Breweries, restaurants express interest in fire hall

DDA receives four bids three weeks after MBC pulls out

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has received bids from four interested parties for the old Fenton fire hall.

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Climbing in the clouds

Thomas Hameline of Fenton, ascends a 150-foot water tower in Swartz Creek, to finish repairs to a wireless access point for Tri-County Wireless, sister company of the Tri-County Times. Hameline deals with rain, snow, sleet, wind and bees, but can also look down on birds circling taller towers. “I’ve climbed in the clouds,” he said.

Extra! Extra!

How your edition of the Times comes together

By Tim Jagielo

A fresh and unique edition of the Times appears on your doorstep each Sunday and Wednesday — so how does it all come together?

It’s a surprisingly simple, and surprisingly complex process. For each edition, numerous meetings and planning sessions were attended, hundreds of phones calls were made, lots of miles were driven, and of course, caffeine was consumed. Editorial meetings are held every Monday morning, This is where the 

See TIMES on 16

Mills Days to have entertainment tent

Alcohol and entertainment issues clarified by council

By William Axford

Linden — An entertainment tent has been approved for this year’s Mills Days. City council approved Jack Furry’s proposed hours of operation and site plans at Monday’s meeting.

Furry, the owner of Linden Hotel, will operate the entertainment tent from Friday, June 21 to Sunday, June 24 in conjunction with the Times. See ENTERTAINMENT on 24
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By Sally Rummel
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If you’ve ever eaten a plump, ripe Michigan strawberry freshly picked on a summer day, or bitten into a fresh, crisp autumn apple, then you know what it’s like to eat food “in season.”

Eating seasonally is all about bringing this concept to your dinner table, and presenting these foods in starring roles in the meals you prepare. It will change the way you think about food. Try spring lamb with fresh mint in early spring, strawberry shortcake in the summer, wine-poached pears in the fall and roasted sweet potatoes with a small dollop of butter in winter.

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Right now, Michigan asparagus is readily available at any grocery store or local market. This spring-green vegetable can stand on its own as a nutritious and delicious side dish, or can star in a meatless main dish entree.

See EATING on 15

More than just a PHONE

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — Phones today are capable of doing a lot more than just making phone calls. They can also be alarm clocks, walkie-talkies, and a thousand other things. Apps, short for applications, can be downloaded on your smartphone to add many types of new features and functions.

All of the apps listed below are either available for both Android phones and iPhones, or have a similar counterpart.

- Wheres My Droid/Find My iPhone
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  This is not a problem with Wheres My Droid or Find my iPhone apps, however. Using your computer, the apps can turn your lost phone’s volume up and make it ring, and even locate the phone by its GPS device.

- Red Lazer Barcode Scanner
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See PHONE on 18

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Marriage and politics

Former NPR and current Fox News political analyst Juan Williams made an excellent point Monday night on ‘The O’Reilly Factor.’ Williams said the major reason President Obama had not endorsed same-sex marriage is because of the strong opposition to it in the black and Hispanic communities.

What they have done, though, that the president favors expanding the definition of marriage to include gays and lesbians?

Vice President Joe Biden brought this divisive social issue to the forefront of the presidential campaign when he said on Meet the Press that he is ‘absolutely comfortable with the fact that men marrying men, women marrying women, and heterosexual men and women marrying one another are entitled to the same exact rights.’

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney tried to have it both ways when he claimed the president’s position on same-sex marriage is still ‘evolving.’ Carney said the president ‘opposes efforts in states to repeal rights or deny rights to LGBT citizens that have already been established.’ This means the president opposes North Carolina’s new constitutional amendment that defines marriage as the legal union of a man and woman and bans same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships.

We are supposed to believe the president opposes ‘discrimination’ against same-sex couples who wish to marry, but still favors traditional marriage, as he claimed back in 2008 when he said he believed ‘marriage is between a man and a woman.’ It appears he’s calculated that whatever votes might be lost by coming out for same-sex marriage will be gained by the activism of gay rights advocates and their political contributions.

In ancient and rebellious Israel when there was no wide acceptance of the laws and precepts God had laid down for His people, the writer of the Book known as Judges uses a phrase that could easily apply to our day and our loss of moral direction: ‘In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.’ (Judges 21:25.)

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Future of new library questioned

Feasibility study should shed light on city's next step

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — “Where will the new library be located?” is a question frequently asked to the Jack R. Winegarden Library Board.

On Monday night, the board brought the same question to the Fenton City Council. Roberta Sweetman, president of the library board, said that a hurdle in raising money for a library building has come from the lack of a definite plan for the future.

“The council board has asked us how are we going to go about raising money without a physical plan in hand to show someone,” Sweetman said. “Give us a plan we can put up on the board, and we will go out there and do what is necessary to find the funds. There is a lot of support out there for the library.”

The library board requested that the council conduct a feasibility study of the present building, which would help determine what steps should next be taken.

Councillor Patricia Lockwood complimented the board on the presentation they gave last month about the history of the library, calling it an eye opening experience. Lockwood called a feasibility study an important first step.

“The feasibility study is the first step that we need to do to find out what we are dealing with, whether it be a new building, or renovating the wonderful building that you are in,” she said.

“There is no better destination in this town than the library.” Beverly McKenna, Friends of the Fenton Library president

Mayor Sue Osborn said she was eager to see something done, and said it should be discussed at the council's next work session. “I believe it is something that needs to be done.”

Beverly McKenna, president of the Friends of the Fenton Library organization, also spoke at the meeting to support the cause.

“There is no better destination in this town than the library. We bring in so many people, and there is the possibility to bring in more,” she said. “We can bring in money. We can’t raise money without a plan.”

McKenna also raised the issue of tendon to more immediate needs of the library, such as replacing the carpet that is worn and water damaged in some areas.

Osborn said that she felt that things are starting to move forward on the library project.
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Township clerk receives designation

By Tim Jagielo

Rose Township — Clerk Debbie Miller is a little ahead of the curve. She was recently certified by the International Institute for Municipal Clerks (IIMC), as a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).

This requirement is coming to all municipal clerks with future legislation. Miller, however, has been putting the time in, attending classes in six-day chunks at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, over the past three years.

“It’s a lot of work, it’s a lot of classes,” she said. Also she had to attend seminars, and be involved in the community and the classes.

Miller was presented with a plaque from Oakland County Clerk Bill Bullard Jr., at the regular township board of trustees meeting on Wednesday.

“IIMC grants the CMC designation only to those municipal clerks who completed demanding education requirements and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community, and their state,” said the letter from the IIMC dated March 30.

Miller is not alone in being certified; she is among many other clerks in Oakland County who have reached the designation.

As clerk she is responsible for elections, human resources, accounts payable, records, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. “Anything except taxes,” she said. “The clerks’ office is the busiest office.”

As clerk she has other ideas for the future, like a community pet pantry.

Miller is currently halfway through her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) courses, and is using points from her master’s in business administration (MBA) to complete that degree. She plans to teach after the MMC.

FENTON TOWNSHIP CHARGES $255/quarter for sewage fees. This fee covers sewer repairs and maintenance, and upkeep. It also was to update existing pump stations with permanent generators to avoid moving portable generators from site to site any longer. It has been five years, where are the permanent generators?

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Concessions from city employees help Fenton balance budget

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — After work sessions, budget meetings and a detailed financial forecast, the Fenton City Council approved the 2012-2013 fiscal budget.

The budget includes expenditures, such as the North LeRoy Street resurfacing project, local street improvements, cleaning and repairs to the water plant, and the purchase of two new vehicles for the Department of Public Works (DPW), and one for the police department.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said a lot of work went into trying to keep the city moving forward with grants.

“I am going to pat ourselves on the back, and say this council, over all these years, has done a fine job with what we have had to work with,” she said.

City Manager Lynn Markland said the budget the city arrived at was good, especially considering the problems the city faced, such as a loss of revenue.

“Our revenue is down about $1 million from what it used to be. It could not have been done and balanced as it is without significant changes to the way the city does business. I think it’s a compliment to the city heads and all the city employees who have made some concessions,” he said.

“I think it’s a good budget, it’s balanced, and I am looking forward to the next year.”

Agreeing that concessions by city employees were an important factor in balancing the budget, Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood said that each department worked hard.

Concessions made by city employees included switching health insurance packages and not receiving salary increases.

Mayor Sue Osborn said that reaching a balanced budget was a combined effort from the city.

“Everyone has had their hand in this budget, I think the concessions that our employees have given us have just been outstanding work. We are very fortunate to have the employees we have working for us,” she said.

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Meet the Associate Editor

By Tim Jagielo

My name is Tim Jagielo, and I am the new Tri-County Times associate editor. My strengths include: photography, being impatient at meetings, having energetic discussion on cameras and journalism ethics, and doing potentially dangerous things for photos.

Other abilities include interviewing people about difficult topics, running late, carrying too much equipment, looking serious while taking pictures, eating lunch quickly, and getting the look-of-death from Editor Sharon Stone when I talk over her in an editorial meeting.

My weaknesses include sitting for long periods of time, calculating millages (or anything else) and writing quickly. I feel that I write painfully slow compared to powerhouse Sally Rummel, Will Axford, and even our newest member to the staff, Ryan Tackabury. Sharon still writes circles around me.

Strengths also include quickly editing all of the photos that come through the paper, offering feature story ideas and helping coordinate the editorial staff. I also serve as editor when needed. I frequently bother the composition staff, and do chim-ups in office doorways. I get bored at my desk easily.

I cover the Holly community, and surrounding municipalities. I’m not sure if this is a strength of mine.

In seriousness, new roles are often taken on in necessity, like my role as associate editor, which truly began in January.

Since then, the paper has only improved under the leadership of Sharon Stone and publisher Craig Rockman and the entire editorial department has done its part to make this paper the best it can be.

My goal as associate editor is to make the Times as interesting, and compelling as possible, through photos and stories.

Please be in touch about stories that are intimate, interesting and local. This community has great stories, and we want to share them.

Head Start Program enrollment

Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (CARD) Head Start is accepting applications for enrollment in the 2012-2013 Head Start Program. This is a free educational program for income eligible Genesee County pregnant moms and children from birth to age 5. Call (810) 235-5613 for more information.

Free student athlete heart screenings

To help detect young people at risk for sudden cardiac death, Dr. Michelle Maureau, D.O. and Advanced Screening and Wellness have partnered with communities, churches, and healthcare professionals to offer free heart screenings to student athletes. These screenings include a brief medical history, physical exam, blood pressure check and EKG. Every student athlete will be evaluated by Dr. Maureau, Board Certified ER Physician. Dr. Maureau and her staff will listen to every student athlete’s heart and they may recommend an echocardiogram (ultrasound of the heart). This screening test identifies abnormalities within the heart, which have been linked to sudden cardiac death. This screening would normally cost about $1,000 and it is generally not included in a routine sports physical exam. Advanced Screening and Wellness will provide this test at no cost to the community. Additional screenings will be available on an appointment basis. Fenton Family Health and Wellness Day 2012 is set for Saturday June 2, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Parish Activity Center, in Fenton from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local naturalist memorialized

On Saturday, May 5, local resident Sharon (Heiman) Zahrfeld was remembered at a memorial dedication of the “Sharon Zahrfeld Memorial Nature Sanctuary,” in Argentine Township. Zahrfeld died March 2, 2011. Her husband of 49 years, Ted, fondly remembers that she was an avid birder. “She could sing to the birds and they would sing back,” he said. Zahrfeld was a Michigan Nature Association member and a volunteer to maintain the local sanctuaries. The ceremony, which incorporated Native American traditions, included memorials, scattering of seeds on Sanctuary grounds, prayer, a communal meal, and Sanctuary Tours. Zahrfeld was a member of St. John’s Catholic Church in Hartland and was an accomplished fiber artist.

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Residents responsible for nuisance wildlife

Organizations do not offer services to trap and transport

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A wounded fox has been wandering around Bob Dunning’s house and it has been getting closer to his front door. When he called the Michigan Department of National Resources (DNR) for help, Dunning was shocked to hear that the DNR wouldn’t help.

“Basically, we have to pay someone. The DNR won’t do anything, the township won’t do anything,” Dunning said. Dunning said he felt the DNR was rude and had no compassion for his situation.

Dunning said he cannot shoot the fox since he is within township limits.

DNR Wildlife Technician Hannah Schauer said the DNR does not have the funding or personnel to remove animals. According to her, the DNR does not receive tax dollars, therefore it lacks the resources to trap and move animals. Instead, DNR receives its funding through licensing.

“DNR does not receive funding to do that sort of work,” Schauer said. “The resident would have to hire a nuisance control operator approved by the DNR to trap (the animal).”

Fenton Township Operations Manager Thomas Broecker said the township does not have any services for removing animals. Instead, the township has a list of nuisance control operators at its township office. Broecker said the township might step in if a resident is keeping a wild animal as a pet. But in most instances, the township does not get involved with animals.

Genesee County Animal Control Chief Walt Rodabaugh said his department only gets involved with trapping animals if someone is bitten and there is a possible rabies situation. Like the DNR, Rodabaugh said the county animal control does not receive funding from taxes or a millage. When it comes to removing animals, Rodabaugh said residents either have to pay someone to do it or live trap the animal themselves.

“I would advise the public to not come into contact with the animals and use the private services,” Rodabaugh said. “If they come into contact with the animal, get medical treatment so there’s a report made.”

Rodabaugh said a resident could expect to pay $60 to $100 to have a professional trap and transport an animal. For residents doing it themselves, a live trap must be used and the animal cannot be harmed.

Officials have different moving animals. Rodabaugh said animals can be moved as long as it is done humanely. Schauer said animals should not be moved since they would have to adapt to a new environment and could potentially be more destructive.

Whatever he ends up choosing to do, Dunning is frustrated by the lack of help from local organizations.

“I feel sorry for the thing, it’s out there wounded,” Dunning said. “We’re not trying to start something; we just want the thing taken care of.”

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Several students from local schools were recently recognized as having turned around their academic record, behavior or overcome difficult circumstances during their middle school years.

Students recognized for turning life around

Fenton Optimist Club gives out awards during luncheon

By Sally Rummel
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Natalie Zdanowicz, an eighth-grader at Lake Fenton Middle School, didn’t start out as an academic success when she entered her middle school years. But her grade point average soared from a low of 1.6 to her current 3.6 in just two years. This is the kind of success story that brought a capacity crowd to Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden for the annual Fenton Optimist Club Turn Around Achievement Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, May 9.

The program is designed to recognize students who have “turned around” their academic record, behavior or overcome difficult circumstances during their middle school years. Zdanowicz was one of 14 middle school students from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden school districts who were recognized by their teachers, administrators, parents and city officials. This was the first time that the students also received commendations from Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, representing Gov. Rick Snyder. These awards were presented by Johnson’s Chief of Staff Mike Senyko, former Fenton City Manager. Fenton City Councilwoman Patricia Lockwood gave the keynote address, telling students that “Dreams are the fuel for your engines.” “You’re fortunate to live in a community that cares for you, watches over you and guides you,” she said. “But you’re the one who controls your own destiny.”

Pastor Dale Swihart of First Presbyterian Church in Fenton gave the invocation. Emcee was Trevor Allward, principal of North Road Elementary School in Fenton and a Fenton Optimist Club member.

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Linden Middle School:
Raymond Ballard, Madeleine Neuvile, Ezekiel Soriano and Michael Zerka, eighth grade; Christopher Flannery and Hannah Stacy, seventh grade.
Township assessor resigns

Position must be filled by July 1

By Tim Jagiello

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Rose Twp. — Rose Township has been without an assessor since April 25, when Amanda Carrigan resigned. The assessor determines taxable value of property in the township.

Carrigan served for eight years, said Supervisor Glen Noble. “The assessor is a very important operation in township government,” said Noble. “They evaluate the worth of properties of individual land.”

He said they assign a state equalized value, and a general market value for properties in this township. This operation is what the township’s taxes and millages are based on.

The memo Carrigan included with her resignation included several tribunal dockets, according to Noble.

Noble wants the position filled as soon as possible, but the deadline is July 1. Ads for assessor will be placed with local media including an assessor’s magazine.

Noble said he also met with Oakland County groups to see what they offer for assessor services.

“We should seriously look at going with the county because we cannot be without an assessor,” said Treasurer Sue Slaughter, echoing trustee David Gordon’s opinion at the regular meeting last week.

Trustee Diane Scheib-Snider also heard good things about assessor service through Oakland County.

“Id just as soon keep it local, but I’m in a bind,” said Noble.

Summary

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STRETCH THOSE MUSCLES FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY

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If you think you have done a complete workout with cardio on the treadmill and strength training with weights, wait — you need to stretch those muscles that you have been contracting and flexing during your exercise program.

Some of the benefits of stretching, according to mayoclinic.com, include increasing flexibility, improving a joint’s range of motion and improving one’s circulation, which increases blood flow to the muscles. It’s a stress reliever, too, relaxing the tense muscles that often accompany stress.

Michael O’Hara, physical therapist and owner of multiple Physical Therapy offices, believes that every person should spend 10 minutes during every exercise session, working on his or her flexibility.

Flexibility training is even more important as you get older, said O’Hara, in a newsletter published by Fenton Physical Therapy.

Most of the men and women he and his staff treat in physical therapy have problems related to movement restrictions in their hips, shoulders, ankles, and spine.

Most people spend too much time sitting hunched over a computer or steering wheel, and develop adaptive shortening of many muscles and joints, he added. Limited flexibility interferes with your ability to get stronger, develop better movement patterns, and greater endurance.

When setting up a stretching routine, Mayoclinic.com suggests that a person target their major muscle groups — focusing on their calves, thighs, hips, lower back, neck and shoulders, and any muscles they routinely use at work or play.

Most health professionals suggest that people warm up first before exercise, doing a favorite low-intensity activity for five to 10 minutes. You may hurt yourself if you stretch cold muscles, according to mayoclinic.com.

Because it takes time to lengthen muscle tissues safely, each stretch should be held for about 30 seconds, repeating each move on the other side. Do each stretch three or four times.

Don’t bounce, because this can cause small tears in the muscle, which will leave scar tissue as the muscle heals, tightening the muscle even further. This will make you less flexible and more prone to pain.

Focus on a pain-free stretch, expecting to feel tension during the stretch. If it hurts, you’ve gone too far. Relax and breathe freely — don’t hold your breath while you’re stretching.

As a general rule, people should stretch as often as they exercise, at least three times a week to maintain flexibility. If you have a problem area, you may want to stretch more often.

For more information, visit the Fenton Physical Therapy website at www.fentonfitness.com or www.mayoclinic.com.

You can stretch anytime, anywhere — in your home, at work or when you’re traveling. If you have a chronic condition or an injury, however, you may need to alter your approach to stretching. For example, if you have a strained muscle, stretching it like usual may cause further harm. Discuss with your doctor or physical therapist the best way to stretch.

Source: Mayoclinic.com
While many people pay attention to the overall health of their body, there are certain parts of the body that are often neglected — knees and elbows.

Knees and elbows go through much wear and tear throughout the years, whether it’s scraping and bruising them while playing on the playground as a child, to sun damage from long days at the beach on hot summer days.

Elbows are often overlooked because it is a part of the body that can’t always be seen. These helpful tips will lead the way to better skin care of your elbows and knees.

- **Make sure you** properly clean the knees and elbows in the same manner you clean other areas on your body.
- **Use a cleanser** or pumice stone on the area. Rub gently to remove any build up of dirt and oils.
- **Use a thick moisturizer** on the areas. Rub on a thick moisturizer after cleansing the area with a scrub or pumice stone. Make this a regular routine. Another good idea is to use a natural cure such as olive oil or vitamin E oil. Rub the oil on affected areas after cleansing.

**Exfoliate the knees and elbows at least once a month.** Make an easy exfoliation paste using coarse salt, mixed with a bit of water. Rub well into affected areas, rinse, and moisturize. Use with caution, as this mix is not for sensitive skin.

**During the summer**, always remember to apply a sunscreen or sun block to the knees and elbow areas. This helps prevent dry cracked patchy skin.

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EATING
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such as Asparagus Risotto (see sidebar).
At $1.68 per pound at VG’s Grocery in Fenton rather than a typical off-season price at $3.99 per pound, Michigan asparagus is a bargain when eaten at its seasonal best.
“We’ve got lots of asparagus and some more mushrooms right now,” said Stacey Jasso, of Four Seasons Fresh Market in Fenton. “We’ll be getting most of our produce in season from Michigan farmers.”
Also in season right now is Michigan rhubarb, with its tangy red-green stalks delicious in pies, desserts and sauce. Peas are another early crop that are in season at the Flint Farmers’ Market, according to marketing director Karianne Martus. “We also have a lot of fresh greens, from spinach to salad lettuces, that have been grown all winter long in hoop houses by local farmers,” said Martus.
Continuing early June will be Michigan strawberries, followed shortly by raspberries, blueberries, then melons, peaches, sweet corn and other garden bounty.
Of course, weather affects the availability and prices of all these homegrown specialties. Because of the early warmth, which brought the buds and blooms early on Michigan cherry trees, then hit them hard with a mid-spring frost, much of Michigan’s cherry crop has been damaged. “We won’t have Michigan cherries this year,” said Charmagne Kendrick, VGs produce manager. “Our cherries will be from Washington State and other areas in the northwest. Our apple crop got damaged, too.”
With Michigan’s short growing season, you can’t expect to eat only what’s “in season” in this state, but you can educate yourself about what to eat when — based on seasonal produce that’s grown “in season” in major fruit and vegetable producing states like Florida, California and Texas. “Right now, our navel oranges are coming out of California, but they’re winding down and will soon move into Valencia orange season,” said Kendrick.
To enjoy Michigan produce all year long, you can buy it in large quantities when it is in season, then freeze it or can it to use all year long.
To learn more about what produce is available when, start with a good, basic chart from a website like michigan-farmers-market.org, projectfresh.msu.edu.org or pickyourown.org.
You can also visit a local farmers’ market, such as the year-round Flint Farmers’ Market, now open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Ask a produce specialist at your local grocery store or fresh market. They will know what is now fresh and in season, and may even be able to offer suggestions on how to prepare seasonal foods. You might also be interested in joining a food co-op, such as the one offered locally through Marjie’s Gluten-Free Pantry in Fenton.
Eating seasonally is also good for families with children, so they can learn about the connection between what’s grown on the farm and what they find at the grocery store. When you eat seasonally, you will benefit from food that tastes like it should.
Weather affects the availability and prices of homegrown specialties. In fact, this year’s strawberry crop will be earlier than it has ever been because of the early heat, according to Michigan State University District Food Educator Bob Tritten.
“All of our strawberry growers protect their plants from the frost, so they weren’t affected by some of these recent night-time cold snaps. You can be looking at Spicer’s Orchard in Fenton for the strawberries a full two weeks ahead of schedule, starting between May 30 and June 2.”
RECIPE
Asparagus risotto with leeks
Recipe courtesy of www.foodly.com
INGREDIENTS:
A bundle of thin asparagus, about 16 to 20 spears
4 c. fresh hot water or very light broth
2 T. olive oil
2 inches or so of a leek, diced fine
1 c. raw Arborio rice
1/2 c. white wine
Sea salt, to taste
2 T. chopped fresh Italian parsley
Parmesan cheese, if desired

DIRECTIONS:
Wash and slice the asparagus, cutting on the diagonal about 1/2 inches down from the tip. Pour a scant amount of water into a skillet and quickly blanch the asparagus, remove it from the pan, and rinse with very cold water, set aside.
To make the risotto, heat the water or light broth in a separate saucepan, and keep it warm. In a heavy medium saucepan, heat olive oil on medium heat, sauté diced leek for a minute. Add uncooked Arborio rice and stir well, until the rice is coated, about 3-5 minutes. Add the white wine and stir until most of the wine is cooked off.
Pour in 1 cup of the hot water or broth and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered, stirring frequently for 7-8 minutes. When most of the liquid is absorbed, add the remaining cups of hot water or broth 1 cup at a time, stirring and simmering until each cup of liquid is absorbed before adding the next one.
When the final cup of liquid is absorbed, gently add in the blanched asparagus, cover, and set aside for a few moments before serving. Warm up four serving bowls. Spoon the risotto into the bowls, and garnish with some fresh chopped Italian parsley.

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VG’s produce manager

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next several editions are planned in detail, and writers report what government meetings they will attend in their respective communities.

The schedule is completed a month in advance, and tweaked with the direction and suggestions of publisher Craig Rockman.

A newspaper is run on deadlines. The editorial staff’s deadlines are Tuesday at 10 a.m., for the Midweek edition, and Thursday at 10 a.m. for the Sunday edition.

Often the staff scrambles to write stories by deadline after their nighttime meetings or after an election. The staff must also accommodate any breaking news.

Photos are shot ahead of time and edited for print.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are hectic, with feathery activity all day long to ensure the paper is “put to bed” on time.

Writers turn stories in to Editor Sharon Stone, who then edits them and submits them to the composition manager, Jennifer Ward.

Ward puts the paper together with a program called Adobe InDesign, while also planning placement color, and black and white advertisements, which takes a great deal of time and extra hours.

Rockman will then look at the nearly complete layout, and make changes to headlines and basic layout as he deems necessary.

Once the paper is essentially laid out, “flats,” or 11x14-inch copies of the pages are printed out for the editorial staff to proofread. Mistakes and missing “copy” are corrected.

After the staff is satisfied with the corrections, the paper is hung on the walls to be read again, and finally a “checklist” is conducted on important areas of the newspaper.

The finished paper is uploaded to the web, and sent digitally to the printer, after which it finally ends up on your doorstep, or in your mailbox.

Without the advertising department, there would be no newspaper. The staff is led by Gail Grove, who sets sales goals for her group of five sales reps.

The volume of ads they sell can also change the length of the paper in pages. The ads that are placed in the paper are either “camera ready,” or, the ads are built by the composition staff.

The editorial staff consists of four full-time members, two part-time employees, and one intern. The editorial
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staff is responsible for all words or “copy,” and photos related to news and features.

Editor Sharon Stone manages the overall editorial staff, ensuring that none of the small or larger stories slip by.

She edits every document that comes through to the paper. This includes features and news stories, social features and police news releases. She edits all of the Hot lines for grammar, and sometimes “colorful” language.

She generally does all police reporting, and works with the advertising department to come up with, and coordinate, educational feature sections.

Associate Editor Tim Jagieło assists the editor in managing the editorial staff and the upcoming stories.

The role also includes community coverage, taking and editing photos, and offering story ideas.

Sports Editor David Troppens is part of the editorial staff, but exclusively works in sports.

He is responsible for all stories, photos and layout of his section, which varies depending on the sports season, for each edition.

Nearly each weeknight is spent at a game, which he will write up in the morning. These add up to many brief stories that are statistic-heavy, in addition to five or six longer stories.

Because of the breadth of his coverage, he must spend a lot of time following up on games with coaches through the phone or by e-mail.

Sally Rummel is the primary business writer for the Times, and handles feature section writing almost single-handedly.

Though she is part time, she still can write more than a dozen stories per week regularly from home. Her extensive social network keeps her connected to various topics.

Reporter William Axford covers the communities of Linden, Fenton Township and Tyrone Township. He attends around two meetings per week, and writes feature stories.

Axford typically writes the majority of the tech stories.

Ryan Tackabury covers the city of Fenton and Fenton schools. He is part time, but has taken on the important role of covering the government most central to the community.

Intern Christopher Jones handles the Street Talk and Teen Talk sections, while writing feature stories when he can, freeing up the full-time staff for assignments.

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- **UrbanSpoon**
  How many times have you been sitting together with friends or family, and have engaged in the ongoing back and forth of “I don’t know, what do YOU want to eat?” The UrbanSpoon app can provide you information and reviews about nearby restaurants to eat at, and for the truly indecisive, with a shake of your phone, select a place at random.

- **Pandora**
  Do you enjoy listening to music and the radio? Pandora may be the right app for you to download. Though it has been around for some time in website form, Pandora lets you input your favorite song or band, and will create a radio channel just for you based on your musical tastes.

- **GroceryIQ**
  Become better organized when going to the grocery store with this app. You can add items to your virtual grocery list by speaking into the phone or even scanning barcodes. The list can be edited at your computer, and synched up with your phone before you head to the store.

- **Sleep as Android/Sleep Cycle**
  These two apps can tell you something about yourself, as well as providing helpful tools. By placing your smartphone on your bed when you sleep, the app can track your sleep cycles by picking up on your movements throughout the night. Both the apps for android and iphone also function as an alarm clock that can be set to wake you up in between sleep cycles, so you feel less groggy in the morning.

- **Words With Friends**
  A list of smartphone apps would not be complete with one of the most popular games available. Show off your magnificant ways by competing with friends to make longer and more impressive words.

Bommarito agrees that it is a very popular app. “We have a lot of our customer’s play it,” he said.

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THANK YOU FOR highlighting Barb O’Reilly’s quote: “If you’re not loving other things, you’re not living.” What a motto for all of us to live by. We all need to take a bit more time and care for one another. What a great mantra.

WHAT A SHAME that Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton was not mowed before Mother’s Day. The grass was long and the dandelions were plenty. Sad when families bring flowers to Mom’s grave and the surrounding landscape is unkempt. Maybe it will be mowed before Memorial Day!

THANK YOU TO the gentlemen who were standing out in the rain in front of the civic center in Fenton giving out free trees.

I LOVE THAT everyone is complaining about Obama. Someone had to vote for him otherwise he wouldn’t be in office. So the next time you complain think to yourself that you are the one to blame for what is going on.

TO THE PERSON who said that Obama was a Christian, why doesn’t he encourage the National Day of Prayer as many of our former presidents did instead of hugging around his friend Jeremiah? How many times has he attended church since he has been in office?

SOMEONE CALLED IN claiming the Republicans and the senate defeated the so-called Buffett tax. The Democrats have the majority in the senate, they could pass anything they wanted. It was other Democrats who voted down this Buffett tax. This Buffett tax wouldn’t even be a drop in the bucket toward reducing our deficit.

MISS KRISTEN, YOU did it again, yet another wonderful dance recital. You are an awesome teacher and my children love you. They love the recitals, but they are really looking forward to classes starting again. Thank you for another great year.

I JUST WANT to make one point. I have been reading so many negative things about Obama and the administration, but I have to say that he did save the automobile industry here in Michigan. He saved GM and Chrysler from bankruptcy, which would have cut my pension by 40 percent and would have devastated our state.

I REMEMBER WHEN Mitt Romney’s father ran for governor, and he did a great job. I’ll always remember there was a two-page spread in LIFE magazine that called him ‘dark horse often running.’ and I feel that his son would make a wonderful president. We need to get someone in office that isn’t going to get us $5 trillion more in debt each year.

TO THE PERSON who took the money from my wallet when I left it in a shopping cart. I sure hope you needed the money more than I did, and thank you for not touching anything else. Thank you, Dave, for giving me grocery money, I will never forget you.

TO THE PERSON who bought the three African wood carvings. The largest of the three is a percussion instrument, and you missed the mallet that goes with it. It is in the office at Transfiguration Lutheran Church if you would like to pick it up.

THANK YOU TO the fourth-grade teachers at Lake Fenton/Torrey Hill for all of your hard work and commitment for the Mackinac Trip. It was a wonderful trip!
Stricken but still fighting

Cancer patient, Fenton pitcher has zest for life & Tiger baseball

By David Troppens
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Fenton — On Saturday morning, Jesse Hourigan spent the minutes before Fenton’s varsity baseball game doing what he had done so many times the day of a ball game. The 17-year-old hurler spent some time throwing some warm-up pitches before the Fenton Tigers began their first game of the Wood-Bat Classic with Flint Powers.

However, the warm-ups were unlike any Hourigan has made ever in his life, or any he made when he joined the Fenton travel baseball team immediately after moving to Fenton from North Carolina at the end of last school year.

Sporting a wheelchair, after a nearly three-month period in the University of Michigan’s medical center due to a toxic reaction to his chemotherapy treatment at another hospital, Hourigan fought, with pride, to throw the ball about 10 yards in an overhand motion. The first warm-up toss was short. The second was wide. But by the third one, the confident junior had it figured out. He was prepared to throw the ceremonial opening pitch of the Wood-Bat Classic. He did so to the cheers of everyone watching.

And no pitch mattered more to anyone on the Tigers’ team. And it’s no wonder, considering the news Hourigan found out in December. That’s when Hourigan found out he had severe case of leukemia. Since then, Hourigan has become the pulse of the baseball squad.

“It means so much to me,” Jesse said about the opening pitch.

Understanding Leukemia

What is leukemia?

It’s a type of cancer of the blood or bone marrow characterized by an abnormal increase of immature white blood cells.

Symptoms

Jesse Hourigan noticed he was getting tired and sick during wrestling practice last winter. That was the first indication to his family that he had some sort of illness.

Other symptoms include bruising easily or bleeding excessively.

Follow Jesse’s fight

The family runs a blog detailing Jesse’s fight with leukemia at www.jessiesjourney.wordpress.com

“It gives him the desire,” his mother, Ingrid Hourigan said. “I can’t believe how he just wants to come out here and see the game. He’s a pitcher. And this just came on suddenly. It came in December, and our lives changed.”

Life has certainly changed for Jesse and the Hourigan family, as a trip to Hourigan’s blog (www.jessiesjourney.wordpress.com), as updated by his family, would attest. The first photos are what looks like a healthy boy, with a smile and a clear zest for life. And through the posts, one can follow the ups and downs Jesse has experienced since being diagnosed with leukemia.

The blog has become more positive since Hourigan left the U-M medical center on April 25, with See FIGHTING on 22

Holly baseball earning success in tournaments

TAKING SECOND

Linden track program finishes second at Williamston.

Tri-County TOP FIVE

Particularly when the weather is good, it seems like the spring sports season is never-ending. Every day has tons of activities. You have try-outs, and doubleheaders. There’s just a lot of events every night. But while one can get caught in the middle of all the madness, one day you look at the calendar and realize, “Wow, it’s close to ending.”

Regular seasons are already ending. So this top-five is already getting some nice meat on it.

No. 5 Holly tennis

The streak didn’t hit 30, but it really doesn’t matter. What an incredible run for Holly tennis.

No. 4 Lake Fenton soccer

With each week it’s hard to define the elite team right now, because of the non-league action. If the Blue Devils win the GAC title, like expected, they should rise.

No. 3 Fenton golf

The Tigers are undefeated in the Metro and have had some strong other toursneys. However, they slipped a bit Monday. They could’ve easily remained No. 1.

No. 2 Lake Fenton boys track

Somehow we forgot about these guys last week. Under-rated in the GAC entering the GAC meet.

No. 1 Fenton tennis

They beat the queens of the Metro and remain unbeaten in duals. It will be hard to hold on to No. 1 when other teams earn their league titles. State placing is key.

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Second-place efforts posted by Linden track squads

By David Troppens
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Linden — The season is nearing its end for track and field teams. And it looks like the Linden track programs are peaking at the right time.

Both varsity programs placed second at the Williamston Invitational on Saturday.

The boys collected five firsts, earning second with 116 points. Williamston won with 197.5 points. Meanwhile, the girls had one first-place finish and placed second overall to Williamston 205.5-83.

Sophomore sprinter Ted Parcher led the way, earning firsts in four of the events. He teamed with Connor O’Connell, Kevin Baker and Austin Buerkel to win the 400 relay (44.34), and also teamed with Tyler Voller, Baker and Buerkel to win the 800 relay (1:31.63). Individually, Parcher won the 100 (11.13) and the 200 (23.02).

Kevin Baker took the boys final first. He won the long jump (20-4 1/2).

“It was a nice meet performance-wise,” Linden boys track coach Nick Douglass said. “We finished second place, which is a nice accomplishment. Kids are getting excited with regions and leagues on the horizon.”

For the girls, Sydney Elmer earned the Eagles’ sole first-place performance. She won the 3,200 (11:58). Lexi Downes had the team’s only second-place performance as well, earning the runner-up spot in the shot put (32-5). Meanwhile two others earned individual thirds. They were Kayla Briscoe in the shot put (32-0) and Samantha Greene in the 200 (27.45).

Other girls placing individually in the Linden’s Ted Parcher won the 100 dash at the Williamston Invitational. In the background is his teammate Tyler Voller.

top six were: Brooke Ovington, fourth in the high jump (4-10); Kristyn Resseguie, fifth in the 100 hurdles (17.96) and sixth in the 300 hurdles (52.65); Angelina Garcia, fourth in the long jump (15-5 1/2); and Courtney Davis, sixth in the 3,200 (13:07.23).

Graham Elliott earned two runner-up finishes for the boys. One came in the 3,200 (9:58.44) and the other in the 1,600 (4:33.29). Baker earned a third in the 200 (23.48) to go with his first. Meanwhile, others earning thirds were Roger Phillips in the 3,200 (10:02.12), Connor O’Connell in the pole vault (12-6), and Tyler Satkowski in the discus (119-9).

Others earning top-six efforts for the boys were: Austin Buerkel, fifth in the 200 (23.86) and sixth in the long jump (18-8 1/4); and Kirk Bennett, sixth in the 3,200 (10:29.57).

The Linden track teams travel to Flint Northwestern for track regionals on Friday.

LF track program goes 3-1 vs. Durand, Montrose

By David Troppens
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The Lake Fenton varsity boys track and field team has had an outstanding season.

In fact, it’s been perfect in the GAC so far.

The Blue Devils won two more meets, defeating Durand 112-24 and Montrose 114-19 in GAC action recently.

The Lake Fenton girls earned a split, dominating Montrose 104-33, and losing to Durand 82-56.

In the boys’ meet, the Blue Devils took first overall in all but three events.

Individually, Zac Zielinski won two events, winning the long jump (17-11) and the 300 hurdles (41.98). Zielinski also helped lead the 800 relay team to victory. He teamed with Rob Kesler, Austin Frank and Max Watters to win that event (1:33.64).

Austin DeMoss also matched Zielinski with two individual firsts in the distance events. He won the 1,600 (5:07.17) and the 3,200 (11:39.65).

The Blue Devils spread out the individual firsts well, with seven others earning a first by themselves. That list included Tim Symons in the 110 hurdles (16.35), Kesler in the 100 (11.31), Chase Hanson in the 800 (2:10.59), Max Watters in the 200 (22.79), Nick VanDoser in the shot put (39-6 1/2), Andrew Tes-tor in the pole vault (11-0), and Austin Rowe in the discus (100-11).

Lake Fenton had two other relays

earn overall firsts. They were the 3,200 relay team of Sawyer Scott, Chase Hanson, Alex Holltslander, and Daven Patel (9:08.74) and the 400 relay team of Frank, Kesler, Matt Hommer and Waters (44.78).

“We went through the dual season undefeated,” Doyle said. “We are in good shape going into the league meet. We are expecting to make some noise in the regionals this week, and the GAC meet next Tuesday.”

Lake Fenton’s girls had five overall
**Fenton splits a pair of entertaining games against Lapeer East Eagles**

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity baseball team has found itself in a lot of close Metro League contests this season. Monday was no exception.

Fenton (6-3, 13-11) failed to take advantage of a bases loaded and no out opportunity late in the first contest against Lapeer East, losing 4-3. However, in the second game, despite being no-hit for a long time, the Tigers got some clutch hits and captured a 3-2 victory in the nightcap.

“They are some good, clean games,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “In the first game, we had eight hits and they had nine. We had multiple opportunities. There was good hitting, pitching and defense and we just happened to lose 4-3. In the second game, there was some excitement with the umpires and Kyle Kline came up with a clutch hit. They were two well-played games.”

In the nightcap, Fenton was no-hit until the sixth inning. Then, with two out, Derek Jenkins doubled to break the no-no hit. Connor Davidson followed with an RBI-single, tying the game at 1-1.

In the bottom of the sixth, Lapeer East had the bases loaded with just one out. It appeared a single was hit, but the batter was called out for being out of the batter’s box. With two out, Jamie Castiglione capped the inning with a strike out. Fenton remained tied 1-all.

In the top of the seventh, Josh Bryant singled and went to third on Kyle Jenkins sacrifice that was booted. A wild pitch scored Bryant, and Kline’s single scored Jenkins.

In the bottom of the seventh, two walks and a double cut the gap to 3-2 with runners on second and third with one out. However, Bryant made an outstanding defensive play to get the second out. The Tigers intentionally loaded the bases, and Castiglione got the final batter to ground out to Bryant to end the game.

Bryant, who started on the mound, tossed five innings of one-run ball.

In the opener, Patrick Leake found himself in a pitcher’s battle with East’s Tom McCarter. Fenton scored a run in the first on a Bryant RBI-single, plating Derek Jenkins, who walked. Fenton led 1-0. East took the lead with two runs in the second. However, Fenton tied it back up at 2-2 when Alex Chase doubled and scored on Jenkins’ hit. East established a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the third, but Fenton answered back with a run in the fourth.

However, the Tigers had the bases loaded with no out and failed to score another run, as McCarter struck out the side after that.

In the fifth, East scored the game-winning run during a rundown. Fenton was unable to score again.

**LF soccer squad opens GAC tournament with easy 9-0 victory against Mt. Morris**

By David Troppens

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Anyone wondering why the Lake Fenton girls soccer team are the favorites to win the GAC tournament this week, just had to watch the Blue Devils’ game against Mt. Morris on Monday.

It took the Blue Devils just one half to earn a 9-0 mercy-shot victory over visiting Mt. Morris.

Jordan Newman scored three goals and had an assist, leading the Blue Devils (8-0, 11-6) to the victory. Laila Abdalla also had two goals, while Kaitlyn Begley, Sydney Bruder, Sierra Bruder and Denise Carlson had a goal each.

“From start to finish, we controlled the game,” Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glastetter said.

The goals came gradually. Sierra Bruder sent a thru pass to Begley for a goal just six minutes into the game. About four minutes later, Abdalla drove about 45 yards with the ball and scored the Blue Devils’ second goal. That tally marked a run of four goals in about seven minutes. Denise Carlson scored on a ball that was dished from Newman with 27 minutes left in the first half, followed by Newman’s goal off a Bruder pass with 25 minutes left. Finally, Newman scored her second goal when she danced around three defenders, eventually scoring. The rout was on.

Defensively, Missy Eggleston earned her eighth shutout in goal. She was helped by defenders Andrea Tinsman, Madison Skinner, Miranda Quick, Brenna Overman, Sydney Bruder and Lauren Oppenhensler.

“Nothing got past the group or the midfield line for the game,” Glastetter said. “(All the defenders) turned in a sparkling performance.”

Lake Fenton hosts Durand for a 4:30 p.m. semifinal tournament contest today.

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**FIGHTING**

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the leukemia in remission. Jesse has some hair back. There are also videos of him during rehab-learning to walk and learning how to throw a frieze left jab.

One thing hasn’t changed. He still shows that same smile, and still appears to have that same zest for life.

Equally important, the Philadelphia chromosome, which makes his leukemia more severe, has also been held in check. A day after leaving the hospital, he watched Fenton play a doubleheader. His appearance resulted in the entire team coming out to say, “Hi.”

“We wanted to come the next day,” Ingrid Hourigan said. “It was a little scary. ... He’s usually on the pitcher’s mound, but he said, ‘Let’s go Mom. Let’s go watch them play.”

Since then, Hourigan has been to at least two more home games, including Thursday’s twinbill and Saturday’s game against Powers, at least until the rain cancelled the game. The team also has adopted Jesse’s freshman sister, Savannah, as a member of the team.

“The community and the baseball team has been so supportive,” Ingrid Hourigan said. “People I didn’t even know, relationships I didn’t even have a chance to make yet, people have come and supported us and continue to support us. Cindy Jenkins has practically adopted my daughter. We were living at U-M for months and she just took over and took her as her own.”

**A chance meeting**

Jesse’s venture with the Fenton baseball team started with a trip to the post office by baseball coach Chad Logan. That’s where Hourigan’s dad, Scott, noticed Logan and asked him if Jesse could play summer ball.

“He told me he was moving here, when if the school year was over and wondered if there was an opportunity to play summer ball,” Logan said.

There certainly was. Hourigan got his first chance to pitch his first game with the summer team. From that point on, he was a Tiger. That hasn’t changed.

“As soon as you see leukemia cancer, is there a worse word in the dictionary than cancer,” Logan said. “He’s fighting for his life. He’s endeared himself to everybody.”

“It all started right there,” Ingrid said.

“As soon as he got here, he was playing baseball. He became a part of the team.”

**Cancer**

But life threw Jesse the ultimate curveball during a December wrestling practice.

“He was working out with the wrestlers and he just started feeling really tired, sick,” Ingrid said. “He was green, and we had to get his blood work done, and the next day...
BASEBALL

Lake Fenton 5-6, Lakeland 4-8:

The Holly varsity baseball team has enjoyed its time at weekend tournaments recently.

The squad has made it to the championship game in each of their last two weekend tournaments.

Last weekend, the Bronchos beat Manchester 10-6 and Ann Arbor Skyline 13-5 to win the championship of the Skyline Tournament. That came after making it to the championship of the Roy Warner Invitational Tournament in Clarkston a week earlier.

At the Skyline event, the Bronchos (15-8-2) bopped open a 7-5 lead with six runs in the sixth, earning the victory against Skyline in the title game.

“We went with pitchers that haven’t thrown a lot and they stepped in and threw strikes,” Holly coach Benny Jackson said. “Defensively, we are getting better, and we hit the ball, too. Really, it was a whole team effort in both tourneys. All the kids got some playing time in both tourneys.”

Joel Perry hit a three-run home run, a double and scored three runs. Austin Cavender went 2-for-2 at the plate with an RBI and a run scored.

Justis Kerner tossed the first four innings and got the win. Perry tossed three innings of shutout relief to get the save. In the first game, Holly trailed 4-2 until a sixth-run fourth inning. Offensively, Alec Miller went 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI, while Brett Smiles had two doubles and three RBI.

David McNeeley and Blake Ordway had triples.

Lance Copley pitched the first five innings and got the win. Drew Eggleston tossed two innings of relief for the save.

In the Roy Warner Invitational at Clarkston High School, Holly beat Birmingham Groves and Waterford our Lady of the Lakes before losing to Clarkston 3-4 in the title game. Chris Green pitched five strong innings against Clarkston, but took the loss. The Bronchos had just three hits in that game, one each from Brent Smiles, Joel Perry and Justis Kerner.

Holly was impressive making it to the finals, defeated WOLL 10-1 in the semifinals. Copley went the first four innings on the mound, allowing just one run and striking out two. He got the win.

Eggleston pitched the final three innings for the save.

At the plate, Perry had three hits including two doubles and a triple. He drove in three runs, Richard Kowalski had two hits, including a double.

In the opener, Holly beat Birmingham Groves 13-5 in just five innings. Kerner tossed the complete-game victory and also went 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and two RBI. Chris Green had three hits.

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The Holly baseball captures weekend tourney
**INTERVIEW CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE**

with Mills Days. The tent will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday, with alcohol and entertainment closing at 11:30 p.m. The tent will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The approval didn’t come smoothly however as council members wanted the hours of operation to be firm while Furry asked for some liberty on the hours.

“You already have a small window and now you want to make it smaller,” Furry told the council. “The vendor has to make some money.”

Council members were in support of the entertainment tent but were concerned about patrons refusing to leave the tent after midnight.

Initially, council members set 11:15 p.m. as the cut off time for alcohol. After some discussion however, council members agreed that most patrons would either go home or migrate to the Linden Hotel after the entertainment tent shut down.

“I just want to be sure we do the thing right and in a quality way,” Councilor Ray Culbert said. “I don’t want to come down here at 12:30 or 1 a.m. and see a lot of noise. It’s not fair to the rest of us.”

Mills Days will run from Thursday, June 21 to Sunday, June 24. A parade and carnival are planned for the event as well as other activities. Organizer Cyndi Roesner said the event has the support of multiple organizations including the Loose Senior Citizen Center, Linden Masonic Lodge and VFW Post-4642, Linden Pharmacy, Ace Hardware and other businesses sponsoring the event.

“We’ve got so much positivity from the community,” Roesner said.

Earlier this year, the council approved hours for an entertainment tent with the Summer Happening. Council revoked those hours after Summer Happening organizers announced they would hold the festival outside of the city.

The Linden school board is expected to make a decision on Wednesday whether they will allow the Summer Happening to happen on school grounds.

For more information on Mills Days or those interested in volunteering, contact organizers at Lindenmillsdays.org or call Southern Lakes Park & Recreation at (810) 714-2011.

**HOLLY MAN CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE**

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

From September 2011 through January 2012, investigators believe Smith, who was subsequently terminated from his position as a Royal Oak police officer, downloaded and possessed child pornography on his personal home computer. He allegedly distributed some pornographic images to other users through a public Internet file-sharing network.

This particular case involved the Department of Attorney General, the Michigan State Police and members of the Flint area ICAC task force.

“Child pornography victimizes our kids over and over again, and Michigan will not be a haven for this terrible corruption of innocent children,” said Schauette. The images were discovered through an online investigation by the Flint ICAC, which utilizes sophisticated technology to identify alleged purveyors of child pornography in Michigan.

The Flint area ICAC Task Force members include the Flint Police Department, Grand Blanc Township Police Department, Michigan State Police, U.S. Secret Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Smith faces 20 charges, including 15 counts of Possession of Child Sexually Abusive Materials, a four-year felony; two counts of Distribution of Child Sexually Abusive Materials, a seven-year felony and three counts of Using a Computer to Commit a Crime, a seven-year felony.

Smith was arraigned in Clarkson’s 52-2 District Court on Friday. A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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FIRE HALL
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The bids poured in after the Michigan Brewing Co. (MBC) and the DDA agreed to terminate MBC’s lease in late April.

“I am extremely excited that within the past three weeks, we have gathered interest from some of the finest restaurant operators in Michigan, interested in developing the old fire hall,” DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt said in a press release on Tuesday.

“Some of these firms have experience with projects that have been major redevelopment catalysts for the communities they serve.”

The DDA plans to have a selection committee consisting of three members review the proposals and select candidates.

EXPLOSIVES
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According to Undersheriff Chris Swanson, the sheriff’s department responded to the home on Tuesday, May 8 to conduct an investigation based on information it received regarding possession of explosives.

Swanson said they brought in the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to assist with the investigation due to the contents found at the home.

A male in his 60s believed to be responsible for the explosive materials was taken into custody and questioned. He was released pending further investigation.

On Friday, Swanson said the intended use of the materials found at the home remains unclear. Depending on what the investigation reveals, the man could face state or federal charges.

Swanson added, “This is a perfect example of not knowing who your neighbors are.” He urges residents to be aware of their surroundings and to become more involved with their neighborhood.

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NOTICE OF TAX SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, I have levied upon certain personal property assessed to ATLAS AUTO LEASING, INC., tax account number 53-80-167-001, and located at or near 11387 Fenton Road, Fenton, Michigan, County of Genesee, and described as:

Notice is further given that I will, pursuant to the statute applicable to such cases, proceed to sell this property or as much of it as may be necessary to pay the personal property taxes now due and owing by ATLAS AUTO LEASING, INC., in the sum of approximately $37,569.11 together with costs and expenses of such sale. If it becomes necessary to sell personal property that brings more than the amount of taxes and charges, the balance from this sale shall be retained to the person, firm or corporation from whose possession the property has been taken or to the person legally entitled to this balance.

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The personal property will be sold as is, where is, and with no warranties.

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— J.K.

**ANSWER:** Right in the area where an earring is worn, some people have a transverse crease. At one time a fuss was made about it being a sign of heart disease. If it is, it’s not a reliable sign. I have those creases too.

— Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

**KING FEATURES**

**Crossword Puzzle**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
1 Small pellets
2 Cigar residue
3 Soft-drink flavor
4 1 hr. 23 min.
5 Secular
6 Sticky stuff
7 Mountain goat
8 Norway’s capital
9 Eristwhile acorn
10 Buster Brown’s dog
11 Grave robber
12 Red gemstone
13 Pinch
14 Round peg in a square hole
15 3/4 time dances
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20 Mends old jeans, maybe
21 Old Toyota model
22 Stir-fry pan
23 Cambodia neighbor
24 It makes dough rise
25 God, in Grenoble
26 "CSI" evidence
27 1991 movie for which Jack Palance earned an Oscar
28 Japanese sash
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Letha Irene Dolza, of Fenton, Palmira, 60, passed away peacefully, May 14, 2012. Beloved wife of the late John, dear mother of John (Annette) Dolza of Fenton, and Karen (James) Henchey and Arnold Potestivo & Associates, P.C., 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester, Michigan, and are described as Lot 24, Genesee County Records Commonly known as County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Source One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003 and recorded May 29, 2003 in Instrument # 20030527007831 Genesee County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents ($50287.74), including interest 8.5% per annum. Under this power of sale contained in said mortgage and the deed in said case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00 AM, June 4, 2012. Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof recorded as Plot book 5, Page 249, Genesee County Records. Said mortgage is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used to collect the debt. Any information obtained will be used for the purpose of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 16 U.S.C. Sections 1692d et seq., as amended. For all your plumbing needs call: (810) 714-2332.

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