Fenton schools asking voters to support $9.6 million bond

Outdated technology, aging bus fleet and safety of students in dire need of upgrades

By Sharon Stone

Starkville, Miss. — Technology, buses, parking, safety and security are what Fenton school officials hope to upgrade with the district’s $9.6 million bond request, which will go before voters on Tuesday, May 8.

The Fenton Area Public Schools is asking residents within the school district to pass a $9.6 million bond. This amount would cover $6.4 million for updated technology, $1.4 million for the purchase of new buses, or, if job is upgraded traffic and parking issues, $50,000 for operations equipment and $250,000 for bond issuance fees.

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The truth about driving a Chevrolet Volt

Local man averaging 120 mpg with controversial hybrid car

By William Axford

A local man averaging 120 miles to the gallon and typically fills his tank once a month. When it comes to charging the hybrid electric car, he spends $15 to $20 a month.

“Tinny with it and would recommend it to anyone.”

Jeff Phillips
Owner of a Chevy Volt

Summary

> Plans for a hookah bar, beer, live entertainment fall by the wayside

By William Axford

The Fenton Cinema won’t be reopening its doors anytime soon.

In February, Tyrone Town- ship resident Don Hi Justice, formerly known as Don Verke, had a purchase agreement on the bank-owned property on Alloy Drive for an undisclosed price. Realtor Patrik Welty said the

Behind the badge

In addition to fighting crime, police must be tech savvy and mindful of budget

By Ryan Tackabury

Have you ever wondered what your day would be like if you were a police officer? The day would likely depend on where you live, though the police departments in the tri-county area have a lot in common.

Fenton City and Argente Township both have 14 sworn in police officers.

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Ten unique gift ideas to warm her heart
By Sally Rummel
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Mother’s Day is next Sunday, May 13, which still gives you plenty of time to put some thought into the gift you’d like to give to honor your mom or other special women in your life.

For most mothers, this truly is a holiday for which “it’s the thought that counts.” Sentimentality and thoughtfulness will be appreciated beyond the mere dollars spent, so if your budget is on the light side, you can still provide your mom with a gift that will warm her heart (see sidebar).

Here are a few unique Mother’s Day gift ideas that may speak to your own heart as you select that special gift.

1. A gift of flowers
You can personalize a gift of flowers by offering to plant the flowers for your mom, or purchase Flowers of the Month for a monthly delivered plant or bouquet from Gerych’s in Fenton, or many other local floral shops that offer this service. “It’s the gift that keeps on giving,” said owner Jon Gerych. Flowers from $9.95 and up.

2. A gift of reading
Find out the latest bestseller that your mom hasn’t read yet, and give it to her with a pretty bookmark. Fenton’s Open Book suggests “I’ve Got Your Number,” “Heroes For My Daughter” and the newest book in the “True Blood” series, as well as a number of new cookbooks. Would she like to try an e-book? Kindles, Nooks, iPads would also be a great gift for a book-loving mom. $10 and up.

3. A gift of fitness
If your mom has always wanted to take a fitness class, sign her up for a month of Jazzercise at special Mother’s Day rate.

You (yes, you) can create free website
By Tim Jagielo
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Tim Todd, Webmaster, UM-Flint

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Random royal thoughts

- NBC’s embarrassingly butt-licking Obama promotion that aired Wednesday night (disguised as a news story on the Bin Laden takedown of a year ago) was a gross insult to the entire broadcast news industry. No one entity has profited more from the disastrous Obama presidency than General Electric, which owns half of NBC. Brian Williams should have had pom-poms and cheerleader outfit on. What a waste.

- The creature with the largest brain in proportion to its size is the ant. They are the smartest species of insects with about 250,000 brain cells.

- I hate millages but I am voting on Tuesday for three reasons. 1) Our woefully outdated technology is severely impacting the entire teaching process. 2) The buses that transport 2,500+ students each day are on average over 10 years old and are an accident waiting to happen. 3) Most importantly, we have no electronic security systems in our 90+ school buildings, meaning that our children (all students are our children) spend eight hours a day in an unprotected, nut-magnet environment. That’s unacceptable to me, and it should be unacceptable to you also.

- All school systems are facing the same challenges as Fenton’s school system. But in this current economic environment, only a select few communities in the state possess the rare civic esprit de corps necessary to pass a millage. We’ll see if Fenton is one of them.

- Fewer than half of the 16,200 major league baseball players have ever hit a home run

- I am deeply disturbed by the ever-increasing governmental crackdown on American citizens who dare to criticize Obama. Just this past week a Marine was “less than honorably” discharged for online commentary critical of the Obama administration, and rocker Ted Nugent earned a visit from the Secret Service and was barred from entertaining our troops because of his criticism of Obama.

- Barbie’s full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

- Let’s recap the saga of the old fire hall. Local family with proven track record wants to buy fire hall and make it into restaurant. DDA inexplicably chooses unknown, out-of-town entity, Michigan Brewing Company. Nearly two years later, MBC backs out of deal with local family and returns fire hall to county. During the same two years, local family that was turned down creates and opens new downtown Fenton business. This would be funny if it weren’t so...umm, unfunny.

- In the interest of balance, the Times is considering publishing a weekly column from a liberal syndicated columnist in order to provide an opposing viewpoint to the King (yikes...am I going to be fired?). If you have any suggestions, please pass them on to the Times via email to editor@tctimes.com. I’ve been trying to recruit someone to write our commentary or through the Hot lines.

- On the same subject, one pair of rats has the potential for 15,000 descendants in a year.
District celebrates achievements of former superintendent and current teacher

By Sharon Stone

Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation is honoring two individuals with a celebration and dinner at Spring Meadows Country Club on Saturday, May 12.

The Foundation is honoring Russell D. Haddon with the Lifetime Achievement Award and Kathy Kearns with the Lake Fenton Teacher of the Year Award.

Haddon graduated from Fenton High School in 1952 and he is a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and his master’s degree in education from the University of Michigan. He taught one year at his alma mater and went on to be superintendent and principal at Lake Fenton for 16 years and superintendent for Holly schools for another 12 years.

While serving in both school districts, he was credited for developing community education. Haddon was the first director of the Fenton Community Center, served on the Village of Fenton Council, Holly Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He has owned and operated Haddon Nursery since 1950, setting up his 80-acre farm adjacent to Seven Lakes State Park as a conservancy.

A founding member of the Fenton Village Players since 1939, Haddon’s $250,000 pledge toward a theater in memory of his late wife, Sibyl, spearheaded the development of the Fenton Village Cultural Center. In 1939, he directed “Hugo in a Hurry,” for the Fenton Village Players.

Haddon is active at St. Jude Episcopal Church as a member of the vestry. He has also been a member of the Kiwanis clubs of Fenton, Holly and Lake Fenton.

Kearns has been teaching full-time at Lake Fenton for 27 years and she substitute taught for four years prior to that. This is the second year for the Teacher of the Year award. Teachers write letters of recommendation for the selection process and this year, four teachers were nominated.

“I hope my students realize I truly care about them and I expect them to give me their best effort in a timely manner,” she said. Throughout her years of teaching, she has learned that she must practice what she teaches.

“Every day I step into the classroom, I need to give my students my best effort,” she said. “They deserve it and I am always looking for ways to sharpen my skills and make lessons relevant.

“The award means a great deal to me because it comes from my colleagues. It says someone values what teachers do, and I am grateful for the recognition.”
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• Contribute to a college savings plan — One of the best things you can do to boost your children’s chances of success in life is to help them go to college. You’ve got several good college-savings vehicles available, such as a 529 plans, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and custodial accounts. Your financial advisor can help you choose the vehicle that suits your needs and objectives.

• Maintain adequate life insurance — When it was just you, it was a good idea to have life insurance — but now that you have a child, it’s an absolute necessity.

When Your Children Reach Middle Age

• Communicate your financial situation and estate plans — Don’t leave adult children in the dark as to your financial information. Share everything you can about how much you own, where you keep your assets and financial information. Share everything you can about how much you own, where you keep your assets and financial information. Share everything you can about how much you own, where you keep your assets and financial information.

• Create a durable power of attorney — By creating a durable power of attorney, you can appoint another person, such as an adult child, to conduct your business and financial affairs if you become physically or mentally incapacitated. Such a move can help reduce stress your children may be feeling, while allowing them to make moves that can help preserve your finances.

Mother’s Day commemoration

Mother’s Day commemorates the special bond that mothers have with their children. By following the above suggestions, you can help strengthen that bond throughout your lifetime.
POLICE & FIRE

MEN DECLINE TO FILE COMPLAINTS AFTER FIGHT

At 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, Linden police responded to a home in the 3700 block of Lindenwood to investigate a report of a fight. Upon arrival, police found blood in the living room and hallway. They spoke with a 19-year-old Fenton man who had blood on his arms, as well as cuts and bruises. He said he had gotten into a fight with a 20-year-old male friend who lived at the house. He said they, along with a 20-year-old Fenton woman had been drinking all night when the fight broke out between the two men. Police located the 20-year-old man, unconscious, in the bedroom. He had cuts and bruises. He was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. The woman confirmed that the three had been drinking when the fight broke out. Police followed up on the incident the next day, at which time both men declined to file a complaint against the other.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER STOLEN

At 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, a Fenton man reported to Fenton police that someone had sawed off the catalytic converter on his Pontiac Montana van that was parked in the park and ride lot on Silver Lake Road. He parked the van there at 5 a.m. and returned at 3 p.m., at which time he noticed the loud noise and theft.

TIRE SLASHED

On May 1, Fenton police responded to an apartment in the 4000 block of Foley Glen to investigate a report of a slashed tire. The 20-year-old female resident said some had cut the rear passenger tire of her 2002 Honda. The name of a possible suspect was given to police.

TEENS SHOPLIFT CARDS

At 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, Fenton police responded to a department store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Upon arrival, police made contact with the loss prevention employee and three male teens, who were in custody. The employee said a 19-year-old Swartz Creek male was observed selecting several boxes of Yu Gi Oh playing cards, opening the loss prevention employee and three male teens, who were in custody. The employee said a 19-year-old Swartz Creek male was observed selecting several boxes of Yu Gi Oh playing cards, opening them and disbanding them to a 17-year-old Grand Blanc male and a 17-year-old Swartz Creek male. The teens were observed concealing the cards in their pockets and socks. After passing the checkout without paying, the employee confronted them and escorted them back inside. The teens were taken to the police station for processing and given a court date for retail fraud.

CINEMA

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deal with Justice fell through. Justice could not be reached for comment before press time.

Originally, Justice planned to transform the eight movie theaters into seven venues for different types of entertainment. Local musicians, motivational speakers, movies and plays were some of Justice’s proposed events. A Hookah and Cigar bar were also in the works, with beer and soft drinks in one of the theaters.

The amount of Justice’s purchase agreement was not revealed. The building is currently listed at $535,000.

Welty said there are a number of other parties interested in purchasing the building. The building has been vacant since December 2008, when the owners of the cinema closed the business.

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Ivah Curle celebrates 100th birthday

Ivah Curle of Holly celebrated her 100th birthday recently. Curle was born on April 25, 1912 in Concord, MI. The birthday celebration took place at Holly Presbyterian Church where a family member’s open house was also held at that time. Curle is one of five living generations in the family, four of which were able to attend the celebration. Her great-granddaughter, Elana Balkin, traveled from Israel to attend her great-grandmother’s birthday celebration. Curle has one child, a daughter, Marilyn Hope of Holly, and three grandchildren. She was a teacher for Holly Schools for more than 40 years and then went on to teach in Grayling, after which she and her late husband, Bill Curle retired and moved back to Holly. Ivah’s father also lived to be over 100.

News briefs

Flint Central Class of 1952 reunion
Flint Central High School Class of 1952 is holding its 60th reunion Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center in Grand Blanc. For more information call class secretary, Norma Winters at (810) 653-2539.

Holly High School L.L2th alumni banquet set
All graduates of Holly High School are invited to the 112th HHS Alumni Association Banquet scheduled for Saturday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m. Dinner, entertainment and a business meeting will be included in the $20 ticket. To reserve your spot, send check to Holly High School Alumni, c/o Betty Tinsman Messel, 1292 Thistlebridge Drive, Holly, MI 48442 no later than May 21.

Holly VFW holding annual Poppy Sale
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The charge port on the Chevy Volt is in front of the driver’s side door.

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purchased a Volt about a year ago. “It’s super high-tech. It’s probably the fanciest car I’ve ever had.”

The Chevy Volt, General Motor’s hy-

but it’s well worth the purchase. On average, he fills his gas tank once a month and spends $15 to $20 a month charging it.

Despite raving reviews and winning

the Motor Trend Car of the Year award

however, GM is experiencing lower than projected sales. In 2011, GM set a goal of selling 10,000 Volts. CNN Money noted GM only sold 7,600. For 2012, 5,377 Volts have been sold, averaging slightly more than 1,000 cars a month. At this rate, GM won’t be able to meet their goal of selling 45,000 Volts for 2012.

As an early purchaser of the Volt, Phillips is frustrated that GM isn’t able to sell as many cars as projected. He does admit the car is expensive but worth the purchase if one can afford it.

“One of the misgivings of the Volt is that it’s not selling very well, it’s hurting my resale value,” Phillips said. “I thought it was going to be the next big thing since sliced bread.”

The Volt’s $40,000 price tag may be responsible for the lower than anticipated sales. Other hybrid cars such as the Toyota Camry fetch a starting price of $23,000 while a basic Honda Civic costs $24,000. The Toyota Prius and Ford Fusion have a starting price of $25,000, some $15,000 less than the Volt.

However, the Volt’s higher price tag does come with more benefits, mainly better mileage. The EPA estimates the Volt averages 58 miles per gallon in the city and 62 on the highway. The Prius by contrast averages 51 mpg in the city and 48 on the highway. “It’s still better than 99 percent of the cars out there,” Phillips said. “I really enjoy it. It’s perfect for driving around town. It’s not much different from a regular car.”

Phillips has had the car serviced three times since he’s owned it, twice for a dead battery and once for a safety recall. He has left his lights on overnight, draining the battery. The safety recall addressed GM’s discovery of fires during crash tests. The EPA maintains the Volt is safe and GM’s recall eliminated safety concerns.

GM may be able to boost sales with higher tax credits. Currently, the Volt comes with a $7,500 federal tax credit.

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FHS student receives top Michigan yearbook award

Caitlin McBride named top yearbook student in Michigan

By Ryan Tackabury

Fenton — When asked how she felt about being given an award for a year’s worth of work on a project she was passionate about, Caitlin McBride, a senior, and valedictorian at Fenton High School, said, “I feel spectacular. It feels good to know you are working for a book that is this great.”

The award is presented to one yearbook student a year by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA), and comes with a $250 scholarship. McBride is currently in her third year on the Fentonian staff, and this year serves as co-editor in chief.

The hardest part of working on the yearbook, McBride says, is managing her time. In addition to working on the yearbook during a class at school, she estimates she puts in an additional 13 to 15 hours a week working on the yearbook.

“We just have a standard of excellence, and it’s been that way before I was on staff,” she said. “We put a lot of work into the book, and we take it very seriously. It’s not just a job, it’s kind of like a family too. Everyone I have been on the yearbook staff with have come to know as a good friend,” McBride said.

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Caitlin McBride, 17, shows the All-MIPA award she received for her Fentonian yearbook work. McBride said that working on yearbook requires a lot of time and dedication.

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May prices or a series of Zumba classes that you’d know she’d enjoy. Pick out a
cute workout outfit and attach a certifi-
cate with it. Note: this gift will only be
appreciated if it’s given to a person who
wants to do this and will enjoy the work-
out. Don’t give it because you think your
mom “needs” it. $19 and up.

4. Take her to tea
Set-up a “tea time” for you
and your mom at Sweet D’s Tea
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cheon menu that changes monthly.
Tea times are Tuesday through Saturday
from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. “Times are filling
up fast during the week before Mother’s
Day,” said Dee Butch, of Sweet D’s. $22
per person for a full course tea setting.

5. A gift of class
Several local floral busi-
nesses offer classes that moms
and daughters might enjoy tak-
ing together, from a Cobblestone Bench
class at Gerych’s to a Ruharb Leaf
Fountain class at Heavenly Scent Herb
Farm. Call your favorite greenhouse to
see what workshops/events they offer this
spring and sign you and your mom up for
a memorable day. $30 and up.

6. Let a personal shopper help you
Stop in at local stores like
Bella-Carina, Clik’s and Eclec-
tions in Fenton, Thimbleberry Antiques
in Linden, Marta’s Loft and Creative
Fashions in Holly for many new spring
and summer clothing styles, jewelry and
accessories. Personal attention from a
helpful sales staff will make gift selec-
tions easy and fun. Many of these local
boutique-style stores are focusing on
Made in USA brands. $20 and up.

7. Get her ready for a trip
Choose a trendy travel
jewelry case by PurseN in fun
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different sizes. Pair it with a matching
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Eclecctions in Fenton for $46 and up.

8. A gift of travel
You can purchase a gift certificate for a daylong
motorcoach trip to share
with your mom at Eastern Market or the
Ann Arbor Art Fair, from Superior
Travel in Fenton. For a few more dol-
ars, you could purchase a plane ticket
for mom to visit grandchildren or make
a “down payment” for her future dream
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9. A personalized gift of jewelry
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monds or sterling silver, what
matters most is the thoughtfulness
of the piece selected. Fingerprint jewelry,
mother/child birthstones or other per-
sonalized pieces that honor relationships
will become treasured keepsakes. Fing-
erprint jewelry is available at Sawyer
Jewelers, starting at $159.

10. A gift of pampering
Almost every salon has a package for Mother’s Day
pampering, which could
be customized for mothers,
daughters, and granddaughters. You
could also purchase a gift certificate for
a specific service, such as a manicure,
pedicure, massage, etc. Price varies
with budget.

Short on cash this Mother’s Day?
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that are thoughtful and affordable:

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  candle in her favorite scent.
- Bubbling with joy - How about a large
  bottle of bubble bath?
- Bake a basket of muffins and put them
  in a pretty basket.
- Give her a year’s subscription to
  her favorite magazine.
- Fill a basket with gourmet coffees or teas.
  Sit down and have an old-fashioned
  tea party together.
- Pick out a pretty scarf with a splash of color.
- Get her a gift card at her favorite store.
- Wrap up a pretty frame with your picture or a photo of all the grandchildren. She’ll
  treasure it every time she looks at it.
- Choose a new mug to enjoy her favorite beverage.
- Buy a bouquet of flowers or pick them yourself.
- Give her a movie to watch together - either an old favorite or a new release she’s
  wanted to see.
- Put together a “Green Thumb” basket, with pretty gardening gloves, tools, a soft
  kneeling pad, seed packets.
- Buy her a fluffy new pillow with a fancy case.
- Make a coupon to do the household chores for a week.
- Bring her breakfast in bed, adding a bud vase and pretty napkin to the tray.
- Make her a card with a personal message.
- Take her out to eat for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

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Holly residents win $10,000 home makeover

C&L Ward Brothers, headquartered in Davison announced the winners of its fifth annual “$10,000 Home Makeover Sweepstakes.” Brad and Julie Klein of Holly recently learned they won the sweepstakes.

“I was surprised when I got the call at work,” said Brad Klein. “I called Julie right away and told her the news and she asked, ‘What’s the catch?’ I said, ‘none, start shopping.’”

C&L’s President Pat Ward said, “It’s especially gratifying to announce the winners of our home makeover contest during our 40th anniversary year. As past customers of ours, we’re excited to be working with the Kleins again. Return customers play a huge role in the continued success of our company.”

The couple plans to replace original windows and a new front door in their 2001-built home for better energy efficiency and greater curb appeal. An new backyard deck is also being considered.

Since the contest began, C&L Ward has awarded $50,000 in home makeovers to Michigan residents.

Homeowners can enter the next $10,000 Home Makeover Sweepstakes online at WindowExperts.com, attending a C&L Ward Home Improvement Seminar, or visiting any C&L Ward showroom.

‘Young at Heart’ showing this Wednesday

▶ Fenton Film Series continues its free movies in downtown Fenton

By Sharon Stone
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The Fenton Film Series presents the documentary, ‘Young at Heart,’ on Wednesday, May 9, free of charge at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

This inspiring and heart-warming documentary follows the ‘Young at Heart’ choir, a senior citizen singing group that tours the world singing rock and roll songs.

The movie begins at 7:30 p.m. and the film’s production company, Fox Searchlight, has sent several promotional T-shirts, which will be given away as door prizes, according to John Strayer of the Fenton Film Series.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and those arriving early can enjoy music provided by students from A Joyful Noise music studio, who will be presenting their own rock and roll review.

Now in its second year, the Fenton Film Series continues with its mission of showing free, high quality movies every month in downtown Fenton. The movies are presented free, thanks to donations from several sponsors, including the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Tanglewood Assisted Living and Home Care, Edward Jones financial advisor Patrick Perfitt, Behind Your Design, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation and Comfort Keepers.

Free refreshments will also be available for moviegoers, including sandwiches from Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches, pastries and coffee from The French Laundry, homemade root beer from the Fenton Winery & Brewery and appetizers from Bangkok Peppers Too.
A web presence without having to deal with a hosting plan or domain name,” said Tim Todd, webmaster for the University of Michigan-Flint. He said he has seen people ages 8 to 80 build sites with Blogger or WordPress.

Todd says these sites can be used to share life events, like an upcoming child or a hobby. Many are used for ad-hoc journalism groups, or photography. They can be as simple as a blog, or a basic, multi-page website. “This is basically where the web is headed,” he said. It’s actually rare for a website to be built completely from scratch. “The web is dynamic now.”

Believe it or not, some of the biggest companies online use WordPress as the basis for its blog. Yahoo!, Ebay, Ford Motor Company, The Wallstreet Journal, Sony and many others, use WordPress as a basis for their blog pages.

The best part about these sites is that the most difficult part — the website design — is already done for you with multiple “themes,” or templates available. “They can pick a theme that they like an apply it,” said Todd.

Terms like HTML also don’t matter with these CMS’s. For your information, HTML means Hypertext Markup Language. It encodes text, graphics and photos so your web browser can read them, and you can interact with them. Complicated acronyms like this are handled already by Blogger and WordPress.

Another benefit of a CMS like WordPress or Blogger, is that the hosting is free. When a website is built, you need somewhere to store it — this is the job of hosting companies like godaddy.com. WordPress and Blogger also handle hosting.

Because of the simplicity of these systems — a website can be up in less than a day. “Pick out a theme and get going right away,” said Todd. He suggests having a simple layout, and keeping it updated. “People aren’t going to go to it twice, if the information hasn’t been updated, it gives them no reason to come back,” said Todd.

Tutorials are available for both systems online, but we’re outlining how to use WordPress (in sidebar).
Holly, Fenton still tied entering Metro meet

Bronchos win last three matches to earn 4-4 tie with Fenton Tigers

By David Troppens
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Fenton — Leah Miller and Carley Postma had the entire Holly varsity girls tennis team watching their third set against Fenton’s Alison Peters and Ashley Howe.

With the Bronchos trailing Fenton 4-3 in the team score, Holly’s sophomore No. 3 doubles team had the weight of an 83-match Metro League win stake weighing heavy on their shoulders.

And with a loss, the Bronchos, by the way, would enter Tuesday’s Flint Metro League meet in second place, hurting their chances of getting a 30th straight league crown.

But instead of wilt, the doubles team did what Holly tennis always seems to do, it won. Postma and Moller staved off three match points during a third-set tiebreaker and continued the Bronchos’ win streak to 84 matches, defeating Peters and Howe 6-7(8), 6-0, 7-6(8) at No. 3 doubles, earning a team tie at 4-4 for the match. The draw means whichever team wins the Flint Metro League meet on Tuesday at Holly High School, will win the league crown, with Holly going for its 30th straight. And the Bronchos can credit that to its two sophomores who found a way to win a match that looked doomed to a loss when trailing 6-3 in the third-set tiebreaker.

“You just have to take it point by point,” Moller said. “And we have this saying, when one of us gets really discouraged, we say to the other, ‘What are you.’ The other one has to say ‘I am awesome.’ It’s so hard to say when you are down on yourself, but it works.”

See TIED on 19A

Linden makes ‘Wright’ pick with hoops position

By David Troppens
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Linden — The last time NBA star Kevin Durant sat the bench for anyone, it may have come when Anthony Wright played on his AAU basketball team.

“I started and he didn’t play unless we were up or down by 40,” the former University of Michigan basketball player said. “Then he grew a foot in two years, and there you go.”

But that’s OK. Wright is doing what he loves now. He always wanted to be a varsity basketball coach, and now he is, becoming the mentor that will replace Denny Hopkins.

“For years and years I wanted to be a basketball coach,” Wright said. “Growing up, I was always good in basketball. And while (my friends) aspired to play in the NBA, I wanted to be a basketball coach. We all went down the right paths.”

Wright played high school ball for one of the best basketball programs in the nation, Oak Hill Academy. Last year, he was the associate head coach at Arbor Prep High School.

And now he’s going to get his chance to be the head coach.

“I just want the kids to graduate with honors,” Wright said. “I want to make sure my kids get accepted to a four-year school for academics. And for those who have aspirations to play college ball, I’m going to go beyond to help them effort-wise.”

“It was not just his background, but we love what he’s going to bring to the table to help grow our young men,” Linden athletic director Cathy Nortz said.
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**Holly** — David McNeely knows the value of a good book. That’s especially true when it comes to improving his batting stroke. Holly’s senior catcher’s reading habits may have helped lead him to an impressive day at the plate against the Fenton Tigers on Thursday.

McNeely pounded out two three-run home runs and an RBI-single in two games, helping lead the Bronchos to a 6-5 win in the opening contest and a 9-0 lead in the second game before the game was suspended in the bottom of the fourth inning due to lightning. Right before the game was suspended, the Tigers wanted no more to do with McNeely, walking him to reload the bases with two out. “I’ve been reading a book called ‘Head’s Up Baseball’ after bad games. I read it Monday night after a bad hitting session and I’ve been hitting the ball and relaxing in the box,” McNeely said. “It’s just one of those things. I’m seeing the release point a lot more. I can make solid contact.”

After being no-hit during the early portion of the first game by Fenton hurler Josh Bryant, a lot of Bronchos were making solid contact on Thursday. With Holly trail- ing 2-0 entering the bottom of the fourth, Brent Smiales ended the no-hit talk with a solo home run. Joel Perry followed with a double, and he scored on McNeely’s single. Chris Green followed with an RBI-hit, putting the Bronchos up 3-2.

Fenton retook the lead in the fifth, Brady Sarkom and Kyle Jenkins each singled and scored on Dylan Bensen’s two-run single, putting the Tigers up 4-3. However, the Bronchos scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 6-4 lead. Two walks and a Fenton error helped spark and continue the inning, but it was Pat O’Connor’s RBI-single that gave Holly the lead for good. Fenton scored a run in the seventh on a Kyle Jenkins RBI-single, and the Tigers had the bases loaded with one out, but couldn’t score another run against Holly’s winning pitcher Joel Perry. Perry allowed 15 hits and 5 earned runs in 6 2/3 innings of work. Pat O’Connor’s double made it 3-0 and led to a 9-0 win on Thursday.

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Holly’s Blake Ordway (left) can’t handle this throw to second base as Fenton’s Derek Jenkins slides into the base. Holly won the contest 6-5 on Thursday, and was winning the second game 9-0 when weather suspended the contest.

**Fenton takes command early, wins 6-2 verdict vs. Bronchos**

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**Golf**

- Lapeer West 158, Linden 159: The Eagles shot a season low, but were edged by a stroke at Lapeer County Club. Brett Benford shot a 39, while Eric Guckian and Tyler Conway had 41s.
- Fenton 172, Brandon 183: The Tigers remained perfect in Metro action, with Jake Foguth leading the way with a 42. Kevin Berry and Joe Foguth shot 43s, while John Lloyd carded a 44.
- Linden at Traverse City Central Tee-Off Classic: At Grand Traverse Resort, the Eagles shot a 333-331-664.
- The first day was played on the Wolverine and the Eagles finished sixth overall. They were led by Brett Benford’s 80. Tyler Conway carded an 84, while Zach Sutika posted an 84. Jamie Iordanou had an 86.
- On the second day, the team played on Spruce Run and finished third. Conway led Linden with a 78, while Sutika had an 81. Conway carded an 84 and Eric Guckian had an 85.
- Fenton at Byron Invitational: The Blue Devils finished with a team score of 327 at Hunter’s Ridge Golf Course.
- John Lloyd played fifth overall with an 18-hole score of 77. Meanwhile, Alex Gerber had an 82, while Joe Foguth and Kevin Berry carded 84s.
- Cleo 180, Holly 182: Mitchell Hughes and Austin Miler led the Bronchos with 44s, while William Moller and Kyle Pepper had 47s.
Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field team continued to push forward positively in Genesee Area Conference play.

The Blue Devils remained undefeated in dual action, defeating Moris 119-116, and beating Wverbbbville 132-4.

“We weren’t outstanding across the board, but we were good enough to win,” Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said.

The Blue Devils were undefeated, winning all but two events, with only one Lake Fenton competitor winning two individual events. That was Zac Zielinski, who won the high jump (5-7) and the long jump (18-11). Meanwhile, other individual winners were Max Watters in the 100 (11.3), Austin DeMoss in the 1,600 (5:01.7), Neil Allor in the 400 (56.5), Tim Simon in the 300 hurdles (44.7), Chase Hanson in the 800 (2:15.8), Rob Kessler in the 200 (23.4), Nick VanDusen in the shot put (39-1.2), Lucas Allen in the discus (107-0.2), and Andrew Teletow in the pole vault (11-6).

“Austin DeMoss is pushing towards breaking the five-minute mark, which is a big deal for a distance guy,” Doyle said. “I believe he’ll get it next week.”

All four relays also won. Max Watters took part in three winning relays. He teamed with Zielinski, Austin Frank and Rob Kessler to win the 800 relay (1:36.3); Kessler, Matt Hommer and Frank to win the 400 relay (45.4); and Hommer, Bryce Frownfelter and Hansen to win the 1,600 relay (3:48.1). The 3,200 relay team of Sawyer Scott, Alex Holtslander, Hansen and Allor also won (10:04.0).

Lake Fenton hosts Lakeville and Goodrich on Tuesday for another Genesee Area Conference meet.

Lake Fenton girls track vs. Mt. Morris 86-81, Wverbbbville 99-32

The Lake Fenton girls had Alyssa Martin, Sidney Scott and Hope Steyer each win two individual events, leading them to the meet sweep.

Martin won the 100 hurdles (17.1) and the pole vault (7.6), while Scott won the 400 (1:07.0) and the high jump (5.2). Hope Steyer placed first in the shot put (26-10) and the discus (56-2).

The other two individual winners were Becky Ferennius in the 1,600 (6:25) and Laura Carlson in the 3,200 (13:44). The Blue Devils also won the 1,600 relay with the team of Scott, Elissa Smith, Karlie Diack and Sophia Souahor (4:39). The Blue Devils also swept the top three spots in the 400 dash and the 3,200 run. Souahori took second (1:09) and Diack took third (1:11) in the 400, while Ferennius placed second (14:15) and Andrea Roe took third (14:17) in the 3,200 run.

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**GIRLS PREP REPORT**

**GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD**

- **Linden, Lapeer West at Fenton:**
  - Lapeer West 113-23 and Fenton 71-66, while Fenton defeated West 116-20.
  - Sydney Elmer won three individual events, taking the top spot in the 1,600 (5:56.47), the 800 (2:37.71) and the 3,200 (11:10.90). Meanwhile, Kristen Reissguette was involved in three events herself. She won the 100 hurdles (14.03) and the 300 hurdles (51.58) individually, and also teamed with Brooke Enciso, Angelina Garcia and Jordan Gunderson to win the 400 relay (54.32).
  - Fenton won three of the relays: the 3,200 relay (10:43.94), the 800 relay (1:53.24) and the 1,600 relay (4:23.55). Winning individual events were Victoria Chapin winning the pole vault (9-0), Kira Rentschler the discus (104-9), Emily Bennis the 400 (1:02.87) and Julie Gilbert the high jump (4-10).

**Clio, Swartz Creek at Holly:**

- Fenton defeated Clio 19-5-7-5 and Clio 131-6.

**Softball**

- **Fenton 17, Holly 3:**
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**Tied**

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It worked on Thursday at Fenton High School. Trailing 4-1 after Fenton had won matches at three of the four singles matches and also at No. 1 doubles, Holly had to win each of the three-set matches that were taking place. And that’s exactly what the Bronchos did, Natalie Clink (No. 3) singles defeated Maggie Postma 6-1, 6-3, and Melanie Haws and Abby Chatfield defeated Fenton’s Kaytlyn Praedel and Kelly Jolfs 6-4, 6-6, 1-6, setting up the 4-3 Fenton lead with just the final set remaining in the No. 3 doubles match.

“It’s a lot of pressure, especially with the whole team watching you, but we fought for every ball out there,” Postma said. “It’s all about your mentality. You can’t go too up and you can’t go too down during the match.”

As emotionally draining as finishing the meet with a tie may have been for Fenton, the Tigers can look at this one huge positive — they still have control of their own destiny to win the league title outright. Most likely, Fenton or Holly will win the league meet, meaning the victor will be the District 1 Champions.

“Whoever wins on Tuesday wins the Metro League,” Fenton coach Gary Ballard said. “It’s better than a loss. But I guess we’ll see what happens Tuesday during the tournament.”

Fenton’s singles were dominant. The Tigers’ Madison Ballard defeated Da’ryl Spurgeon (No. 1 singles) and Kendal Stephens defeated Misty Gerecke (No. 2 doubles) by 6-0, 6-0 margins. Justin Han- son defeated Holly’s Alex Knight 6-1, 6-1, giving Fenton a 3-1 lead in singles action. However, Holly won the two third-set doubles matches. The No. 2 doubles team of Tabitha Steigerwald and Felicia Dulin also won, defeating Kelsey Kidd and Jessie Fugh 6-1, 6-4. Fenton’s No. 1 doubles team of Emily McIntosh and Lily Dubois defeated Audrey Crimmins and Victoria Skubik 6-3, 6-4.

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working at one of the workstations (pods) between classrooms Wednesday morning. When the student moved a book, a threat written on the desk was revealed.
“"We went into secure mode right away," said Jalkanen. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro responded immediately to the school and inspected the message. "Chief Aro is outstanding. He came over and took a look," said Jalkanen.
It was unknown as to when the message was written on the desk.
Middle school administrators immediately took precautions by locking doors, conducting building sweeps and limiting all hallway travel, said Jalkanen.
In consultation with the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) Threat Management Consultant, a threat assessment was conducted onsite with the Fenton Police Department. Investigators determined that the threat was low risk, and they directed the school to continue its day as normal, in secured mode.
Jalkanen said an instant alert was sent out to families of middle school students around 1 p.m. informing them of the situation. He said nearly all of the parents have signed up for this system, either through e-mail, a texted cell phone message or recording. He said letters were also being sent home with all middle school students so that parents could be apprised of what happened.
“We’re following all of the procedures to get it out there to the parents," Jalkanen said.
The situation remains under investigation. The school continued its secured mode throughout Thursday. If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact AGS Middle School at (810) 591-7700.

HOT LINE
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OBAMA’S NEW CAMPAIGN slogan is, “Forward.” Sounds good. Unfortunately, this slogan has long been associated with European Marxism and radical movements to reflect their march in history that moves “Forward” past capitalism and into socialism and communism.

I FIND IT beyond belief that the Holly Village Council can vote the Village manager, DPW head raises, and contribute to the village manager’s retirement account then state a need for concessions from the police department because they are out of money. Am I missing something here?

OBAMA — WHAT A team player he is. Imagine being the starting quarterback and leading your team to a decisive lead in a tough game. Then, the back up quarterback comes in and only has to hold on to the lead. He then claims he did it all — priceless.

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor’s (DOL) recent decision to withdraw a proposed rule dealing with children who work in agricultural jobs has brought a sigh of relief to many in the fruit and vegetable industry.
BOND
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The bond would allow the district to replace the aging fleet of buses with transportation vehicles that can accommodate the increasing needs of the district’s students. To keep pace with the educational needs of the students, Fenton officials acknowledge this issue and are hopeful parents and community members in the district will support these much-needed improvements.

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The lack of Internet access is also an increasing issue. To provide the latest in technology, the district needs Internet access for streaming media. Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said the bond request was well thought out and officials believe the district would be in good shape for about 10 years, if it were approved. Jalkanen also said that once parents hear the facts and see what technology their kids have to work with, they are overwhelmingly supportive of the bond.

As a whole, Fenton schools are in good shape, said Jalkanen. It is a school of choice district and it is accepting applications from students outside the district. In the past month or so, it has received about 15 applications. Approximately 10 percent of the student body is comprised of out-of-district students. Although these students’ families do not get to vote or contribute to this bond, they do bring in approximately $7,000 each in state aid, which goes into the district’s general fund.

The Fenton school district includes residents in the city of Fenton and portions of the townships of Fenton, Rose and Tyrone. Jalkanen and Busch were concerned about the ability to meet the needs of the district and students if the bond proposal fails on May 8. They both hope that voters will continue their commitment to the children of this community and their future.
while Linden has nine officers. Fenton Township receives service from the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department, while Holly Township is covered by the Michigan State Police.

In Fenton, patrol officers are assigned to one of three shifts. They check in and receive a briefing from the sergeant about any activities going on. Afterwards, when they get to work and hit the town, their responsibilities include traffic control, patrolling problem areas and responding to both criminal and medical calls as they come in.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said his police department likes to take a proactive approach to dealing with crimes. “We are a big into the community,” Sutter said. “Our officers like to get on foot and meet with the citizens.”

Some of their work includes meeting with seniors and helping them recognize scams and frauds, as well as working with schools to develop emergency plans.

Sutter says a lot of the crime Linden sees is related to juveniles, and the department deals with them appropriately. “We are a resource for parents to reach out to juveniles, and another resource to use. Not just in arresting, but in a proactive way before a problem occurs, we can nip it in the bud by working with them, the schools, and the parents.”

The effort put into preventing crime seems to be having an effect. “We have seen a decrease in crimes in the last couple years across the board,” Sutter said. “Our biggest battle right now is our budget,” Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said. The police apply for grants, though according to Aro there are not as many state grants available as there used to be. The department does work hard to pursue them and has used grants to pay for their body armor.

Argentine Township has re-started a police reserve program this year to help provide better service at no additional cost. Police Chief Daniel Allen said that applicants for the reserve program faced an interview process that was as stringent as for any police officer.

“They have finished their initial training, which is classroom and hands on training like firearms, handcuffing, legal issues, and things like that,” Allen said. “Now they are in their field training program, and will continue to receive additional training after that.”

Allen says the reserve officers have worked out really well for Argentine Township. “They are armed, and can only work alongside a certified officer, under the direct control of that officer. They work as an extra set of eyes and ears for that officer, and provide backup,” he said.

Another way the department has saved money is through the Law Enforcement Support Office program, which puts unused equipment from the military into the hands of police departments. The department only has to pay for shipping and the items they receive might even come from military bases established in foreign countries.
“We receive items like rifles, which were mint condition,” Allen said. “We have received tactical body armor, ballistic shields, helmets and so on.”

Technology does not stop advancing, and while monetary issues may provide obstacles, the police do their best to keep pace.

The Fenton Police Department is currently in the process of updating their dispatch center. The project will renovate the physical building, as well as with the emergency telephone and radio equipment, making it next generation compliant.

“Once that tech has been put in by the state, people can send us texts and digital photographs,” Aro said.

“I don’t know if anything will be noticeable initially, but as things are put in place, they will. It will be amazing for our job, with people being able to take pictures over a cell phone and send it to us.”

Aro said that in the future, he would like to incorporate the use of more cameras in town to monitor high crime public areas.

“We will be replacing our tasers pretty soon. One of the things we are going to do when we replace them is to have cameras integrated into them,” said Aro. “It won’t be a case of the person versus the officer; we will have everything right on video.”

The different police departments all agree that drugs, while not rampant, tend to be one of the bigger problems that police officers are called on to deal with.

Last Saturday, police and fire departments took part in National Prescription Take-Back Day, where people could drop off unused prescription drugs. Chief Sutter said the Linden Police Department received 24 pounds of prescription drugs. He described the event as a good way to keep the prescription drugs off the street, which are some of the more commonly used drugs they deal with.

Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the police department’s main job is meeting the communities’ varying needs, and also working with the schools.
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State ranked near top for microbreweries
By William Axford
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While most people were still sleeping or preparing themselves for the oncoming day, Matt Sherrow was wide-awake at 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday, mixing hops and barley with water. Walking between rooms containing massive vats, clear tubes, kegs and buckets, Sherrow looked more like a researcher than a brewer.

“My bar becomes my laboratory,” said Sherrow, owner of the Fenton Winery and Brewery. “There’s more to beer flavor-wise than there is with wine and people don’t realize that. Anything you can pair wine to you can pair with beer.”

Sherrow is part of the growing industry of brewers, which create unique, flavorful beers. According to the Brewer’s Association, craft-brewing is an $8.7 billion industry comprised of 1,063 brewpubs, 789 microbreweries and 88 regional craft breweries. Craft brews accounted for 5.8 percent of overall beer sales in 2011 and they continue to increase. In Michigan alone, there are more than 100 breweries.

“People are starting to get away from mass-produced beer,” Sherrow said, who has created nearly 40 different kinds of beer. Sherrow rotates four taps and gages his concoctions based on customer reactions. His other eight taps are reserved for customer favorites.

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When you can’t find the silver lining

‘Look for the silver lining,’ says an old song, adding, ‘There’s a silver lining behind every cloud you see.’ Is this true?

One struggling sufferer said if all clouds are supposed to have silver linings, some of his clouds must be defective.

Is there really any reason to expect good things to develop out of trials?

Best-selling author, Philip Keller, thinks so. In his book, “Strength of Soul,” he said, “There is a silver edge to life! The tapestry of our lives is embroidered with blessings. All is not dark. Our part is to search for the silver lining.”

How can we be successful in this search?

According to Keller, who has had more than his share of dark clouds, ‘It calls for a certain degree of self-discipline in which a deliberate decision is made to look for life’s silver edge. It entails cultivating a close personal communion with Christ Himself on the path of life. It demands calm, sure faith of quiet repose in our Father’s care, whereby fresh hope springs up within the soul.’

In other words, the silver lining comes from the sun shining on the clouds from above. And discovering the silver lining depends on how high we look.

In a time of trouble, the Psalmist said he would lift up his eyes to the hills from where his help would come, but then explained the source of his help was higher than the hills: ‘My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth’ (Psalm 121:1-2).

Faith brings a divine dimension to our difficulties. In every problem, faith sees an opportunity for God to show His love and develop us into what He wants us to be.

When Enoch was a senior in high school, he received a scholarship to attend Michigan State University where he planned to study conservation. He dreamed of spending his life tending streams, lakes and forests. Then one day dark clouds rolled in.

Enoch’s father was stricken with tuberculosis and was told he would have to be treated in a sanatorium for an extended period of time. This meant the would-be conservationist must cancel his college plans to stay home and help his family.

Broken dreams are often hard to handle and Enoch was deepiy disappointed with this turn of events.

But there’s more to the story.

While rising to the needs of his family during his father’s illness, Enoch made a life changing decision. After his father’s recovery, he would enter the ministry. This ultimately led him to found a family camp that covers hundreds of acres and contains many streams, lakes and forests, enabling him to minister to thousands of youth and adults over the years in his conservation wonderland.

There was a silver lining to each of Enoch’s clouds even though it was hard to detect when they first rolled in. God was at work in the darkness to bring about the fulfillment of his dream in a way that would work for the benefit of others.

To quote Keller again, ‘Searching for the silver linings, more often than not, entails searching our own souls. It is the capacity, the ability to actually look for the hand of God in the events of life, be they good or evil, that enables us to find the silver edge.’

**Feature columnist**

By Roger Campbell

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**Encyclopedia Britannica soon to be collector’s item**

**Printed version can’t compete with Internet**

By Christopher Jones

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The final edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, printed in 2010, has become a collector’s item. The 32-volume set is estimated to be worth $1,395, according to USA Today. The number of online purchases were three times as high at 3,200. Fewer than 800 sets of the 2010 edition remain, stored in a Kentucky warehouse, according to CNN.

“It surprised me,” said Senior Librarian Christine Heron of the Jack R. Win-egard Library in Fenton. “I didn’t think there was much of a market for any collector’s item anymore.”

The Chicago-based Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., said taking the reference book out of print was due to declining sales. The encyclopedia saw its peak in 1990, with 120,000 sets sold in the United States. For much of the last century, owning a Britannica, with its gold lettering and expense, was considered a symbol of prestige, according to the New York Times.

However, with the growing importance and availability of the Internet, the Britannica struggled to compete with online resources like Wikipedia, which were free and constantly updated.

Eventually, even libraries like the Holly Township Library were not buying them. According to Director Shirley Roos, the library has not purchased a Britannica in about 10 years. Some of the reasons she cited were the high cost, the amount of information being overwhelming to students, as well as the inability of print references to be constantly updated. “We spend very little on print references. Say we buy a 2012 edition. The next thing you know, it’s obsolete.”

With poor sales for the print references, it is unlikely that the sudden spike for the last edition will convince Britannica’s company to continue print production.
**Coupons for beginners!**

While experts tout amazing savings with coupons, it may seem daunting to the beginner who wants to save lots of money but doesn’t know where to start. The key to couponing is to match store sales with coupons and stack store coupons and manufacturer coupons to get the best deal on an item, experts say. Once you get the hang of it, you’ll want to stock up on products so you don’t have to buy them again at full price when you need them.

There are plenty of resources out there, on blogs and in classes, to learn more about couponing. Many blogs will do the legwork for you, matching up sales and coupons, so you just have to find the coupons and head to the store.

To start with, shoppers usually can save about 60 percent. Then people can increase their savings as they become more adept at couponing.

“This is not an extreme example. This is what I do all the time,” said Michelle Mazac, who runs the blog Couponteach.com.

Send coupons to military men and women overseas

Did you know that overseas military members can use expired coupons up to six months past their expiration date? Military families stationed overseas are often living on one income and money can be scarce. Let’s support our military by showing them some coupon love!

**How do I sort the coupons?**

Separate your clipped coupons into two categories: Food and Non-Food. Most military bases have two stores. One is called the “Commissary” which is a grocery store and the other is the PX or BX which is a department store. We therefore ask you to sort the coupons into “food” and “non-food” bundles so they can more easily be placed in the correct venue once they arrive at the base.

**Label the bundles**

Try to use a baggie to separate your coupons instead of paper clips or rubber bands.

**What’s food & non-food?**

Here’s the rule of thumb: It’s food if it can be eaten by humans, is usually eaten by humans, and is normally eaten to provide calories. For example, dog and cat food would be “non-food,” but Ensure or Slim-Fast would be “food.” Vitamins would be non-food. Chewing gum and mints are food. —faithfulprovisions

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- Do NOT send coupons that are over 30 days expired.

**Send coupons to military men and women overseas**

**How to start couponing**

Caldwell coupon expert Jessica Hacker recommends beginners start on a small scale, picking one store to shop with their coupons.

“You’ve got to start small, you’ve got to keep your normal grocery shopping habits,” Hacker said. “There’s so many great deals, but don’t think you have to buy them all. You can’t just dive in like that.”

**Hacker offers these tips for beginners:**

1. **Start small** — Pick one store to begin with: get familiar with its policies and sales.
2. **Pick your budget** — Don’t spend lots to start with. Set a small budget and gradually buy things with coupons. As your stockpile grows, your regular grocery list will shrink, so you can slowly increase your coupon budget.
3. **Don’t go overboard** — Sales come around seasonally or every few months, so don’t buy so much of a product that you won’t be able to use it all.
4. **Use your resources** — Check out coupon blogs, newspaper articles and TV shows to learn more about couponing.
5. **Coupon for needed items** — There’s no point in purchasing something you won’t use, so only buy items with coupons if you actually need them.

**Learn the rules, read the fine print**

Successful couponing starts with understanding the coupon deals, the matches and what goes with what to save big bucks. Bloggers take the time to match the grocery sales ads to the coupons and they lay it out in simple language. That will help you navigate the grocery store aisles and get the best deals.

It’s important to read the fine print of the coupon and figure out how many you can use in a single transaction, according to aftifthypermom.com blogger Sarah Barrand. Some say “limit four like coupons per transaction,” which means if you have a fifth coupon, you’ll have to complete the purchase with four items and then go through the line again for the fifth item.

— Press Herald
Fenton Winery and Brewery co-owner Matt Sherrow drains low gravity wort from his brewery machine on Wednesday. “Wort” is a by-product of the brewing process.

BREWING

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Barley, yeast, water and hops are the four main ingredients of beer. Other ingredients can be added to change the flavor, such as blueberries or cinnamon. A beer is classified as either a lager or ale. Ales are stronger in taste, darker in color, brewed at warmer temperatures and can take as little as a week to brew. Lagers are smoother and crispier, lighter in color, brewed at warmer temperatures and can take months to finish brewing.

Sherrow has been experimenting with new flavors of beer by soaking hops in bourbon and oak chips in whiskey, giving some beers a whiskey smell and flavor. He also once stored half a batch of a Scottish wheat heavy beer in a wine barrel, giving the beer somewhat of a fruity taste.

Michigan craft beers are becoming a staple in local restaurants, with more and more eateries housing in-state beers on their tapstries.

“About a year ago, we made a concise decision to dedicate all our drafts to Michigan beers,” said Mark Hamel, owner of the French Laundry. “If you ask any beer person nationwide, Michigan is typically ranked third for microbrews. Michigan breweries have exquisite beers.”

The increased interest in brewing beer can be attributed to affordable home brew kits. Sherrow said he started out with a brew kit that involved cooking on his kitchen stove. He now takes in volunteers to help with his brewing and to share his knowledge of the craft.

“It’s a labor of love. You get to see what things are like on a larger scale,” said Nick Paterson of Grand Blanc, who was helping on Wednesday. “You get to see a different way of doing things and learn about the process.”

Volunteering at a brewery is a chance for firsthand knowledge and can lead to a career. Stacey Block, a senior brewer at Arcadia Ales of Battle Creek, started her career by volunteering at breweries.

“For those who are uncertain of what types of beer they would like, Sherrow suggests ordering beer samplers, which allows customers to try a variety of beers instead of purchasing one full beer.”

“It’s a great way to try different beers without buying a whole pint,” Sherrow said.

Key terms in identifying taste

Hoppiness — A bitter taste, crisp, provides a bite to the beer.

Maltiness — Usually sweet or dry in taste, can also have a roasted/burnt taste.

Finish — Also known as the after-taste, can be strong or non-existent depending on the beer.
Restaurant at Tyrone Hills opens Mother’s Day weekend

By Sally Rummel
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The Restaurant at Tyrone Hills Golf Club will open for business Mother’s Day weekend, beginning Saturday, May 12 from 4 to 10 p.m. Sherry and Don Wohlford of Sherry’s Catering will join forces with Chef Thomas O’Mara to open the golf course dining room to the public for evening meals Tuesday through Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m., including bar service.

“We’ll be offering many of my homemade specialties, and adding a ‘twist,’” said Wohlford, who has had a successful catering business for more than 30 years. Sherry’s Catering has been operating at Tyrone Hills Golf Club for over 11 years. The menu will focus primarily on steaks, seafood and pasta dishes, and will feature Sherry’s signature homemade rolls, desserts, sauces and dressings made from scratch. She will be collaborating with O’Mara on seasonal menus and special entrees. He brings to the table many years of fine dining cooking experience, from kitchens at The Lark in West Bloomfield to the Holly Hotel and O’Dooley’s in Fenton.

Dinner will be served on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13 from 11:30 to 3 p.m., with reservations suggested by calling (810) 629-1631. Roast top sirloin and honey-baked ham will be featured at the Carving Station, and a bountiful buffet will offer many other specialty dishes from seafood entrees, brunch favorites, salads, desserts and more.

Both the Wohlford’s and O’Mara are looking forward to this new dining venture. “We’re pleased to be able combine my catering background and Thomas’s extensive restaurant experience to the public at Tyrone Hills,” said Sherry.

The Restaurant at Tyrone Hills Golf Club is located at 8449 Old U.S. 23 in Tyrone Township, just off the Center Road exit. For more information, call (810) 629-1631.

Michigan Standup Paddle Boards riding wave of popularity

By Sally Rummel
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Standup paddle boarding is the fastest growing water sport in the world, and it’s now available to everyone in the tri-county area.

Michigan Standup Paddle Boards has opened its doors inside White’s Landing Marina on Lobdell Lake in Argentine Township. Owner Paul Crow and his wife, Jodi, invite everyone to stop in and find out what this new sport is all about.

“Anyone from age 8 to 80 and beyond can enjoy this sport,” said Crow. “It’s a nice way to get out and enjoy nature and the water.”

A mix between paddle sports like canoeing and kayaking, plus surfing, paddle boarding is a full body, low impact workout. One of the reasons for its strong popularity is the fact that you can take the sport to any level.

“You can go out on a board and just enjoy a casual paddle around the lake, you can participate in a 30-mile race, or you can take it to the ‘extreme’ by wave riding or white water riding,” said Crow. “That’s what makes this sport so fun for all members of a family.”

Michigan Standup Paddle Boards offers boards for sale or by rental for several hours, by the day or overnight. “We’ll also rent car carriers if you want to take a board to a different lake,” said Crow. “When someone buys a board from us, we’ll deliver it to their home as part of the sale.”

This new local company is also starting a Paddle Club, with events and dates to be announced on their Facebook page, facebook.com/michiganstanduppaddleboard. They also have a website, www.michigan-sup.com.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 3 p.m., with extended hours coming this summer. For more information, call the store at (810) 223-6767.

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FOR
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The Township of Rose is seeking bids from Building Contractors to perform the above listed services. Bid Plans and Specifications can be picked up at the Rose Township Offices, Monday through Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm beginning May 7th, 2012. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Civic Park on May 16th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

The Township of Rose, 9080 Mason St. Holly, Michigan 48442 will receive sealed proposals on May 22nd, 2012 until 3:00 p.m. at which time the bids from plan holders of Record will be publicly opened and read aloud and the different items noted, for the construction of a Civic Park Pavilion Metal Roof. Late proposals will not be considered. Amendments to proposals will be considered only if they are received by the above deadline. The responsibility rests entirely with the bidder, notwithstanding delays resulting from postal handling or for any other reason. No late or misdelivered bids will be accepted.

Proposals addressed as follows:
Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk
Community Development Block Grant Program
9080 Mason Street
Holly, MI 48442

Contact Information (248) 634-7551 email clerk@rosetownship.com

A legally authorized agent of the bidding firm must sign all proposals.

SEALED BIDS MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED WITH THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

“REQUEST FOR BIDS”
CIVIC PARK PAVILION METAL ROOF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Rose Township reserves the right to waive any irregularities or inconsistencies or both, to reject any or all proposals and in general to make the award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

The Community Development Block Grant Program is a federally funded project. The contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with HUD contract provisions 24 CFR part 85.36[(i), the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Occupation Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the contract Bid Documents. This municipality is an equal opportunity employer, businesses owned by women, or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid.

Debbie Miller, Clerk
Rose Township

Lions Club returns favor with check

Scouts buy new trailer to haul camping equipment

By Sharon Stone
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Last Fourth of July, the Fenton Lions Club realized that Boy Scout Troop 212 needed a new trailer for hauling equipment for camping trips.

The Fenton Lions Club has been longtime sponsors of the troop, which meets every week at Fenton United Methodist Church.

The troop helps the Lions Club every year at its annual Chicken BBQ held at the Fenton Community Center, on the Fourth of July. This is when Lions members realized the troop’s need for a trailer. In return for their help, the Lions Club issued the troop a check for $1,800 so that they could purchase a trailer.

To show off their new trailer to Lions Club members, Scoutmasters and the troop took it up to a recent Lions Club dinner at Luigi’s restaurant.

This Boy Scout troop is just one of the many ways the Fenton Lions Club supports the community. It sponsors scholarships for local high school students, Habitat for Humanity, Freedom Festival fireworks display, purchases equipment for the police and fire departments, buys eyeglasses and hearing aids, screens children’s eyesight through Project Kidsight, buys and distributes white canes, helps people with diabetes and more.

This weekend, the Fenton Lions Club will be holding its White Cane fundraiser. Throughout the weekend, members will be collecting donations in front of both VG’s Grocery stores, as well as Wal-mart. All of the proceeds from the White Cane fundraiser will go back into the community.

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I believe I will achieve all the goals I have set and I will become successful in life.”

What sports and leisure activities do you enjoy? I do tennis and I am in show choir and ballroom dancing. Ballroom dancing is my favorite.

My dream car is: I would have to say a Chrysler 300. It’s a classy car and I feel I’d be classy in it.

My all-time favorite movie is: Baby Boy with Tyrese Gibson. It has a lot of meaning to it.

My earliest memory is: Family reunions at my Grandma Wilson’s house. She was the peacemaker. All the gatherings were at her house.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be? Breathing underwater. I love swimming. It would be like a different world.

I always: sing. I’ve been in the show choir since the eighth grade. It relieves a lot of stress.

I never: drink Pepsi. Coca-Cola is nasty and I figure Pepsi would be nasty too.

If you could make one rule everyone has to follow, what would it be? I would make bullying a crime. I see it happening a lot in this school.

Is there an event in your life you would like a ‘do-over’ for? All of the times I said I hated somebody. I wish I could take it back because hate is a strong word.

If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? Martin Luther King’s speech. If it wasn’t for him, I wouldn’t be where I am now.

If you had to walk through downtown all day wearing a sign, what would it say? Put a smile on your face, because when people see it they will actually smile.

What is an upcoming event you are looking forward to? Prom and graduation. I’m looking forward to graduation more, because I can further my career goals.

Front row seats and backstage passes. Who are you seeing? Tyrese Gibson, because he’s a very attractive man and he can sing very well.

What has been the best day in your life so far? Every day, because I get to wake up to see another.

What is your favorite website? Tumblr. I follow people who like the same things I like. Way better than Facebook.

My family: parents, Michael and Connie, and I have a sister, Diamond.

“Pinterest. It’s a big scrapbook site. Pretty much all of my dreams are on there.”

ANN BOLT
SENIOR

“My is Tumblr. It allows me to customize and reblog and express myself freely.”

RANDI LEWIS
SENIOR

“If you could travel back in time to witness one event, what would it be? Martin Luther King’s speech. If it wasn’t for him, I wouldn’t be where I am now.”

“Facebook let’s me talk to an uncle in Texas, an uncle in Arizona, and an aunt in South Dakota.”

ANTHONY DORAN
SENIOR

What is your favorite website? Facebook.

“Facebook is for networking. I try to leave a good impression on it.”

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**Ronald Jerome McCauley**
Ronald Jerome McCauley - age 80, of Fenton, died Wednesday, May 2, 2012. A memorial Mass will be celebrated 10:30 AM Thursday, May 10, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton with Rev. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. The family will receive friends from 9:30 AM until the time of service Thursday at the church. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to St. John Educational Foundation or St. John Outreach. Please see full obituary and share a tribute at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.

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**Aubrey Earl Call**
Aubrey Earl Call - age 87, of Fenton, died Thursday, May 3, 2012 at Argentino Care Center. A memorial service will be held 4 PM Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton.

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**James Leonard Kneipp**
James Leonard Kneipp - age 83, of Fenton, died Friday, April 27, 2012 at Genesys Hospice Care Center. Interment will be held 11 AM Monday, May 21, 2012 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Mr. Kneipp was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. Mr. Kneipp married Faye Caroline Quillen on July 27, 1946 and she preceded him in death on April 2, 2011. Mr. Kneipp retired from General Motors in 1976 after 34 years of service. He was an Elmer in both the Cheboygan, MI and Fenton. MI congregations of Jehovah’s Witness. Survivors are: son, Alan Call of Swartz Creek, daughters, April (Dan) Smith of Houghton Lake, Niki (Tom) Brill of Fenton, Patty (Mike) Hewitt of Houghton Lake, many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and brother, Elwyn Call also survives. He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Rae Call and Tracy Call; brother Ted Call; sister, Vivian Payne. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**Sharlene Smith**
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a friend whose glucose level is high on the morning range from 140 (7.8) to 200 (11) and are never in the normal range. He is constantly thirsty and has other diabetes symptoms. His doctor ordered a hemoglobin A1C test, which came back as 5.2. The doctor told him that they no longer do the fasting blood sugar test, only the HbA1C, and that he is not diabetic, since his test is normal. Has testing for diabetes changed? Should my friend consult another doctor? — L.R.

ANSWER: Up until 2010, doctors diagnosed diabetes on the basis of blood sugar (actually plasma glucose). A relatively new test, hemoglobin A1C, HbA1C or just A1C, has been added to the criteria for both diagnosing diabetics and monitoring diabetes control in the past year or so. Hemoglobin is a large molecule inside all red blood cells that grabs oxygen from the lungs and releases it to all parts of the body as blood circulates. Blood sugar coats hemoglobin. Since red blood cells last 120 days, the percentage of hemoglobin coated with sugar indicates how well-controlled diabetes is. An acceptable control level is one that is 7 percent or less.

A second way to diagnose diabetes is to give a person 75 grams of glucose (sugar) to eat and test the blood two hours later. A value of 200 (11.1) qualifies as diabetes. Fasting blood sugar, the specimen taken after at least eight hours of not eating, is still used for diagnosing diabetes. For more info visit http://www.livescience.com

DEAR AMY: I’m 17. As you probably know, teen bullying is a big issue. I’ve got a new one: I’m being bullied by a teacher in my school — and she’s not even my teacher. A few days ago, weeks ago, she called me fat. She confronted me this morning in a very nonfriendly way. How do I deal with this? — Angry

DEAR ANGRY: It is completely unacceptable for a teacher to engage in bullying, and this teacher should be called on her behavior. I hope your parents are supportive. They (and you) should call a meeting immediately with the administration of your school to insist that this name-calling must end. If your parents aren’t helpful, seek out a sympathetic teacher or counselor. The teacher needs to apologize for her behavior and change her ways. Otherwise she should not be teaching.

DEAR AMY: I am a landscape contractor, and when I go to many of my customers’ houses, if they have dogs there is usually dog poop all over the lawn. I really do not want to drive over it or walk through it, as I find it disgusting. I have asked people to pick it up as politely as I can — to no avail. I have even lost contracts because I’ve asked customers to clean their yards before mowing and am wondering if seeing this in your column would help.

DEAR LAWN MAN: My first instinct is that this is a service you could successfully charge customers for. Call it something cute like “pooperscooping.” Arm a kid with plastic gloves and bags, and pay your young worker to scoop the lawn before you mow.

For more tips visit http://www.professionalcpiusa.com/tips.html
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Fenton Large 3 family garage sale. May 11-12th, 9-4p.m., May 12th, 9-noon.

Fenton Rummage Sale. Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14176 Fenton Rd., May 11th, 9-5p.m., May 12th, 9-noon.

Fenton Silver Ridge Subdivision, off Owen Rd., west of Walmart, May 10-12th, 8-4p.m. Furniture, toys, clothing, tools, household items, much more.

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The LINDEN DPW WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS ON THESE DAYS.

Scott Fairbanks,
Public Works Department

Synopsis of the Argentine Township regular Board Meeting
April 30, 2012

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Schmidt, present, Cole, present, Graves, present, Hallman, present, Ciesieliski, present. Absent: none.
Motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2012. Motion passed.
Motion to approve the budget adjustments as recommended by the Clerk. Motion passed. Motion to approve payment of the invoices and expenditures as printed in the board packet. Motion passed.
Reports: Police Department: A written report was submitted. A Certificate of commendation was presented to Chief Dan Allen.
Fire Department: A written report was submitted.
Building Department: 12 permits were issued in the amount $4,149.80. Planning Commission: No report.
Attorney- Mr. David Lattie gave an oral report.
Motion to allow Cole to negotiate 2 applications using brine. Motion passed.
Motion to adopt Ordinance # 57-2. Motion passed.
Motion to allow the Clerk to advertise until May 18th for a part-time office position. Schmidt and Ciesieliski will narrow the list of candidates for the full board to interview. Motion passed.
Motion to hold a discussion with the owner of the North Shore Market for a possible lease agreement on possible encroachment of property. Motion passed.
Adjournment @ 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by: Denise M. Graves, Clerk
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TYRONE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD 7:00 P.M., MAY 1, 2012

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Steve Hasbrouck, Don Peitz, Jim Kolhoff and Colleen Ameel. Absent: Treasurer Dave Kurtz
2. Opened the public hearing to hear comments for TRW’s IFT tax abatement application. Closed the public hearing at 7:17 pm.
3. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2 as presented.
5. Adopted Resolution #120501 approving the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate requested by TRW Automotive and approved the Letter of Agreement.
6. Approved the Large Outdoor Gathering Permit for the Rock Church.
7. Tabled the Linden Road repair project to the May 15 meeting to pursue clarification of the agreement.
8. Agreed to hire Highland Treatment, Inc. to complete the Tyrone Woods infrastructure removal.
9. Discussed changing the Land Use Permit application.
10. Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham
Clerk Keith L. Kremer
At the Regular Board Meeting held Monday April 30, 2012 the Township Board adopted the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO: 57-2
ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE CODE, MCL 257.625(1)(C)

The Township Board of the Township of Argonne:

Section 1
That pursuant to MCL 41.181, the Township of Argonne adopts Section 625(1)(c) of the Michigan Vehicle Code, MCL 257.625 et. seq., by reference, which provides that a violation of that section is punishable by one or more of the following:

a) Community service for not more than 360 hours.
b) Fine of not less than $200 or more than $700

Section 2 – Severability
If any article, section, provision or any section of this Ordinance shall be held void, ineffective, or unconstitutional, such clause shall not affect the validity of any other sections hereof.

Section 3 – Effective Date
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication.

Denise Graves, Clerk
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