All around special night

Autistic student attends prom with help from friends, school program

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Justin Bennett, 17, does the “Cupid Shuffle” at prom last Saturday at the 59 West banquet center in Highland, with friends Megan Piwowarski, 16, (left) and Kelly Ray, 16. Bennett was the only high functioning autistic student at his Holly High School junior prom.

Fenton man requests liquor license transfer to Tee Bone’z

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Fenton Township — A business owner attempting to transfer a liquor license from a Burton nightclub to the former Tee Bone’z tavern may have a difficult time having his request granted. Trusteess were concerned about the business owner’s past, especially a drunk driving incident in December of 2011.

Are you happy?

By Darryl Douglas
Clinical Psychologist, UM-Flint

“Contentment is being satisfied with where you’re at and what you have, who you are and what you’re doing at any given time.”

Drug trafficking operation busted

By Sharon Stone
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Two Groveland Township men were arraigned on charges related to a suspected drug trafficking operation, which involved a home on Cogshall Street in Holly and two mobile homes in Groveland Manor.

Chickens could come home to roost in Fenton

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A proposed ordinance discussed at the Fenton City Council’s work session on Monday night would allow residents to keep pet chickens, though not without some stringent restrictions.

Summary

The Fenton City Council discussed an ordinance to allow keeping chickens as pets at a work session meeting on Monday. After the city’s planning commission tweaks the language, the ordinance will be voted on at a public hearing in the future.
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Letter carriers and employees at local Post Offices along with volunteers have been working together on food drives to stamp out hunger for two decades. Their next food drive is being held this Saturday, May 12.

Across the country, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Food Drive, held in conjunction with the Postal Service, has resulted in millions of pounds of non-perishable food being collected and distributed to deserving charities nationwide.

Closer to home, the Fenton and Linden carriers have collected 12,000 pounds of food for the food drives from generous donations left at mailbox es, which were then delivered to local community food pantries.

“For 20 years our carriers, volunteers and neighbors have come together to make a difference in the community,” said Linden Postmaster Laura Groat. “This clearly demonstrates the generosity of our customers and the commitment of our employees to make a difference in people’s lives.”

Stamp Out Hunger — the nation’s largest one-day food drive — collects non-perishable food to help more than 37 million people, who face hunger every day in America. Despite a still challenging economy, people across the country have continued to support this outreach effort.

Partners of this year’s drive are the Campbell Soup Company, Feeding America, United Way, AFL-CIO, Valpak, AARP, Uncle Bob’s Self Storage, and the National Rural Letter Carriers’ Association.

Helping Stamp Out Hunger is easy. Just leave a bag of non-perishable food where your letter carrier normally delivers your mail on Saturday, May 12. Your letter carrier will then pick up and deliver the food to a local food bank.

Examples of non-perishable items include canned soup, canned meats and fish, canned vegetables, fruits and juices, boxed goods (such as cereal) and pasta and rice.

According to Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap Hunger Study, in 2011, more than 1.8 million residents in Michigan are food insecure. The Stamp Out Hunger food drive provides food banks and pantries to help feed the meal gap.

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Sarah Davies, 21, works the cash register on a busy Tuesday afternoon at VG’s on Silver Parkway in Fenton. She goes to school at Saginaw Valley State University, and is working at the store during the summer.

The great ‘summer job search’

Window of opportunity dwindling, but experts advise job seekers to keep applying

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If you’re in high school and waiting until school’s out for summer to find a job, you may be out of luck. Some businesses in the Fenton area start their hiring process in early spring and have a full staff for throughout the summer. Other businesses retain their yearlong employees, boosting hours when school is out.

The Home Depot of Fenton started hiring in February and has nearly 50 new employees. Manager Dan Drudich said he doesn’t anticipate hiring many new people over the summer, as most employees tend to stay at least until September. Mancino’s of Fenton owner Mark Rummel usually hires past workers who have gone off to college and are back for the summer. For workers still in high school, Rummel generally offers them more hours in the summer since school is out.

Some businesses expand greatly in the summer however, experiencing a spike in business once school is out. VG’s Grocery store hires a slew of new workers to meet the influx of business.

“With people graduating, the workforce changes for the summer. You definitely will notice some new faces this summer.”

Chris Palmer
Assistant director of VG’s Grocery

Searching for a summer job can be daunting, especially if you’re applying now, after the window of opportunity. It is critical for landing job offers.

How to pass your first interview

Positive first impression critical for landing job

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Passing a job interview is an essential skill for success. Unless you strike it rich in the lottery or inherit a sizable estate, maintaining a job is crucial to survival. And, for young people applying for their first job, landing and passing an interview may be the most difficult event in their life thus far.

“The first impression is the most important part of an interview,” said Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. “Don’t chew gum, be honest, don’t.”

See INTERVIEW on 10

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND DURING AN INTERVIEW

• Don’t chew gum or play with your phone. Lock the interviewer in the eye and answer each question honestly.

• Wear business attire. This means button-up shirts, slacks and skirts. Think Sunday best. Make sure your hair is presentable as well.

• Smile and answer every question to the best of your ability. When introducing yourself, shake the interviewer’s hand.

• At the end of the interview, ask when you can expect to find out more about the position. Make sure they have your contact information. If you don’t hear from the employer in the following weeks, follow up and call back.

Being professional and upbeat during an interview is the best path to getting a job.
College — the road to success?

It is true that whenever the federal government steps in, costs usually rise and efficiency declines. That is especially true when it comes to a college education, which President Obama promised during the 2008 campaign to make more affordable. Instead, tuition costs keep rising, along with the debt owed by increasing numbers of graduates, who are now campaigning — with bipartisan approval in an election year — for Congress to stop interest rates on their subsidized loans from doubling in July.

I feel about those with crushing tuition debt the way I feel about people who choose to live along the frequently flooded banks of the Mississippi River. If students and their parents choose expensive schools, they should accept the responsibility and cost accompanying that decision. Taxpayers should not be expected to pay for college tuition when graduates default on loans they agreed to repay. What kind of life lesson is it when this test of a young person’s character is said not to matter?

Besides, the value of a college education — at least at the more pricey private universities — is declining. More than half of bachelor’s degree holders under the age of 25, either couldn’t find a job, or were underemployed in 2011. A surprising new report from Harvard’s Graduate School of Education concludes that four years of college may no longer be the best preparation for a job and career.

It recommends a new direction by broadening ‘the range of options that would allow students to place more emphasis on career counseling and high-quality career education, as well as apprenticeship programs and community colleges as viable routes to well-paying jobs.’

This sounds like a win-win-win. Attend a less expensive college and save money; avoid crushing debt that will take decades to repay; and reduce the burden on taxpayers. What’s not to like?

Students and parents should have the right to choose when it comes to college, but if they choose a costly private institution, they should assume the financial obligations that go with that choice.

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TO ALL THE garage sale people in the Fenton area. Remember the FARR store for the items you have left over at the end of your sale. Donate them to the FARR. The profits from the items sold in the FARR thrift store stay here to help those in need.

IN RESPONSE to the liberal media being nice and polite. You must have never watched MSNBC. Olbermann, Schultz, O’Donnell, Matthews — this is your idea of nice polite people? You really need to get real.

TRY PAYING THE sales tax. SS, property, gas, airlines, cabs and estate taxes as well as income taxes then you will know how it feels when Obama wants to take even more away from you because you have more than someone else.

WHILE MOST STATE senators are working on the economy, jobs and education, Stabenow is making sure your minor daughter can terminate a pregnancy without notifying you and that the 16-year-old daddy can drive her out of state to do it.

WHERE WERE ALL the Christians Thursday for the National Day of Prayer? Come on people. We need people from all churches to be publicly praying for our nation. Please make it a priority next year, the first Thursday in May to stand in prayer for our nation.

HOPE ALL THE moms out there have a blessed Mother’s Day.

I WORK RETAIL. I found a used wadded up ‘heavy’ diaper in the seat of a cart today. What is this world coming to? Can you not throw it away or put it in your car until you can throw it away?

TO THE PRO-union person, I have a job with benefits, paid time off and a great salary. Want to know why? Because I earned it through college and hard work. If it weren’t for the unions, a high school educated person like yourself wouldn’t be making an undervalued salary.

I AM SORRY that some people don’t realize no matter if you like or dislike the current or former president of the United States; these public figures should be treated with respect, especially if the critic is a person who is seen or heard by the public.

TOMEK ELEMENTARY STUDENTS are being bombarded with the Asian carp problem, texting while driving, and wearing pink for breast cancer awareness. IB is about creating world citizens? Creating activists is more accurate.

HOW MANY THOUSANDS in the military lost their lives fighting for American freedom? Did they die in vain? How can one man now take those freedoms away? I never met an American veteran who fought for socialism.

NOW OBAMA IS releasing Taliban fighters to make peace. So we have a president/leader that will negotiate with terrorists, and give them back the tools (people) that wish to destroy us and our way of life. Please vote this American hat- president out.

DID YOU KNOW it was the Emergency Stabilization Act of 1942 that led to employers offering vacation, pension, healthcare to workers. It was not the unions that won this. A 1942 Supreme Court decision enacts by the government forced employers to offer more than wages.

FUNNY — I HAVE a great paying job, get a boatload of vacation time, more sick time than I can possibly use, yet, I am not in a union, nor would I want to be. Is everyone aware that unions are a socialist philosophy?

OBAMA HAS HELD 46 campaign fundraisers, more than any other president has. Maybe he was as obsessed with truly helping his country, he wouldn’t have to hold 46 fundraisers to spend on trying to convince people that he is more concerned with the well-being of our country than he is himself.

WELL, HERE IT IS, 4 a.m. in the morning, no traffic on the road, and out of the stillness comes the emergency vehicles with their sirens blaring and the police yelling on the air horns. Is it really necessary?

WHY DO WE have a president that associates with and financially supports terrorists? He signed a ‘top secret’ agreement to assist Afghanistan’s military and help them financially as well. I’m glad to see he’s so worried about helping terrorists that his own country’s debt, unemployment, and poverty don’t seem to bother him anymore.

I THINK WE need to quit listening to the Rush Limbaughs and Al Frankens of this world. These people are divisive, polarizing, and are destroying our na- tion. Rather, I think we need to open our Bibles and see what God says, and we should run our country according to what is written in the Bible.

I WOULD LIKE to thank Miss Kristin for a wonderful dance recital on May 5 at Fenton High School. The time and patience she has with all those children is remarkable. As a former dance teacher, I know how hard she worked, all the time and planning all year long. Thank you Miss Kristin, the children all love you.

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS just signed a secret 10-year agreement giving aid and military assistance to Afghanistan. It must be great to have an unlimited source of funds.

TRUE BEST FRIENDS are hard to come by, I think I got lucky.

OBAMA’S NEW SLOGAN should read, “I saved GM, but I ruined the country.” He is quite simply the worst president we have ever had in the his- tory of the United States.

See HOT LINE throughout Times
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Transfiguration Lutheran Church is having a bake sale to benefit “Reunion With a Cause,” on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in front of VG’s on North LeRoy Street. One hundred percent of the money raised will go toward helping Genesys cancer patients. Thrivent Financial for Lutherns and Care in Community Abounds supports this project with matching funds. The community is invited to come out and purchase delicious baked goods to support this cause. The church is located at 14176 North Fenton Rd.

Fenton voters cast their ballots at the St. John Activity Center on Tuesday. By 1 p.m., there were fewer than 400 ballots cast for the one question on the ballot, the $9.6 million millage for Fenton Area Public Schools. Check tctimes.com for election results.

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Ballot proposals

Recently there has been much publicity about the petition drive that seeks to have the possible repeal of the State’s Emergency Manager Law put on this November’s ballot. More than 200,000 signatures were gathered and submitted to the Michigan Board of Canvassers, but the petitions were not approved due to an issue as to the size of the type font used on the petitions.

Ultimately, the question of whether this will be on the ballot will be decided by the courts.

There are a number of other possible ballot proposals that may appear on this year’s ballot including a ban on the mining process known as “fracking,” which extracts natural gas from the earth, allowing eight more casinos in Michigan, and whether a new bridge should be built between Detroit and Windsor.

Of course getting a proposal on the ballot does not guarantee passage and each proposal must succeed or fail on its merits.

One may wonder how the process of getting a proposal on the ballot works and to answer the question the starting point is Michigan’s Constitution.

Under our Michigan Constitution, if there is a proposed constitutional amendment, there must be a petition signed by registered voters equal in number to at least 10 percent of the total votes cast for all candidates for Governor in the preceding general election.

For initiatives creating a new law 8 percent is required, and for a referendum on a bill passed by the legislature and signed by the governor the figure is 5 percent.

There were 3,226,088 votes cast for governor in 2010.

The form of a petition, initiative or referendum must be approved by the Michigan Board of Canvassers and then the required number of signatures must be collected.

If this is accomplished, the petitions are then submitted to the Board for certification and approval. There are a number of statutory requirements that must also be met. We will all wait and see what proposals are ultimately placed before the voters this fall.

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**CHICKEN**

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feet away from a neighbor’s home, and more than 10 feet away from any property line.

A sketch of the chicken coop, along with associated fencing, and the dimensions and setback from the property lines must be submitted before chickens could be allowed to be kept as pets.

A permit must also be obtained annually.

Chickens would be an option only for single-family detached homes, and slaughtering the chickens on their property would be prohibited.

City Manager Lynn Markland said the ordinance is trying to accommodate those who want to have chickens and also those neighbors who don’t want chickens. “There has to be a give and take on each side.”

The proposed ordinance called for a maximum of three chickens. Councilman Bradley Jacob suggested allowing for a larger number of chickens for those who use the animals for eggs.

“To be able to have eggs, you need to be able to have more than three,” Jacob said. “There is going to be no difference in noise or smell or anything between three and say, seven chickens.”

Jacks said he was willing to compromise to a lower number of five, which council members Les Bland and Michael Piacentini agreed with.

Another aspect that was heavily debated about the proposed ordinance was if the optional fenced off area, also known as a “chicken run,” should be required to be fully enclosed with a cover or roof like the coop.

Bland said that the chickens need to be exposed to sunlight. “I like the ordinance; I don’t like the idea that you have to cover the roaming area.”

Piacentini agreed that a cover was not necessary for the ordinance. “I think covering outside of the coop is overkill,” he said.

The covering for the fence is designed to prevent water runoff carrying away chicken feces — though Councilman Benjamin Smith believed that this would not pose a major concern.

Councilwoman Cheryl King was concerned with the city’s ability to enforce the ordinance, as well as health issues involving chicken feces. King also was favor of a cover for the fenced off area.

This ordinance will be taken to the city’s planning commission to be looked over and adjusted based on the comments of council member’s feedback, before returning to the city council to be voted on at a public hearing.

Several Fenton residents came to voice their opinion in favor of allowing chickens in Fenton, including Malissa Bossardet, who brought the issue to the council’s attention last year.

“I would like to see there to be no covering on the outside run. I would like to see there be no covering on that, I think it would be cruel, the chickens need their light and need their air,” Bossardet said.

Bossardet also thanked the City Council for their hard work on the matter.

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**LIQUOR**

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he had a concealed weapon in his possession.

Scott Spooner, 48, of Fenton appeared before the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Monday, requesting Class C and SDM license to be transferred from Nightingale Lanes and Lounge in Burton and 3482 Silver Lake Road in Fenton Township.

Township Clerk Robert Krug was particularly concerned about Spooner’s past. “Why would I want to approve a liquor license to someone, at least on that day, at that time, at that instance, had a problem?”

Spooner could not answer Krug and said the incident is behind him and taken care of, admitting that he did have a concealed weapon on him when he received the Operating While Intoxicated charge.

Township Attorney Robert Cooley said he was stunned that Spooner was able to get his OWI charge reduced to reckless driving. “He got a very good deal. He’s a very lucky man,” Cooley said. “An OWI is a serious alcohol offense. Reckless driving isn’t even a misdemeanor.”

The licenses include outdoor service, dance, entertainment and Sunday liquor sales. Documents from Spooner’s attorney Roger Isaac show that Spooner brought forward the former Tee Bone’s building and equipment.

As of April 1 of this year, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires approval from local municipalities for liquor licenses before they are issued by the state.

The board originally made a motion to make a decision at their next meeting, May 21. Krug, however, made a motion to move the decision to June 4 since he will not be present at the next meeting. The board will make a decision after the planning commission reviews Spooner’s application this week.
TIMES MIDWEEK

HOT LINE CONTINUED

RONALD REAGAN SAID it best when he said the Republicans represent the hard-working man, and the Democrats represent the man that’s hardly working. Obama and his ‘tax, spend, and borrow’ Democrats have lost over 2.5 million jobs for our country. It’s time for a change.

I JUST SAW that John Dingell is seeking his 29th term in office. He’s an 85-year-old man who has served us admirably. However, I think John needs to consider retirement. He’s done a good job, and it’s time to stick a fork in it. John, say goodbye.

WHAT AN EYESORE, do you see that mountain of garbage on Grand Blanc Road? We need to recycle all plastics, cans, jars, and papers to keep our whole country from looking like that.

I’M CALLING IN regards to someone who wrote that Obama is the most Christian president yet. Everything he believes in anyway.

IF THEY REMOVED the intoxicating effects of marijuana, I would feel more comfortable using it as a ‘medicine,’ big fat lie. If you think it has medicinal effects, you see them both address the same topics, posing viewpoint to the king. I think you I THINK IT’S a great idea to have an/op-ed columnist are left leaning.

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I READ ONLINE that Mr. Romney has received over $1.5 million in U.S. t-x delivery. Apparently, he paid taxes in foreign countries from 2000 to 2010, from ‘passive investments’ and 86,000 general income from ‘unspecified countries.’ The item states he can’t be taxed twice. Nice.

THANK YOU TO all the generous people that contributed to the Fenton Lions Club White Cane Drive, and made it a huge success, especially to the person that put in a $100 bill. Thanks to you, we are able to help make life better for those in need in our community.

I JUST RECEIVED a post card from the Committee to Protect Fenton’s Future encouraging everyone to vote yes on the millage request for Fenton schools. Who is on this committee? Are they spending tax dollars to request more tax dollars?

CONGRATULATIONS LINDEN on your new basketball coach. Maybe he will be able to turn around a program long overdue for some effort. Now how about an overhaul to the middle school program?

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JOB
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most teenagers and college kids already have a job lined up for the summer.

Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce President Shelly Day said counselors from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden high schools are in constant contact with the chamber. For students unable to find a job, school counselors are a valuable source on who’s hiring.

“All of the school counselors are on our Career Connections Committee,” Day said. “The Chamber is also open year round. Our website lists businesses where students can get contact information. Students can also call us.”

Even if most businesses have finished hiring for the summer, teenagers and young adults should still apply to as many businesses as they can. Dziduch said that while The Home Depot stays pretty full much the summertime, they hire a few people here and there after the initial spring hiring.

VG’s Grocery has online applications, allowing potential workers to apply either from home or at an in store kiosk. Knart, Target and other department stores also have online applications.

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HAPPINESS
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that relationships take a lot of work. “Our society doesn’t really afford us the time to put that work into it,” he said. “This trend isn’t new; it’s cropped up in the last few years.

But, people in relationships with chil-

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One great example of a situation where contentment comes from is people who have children, he said.

Do you agree with Douglas that relationships take a lot of work? Do you think people are spending too much time on their jobs? Let us know in the comments section.

Source: thedailybeast.com

he said. “You’re literally going to
make yourself feel worse.”

Many people know where content-
ment comes from and most people
know that negative thoughts can
get them into bad moods. So, what do the happiest people have in common?

“They key is balance,” said Doug-
las. This also isn’t a news flash, but finding balance can make a differ-
ce. According to Douglas, studies
have found some of the poorest
people in the U.S. can generally be
amongst the happiest people as well.

“They don’t rely on tech advances, and are generally
happier than most everyone else,” he said. “They’re more
than poor, but not burdened by needs for technology,” he
said. “The more technology it seems
that we add on, the more pressure we
put on ourselves, and we just can’t
keep up with that.”

An article in The Daily Beast backs up
the notion that more stuff can mean
less happiness.

“Children are actually happier than
the rich, for the first time in his-
tory; but not because of technology,
because their standing hasn’t changed
in the current weak economy.”

“Many rich people, on the other hand, have
lost boats, airplanes, luxury automo-
biles, jet skis, or three homes, and
large portions of their wealth,”
said the article.

On the other hand, a Pew research
collaborative found that 49 percent of
those making more than $100,000
were happy, but only 24 percent of
those making less than $30,000 were
happy.

Income and education are also
linked to happiness — though Doug-
las said more income can mean more
responsibility, and therefore less
contentment.

Religion can also make a huge
difference. He said that people
who observe a religion or other spiritual
activity, fulfills another human need.

spending time in nature can fulfill
the same need.

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But, people in relationships with chil-

dren are actually happier than without
kids, he said. The caveat is that these families have maintained a fair
balance where the children and parents both have a life of their own.

“Children have responsibilities in
the home, the spouse or the partner have respon-
sibilities,” he said. “You spread the responsibilities, and then you increase the contentment in the household.”

Where this is not the case, higher levels
of drug use in mothers are reported, as they try to maintain that balance.

Happiness, as it turns out, is an exclusive, mixed bag. “There’s not an agreed upon definition of happiness,” he said.

To Douglas, being “content” is an ade-
quate measure of happiness. “Content-
ment is being satisfied with where you’re at and what you have, who you are and what you’re doing at any given time.”

This feeling of contentment is repre-
sented by a balance of chemicals in the brain. The right combi-
nation of chemicals, such as endorphins and dopamine, give a general sense of well-being.

“We actually can effect the
chemicals by how we think, more than how the chemicals affect us,” he said. Douglas explains that a certain amount of these chemicals create this sense of contentment and a negative focus can off balance these chemicals.

This might sound a little “new age,” but Douglas gave the example of focusing on negative thoughts relating to an unsatisfying job as possibly killing your contentment.

“You’re going to reduce effectiveness of dopamine, epinephrine,”

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BOWL-A-THON NETS SENIOR CENTER $3,000 FOR NEW BUILDING FUND
When all the rental shoe spray had set-
tied at the Bowl-A-Thon to support the Loose Senior Citizens Center at Holly Lanes, Linden Community School’s students and staff and students had raised just over $3,000. In support of the new building fund drive, almost 200 bowlers from Linden schools held a bowl-a-thon in March and raised more than $3,000. Many board members of the senior center were also on hand to serve don-

ized pizza and soft drinks during the event. Bean Aebuchon, the owner of Holly Lanes, donated the afternoon of bowling for the event and awarded two prizes for the best and worst bowler, each winning a bowling/pizza party for five of their friends. Erica Kershaw, a junior at Linden High, took the top slot with a score of 168 and Madison Wilt, a sixth grader from the middle school, took home the worst game honors with a perfect score of zero.

MEET LINDEN’S NEW CITY MANAGER
The City of Linden will be hosting an open house for City Manager Mark Tallman on Friday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tallman was recently hired as the city manager and previ-
ously worked in Kechi, Kansas.

HOLLY ACADEMY RAISING FUNDS WITH CUSTOMIZED BRICK PAVERS
The Holly Academy Education Fund is organizing the sale of personalized brick pavers, which will border the entrance of the school’s new addition currently un-
der construction. The large brick pavers are a great marketing tool for businesses to support Holly Academy. For $400, a 16-by-16 “My Business” brick paver will feature your business’ name and logo for future genera-
tions to see. Other sizes are also avail-
able. Proceeds will go toward books and technology for the new media center, with a portion earmarked for long-term academic opportunities. The deadline to purchase a brick paver is May 31. For details, call Melissa Vlack, a trustee with the Holly Academy Education Fund at (248) 634-5564.

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Flint Sail and Power Squadron is hold-
ing its annual open house Saturday, May 19 from noon to 5 p.m. Boating enthusiasts can bring their boat and receive a free vessel safety check, learn about boating safety, education, and fun Squadron activities. Flint Sail and Power Squadron is a local chapter of the United States Power Squadrons. There will be fun events, demonstra-
tions and food for the whole family.

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safety check and see if you are ready for

the water. The event will be held at the Flint Sail and Power Squadron Hall at 6044 Laperre Road, Burton. Visit www.

tips.name for more information.
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Bennett has Autism Spectrum Disorder. He is toward the lighter spectrum that allows him to function normally, and socialize with a little help.

That help comes in the form of the LIFTT program, which stands for Learning Independence For Today and Tomorrow. Bennett is in that class for two hours of the day, and the rest of the time he attends class with the rest of the students.

In fourth hour, Ray, 16, mentors him. Some of the students like Bennett are given one-on-one mentoring. During lunch hour, they also have “lunch buddies,” where mentors eat lunch with them, assist with interacting with other students and help with difficulties.

“Everyday life skills, that our regular ed kids should be able to do,” said teacher Terri Chambers. LIFTT program helps with other activities like learning to fly a kite, and social skills like ordering in a restaurant. Ray is the whole reason Bennett is at prom, the sought sponsorship for him for the $59 ticket, and Men’s Warehouse for the suit. “I feel like I’m more of a man of business than going to a prom,” said Bennett, of his sharp red and black tux.

“I’m always just so impressed with her caring toward others — her wanting to do this, I was just blown away,” said Chambers, who serves as the junior class adviser. Ray is one of the class council members and handled the arrangements to get Bennett to prom.

After dinner on Saturday night, Bennett felt pretty good, but was a little nervous. “When you get used to it, it feels pretty normal,” he said. “It’s looking a little promising.” The food was internationally themed, and Ray had a little bit of everything, and Bennett focused on Mexican food.

Bennett was naturally apprehensive about going at first. His parents were especially happy he decided to go. “He’s got hyper-focus,” said his father Tim Bennett. “He wouldn’t have went to the prom himself.” His dad said the last time he was at such a large social event, it was a dance at Sherman Middle School. “He can be over-stimulated sometimes, he knows to leave and gather himself up by himself,” he said.

At prom, Bennett said, “Count me out of dancing,” as he and his group of friends ventured toward the booming of the dance floor. It was too loud for him at first, so Ray helped him find a pair of ear-buds. With the extra ear protection, Bennett tried it again, and was coaxed to try dancing with his friends.

“I was surprised,” said Ray, who thought it would take him longer to warm up. “He was doing good, though.” He even handled “Cupid Shuffle,” which ended in high-fives from his group.

Though Bennett maintains that his favorite part of his first big dance was the food, he said he will always remember his friends who supported his prom experience. “I honestly thought that this prom thing might not go so well for me,” he said. “What happened Saturday, it was great, I give it an eight out of 10.”

Justin Bennett receives high-fives from friends at the Holly High School Prom on Saturday. (From right) Kelly Ray, Claire Haidy, 18, John Esse, 19, and Megan Pwowarski, 16, supported and encouraged Bennett in dancing with the group.
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talk on your phone. As a young person, you’re not always aware of these things.
For students looking to ace an interview, the Chamber hosts programs “Girls in Business” and “Boys in Business,” teaching high school juniors and seniors essential skills to gain employment. Students meet with 10 to 12 business representatives, getting an insight on how to present themselves and what skills potential employers are looking for. Day said students could learn a lot, as they are often unaware of what employers expect from applicants.
“We encourage kids to come dressed in business attire.” Day said. “What kids think is business attire and what business owners consider business attire is sometimes a gray area.”
Business owners understand that many students have little to no working experience when it comes to applying for their first job. In addition to appearances, open availability and having a visibly positive attitude are attractive qualities to employers.
“We’re always looking for friendly, hard working people,” said Mark Rummel, owner of Mancino’s of Fenton. “If students have tattoos or body piercings, we probably won’t hire them. We want an experience where people are looking at the food, not the people.”
At VG’s Grocery, being able to work morning shifts, night shifts and weekends is expected for employment.

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Ray was released on 10 percent of a $5,000 bond and Woodworth was released on $25,000 personal bond. Based on a tip provided by Crime Stoppers and the use of an informant, the Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) of the sheriff’s office conducted an investigation into a drug trafficking organization (DTO), trafficking marijuana in the northwest corner of Oakland County.
The organization was believed to be selling narcotics under the guise of medical marijuana patients and caregivers. Investigators learned that Ray was delivering marijuana to more than 30 individuals.
On Friday, May 4, NET officers executed three search warrants, one at 206 Coshgall Street in Holly Village, one at Lot 138 of the Groveland Manor mobile home park at 13318 Dixie Highway in Groveland Township and one at Lot 92 of Groveland Manor.
Officers confiscated a quarter pound of marijuana (separately packaged) and three marijuana plants from the home on Coshgall Street, where Ray was staying. Ray was not home at the time of the raid, but he was located and arrested at the mobile home on Lot 92 and transported to the Oakland County Jail.
Officers confiscated 15 marijuana plants, 3 grams of marijuana and $182 during the raid at the home on Lot 138 in Groveland Township. Woodworth was arrested and transported to the Oakland County Jail.
At the home on Lot 92, officers confiscated $26,000 cash, 186 grams of separately packaged marijuana, digital scales, pills, packaging supplies, documents, a cell phone and drug paraphernalia.
Since 2001, the sheriff’s office has led the NET with a highly cooperative working relationship with all federal and local police departments. In 2010, the NET unit worked closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to successfully disrupt and dismantle 42 drug trafficking organizations.
The NET unit seized approximately $7,487,047 worth of illegal narcotics throughout Oakland County and it has successfully forfeited and closed cases that resulted in the distribution of $1,400,000 to the local participating law enforcement agencies.
Oakland County continued to follow the national drug threat trend with cocaine/crack, marijuana, and heroin being the top three drug threats. In 2010, NET was inundated with complaint violations related to the Michigan Medical Marijuna Act and significant resources and man-hours were committed to this trending issue.
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**Avoiding summer’s itches**

By Sally Rummel

You’re out in your garden or taking a hike, enjoying the beauty of a warm spring or summer day. Your fun plans can quickly turn to a turn for the worse when common plants make their mark on your skin—causing a rash that’s a host of mild to even severe skin reactions.

While most of these skin reactions result from direct contact with a poisonous plant, many people who are allergic to plants may experience a long-lasting effect that requires medical attention.

**Poison ivy, oak and sumac**

These plants contain a toxic sap called urushiol that can cause a rash when it comes in contact with skin in the estimated 50 percent of the population that is allergic to these plants. Direct contact, however, isn’t the only way that people can get this bothersome rash.

When a poison ivy plant is injured in any way, the urushiol is released and quickly can stick to anything nearby. You can develop poison ivy if you put your dog after he has come in contact with the plant, or if you touch a gardening tool or piece of clothing that has come in contact with poison ivy.

Even airborne contact with urushiol is possible, especially in the fall or winter when these poisonous plants are burned among other flowers and particles of urushiol are released into the air. If these airborne particles land on your skin or in your eyes, you can get a widespread rash and severe irritation in the respiratory tract.

What to do?

- **Hose off** exposed area immediately with water to remove at least some of the rash before it is absorbed in the skin.
- **Take lukewarm baths and soaks** with products containing aluminum acetate (a type of salt that dries up the weeping and blistering), and topical preparations such as calamine or topical corticosteroids are helpful, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. While oral antihistamines will alleviate itching and skin irritation, topical antihistamines should be avoided— as some people are allergic to them and the rash could get worse.

**Try natural remedies, too:** Kathy Baker of Nutrition Works in Fenton recommends Blue Tea, one of her store’s top sellers all summer long.

- In the case of a severe rash or one covering a large area of the body, a dermatologist may prescribe stronger topical steroids or a course of antibiotics taken orally.

**Notes:** About 15 percent of the 120 million Americans who are allergic to poison ivy, oak and sumac are so highly allergic that they break out in a rash and begin to swell in 4 to 12 hours instead of the normal 24 to 48 hours. Their eyes may start to water and itching may spread to their skin. This is one of the few emergencies in dermatology, according to Dr. Chris Baardt, dermatologist at Prodermatology in Fenton. But the combination of antihistamines and a shot of corticosteroids will bring the swelling down.

**Stinging nettles:**

Stinging nettles, with sharp hairs that produce irritants, can cause an adverse skin reaction simply by making contact with your skin. The hairs then release a small amount of venom within 30 to 60 minutes upon exposure. Usually, these hairs will resolve on their own in a few hours.

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• Avoid using artificial tanning devices, which cause skin damage and increase the risk of skin cancer.
• Use sunscreens with an SPF 30 or above, recommends Dr. Buatti. Apply it multiple times, about every two hours. “Make sure to apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going out in the sun,” he said.

How to fix sun-damaged skin
LONG-TERM DAMAGE
Aestheticians at Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre in Hartland recommend the use of IPL (Intense Pulse Light) Therapy for patients who come in with long-term sun damage to the skin. “It’s a laser light procedure that targets the brown spots on your face and neck, brings them to the surface and then they are exfoliated,” said Janice Cory-Bies, aesthetician and laser tech.

RECENT SUNBURN
“We use Cicalfate to help calm and soothe the redness of the skin after a sunburn,” said Fountain of Youth aesthetician Janet Willis. “It’s also good for burns and other minor skin abrasions.”

ABCs of protecting children from getting sunburned:
A = Away. Stay away from the sun in the middle of the day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
B = Block. Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher to protect babies’ and children’s very sensitive skin.
C = Cover up. Wear clothing that covers the skin, hats with wide brims, and sunglasses with UV protection. Even children 1 year old should wear sunglasses with UV protection.
S = Speak out. Teach others to protect their skin from sun damage.
Babies younger than 6 months of age should be kept out of the sun. Use sunscreen on children older than 6 months.

Soothing a sunburn... naturally
• Aloe Vera — aloe vera contains natural antioxidants, minerals, vitamins, enzymes, and amino acids to help heal and repair sun damaged skin. “It’s very cool and soothing when you apply it,” said Kathy Barker, of Nutrition Works in Fenton. You can use aloe gel from the plant or aloe gels that are sold in stores.
• Vitamin C — Barker also recommends eating a vitamin C supplement like Emergen-C. “It helps with connective tissue, and it’s also a histamine product, so it helps heal a sunburn,” said Barker.
• Soak in a cool water tub with a few tablespoons of baking soda, or soak in an oatmeal bath with 1:2 to 1:1 c. of oatmeal.
• Apply a cool (not cold or ice) compress to sunburned areas, soaking a washcloth in cool water.
• Dust cornstarch on chafed areas, such as under bathing suit straps.
• Pat down with potatoes — take two washed potatoes, cut into small chunks and pulverize in blender or food processor. Use to soothe sunburned areas several times a day.
• Drink plenty of water to re-hydrate.
• Or, use topical ointments and over-the-counter pain relievers.

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in seasonal patterns, are more likely to trigger allergies than flowering plants with insects borne pollen spores.
Approximately 50 million Americans have some form of allergy, a statistic that has been increasing since the 1980s. Today, allergies are the third most common chronic disease among children and adolescents, according to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.
Half of the 20 million Americans with asthma also have allergic asthma, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. Allergic asthma is a type of asthma that is triggered by an allergy. For those with allergic asthma, breathing pollen can cause coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath, leading to stepping up or starting medications to help control these symptoms.
Climate scientists are learning how environmental factors such as temperature, length of the pollen season, and air pollution affect allergies and asthma. As the warm seasons get longer and hotter, allergy sufferers are exposed to pollen for a longer period of time and in greater amounts. Severe allergic reactions and asthma attacks can be life threatening. Work with your doctor ahead of time to determine what to do when your signs and symptoms worsen — and when you need emergency treatment. If your quick-relief medications do not relieve symptoms of a severe allergy or asthma attack, seek emergency help right away.

Here’s some tips for coping with spring allergies:
1. Take allergy medications as prescribed by your physician.
2. Keep the windows in your home closed to pollen and other allergens.
3. Minimize morning activity when pollen levels are at their highest, between 5 and 10 a.m.
4. Keep your car windows closed when driving.
5. Stay indoors when the pollen count is reported to be high, and on windy days when pollen may be present in higher amounts in the air.
6. Use a clothes dryer to machine dry bedding and clothing. Hanging clothes on a clothesline can cause laundry to become coated with pollen.

Poison ivy facts
Q: How do you get poison ivy?
A: From touching it, or touching something that has touched it, like your clothes or your dog. You can also get it from breathing smoke from firewood burning with poison ivy on it.
Q: What is it like to get it?
A: At first you get a slight itchy spot, which gets worse and more red. It can be a small itchy area, or it can cover your whole body with giant rashes. It can be one of the tiniest experiences or a person will ever have.
Q: How long does the rash last?
A: Anywhere from 1-3 weeks, depending on its severity and how it is treated. Prescription remedies make it go away much faster.
Q: Is it contagious?
A: Once you have the rash, the oil has been absorbed and you probably can’t spread it to others or elsewhere on yourself. You get big blisters filled with liquid it mostly waters and will not spread the rash even if they break.

Popular home remedies:
• Take a shower in the hottest water you can stand, for as long as you can stand this may ease the itch for a few hours.
• If heat eases your rash, you can also try a hair dryer, but be careful not to burn yourself.
• Drydowneck is widely thought to help reduce the rash. Mash the weed and apply to the rash.
• Spray with a deodorant containing aluminum.

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Fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, nuts, shrubs, grasses:
People who handle food frequently, or have a tendency toward eczema may develop an allergic reaction to plants known as immunologic contact urticaria. A susceptible person usually experiences itching and hives within 20 minutes. In its more severe form, this reaction can involve not only hives on the skin, but also swelling in the throat, lungs or gastrointestinal tract that requires immediate medical attention.

Sunscreens
Gels, lotions and sprays... WHICH IS BEST?
• If you have dry skin, use a cream or lotion sunscreen.
• If you have oily skin or you work in dusty or sandy conditions, use a gel, which dries on the skin without leaving a film.
• If your skin is sensitive to skin products, use a sunscreen that is free of chemicals and alcohol.
• If you have had an allergic reaction to a sunscreen, look for one that is free of para-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), preservatives, and perfumes. These ingredients may cause skin reactions.
• If you are going to be in very intense sunlight for a long period of time, use sunblock, such as zinc oxide, to stop the sunburn before it starts.

IMPORTANT TIP:
If you need to use sunscreen and insect repellent with DEET, do not use a product that combines the two. Apply sunscreen first, and then apply the insect repellent with DEET. The sunscreen needs to be reapplied every 2 hours.

Source: WebMD

A doctor’s recommendation...
• "I like Neutrogena Dry Touch, which is a spray," said Chris Buatti, M.D., of The Skin & Vein Center in Fenton. “It’s a little more expensive, but it’s easy to use and works very well.”

Exposure...how much are you getting?
Calculate how much ultraviolet (UV) exposure you are getting by using the shadow rule: A shadow that is longer than you are means UV exposure is low; a shadow that is shorter than you are means the UV exposure is high.
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Ryan Hickoff leads team for a second straight year

Unselfish play, team leadership helps propel senior to Tri-County’s Boys Basketball MVP status

By David Troppens
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If one saw Ryan Hickoff in the hallways at Fenton High School, there’s a decent chance he wouldn’t overly stick out. Certainly, being 6-foot-4 and having a twin brother at the school would get most noticed, but that’s about it. The only indication one might have that he is a basketball star would be him possibly wearing a varsity jacket.

Ryan, and his brother Dylan for that matter, aren’t into making sure everyone knows they have been the star basketball players on the Fenton varsity boys basketball team for the last four seasons. Instead, they quietly and humbly allow their play to do that. And that talent, while on display on the hardwood, talks louder than anything.

For the second straight season, Ryan Hickoff has been named the Tri-County Times’ Male Basketball Player of the Year. Hickoff had an outstanding senior year. In 24 games, he scored 372 points, averaging 15.5 points a game on what was a very offensively balanced squad. But Hickoff is about as well-rounded a prep basketball player that a coach could dream of. He also grabbed 100 rebounds, dished 91 assists, collected 63 steals and blocked 27 shots. He was efficient in his shooting as well, netting 59 percent of his two-point shots and 36 percent of his attempts behind the three-point arc.

The four-year varsity performer capped his career with 1,108 points. By the way, his brother, Dylan, also finished his career with over 1,000 points.

“He’s a special player,” Fenton coach Tim Olczewski said. “Both of them are. It’s hard to speak about one without speaking about the other. Both will be missed sorely.

“For all the accolades they get on the basketball court, they should get them 10-fold for being great people. They are first-class all the way.”

Ryan Hickoff said he loved his time in Fenton.

“My whole career here in Fenton was unbelievable. It was so much fun,” Hickoff said. “The players, the coaches. It’s just been a great experience for me. I wouldn’t change it for anything.”

Both twins have experienced their share of team and individual success with Fenton. This year capped what was a string of four straight Metro League championship sea-
Garza’s early goal sparks Tigers to 7-3 league victory

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Fenton — Gabby Garza can’t recall ever scoring a goal as fast as she did on Monday night.

Just five seconds into the contest, she scored a goal that put the Fenton Tigers up 1-0 before most even knew the game began.

“I didn’t even see it,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan exclaimed.

Well, the goal sparked what was a strong offensive night for the Tigers. Fenton scored four first-half goals, and left its home field with a 7-3 victory against Brandon.

“We kicked off, got a ball to (Hannah) Eno and she played a thru ball (to me),” Garza said. “I left-footed it and it went right over the goalie.

“I’ve never had a goal like that happen ever. It was left-footed, and I’m not even left-footed.”

Sparked by the play, Fenton scored four goals in the first 16 minutes of the contest. About five minutes after Garza’s goal, Natalee Marshall scored another one on an assist by Payton Maxheimer. And then, less than 10 minutes after that one, Maxheimer scored on a breakaway in which her initial shot was saved. However, she got the rebound and put it in for a 3-0 lead.

Finally, an Allison Cialkoszewski cross to Maggie Dewan provided a goal in a wide open net. With 24:39 still remaining in the opening half, the Tigers already led 4-0.

“For us (the early goal) fueled us because it’s not really happened for us this season,” Garza said. “And for it to happen, it was like ‘Whew, we got this’.”

“It’s really tough for a team to come back after a shot like that,”

“We are capable of anything. Once we put our hearts and minds into it, we can go all the way.”

Gabby Garza
Fenton varsity soccer player

Sullivan said, “It was great for us, and we got a couple of other quick ones.”

After struggling to score goals earlier in the season, the Tigers have now collected 13 in their last two games. Sullivan credits a couple moves for the change.

“Having Eno and Maxheimer up (at forward) is a game changer,” Sullivan said. "That kind of speed is just dangerous. I probably should’ve done it earlier. We are able to stretch the other team. We couldn’t do that during the first month of the season.”

Brandon did score a late goal before the end of the first half, cutting the margin to 4-1, but the Blackwarks never got any closer than three. In the second half Marshall, Maxheimer and Cialkoszewski each had goals, while Carly Granger, Eno and Jenny Surface provided the assists. Fenton led by as many as 7-2 after Cialkoszewski’s goal.

The Tigers (3-1, 5-5-1) are starting to play better soccer.

“It’s the love. We trust each other,” Garza said. “We are there for each other, knowing that someone is going to be there is the best feeling ever.”

Fenton golf captures county meet championship

> Linden’s Benford earns match medalist honors, leads Eagles to a Division 2 team title

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Fenton varsity boys golf coach Steve White noticed something when his Fenton Tigers shot a 152 at Heather Highlands to defeat the Holly Bronchos.

He realized it might make a good goal for the Genesee County Golf Championships at Clio Country Club on Monday.

“We shot a 152 on Friday night at Heath-er Highlands, which is fantastic. Double that and you get 304. If we matched that score, we thought we’d probably win.”

As it turned out, the Tigers didn’t need a 304. They carded a 311 and defeated three-time county champions Davison by one stroke. Sparked by county champion Brett Benford’s even-par 72 score, Linden took third overall with a 320, and first in the Division 2 competition. Lake Fenton placed 10th overall with a 353.

Benford opened with a 37 on the front nine, but closed with a one-under-par 35 on the back nine, earning medalist honors. Meanwhile, he had three Tigers right behind him. John Lloyd placed third with a 75, while Alex Gerber and Jake Foguth each finished in the top 10 with 77s. Kevin Berry capped the Tigers’ scores with an 82.

“As the day progresses you never know what the other big schools are doing. Davison and Grand Blanc are capable going under 300,” White said. “But I saw some people were playing well and talked to a couple players about putting together a good round. And Kevin was able to patch together a very respectable 82, so we could win by one.”

The Eagles showed they are capable of going low as well. After Benford’s 72, Eric Oulian carded an 81. He was followed by Kevin Jones with an 83 and James Iordanou with an 84.

Both teams remain in the hunt for the Metro League title. Fenton remains undefeated during the dual season.

“It’s going to come down to the league tournament,” White said.
Fenton vs. Michigan alumni game proves successful

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Fenton — When Harold Krueger wants to start a basketball game, he does it with class. Sometimes it might involve some of the greatest Michigan Wolverine football players of all time like Marcus Ray, Mark Messner and Phil Webb. Other times, the games can include Antoine Joubert or an ex-Fab Five player like Jimmy King. The game might even include future Michigan athletes like Kenny Allen, signing autographs at halftime.

But no matter who shows up, chances are a charity is reaping the benefits.

And that was the case on April 28 at Fenton High School Gymnasium. Approximately $1,000 was raised for Project Graduation through a basketball game that pitted ex-Fenton players (boys and girls) and teachers against the past Michigan Wolverine stars.

Krueger, who always coaches the Fenton team, has helped coordinate games like these all around the state. And it seems the ex-Michigan athletes love it that he does. Among the names that showed up for the game at Fenton High School were football players Marcus Ray, Mark Messner and Phil Webb.

“Harold is a great guy. I’ve known him at least since my freshman year at Michigan,” said Ray, a member of Michigan’s 1997 national championship football team. “The thing I know about him is he always wants to bring back to the community. He always wants to put together these events for the children. I used to play in these games when I was in college, but now college players can’t do that. So he asks us to do what we can do, and we do it.”

Messner is a Hartland resident and graduate, and has known Krueger since his prep days at Hartland High School. He was an All-American defensive lineman in 1988. He took part in the festivities as well, and frequently does.

“I was a small-town boy from Hartland that went off to Michigan and he’s followed me from there. From that point on, we’ve stayed tight,” Messner said. “He’s a wonderful person who really does care about the community and the people. The contest was reasonably close throughout. The Fenton squad included soccer coach Matt Sullivan and assistant basketball coach/player Tyler Szczepanski. The team also featured ex-girl stars and sisters Christina and Ali Rivette. Both had moments that showed why they are among the two best female players in Fenton history. However, the Michigan team eventually pulled away in the game that featured two 20-minute halves.

At halftime, the player signed autographs for the fans. Included in the mix were Fenton seniors, and future Michigan players Kenny Allen, Tyler Tarkovsky, Quinton Mandle and Justin Mott.

A good time was had by all. “It was a great joy to get back out there on the home court and play with some of Michigan’s finest athletes,” Szczepanski said.

“I think every football player thinks he’s a basketball player,” Ray said. “It’s always fun to see the guys at reunions and games. We’re competing again, and competing as a team. The best part is signing autographs for the fans. You get to see your friends, get to play and sign autographs. It’s a win-win for all involved.”

HICKOFF

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sons with the twins leading the way. However, this season, the squad took the team to higher heights, leading the Tigers to their first Class A district title in school history. And they earned it with one of the games that will go into the Fenton varsity boys basketball vault — a 68-66 overtime victory against state-ranked Clarkson, a squad that had won 18 straight district titles until this year’s loss.

What made this season memorable was how the Hickoffs’ personality allowed this team to expand to higher levels. The team suddenly had more scoring threats than just the twins.

Cory Cox averaged 14.5 points a game, while Eric Readman also netted 11.5 points a contest. Along with Dylan’s 12.7 point average, the team had four double-digit scorers. Yet, the squad remained a “team.”

“He thinks about one thing, and that’s the team,” Olszewski said.

“He certainly set a fine example about doing the right things and acting like he’s been there before. He was a great example for the team to follow.”

And now the twins are headed to Division 2 institution Notre Dame College (Ohio).

“It flew by for me,” Hickoff said about his prep career. “I’m sure it did for others, too.” It certainly did.
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PREP REPORT

BASEBALL

► Clio 5-4, Holly 4-3: The Bronchos dropped two games to the Mustangs on Monday. Holly scored four runs in the fourth inning of the first game, tying it up at 4-all. However, Clio scored once in the fifth to earn the win. Holly also trailed early in the second game, scoring two in the fifth to cut the lead to 4-3. However, darkness ended that contest after five innings.

David McNeely had two hits to pace Holly.

SOCCER

► Holly 4, Clio 2: The Bronchos got their first Metro win of the season, scoring three first-half goals. Kayla Skopek led the offense with two goals, while Natalie Cieslak and Diana Frasier had a goal each.

SOCCER

► Linden 7, Kearsley 1: Jessie Magalski, Karrah Varner and Samantha Thronton had a goal and an assist each, leading the Eagles to the easy win. Gabby Freeman, Kelsey Brecht and Jordan Hemery scored for Linden, while Gabby Tomaszewski, Megan Harg, Ashley Peck and Jordan Sargent had assists.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

► Linden at Owosso Invitational: The Eagles placed third. Samantha Greene won the 200 dash and also helped lead the 800 relay and the 400 relay to first-place finishes. Greene’s time of 26.8 seconds in the 200 broke the freshman record at Linden. Courtney Davis also won the 3,200 run. The JV 800 relay team of Alexis Brandt, Taylor Ovington, Madison Owsley and Jordan Gunderson also earned a victory, as did the JV 3,200 relay team of Kelsey Dietrich, Courtney Davis, Kailee Corcoran and Mariah Lengyel.

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