RESPONSE TO last week's Hot Line about low cost spay/neuter program at Adopt-A-Pet, you have to be receiving some kind of federal assistance. I am not, but I keep getting drop-off cats at my farm. My vet charges too much.

THE HOT LINES have become a great source of entertainment. People expressing their uneducated opinions, citing fictional sources and creating their own facts (51 percent income tax rate). Wait this isn't funny at all. This is the downfall of America in high gear.

LTOQ, AM tired of hearing about abortion. But there will be no political cooperation in this country until the issue is settled. The Republican Party is using abortion as a very effective wedge issue to encourage religious people to vote Republican, even though that vote helps no one except for the very rich.

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There is a huge difference between conservative and liberal media. Liberals are nice and polite. If ANYBODY found a set of keys in Target, I lost them there Wednesday afternoon at about 4 p.m. and they have not been found. If anyone found them, please return them to the Target store in Fenton. I would really appreciate it, thank you.

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Driver’s dog caused from vehicle, killed

By Sharon Stone

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Lt. Jason Slater said at 12:40 a.m. on Monday, April 30, Flinten police and fire departments were sent to southbound U.S. 23 in response to an automobile crash.

The Brown City woman, driving an Oldsmobile Bravada, swerved to miss the opossum in the roadway. As she swerved, she lost control of her SUV, causing it to spin and strike the center guardrail, just south of Owen Road.

As her vehicle spun, her dog, which was seated on her lap, was thrown through a window. Traffic slowed because of the crash.

Wededged up against the guardrail, the woman’s vehicle was then struck head-on by a Dodge Dakota, driven by a 60-year-old Flint man.

The woman and her 57-year-old female passenger were wearing seatbelts. STAT EMS was on scene for medical care. However, there were no visible injuries and both women declined transport to a hospital. Their vehicle was towed from the scene.

The man driving the Dakota was also seatbelted and uninjured. His truck required towing, as well.

Police do not believe alcohol was involved with this crash. Both drivers were listed at-fault on the accident report, but no tickets were issued.

The woman’s dog was found quite a distance away and deceased, said Slater.

More litigation for Holly village

By Tim Jagielo

While the village and its residents could celebrate a slight reduction in their water and sewer fees, the village has been hit with a lawsuit from the people that made that relief possible.

The village was able to lower the water and sewer fee for everyone on the system because they recently voted to charge individual apartments and office units for a water and service fee, instead of the building being charged as a whole.

The owners of New Holly Manor/ Holly Ridge Apartments are suing for interpretation of the ordinance. “They went from very low debt service charges, to charges of 120 separate units,” said Village Manager Jerry Walker. “Their costs drastically increased.”

The owners of Holly Ridge Apartments are suing the village, to ask the courts to interpret the ordinance that allows the village to charge the units individually.

The suit wasn’t a surprise to Walker. On March 27, the village council approved resolution 2012-07, which allowed all premises to be assessed for the water and sewer debt service charge, adding around 500 new users to the system who would be paying the service charge individually. While it lowered the general service charge by around $6, the law firm representing the Holly Ridge Apartments’ ownership, Frasco, Caponigro, Wineman & Scheielle, PLLC, said they would seek injunctive relief if needed.

The village was served with the lawsuit on April 17. The suit is not seeking damages, but seeking clarification of the ordinance, and to stop the village from charging the apartment complex the water and sewer fee. Walker said they will gauge whether they will bill the apartment complex after the first court appearance, which is not yet scheduled.

A closed session after the regular village council meeting last week yielded discussion on the topic, but was little more than an update from the village attorney. Their attorney’s feel that the ordinance is worded in the village’s favor,” said council member Jason Hughes. Further clarification could be considered later.

Summary
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THREATS
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Danisevskaya said officers developed information that Saxon had threatened to shoot up a school in the past and that he had the means to do so, at that time. It believed that he threatened to do the same thing at Holly Middle School. Police located and took Saxon into custody on Sunday.

Holly Area Schools Superintendent Kent Barnes was made aware of the threat and that the suspect was located and in custody. On Monday, Holly police were present at the middle school just to ensure everyone was safe and secure, according to Danisevskaya.

The chief wants to remind all parents to speak with their children and if they hear of any threats against the school or an individual, they are to report it to authorities immediately.

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Daisy Scout Troop 74424 from Linden Elementary School celebrated the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting with residents of Caretel Inns of Linden. The girls honored the alumni Girl Scouts with flowers, songs and they served them Girl Scout cookies. This troop also donated 50 boxes of cookies that were shipped to U.S. troops overseas.

ST. JOHN'S STUDENTS EARN AWARDS

Seventh graders take part in Motorized Toy Car Competition

By Sharon Stone
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St. John Catholic School in Fenton received top honors during SAE International's inaugural Motorized Toy Car Competition Tuesday at Coob Hall in Detroit.

The competition featured more than 150 students, participating in challenges focused on explaining scientific concepts in an easily approachable, hands-on environment through the A World in Motion (AWIM) program.

Seventh graders from St. John school worked with volunteer advisors Kevin Learman, a GM employee and Colleen Ameel, a previous Ford employee, learning how different gear ratios effect how the car would move, as far as speed, and torque.

St. John teacher Jean King expressed how proud she was of her students and the hard work they put in to make their cars run successfully. She was grateful for SAE developing a hands-on program for students to get excited about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs. She was also grateful that GM donated the kits.

DAN ALLEN RECEIVES COMMENDATION

While Allen commented on how odd it was when so many officers showed up at the meeting, he said that the commendation came as a surprise to him.

Board members expressed an appreciation of the hard work that Allen, and the police department overall, put in to keep Argentine area safe. “It doesn’t go unnoticed,” Treasurer Norman Schmidt said.

Clerk Denise Graves said she was really proud of the department’s work.

Cole said that Allen does excellent work, and did a great job on the tragic Calhoun case. “He is good with people, and he makes himself available to them,” Cole said. “It’s about caring, and he really cares.

“It makes me feel good to know people like him are keeping our peace safe.”

Cole said his only concern with Allen is the possibility of losing him as he runs for Genesee County sheriff. He said finding a replacement may be difficult.

“How much better could it go?” Cole asked. However, Cole says that while Allen has been a great police chief for Argentina township, he has all the qualities that would make for an excellent sheriff.

DONT TOSS FIRECRACKERS

At 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27, Fenton police were sent to the area of Adelaide and West Shiawassee in response to a report of firecrackers being thrown from a vehicle.

Lt. Jason Slater said a caller reported that someone in an older GMC or Chevy pickup truck was throwing lit firecrackers at vehicles. An officer located the suspect vehicle on eastbound Owen Road at Donaldson Drive. The officer saw a bright flash of light inside the truck and watched as the driver threw the firecracker over the roof of the truck. The firecracker exploded nearby.

The officer initiated a traffic stop and discovered firecrackers inside the cab. The 18-year-old male driver from Fenton was arrested for throwing objects at or into the path of vehicles and for littering. His two male passengers from Fenton were released at the scene.

COPPER AND BRASS STOLEN

On Saturday, April 28, Fenton police received a larceny report from a tire store on Owen Road. An employee reported that someone had cut and removed the copper piping and brass back flow preventer from the property’s sprinkler system.

Lt. Jason Slater said the items were stolen most likely for scrap value. Replacing the stolen items was estimated at $400.

FARMERS’ CHILDREN WILL, not be able to work on the farm until age 18. Where do you come up with this stuff? Check this out: http://www.outsidethebeltway.com/is-the-labor-department-barring-kids-from-working-on-family-farms-no-its-not.

THE WEALTHY PAY $35 to 60 percent of their income in taxes. Nearly 50 percent earning less than $60K pay no taxes. By your fair share definition, who is falling short? Also, Republicans are not working on job legislation because they know that government does not create the jobs.

THE ONLY WAY Obama can pay off the over $5 trillion in debt he created (more that double that of Bush in half the time) is to tax everyone into poverty. Real unemployment and underemployment is nearly 30 percent — fact. He is a true Christian? Seriously?

THERE IS HONESTY hope and change in the air. There were 10 Hot lines against Obama and two for him. It is clear that people are seeing the true agenda he has to “Fundamentally Transform America” (2008 Obama quote). Vote him out in 2012 and all other progressive liberals too.

YEP, IT IS legal for the Catholic church to require a person to be of their faith to work there. The Supreme Court says so. This way non-believing cannot tear the church down from the inside, kind of like some teachers do in public schools pushing their own beliefs.

THE DECABLE WAS not caused by the Township but by the Smiths. If they had paid their obligation, none of this would have happened.

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Bob Cole
Argentine Township supervisor

Police&Fire report

STREET ENFORCEMENT

At 2 a.m. on Monday, April 23, Fenton police were sent to the area of 10th Street and Cherry Street where a citizen reported that a male was standing in the roadway.

Upon arrival, police located a male with a bottle of alcohol. The male was given a breath test, which he refused. The police officer observed that the male was exhibiting volatile behavior.

The male was arrested for obstructing governmental administration and is currently awaiting arraignment.

DRIVING WHILE TOSSED

At 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, Fenton police were sent to the area of Cherry Street and Grand River Avenue where a citizen reported that a male was driving a vehicle with a broken exhaust and loud music.

Upon arrival, police located a male with a broken exhaust system and loud music. The male was given a written warning and is currently awaiting a court appearance.

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CHEESE

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different varieties — from mild flavored brie to a strong pungent blue cheese. All made with varying recipes, techniques and trade secrets, cheeses of different varieties use the same processes — starting with liquid milk, either raw, skimmed or pasteurized, usually from a cow, goat or sheep. In some cultures, horse, camel and reindeer milk may also be used.

Here’s the four-step process:

1. Curdling - after the milk is prepared, it is curdled to separate the solid components (curds) from the liquid components (whey).
2. Draining - this process further removes the whey to obtain the desired moisture content for the cheese being made.
3. Pressing - most cheeses attain their final shape and size when the curds are pressed into forms or molds. Then the cheese may be further treated with salt, herbs, or food colorings. It may also be smoked, covered in brine baths or ashes, or injected with bacterial molds to make bold blue cheeses like Roquefort and Stilton.
4. Ripening - during this process of maturation, cheese masters closely monitor temperature, moisture and oxygen, all of which influence microbes in the cheese to slowly create its unique and specific texture, flavor and aroma.

This process of aging is ultimately, what makes a cheese mild, medium or strong in flavor. Mild cheeses, like havarti, typically mature for up to three months. A strong cheese, like extra sharp cheddar, needs at least a year to reach its full flavor. Some extra-strong cheeses mature for at least two years before they are ready to eat.

Notes of thanks

This thank you goes out to the two people who helped my mom and my son out of the Hummer that caught fire on April 16. We are very grateful to the two people that helped them out and risked their lives in the process. It means a lot to us as a family that complete strangers were willing to do so much to help.

— Christine Webster

Like a fine wine, the aging of cheese also contributes to its price tag at the grocery store. For example, parmesan-reggiano often commands at least $20 per pound at the cheese counter. Touted by “foodies” like the Food Network’s Rachael Ray as the most flavorful cheese to use in preparing a fine Italian dish, parmesan-reggiano takes up to two years to mature to its top quality level.

“It’s the best parmesan cheese on the market,” said Charles St. James, deli manager at VG’s Grocery on Silver Parkway.

VG’s Grocery has one of the largest cheese counters in the area, boasting more than 100 different varieties in the deli area alone. Fresh mozzarella is by far their biggest seller, starring in salads, pizza, pastas and more. “The best way to serve fresh mozzarella is with fresh basil leaves, garden-fresh tomatoes and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil,” said St. James. Smoked gouda is another popular cheese at the deli, because of its versatility on sandwiches and cheese plates.

The most expensive cheese at VG’s deli is the Blueberry Faye White Stilton. Priced at $23.99 per pound, its long aging process and country of origin (England) contribute to its high cost, according to St. James. However, its fruity flavor and color, contrasted with the pungency of the blue cheese, make it a welcome addition to many cheese platters.

Most cheeses made around the world are named after the countries or regions from where they originated. For example, parmesan cheese is named after Parma, Italy, and swiss cheese is named after Switzerland, its country of origin. Cheddar cheese, the most popular cheese in the U.S., was actually named after Cheddar, a small village in England.

CHOOSE

1) Cheddar - named after the English village of Cheddar, it is the most popular and widely copied cheese every produced.
2) Gouda - named after the city of Gouda in the Netherlands, this high-fat cheese has a nutty flavor and is usually semi-soft to firm.
3) Cottage cheese - its roots are traced back to the U.S. when it was usually prepared at home, but is now available worldwide. It makes use of cow’s skimmed milk, curd and cream.
4) Swiss - its holes are known as the “eyes” of the cheese and the larger the holes, the better the taste. It has a sweet, nut-like flavor.
5) Feta - one of the oldest cheeses in the world, feta was traditionally made in Greece, using sheep, buffalo or cow’s milk together or separately.
6) Bleu cheese - made from cow, sheep or goat’s milk, its blue streaks are caused by mold, which is injected into the cheese or is present in the curd used to prepare the cheese.
7) Mozzarella - invented in Italy, it is generally used for pizza toppings, pasta and lasagna because of its “stretching” qualities.

Source: American Cheese Society

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Dallas Kloss, a sophomore at Fenton High School, shows off the model basketball court he made for his research project to those who attended the first annual personal project exhibition.

From basketball to stained glass, students direct own learning

Sophomores presented personal projects at Fenton High School this week

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — This year at the Fenton High School, sophomores were given the opportunity to pick a topic of their liking to begin studying, and in April they would have to present the culmination of their months of self-directed research.

Science, history, and the arts were all represented by subjects such as fashion, body language, skateboarding, and the history of baseball.

The inaugural personal project exhibition, International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, was held at the high school April 24, starting with a presentation in the gym by principal Mark Suchowski, Middle Years Program Coordinator Heather Mulligan, and Personal Project Coordinator Deanna Baker.

After the presentation, parents were encouraged to head to the cafeteria and media center, where more than 200 students had set up exhibits detailing the project that they had worked on. Some projects were presented with pictures; others were accompanied by videos and the use of laptops.

“I was a really cool experience, I learned a lot.”

Dallas Kloss
Fenton High School sophomore

Topics chosen reflected the student’s interests. Trevor Herrick enjoys his CAD class, which lead him to pick his topic on drafting a house floor plan by hand. Herrick’s take away from the project was that hand drafting required a lot of skill, and could take years to master.

For his project, Dallas Kloss spent time learning about basketball, which required some hands-on experience. He spent several weeks refereeing basketball games for 5-13 year olds. “It was a really cool experience, I learned a lot,” Kloss said. For his project, Kloss also built a detailed model of a basketball court.

Elizabeth Deming spent the time learning a new skill: how to play the guitar. She took lessons and practiced for eight months, starting when the project did in September. “When I started, I could name the strings,” Deming said. “One of the things I had to do was learn how to read music.”

Research sources varied from student to student. Some utilized books or Internet sources. For Scott Lukas, one of his resources was his grandfather, who helped teach him how to create stained glass.

For Justin Hang, whose project covered the history of the Hmong people, an Asian ethnic group, the assignment provided an opportunity to learn about his own history. Hang said that the project was a good experience.

Hang said that at first, he began doing his project about cell phones, and he had a hard time getting enthusiastic about it. “You have to find something that interests you,” Hang said.

DILLEY
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Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said the statute calls for a minimum of five years on each count. Sentences could be done concurrently.

Linden Police Chief Scott Satter, who has been with the department since December 2010, said Dilley, was employed with the Linden Police Department from 2002 to Feb. 24, 2011, when he resigned.

“The three counts of second-degree CSC involving a victim under the age of 13, out of Mundy Township, stemmed from alleged incidents in 2009. The two counts investigated by Fenton police allegedly occurred in 2011. The two police departments conducted a joint investigation since the complaints involved both jurisdictions.
Fenton High School video production students (from left) Carl Coster, Ken Carbary, and Cody Hovecar are awarded at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton last Tuesday.

“They’re some of my top students.”

Rich Ashley
teacher, video productions

It was just a combination of what they were looking for,” said Hovecar. “I guess it just caught their attention. The team also received a lot of support from family and friends on the social media platform.

Hovecar said that he filmed and did most of the editing. Coster was talented, and did some editing, and Carbary was a team leader, came up with the idea.

“It was a cool experience,” said Carbary. He said the main reason for entering the contest was procuring new equipment, like tripods for the school.

Residents in the area who have Comcast or Charter would see their commercial. It was broadcast locally all weekend on Animal Planet, USA, and Discovery Channel.

**BUDGET**

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Finding ways to cut costs was not as big of a concern as it has been in dealing with previous budgets.

“Putting together the budget was less difficult this year than in past years. We’re not losing as much revenue as we have in past years,” Markland said.

A step forward for the city comes in the consolidation of the employee and retiree healthcare coverage. Previously, the city had five different healthcare options and two different providers. By changing to one universal provider, HealthPlus, the cost of providing healthcare was reduced by over $250,000.

Markland said he was thankful of the employees for stepping up to make the healthcare changes work.

For expenditures, the city has a list of projects they are looking to complete. These include the North LeRoy Street resurfacing project, local street improvements, cleaning and repairs to the water plant, and the purchase of two new vehicles for the Department of Public Works (DPW), and one for the Police Department.

Markland said that many factors, such as personal property tax, make the future impossible to predict with accuracy, though he feels the city’s budget is in a good place.

“The budget puts the city in a good position to move forward and getting us closer to financial stability.”

Lynn Markland
Fenton City manager

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**GRATITUDE**

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FACTS —APPLE PAID far less in taxes than Exxon. Keeping in step with Robin Hood’s (AKA President Obama) concept of every one must pay their ‘fair share,’ let’s go after all companies that pay too little. Gee, maybe Obama is all war with energy companies. All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men and women to do nothing. — Edmund Burke. Socialism is evil and takes away your rights as free people. Vote in November.

All Gore lectures us on climate change and global warming, yet he carded a “D” in science at Harvard. Yeah, let’s take what he says right to the fact bank. I sure wish Obama would make his grades available (love the transparency). Especially in economics and social reconstruction.

Let’s tear down the old fire hall and make it a parking area. Fenton needs more parking spaces.

Great article by William Axford on the Senate Bill that would require black boxes for all vehicles. However, in fairness I think it should have mentioned that, as passed by the senate, the bill would only require event data recorders on new vehicles produced after the 2015 model year. Thank you.

Just don’t understand the council in Fenton and the people on Silver Lake. They don’t want to see anything killed or the killing themselves, but they hire the assassins named ‘goose busters’ to do it for them.

Very nice to see Roger Sharp named the Grand Marshal of the parade. In Fenton, you won’t find a kinder, more compassionate man. Good choice.

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FHS publications rake in awards

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — For the staffs of the Fentonian and InPrint, Fenton High School’s yearbook and newspaper, receiving awards for their hard work is not a new experience. Even with the high standard they have set, they still manage to impress, with staff members bringing in a total of 75 individual awards at the spring conference of the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) for their work done in 2011.

The yearbook won a Spartan award, which ranks as one of the top yearbooks in the state. It has been winning the award consecutively since 1980. The Fentonian also received a Silver Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, which ranks the book in the top 3 percent of the nation, and the Pacesetter Award from the National Scholastic Press Association, which ranks the book in the top 1 percent of the nation.

Caitlin McBride, yearbook co-editor in chief, won four individual awards for writing and design, and was named ALL-MIPA yearbook student, denoting her as the top yearbook student in Michigan. Anne Curle, co-editor in chief, won a design award. “We’re one of the top yearbooks in the country, and it’s nice to get some recognition for our book. It tells us that we are doing a good job, and all of our hard work pays off,” she said.

One challenge that the yearbook staff must face comes in the face deadlines.

“In think this is the best we have done since I have been on staff.”
Molly Davidson
InPrint co-editor in chief

“When you are an editor, you have to make sure everyone else is doing their job and getting their stuff done in time,” Curle said. “It is a lot of work managing people, but it is fun.”

Molly Davidson, who won five awards and serves as the newspaper’s co-editor in chief as well as the opinion section editor, says that the deadlines can at times be stressful. “Sometimes things will need to be changed the day before the paper goes to press,” Davidson said.

The InPrint staff deals with other obstacles in their work as well, according to Liz Schmid, the other co-editor in chief of the newspaper.

“We work really hard to get our advertising,” Schmid said. “It can be hard finding people or businesses who want to advertise in a school newspaper.” Schmid won an award for an editorial for the opinion page, and three other awards.

One accomplishment Schmid is proud of is a change of the paper’s layout. “This year we kind of did redesign the newspaper. Keeping it consistent and having it go out to our student body, and having it be received well by them,” she said.

For Davidson, who has worked on the paper for three years, one of the fun parts of working on the newspaper is getting to know everyone on the staff. “The staff has been different every year, and it is interesting to become closer with the people you work with,” said Davidson. “I think this is the best we have done since I have been on staff. I think Liz and I have really set the bar high for next year’s editors, and they have a good foundation to start with,” Davidson said.

“North Road first-graders experience the past through antiques

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — Looking at an antique portrait of a baby boy, first-grader Lexy Kalo, 7, declared, “This is not a girl,” to Colin Thorne, 6. The young boy in the portrait was wearing a gender-neutral dress, something common long ago. The attire confounded the young students.

The boy in the photo was actually the grandfather of North Road Elementary School International Baccalaureate (IB) coordinator Jennifer Crawford. The IB project room was converted into a museum for two weeks, stocked with items of the past that someone the age of a first grader might have used long ago.

Set up like an antique store, students were allowed to play with the items. Old board games, dolls and clothing gave them a window into the past. “They’re amazed by it,” said Crawford. The students were enthusiastic about the relics, and learning about them.

The museum isn’t just for fun, it’s to illustrate the IB’s “Place and Time” segment and to teach them about how people in the past lived. The students played pick-up sticks and a 100-year-old marble ramp toy, while also trying on old-style hats and listening to a hand-crank record player.

They looked at Mc-Guffey Reader books for children from 1879 and played with a flexible doll that helps children form letters.

“A different time and place

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Lexy Kalo, 7, plays with an antique toy while Colin Thorne, 6, tries on a top hat, and Ida Kastelic, 7, wears an old hat that IB coordinator Jennifer Crawford (back) provided.

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Bella White, 8, plays with a marble ramp with Zack Kramer, 6, at North Road Elementary School on Thursday.

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A volunteer electrician works on the living room of the Fenton North Road project on Saturday.

HELPING Continued from Front Page

Hard work changed the lives of these elderly families on Saturday, thanks to the massive, all volunteer group.

Thelma and Ted’s home buzzed with activity as saws screamed and hammers fell Saturday morning. Spirits were high through the brisk weather. The air inside smelled of drywall and paint and the volunteers chatted as they worked.

Norma Okonski started CIA, and is deeply involved in the Oakland County area. She said more than 1,000 volunteers came together in Oakland County to repair and clean 19 homes and 50 yards. Between $3,000 to $5,000 was spent on every house. “It’s not about numbers, it’s about helping more people,” she said. There were full-service electrical upgrades, handicap access ramps and roofs. One woman experienced switching from fuel heating to a gas furnace. As she cried in happiness, so did volunteers.

When this particular project was finished, Thelma and Ted had new finished walls through most of their house, a safer deck and a cleared yard. Thelma’s favorite part was the kitchen. “Now my kitchen is going to be finished, my house is going to be finished,” she said. “I can’t thank these people enough.”

Brian Conley, of Springfield Township, said about 55 volunteers swimming her small home, which underwent a lot of cleaning. She was excited about being able to store food in her cupboards again.

“Her house was used as a dumping ground,” said Pisoni. “She’s nice woman, people took advantage of that.” Inside, volunteers scrubbed cupboards as they chatted. Damaged cabinets were repaired, and some were moved in the refrigerator. “She’s a little overwhelmed,” said Pisoni.

Behind the house, Nicholas Gibbs, 17, of Milford, and Conley Wright, 13, scrubbed away at a fish tank, as other youth burned brush and did yard work. Conley pulled off his respirator to talk. “There’s been a lot of carrying things out of the house and bringing it back in,” he said. These teens are part of the Turtle Youth Ministries group, who are part of the Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. “I know if all the younger people went away, this would take a lot longer.”

“We’re just there to help,” said Nicholas. “We’re just there to help.”

Brian Bird and Dave Foss (standing) both of Holly, work on the kitchen of Thelma and Ted Moody on Saturday.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

I LOVE THE Hot lines regarding people's complaints. Oh my gosh, they turned around on my dead-end street. Oh no, the cashier didn't say thank you to me, wah, wah, wah. Stop sweating the small stuff be happy. Life isn't that bad.

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**SO MANY PEOPLE** have forgotten why the Revolution was fought — because the King wanted and tried to tax them out of prosperity. It was the merchants that pushed for freedom.

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**WE ARE FORTUNATE** to have someone in Fenton who is better off under Obama, by far the majority of us are not better off. Instead of lip service and obstructionism, Obama needs to start being the president of all of us, he promised a lot but has fallen far short.

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**TO THOSE OF** you in the 1 percent, I would just like to say thank you. Thank you for choosing to be a success, for working hard to become a success, for giving those of us who have not done that a job. You rock!

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**To Your Good Health**

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: A friend of ours is in a nursing home with pneumonia. We're afraid to visit her. Is pneumonia catchy?

— A.M.

**ANSWER:** A huge number of different germs cause the many different kinds of pneumonia. A blanket statement on transmission, therefore, is impossible. The pneumococcus (NEW-moe-KOK-us) bacterium is a prominent cause of pneumonia, especially in adults and older adults. This germ can be spread in droplets coming from a cough or sneeze. However, 24 hours of treatment renders the patient no longer a transmitter.

You can bank on it that a hospital or a nursing home will not let you visit any patient who might be at risk of spreading any infectious disease.

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**Wednesday Sudoku**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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**Wednesday Jumble**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each, to form four ordinary words.

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**Wednesday Crossword Puzzle**

**Across**

1. Six-pack muscles

4. “Huh?”

8. Slender

12. Speck

13. Ginormous

14. Last few notes

15. Good poker hand

17. Stead

18. Possess

19. Weapon collection

21. San Fernando, for one

24. Melody

25. Have a bug

26. Witnessed

28. Stickeum

32. March 15, e.g.

34. Central

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**JOYFUL NOISE**

The small town of Pacashau, Georgia, has fallen on hard times, but the people are counting on the Divinity Church Choir to lift their spirits by winning the National Joyful Noise Competition. The choir has always known how to sing in harmony, but the discord between its two leading ladies now threatens to tear them apart. Their newly appointed director, Vi Rose Hill (Queen Latifah), stubbornly wants to stick with their tried-and-true traditional style, while the fiery G.G. Sparrow (Dolly Parton) thinks tried-and-true translates to tired-and-old. Shaking things up even more is the arrival of G.G.'s rebellious grandson, Randy (Jeremy Jordan). Randy has an ear for music, but he also has an eye for Vi Rose’s beautiful and talented daughter, Olivia (Keke Palmer), and the sparks between the two teenagers are causing even more heat between G.G. and Vi Rose. PG-13, 1 hr. 58 min.

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**King Features**

**Crossword Puzzle**

**Clue**

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**Down**

1. Billboard

2. Automaton, for short

3. Modern-day pram

4. Complains feebly

5. Embrace

6. Ottoman

7. Aquarium

8. Eyeball coats

9. Pork cut

10. Concept

11. Manhandle

16. Piercing tool

20. Taste

21. Futile

22. Staffer

23. Sweet

27. Peruke

29. Fight

30. Go

31. Dual tool

33. Less

**Clue**

**Clue**

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**New Releases**

**Graves**

**DESCRIPTION**

A bullied high school outcast and an accident-prone CIA agent team up to save the world. The man with the plan is played by Ryan Reynolds, and the agent, played by Anna Kendrick, is the perfect sidekick. This is a comedy with a lot of heart, and the team-up between the two makes for a great movie. PG-13, 1 hr. 32 min.

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**Weekly Sudoku**

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**Greek Trivia**

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**Plants**

**ANSWER:** The pneumococcus (NEW-moe-KOK-us) bacterium is a prominent cause of pneumonia, especially in adults and older adults. This germ can be spread in droplets coming from a cough or sneeze. However, 24 hours of treatment renders the patient no longer a transmitter.

You can bank on it that a hospital or a nursing home will not let you visit any patient who might be at risk of spreading any infectious disease.
**AN AVERAGE APRIL**
The Detroit Tigers have finished April with an 11-11 record. Here’s what the Tigers have done in previous years in April.

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**IT’S A HIT**
Linden Little League’s opening day is enjoyed by players, youth.

**Holly takes advantage of miscues, wins late**

**Eagles rebounding, defeat Holly, 4-1**

By David Troppens
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Holly — Things are finally starting to look up for the Linden varsity girls soccer team.

After losing a second game to the Fenton Tigers on Wednesday, the squad has turned it around by winning the Durand Invitational and by getting healthier with the addition of Megan Harp.

And on Monday, the Eagles started to improve their Metro fortunes as well, earning a 4-1 victory against the Holly Bronchos at Karl Richter campus.

The Eagles looked like an improved team from last week. Offensively, Harp’s presence was felt, as she scored the game’s first goal and assisted on another. The Eagles controlled the midfield, meaning the defense wasn’t put under a lot of stressful situations. But when they were, keeper Lexi Downes and the defense cleaned up most of the loose balls in the Linden box. Holly finished with just one shot on net, and it happened to be Ashley Brendel’s goal with just 3:15 left in the contest.

Linden’s Sam Thornton has noticed a difference during the recent three-game winning streak.

“We wanted to work more as a team and we’ve come together,” Thornton said. “The tournament brought us back together. We progressed from that, and we keep adding things we’ve worked on.”

“It helps to have Harp back. She adds speed up front, and she helps us attack toward the goal.”

The Eagles always had control. Just 7:32 into the contest, Karrah Varner sent a thru ball to Harp, who pounded it in for a goal. That lead lasted until...

See EAGLES on 14

**Fielding error, wild pitch spark Bronchos’ 4-3 victory versus Linden**

By David Troppens
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Holly — The Holly Bronchos are starting win games with a little late-inning flair lately.

About a week after getting a home run in the final inning of a contest against Lapeer East to earn a tie of that game, the Holly varsity baseball team came up with some more dramatics on Monday at home against the Lin-

Eagles.

Playing during a steady light rain all game long, Holly scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, with the game winner coming off a wild pitch, earning the Bronchos a 4-3 Metro League win against Linden. The second
game of the twinbill at Holly High School was cancelled due to rain, to be played on Tuesday if weather allowed.

“We have so much heart,” said starting pitcher Blake Ordway.

“This is our second game that we were down in the seventh inning like this, but came back. We are going to play our best. We are going to surprise some people.”

Going against Linden starter Tyler Benedict, the Bronchos entered the seventh trailing 3-2. However, Matt Brack singled, starting a small rally. Alec Miller grounded into a fielder’s choice play, putting him at first. A strike out later, created two outs with just the runner

See HOLLY on 15

**SPORTS TRIVIA**
**TOPIC**
**Q** Name the pinch hitter specialist that was born on this date.

**A** Detroit Tiger legend Gates Brown was born on this date in 1939. Gates Brown had 18 pinch hits during the Tigers 1968 World Championship season, batting .370 for the season.

**SPORTS TRIVIA**
**TOPIC**
**Q** Why is April considered a vital month for baseball players?

**A** April is considered a vital month for baseball players because it marks the beginning of the season. Teams use this month to get into shape, improve their skills, and adjust to the new season. It is also a time for teams to establish their starting lineups and bow off strong.

**SPORTS TRIVIA**
**TOPIC**
**Q** What are the benefits of starting off with a fast start in baseball?

**A** Starting off with a fast start in baseball can give a team confidence and momentum. A strong start can help a team gaining an early lead, which can be crucial in determining the outcome of a season. Moreover, a fast start can help a team establish a rhythm and a winning mentality.

**SPORTS TRIVIA**
**TOPIC**
**Q** What are the implications of finishing the month of April with a winning record?

**A** Finishing the month of April with a winning record can have significant implications for a baseball team. It can boost their confidence and momentum as they move into the heart of the season. Moreover, a strong April can set the foundation for a successful season, as it can provide a head start in the race for the playoffs.
Opening Day Clinic proves to be a hit

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Linden — Mitch Juhl’s job was to teach batting practice on a tee. Other Linden players within the baseball (from seventh grade up to varsity) and softball program had jobs teaching kids within the Linden Little League program to throw, pitch, defend and a variety of other skills for two hours on a Saturday morning at the high school’s athletic fields.

And it seemed they were all having a blast.

“It’s a lot of fun watching them, watching them progress and teaching them,” Juhl said. “When they get the hang of it, it’s really cool to see that.”

There was a lot of learning going on during the Second Annual Linden Little League Opening Day Clinic. Just under 400 signed up to participate in Linden Little League were at either the softball or baseball fields, learning from the older students and the coaching staffs.

“I love it, I couldn’t wait,” Linden varsity co-captain Brendan Pudduck said. “It’s enjoyable, teaching the kids.

“I remember how it was when I was a kid. We never had this, so I feel like we are doing a good job. A lot of these kids are learning, so that’s good.”

“When you learn from a coach, that’s one thing. But to be able to teach them is another,” Juhl said. “It’s cool to be on the other side.”

While this was the second official year of the event, in reality smaller versions have been put on for about four years now in both sports. However, based on anyone in attendance on Saturday, it’s apparent it’s grown to new levels. There were kids to be seen from the varsity softball diamond, right to the far ends of the practice football field, and hundreds of kids in between.

“The best thing is the kids. They have a ball. They seem to enjoy it,” Linden Little League President Scott Jacques said. “They listen to the kids better than their regular coaches sometimes.”

The Linden Little League program recently held its second-annual Opening Day Clinic for the students that signed up for softball or baseball teams. (Above) A group of softball players do some running drills. (Right) Linden’s Jesse Bothell runs after a fly ball. He eventually made a nice running catch on this attempt.

Both varsity diamond coaches love the program as well.

“It gets the younger ones interested, and a part of what we are trying to do,” Linden varsity softball coach Gordon Jamison said.

“We want to get them to want to be like the older girls. And for the older girls, we want it to be kind of like a rate. When you get a black belt, you don’t know everything yet, but you start teaching. So we are trying to get the girls to teach them, so they can review everything they’ve been taught.”

“These kids (the older players) are like big league ball players to them,” Linden coach Steve Baerkel said. “As a young kid, we want them to get the flair in their gut to want to wear that Linden ‘L’ some day. This is where they get it.”

EAGLES

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til there was 10.34 left in the game. This time Jordan Sargent scored on a shot from about 30 yards out that scooted on the wet grass into the goal. Finally, Linden made it 3-0 on a shot from the left.

The Eagles scored its final goal on cross from Harp to Kelsey Bechtel for a goal with 20.09 left in the contest.

Holly came close to another goal. With 15:05 left, Kayla Skopek shot that hit the far-side post, bounded right across the goal mouth to the other post without going in.

Linden still has to improve, but looks better.

“We need to communicate, work as a team and become a family like we did towards the end of last season,” Thornton said. “We are doing that. We now have to keep adding wins.”

Holly remains winless.

“We had some injuries that were unfortunate, but that’s the game,” Holly coach Mike Steibel said. “When these guys get a ‘W’ under their belt, they’ll get some confidence.”

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PREP REPORT

BASEBALL

Linden at Greater Flint Tournament: The Eagles lost to Goodrich 7-0, and Carman-Ainsworth 8-7.

Linden’s only hit in the Goodrich game was a Brenden Pudduck single.

In the second game, Tyler Benedict, Travis Hull and Josh Hoeberling had two hits each.

Fenton at Greater Flint Tournament: The Tigers lost to Davison 3-1 and to Powers 5-0. The only run to score against Davison came when Connor Davidson walked, moved to second on a single by Brady Sarkon and scored after a stolen base of third and an error on the throw to third.

Linden JV 14, Holly JV 4: Connor Wamer had three hits and three RBI to pace the Eagles’ attack.

In the game after, Lake Fenton defeated Carman-Ainsworth 8-7.

Fowlerville’s Kerner posted a personal-best time of 3:52.92 in the 1,600. Miranda Green ran a 28.61 in the 200.

Holly eighth-grade 12-1, Zemmer 11: Holly’s Kayslin Spratley got the game-winning RBI-single in the bottom of the seventh, plating Jounnee Kerner, who led the inning off with a double. Carmen Vabrowski also had a single during the inning. Kerner led Holly (1-0-1) with three hits.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Linden at Saginaw Spartan Classic: The Eagles lost to Saginaw Heritage 8-6, lost to Freeland 2-2 and defeated Carman-Ainsworth 11-0.

In the win against Answorth, Julie Guckian tossed a one-hitter. In the opener, Majaa Saktowiak went 3-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored.

In the game against Freeland Morgan Grantner struck out eight batters on the mound.

Lake Fenton at Alma Invitational: Lake Fenton lost to three teams. The Blue Devils lost to Montrose 9-2, Patricia Whitaker and Kayla Ward had a hit and a run scored each, while Paul Vaclavik had a single and an RBI.

Clintondale defeated Lake Fenton 12-4 in the Blue Devils’ second game. Vaclavik led the offense with three hits, while Kim Rieh had two hits.

Meridian defeated Lake Fenton 14-1 in the team’s final game. Melody Draeger and Alexis Melton led the offense with two hits each.

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Area soccer groups combining resources, creating better product for all involved

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Over the years, Tri-City's Sherri Levandar has seen a lot of talent go through the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) 417 programs.

As its regional commissioner and the President of Tri-County Soccer, that's a pretty obvious statement. However, he's also seen a lot of players leave the program over the years.

"Even though we've done a great job teaching where the kids are at, often times people think the grass is greener on the other side, so people leave and it splits the talent," Levandar said.

"Suddenly we see all these kids competing against each other in different organizations that were in our organization at one time."

Issues like this have helped form what is known as the Midwest Soccer Academy Alliance (MSAA). Working under the premise of "Bringing soccer communities together," Midwest Soccer Academy (MSA) president Tony Shard is trying to help create a "one-stop shop" for more than 7,000 youth soccer players of all degrees of talent in the greater Genesee County area, by creating a partnership among 10 area AYSO regions.

The goal is to make sure players are placed in the proper level along the area's soccer options in a process that has the separate organizations working together instead of individually.

"Really, it's just a program trying to bring the different soccer communities under one umbrella," Shard said. "Our goal is to assure that every child of every playing ability has a place to play."

"Everything starts at the AYSO level. Every player pretty much starts with AYSO," said. Working together has also allowed more children to play the game. For example, said a team from the Holly-Davison AYSO program was able to find girls from Lansing, assuring that all of them had a soccer team.

"Tony's been great," said. "He's worked very well with us. We are giving everyone a place to play, and that's the key thing."

This spring's soccer season will be the first with the MSA Alliance.

"We want to help people grow and get people together," said.
HAS approves sinking fund ballot question

Could raise $917,692 over 10 years for facilities repairs

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Some necessary projects have a possible funding source now that the Holly Area Schools (HAS) Board of Education approved the sinking fund ballot language last week.

The sinking fund is a millage designated for facilities construction, repairs and upgrades. The school district needs it for repairs, such as the high school track, or new chillers at Davisonburg Elementary School.

The district will ask voters to approve the levy of 1.2 mills, or $1.20 per $1,000 of taxable value.

DDA

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reputable restaurants and microbrewers on possibly developing the former firewall hall yet, however.

“The DDA chairman Craig Schmidt is seeking to receive new requests of interests for the fire hall. The deadline for proposed plans is 5 p.m. on Monday, May 14. Inquiring parties must include a letter from the firm stating their interest; a preliminary concept for their project; an estimated constructed timeline, and a letter from a financial institution confirming the ability to finance up to $2 million for the project.

“The DDA believes that this project needs to move forward as quickly as possible. While the timeline is very tight, we believe a reputable developer can be found within this time frame,” Burns said in a press release.

The DDA had an agreement with MBC for a seven-year lease with a $1 rental per year. The MBC would then have had the option of purchasing the fire hall for $1 after the seventh year. The DDA expects to continue with a similar deal for interested parties.

Last week, the Lansing State Journal reported that MBC was evicted from its Webberville location due to foreclosure. MBC currently has a location open in Lansing.

CPL

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years are also a violation for having a CPL.

NRA Certified Instructor Rick Bobinac said CPLs are good for five years and cost $150, which is paid to the county clerk.

Applicants are then fingerprinted at their local police station, which is sent to an FBI database. An applicant is then issued a CPL upon passing all of the prerequisites.

“Applications and classes are on the rise, and there are more and more people who aren’t considered ‘gun people’ taking classes,” Bobinac said. Bobinac attributed the increase in CPLs to crime and the desire for personal protection.

As a teacher of gun safety, Bobinac instructs people to never point a gun at the trigger until they need to use it. Bobinac also tells his students that a concealed pistol is considered in use and should be loaded when worn on a hip. “Most attacks are up close and personal. How much of an opportunity would you have to load a gun, point it and shoot it?” Bobinac said.

Bobinac said the most confusion on concealed weapons is when someone can use them. According to Bobinac, one of three criteria must be in place in order to use a pistol: Fear for immediate death; immediate great bodily harm, and rape. Bobinac used the example of a carjacking as to when a pistol can be used.

“If you listen to the news and you hear someone is being carjacked, and then shoot at the carjacker as they drive away, that’s not legal,” Bobinac said. “You can only shoot a wall jacker while being dragged out of the car or while being threatened. When someone is fleeing, you can’t shoot them.”

In addition to concealing a pistol, a CPL allows people to carry concealed weapons in pistol-free zones. However, a CPL does allow for open carry in pistol-free zones such as churches, sports arenas, courts, theaters, hospitals and daycares.

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Additional pistol laws

MCL 28.422 – A person with a CPL does not have to obtain a permit to purchase. However, the pistol must be registered with the state.

MCL 28.423 – A person with a CPL can carry, possess, use or transport a pistol belonging to another person.

MCL 28.425 – A CPL does not allow people to carry concealed weapons in pistol-free zones. However, a CPL does allow for open carry in pistol-free zones such as churches, sports arenas, courts, theaters, hospitals and daycares.

Source: Michigan State Police Legal Update No. 86

HOT LINE

THANK YOU TO the thoughtful person who turned in my remote starter fob to the office at VG’s. And thank you to Natalie, who took the time to look for my “Yes” number attached to it and give me a call. Another reason to shop local.

IF YOU THINK Obama fixed Wall Street, you should check what you are smoking. I’m a Republican and Wall Street will stay broke until our congress, both parties fix it, which will be never. The other way is for all you poor 401K holders to vote in company elections.

‘FLIP’ ROMNEY IS a complete silver-spoon phony. He could easily debate himself and his hundreds of positions on issues. And Romney economics ideology is the same as Bush: Feed the millionaires and billionaires (himself), pay no taxes (like Romney), then trickle down on the rest of us.

I JUST READ that the brewery backed out of the old fire hall, what a shame.

IT SADDENED ME to read the police report when they said a woman was concealing groceries in a bag, acting as if she had paid for them. Also, that the other woman was concealing medicine. So many area churches have open food banks, they can both get help. Please, use the food banks, don’t get arrested.

IN REGARDS TO this week’s ‘If We’re King’ article about kids being forced to use the food banks, don’t get arrested.

So many area churches have open food banks, don’t get arrested. Also, that the government isn’t even going to own the electric companies or the hospitals. Not yet.

IT TAKES a special kind of low-life to steal things off a grave. I put some nice solar lights and a solar globe on my brother’s grave yesterday. Some scumball must have decided they were entitled to them. I bet your mother is really proud of you. Karma, baby.

TO THE PERSON that said the young people looked stupid that were in front of the Post Office. How do you think Hitler started? He was a dictator (Just like ODUMBO) and not a group of young people. Now who looks stupid?

PEOPLE THAT USE the phrases ‘fair share’ and ‘the 90 percent’ really show their ignorance, and prove that they are just lambs, pilling liberal crap. The simple fact is that the bottom 50 percent of people in this country only pay 2.25 percent of the taxes. I’m part of the other 50 percent.

IF THE DUMBELLS reelect Obama this November, it will be the last presidential election in the USA. He will declare himself the dictator, since he puts things into law now without even being in contact with congress. We will all be nothing but slaves to his dictatorship. God help us.

HAS ANYBODY been looking at the State Road Elementary social studies homework? I don’t know if it’s part of the IB program, but they’re teaching these kids that life would be chaos without the government, and that the government is the only thing protecting us. They tell them there would be no electricity, no hospitals, and everything would be chaos. Last I knew, the government didn’t own the electric companies or the hospitals. Not yet.

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