Eleven year-old drowns while playing in Marl Lake

Dive team pulls victim from 20 feet of water, 50 feet from shore

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A fun time on the water turned tragic for an 11-year-old, boy who drowned in Marl Lake in Fenton Township Sunday evening. Wes Frescura had been playing on a large water trampoline at a friend’s home when he fell into the water.

According to Genesee County Undersherriff Chris Swanson, sheriff’s paramedics and a dive team responded to the 16000 block of Hi-Land Trail for a possible drowning at 8:45 p.m. Hi-Land Trail runs along the west side of Marl Lake, south of Owen Road. The homeowners and neighbors called 911 and began searching for the boy. The county’s dive team arrived on scene at 9:15 p.m. Swanson said the deputy in the area was involved with another call and a

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Red, white and blue celebration

Greg Hodge of Byron delivers ice cream and milk produced in Novi for Great Lakes Marketplace in Downtown Holly on Monday. Downtown Holly has around 100 flags including street side, and park side flags of a few different sizes.

An immigrant story

Two stories, one business, one community

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Fenton — “It’s hot today,” said John Yousif, smiling as he was up to his elbows in a Chevy Astro van. At 3 p.m. on Friday, he still had to finish the fuel injection system on the van and change the oil on a Jeep Grand Cherokee.

But as usual, he was all smiles, stopping his work when a customer came up with a question. The business is hopping. John and his brother Joe’s Marathon

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Residents, Enbridge wrangling over land agreements

By Tim Jagielo

Some land owners in Rose and Tyrone townships are starting to get a hard line from Enbridge Energy — the company with oil pipelines running through their backyards.

Since late winter, the company who owns and operates the pipeline has been contacting residents, making offers for the temporary use, destruction and disruption of their property. Some residents have been holding out, and seeking legal counsel.

In 2010, the original pipeline currently under the ground was repaired. It was decided last winter that the existing pipeline was weak and needed to be replaced. Instead of removing the old one, a new pipe will be laid next to the existing one. The project was supposed to start soon and end by 2013.

The pipeline transports crude oil from North Dakota around most of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula, cutting through at Sarnia, Ontario. It then runs southwest to Chicago, cutting through Tyrone and Rose townships.

Residents are reported as saying that if they seek a better agreement from the company and seek council, the company is withdrawing from negotiations.

Rose Township resident Steve Saglimbene said that the most recent communication with Enbridge felt more like a threat.

“It’s certainly not our intention at all,” said Enbridge spokesperson Joe Martucci. “Sending out those letters is simply the next step in the process.”

Saglimbene was trying to hold out, and delay the project as much as possible. The last letter offered $23,000 in compensation — and if he did not accept by June 16, he would only be given around $800, the buy-off for the original easement. He didn’t take the offer, and hasn’t heard anything else. He said he was only the one they “are doing this to.”

He thinks around 150 residents received letters like this.

Saglimbene and his wife Patricia have a home on Primrose Drive in Rose Township. He knows that at least his bigger maples and pine trees are coming down, and maybe even part of his house.

He built his house carefully, 30 feet away from the original easement, but somehow the easement was extended — through his entire home, and out the other side. “It almost looks like this pipeline is going through the kitchen,” he said.

This is my retirement. I’m kind of screwed right now,” said Saglimbene. “I’m 62 years old right now, what am I gonna do?”

Martucci isn’t familiar with specific cases, but Saglimbene might be on a multiple line-right easement, which would give Enbridge the right to work on multiple pipelines in the area.

A 1967 easement from the Michigan planning commission gives Enbridge eminent domain over the easement surrounding the pipes which in some cases, is on residents’ properties. The easement means that in a sense, the company can control and use the property above as it

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**SMART SOLUTIONS**

1. Fix torn screens
   - If pesky insects have buzzed their way in to your home through a hole in a window screen, block their entrance in a blink by "mending" the space with a drop or two of clear nail polish.

2. Keep sunburned skin from peeling
   - Keep sunburned skin from peeling by slicing an apple in half, removing the core, and rubbing the fleshy side over the affected area for three minutes. The malic acid moisturizes skin to keep it from blistering and peeling, so it heals faster.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD**

Sally Rummel takes a picture of Sandy Bergfeld of Linden for Street Talk at VG’s on Thursday. Street Talk features six random responses from people in the community and includes their photo above their quote.

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | William Axford**

Behind the scenes of ‘Street Talk’

> Readers encouraged to voice their opinions, have photo taken

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It’s an opportunity to have your voice heard. It’s a chance to have your picture in your newspaper. Most of all, it’s a reflection of our local area and our views of the world.

Street Talk is one of the most popular features within the Times and it’s easy to see why. Many times, stories written for the Times feature people involved in abnormal incidents or experts on a specific subject. By contrast, Street Talk is a random sampling of the public, a chance to see how your neighbors feel about a news story or one of their favorite memories.

Street Talk is handled like any other story or picture in the newspaper. The questions are developed during the weekly editorial meeting. Usually, Street Talk is paired with another story running in the same edition. Sometimes, we’ll ask a question that isn’t related to other stories in the newspaper but rather a trending national topic or a timely event.

Street Talk is divided amongst the reporters and is typically assigned to whoever has the least amount of stories to write and pictures to take. In many cases this is also an intern. The reporter assigned Street Talk ventures into the public and approaches random people. People aren’t pre-assigned or told what to say. Street Talk is legitimately what you think, at the time you’re interviewed. The reporter is looking for a short response, usually no more than two sentences.

Sometimes, questions are specifically tailored to an age group. For example, the Times has asked first-graders what they would like to be when they grow up. We’ve asked people at Loose Senior Citizen Center for advice for younger generations. Tailoring questions to a certain demographic ensures that the Times includes everyone in our community, not just adults shopping in the middle of the day.

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**WHAT SOCIAL NETWORK IS RIGHT FOR YOU?**

> While Facebook may be the largest networking website, it is far from being the only one

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At one time, social network primarily referred to handing out business cards to people you have just met at parties. Like many other things today, social networking has been enveloped by the Internet.

Any website that allows you to connect with others to build relationships or even to communicate with those you already know can be considered a social networking website. These websites can provide tools to plan events, share ideas, or just to stay in touch with people you know.

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‘Bait and Switch’ on Obamacare

When is a tax not a tax? When President Obama says it isn’t, or when the Supreme Court says it is? Obamacare was sold on several fraudulent lines. The president knows the country doesn’t want to pay higher taxes, given the deplorable way their government spends the money. And so the administration packaged it as something different.

That’s called bait and switch, which is defined as ‘an illegal tactic in which a seller advertises a product with the intention of persuading customers to purchase a more expensive product.’ And Obamacare, if it is not repealed, is guaranteed to be more expensive, not to mention more bureaucratic, delivering lower-quality care and eventually rationing to save money.

Does it matter what this president promises since so many have turned up empty?

This ruling will impose a massive tax increase during a lingering recession. Twenty-one new taxes are associated with Obamacare, according to the House Ways and Means Committee. President Obama has said taxes shouldn’t be raised during a recession.

Simply put, if government is going to take more money from the people who earn it — mostly small businesses — it will result in those businesses hiring fewer people, or laying off more employees, or both, thus increasing already high unemployment. People who have never run a business, or made a payroll, like most in this administration, have no sense of that.

The list of lies and deceptions by this administration is laughable. When campaigning for president in 2008, candidate Obama made ‘a firm pledge’ not to raise taxes. Now Chief Justice John Roberts says it is. If money leaves your pocket and goes to government, it’s a tax, no matter the label.

Roberts suggested he wouldn’t do the work of the people. If they don’t like Obamacare, they can change the leadership.

In just four months, voters will have the opportunity to live up to the responsibility that Roberts says they are theirs. Otherwise, voters will become co-conspirators in the weakening of health care and the further destruction of our liberties.

HELLO, IT’S A senior citizen who lived without health insurance, raised children without health insurance. All I can say is, ‘Thank God’ for the Supreme Court’s decision. I don’t say that very often.

SOMEONE SHOULD TELL Moses, Obama to look up ‘recession’ in the dictionary. We have to feed our kids what our pockets can afford. Most children have recess or gym at school and that’s exercise. Her kids have body guards. The only thing she has to worry about is what jail to put us in if we don’t pay our taxes.

WHY ARE REPUBLICANS against health care for all Americans? Why should I vote for Republicans if they don’t have a plan of their own for improving healthcare? Just think about it.

CLINTON LEFT BUSH a balanced budget, zero deficit and $300 billion. Bush left Obama a red ink budget. $1.7 trillion in deficit, two unpaid wars and a massive drop in revenue due to tax giveaways to rich people. Obama has reduced the deficit every year. Why vote Republican?

HOTLINERS THAT are urging residents to vote Republican are like foolish passengers on the Titanic; they know their actions are sinking the ship, but they are too stubborn to get off.

HOTLINER WHO BLAMES Social Security for the deficit is totally unenlightened or ignorant. Social Security doesn’t add to the deficit, because it is self-funded and has surplus. Furthermore, it contributes to the economy by circulating most of the money. Recipients pay taxes, buy food, clothing gas, etc. all of which keeps the complaining people employed.

This is for the women who are being criticized for wearing tank tops and beachwear while going to a Fenton church on Sunday. Do yourself a favor and just don’t go to church at all — there are better things to do on a Sunday.

WELL, THE SCORES are out. Despite Fenton soft-pedaling the results, the fact remains that other schools not only improved, they are now doing better than Fenton. Looks like the IB program may be teaching kids about charitable acts, but not math. Time to say goodbye to IB. Educate!

MY HUSBAND AND I were traveling down Hickory Ridge Road behind a big grey church bus full of kids and based on their behavior and obscene gestures I had to say ‘The Message’ and ‘The Word’ have not quite been taken to heart as yet.

JUST WANTED to say thank you to the couple at Bob Evans on Friday that bought our lunch. What a great surprise that there are such nice people in our great town of Fenton.

TWO YEARS AGO, Sen. Stabenow cast the fifth and deciding vote to carry Obamacare through. Now with the Supreme Court’s decision that it is constitutional, the only way to stop it is by casting our vote in November. Let’s get rid of Obamacare and Stabenow and turn this country around.

THANK YOU to the gentleman at VG’s who paid for my elderly father’s groceries when his debt card would not work. He was very touched by your kindness and help. What a wonderful act of kind- ness! Thank you, from a grateful family.

Over 80 percent of our meds are made in China and India per my mail order pharmacy as well as local chain. I cannot choose to buy a med made in the USA. How can we get a change? This is not safe! And it’s wrong!

JESUS WOULD SUPPORT universal health care. After all, he gave it free to a blind man, a cripple, and a man with leprosy. So before you vote Republican, ask yourself, ‘What would Jesus do?’

WAY TO GO Linden schools for supporting a trashy beer tent on adjacent property because you can’t legally have it on your own grounds! Now that’s integrity. Stand up for what is right.

THE DRIVER of the gold Ford Explorer who, on Monday at 7:30 a.m., thought the speed limit and double yellow lines didn’t mean anything, passed everyone in a 35 and 25 mph speed zone on South Holly Road. I don’t think so. I hope you say thank you for enduring our lives.

TO THE INDIVIDUAL that requested people turn off the horn when you lock your car, really? You have to be kidding me, noise disturbance, get a life!

NOW THE SUPREME Court rules 6-3 that anyone can claim to have won the Congressional Medal of Honor under freedom of speech without penalty. That spits in the faces of those 81 living U.S. soldiers who risked their lives for their fellow men. I am disgusted by the courts ruling.

BYRAM LAKE ASSOCIATION wants me to pay $30 to join so I can vote on how my tax dollars spent on the lake. I believe I earned that right when they started taxing me. Isn’t this one of the reasons this country was founded?

I THINK ANYONE who agrees with Obamacare should sign their name and pay for it come tax time when they find out it put our government further into bankruptcy beyond Europe.

I FIND THIS article hilarious. We don’t want a bunch of junk signs, but look at the signs the city put up. We’re talking junk signs, those look ridiculous. Don’t give anybody a hard time about their signs.

DID YOU EVER see such a group of spoiled brats as those that walked down to Congress the other day? I never thought I’d see the day that I would see a man in a black robe change the nation from democracy to socialism. Was Justice Roberts a Judas to the American people?

HOT LINE CONTINUED
Retailers no longer selling K-2

Oakland County Sheriff’s Office sees compliance with signed pledge

Retailers that the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office asked to sign a pledge that they would no longer sell K-2 or other synthetic drugs have complied with that promise.

Over the past several weeks, all retailers in the contracted areas of the OCSO were visited by sheriff’s personnel and asked to sign the pledge to not sell the banned items. The sheriff is pleased to announce 100-percent compliance. Sheriff Michael Bouchard is also asking retailers to remain diligent in their efforts to report any retailer who is suspected of selling synthetic drugs.

As of Sunday, July 1, it is a criminal offense to sell these types of substances and any business in Oakland County found to be selling will draw scrutiny and charges from the Sheriff’s Narcotics Enforcement Team. Synthetic drugs are often sold in gas stations and convenience stores.

The drug packaging is disguised to look like potpourri and typically labeled “Not for Human Consumption.” Because these previously legal substances were so easy to obtain, individuals, many of them young people, were buying them and smoking them or ingesting them in some way to get high. The plant material is sprayed with chemicals and if ingested, can produce very dangerous, unpredictable side effects.

“We are relieved that the State of Michigan has taken action to outlaw synthetic drugs. The devastating effects of their use have gone on far too long, and we are steadfast in our efforts to make sure they are no longer available in Oakland County or anywhere else in the State,” said Bouchard. “Any retailer or individual found selling, dealing, or using these drugs will be charged.”

Manufacturers of these products have previously been able to skirt around the federal law banning K-2 by changing the recipe of the synthetic cannabinoids, said Bouchard. However, the legislation that was signed into law in Michigan enables the state to designate new variations of these drugs as controlled substances.

The sheriff’s office is dedicated to making sure these drugs do not cause any more harm to their users, and moreover, do not contribute to the criminal behavior often associated with their use.

Board extends superintendent’s contract

Three-year deal inked, board ‘very happy’

By Sharon Stone
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Lake Fenton — Last week, the Lake Fenton Board of Education unanimously approved a three-year contract extension for Superintendent Wayne Wright.

The school board hired Wright in June of 2010 to replace Ralph Coaster.

Wright’s contract calls for his base pay to go from $128,000 to $128,800, an increase of $800. He will also receive a merit pay, per state law, of $300 if he meets his goals.

This contract includes pay to cover his education costs. This was removed a year ago when he accepted a bigger raise to offset him dropping his health insurance through the school district. His health insurance had cost the district about $18,000.

When the total packages are compared, which includes health insurance, base salary and merit pay, Wright said he receives less now than when he was initially hired.

School board president Robert Grubbs said that after much board discussion, the board members were very happy with Wright’s contract.
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Readers have told me they love Street Talk and read each one in the Sunday and Wednesday edition faithfully every week, laughing at some of the snarky comments people in our community come up with. While this is a great response, there’s nothing worse than someone following up with, “Me? My picture in the newspaper? No, no, no. I’ll pass. But I love reading it.”

This is the response I get at least 40 percent of the time. What should take about 40 minutes has dragged out to two hours, frizzing my hair and leaving heavy bags under my eyes after being denied for the umpteenth time.

Readers, please stop being so self-conscious. You look fantastic every time we approach you (yes, I really do tell people you look fantastic and belong in the newspaper and yes, I’m sincere every time I say it). If they’ll run my ugly mug in the Times, no one else has an excuse for feeling self-conscious.

Whether you realize it or not, this is your newspaper. Your views are important to us. A good newspaper is an outlet where doctors pronounced him dead shortly after 2 a.m.

Michigan State Police are taking the lead with the investigation because the responding trooper is a friend of the family, said Swanson.

Swanson said this is a tragic situation. “It went from a beautiful day into a nightmare,” he said.

Fenton Police, Genesee County Dive Team, Fenton Township Fire Rescue, MMR and Woody’s Towing also responded to assist.

— Reporter William Axford contributed to this story

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Sally Rummel (right) interviews Sandy Bergfield of Linden for Street Talk at VG’s on Thursday.

for readers to voice their opinions. In addition to letters to the editor and Hot lines, Street Talk affords the Times to highlight our readers and for the public to express itself.

So next time you see a Times reporter in public with a nametag, camera and notepad out, run up and demand to do Street Talk. Tell the reporter you want your beautiful face next to great articles and stunning photos. Or at the very least, please think about it before you reject answering the Street Talk question. Your opinion is just as important as anyone else’s opinion, so voice it!

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Michigan State Police trooper who was in the area responded immediately. An off-duty state trooper also joined the dive team.

After searching for 25 to 30 minutes, the dive team located and pulled the victim from 25 feet of water, about 30 feet from shore, according to state police. He was not wearing a life jacket.

Resuscitation efforts were immediately initiated and emergency personnel continued their efforts while they transported him to Hurley Medical Center in Flint

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READING THE SUNDAY paper, Fenton schools is asking for $0.4 million in
November. The last election in May
cost $13,466. Who pays for that? Why
didn’t they wait until November and put
it on the general election ballot? Why
did they have to have a special election in May? They could have saved that
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WAS JUDGE ROBERTS intimidated by
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**IMMIGRANT**

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Service Station on Silver Lake Road is always busy, the lot cramped with customers. Up front, Joe’s son Rav-er, 17, runs the register for the constant stream of people. Raven 24, changes the windshield on a van up front.

Joe and Raven are second generation American citizens, with Iraqi heritage. “I feel like an average American,” said Joe. Both were born in the U.S., after their father made the risky trek to America in 1985. Their uncle, his brother John followed eight years later.

Now John and Joe are fixtures in the Fenton community, with a reputation for great customer service.

John and Joe are Iraqis, who left the area now known as Kurdistan for political reasons. Joe said he didn’t feel safe in his home city of Mosul. In 1985, the Kurdish revolt was raging between Iraqi Kurds and the Iraqi government. “When I was there, we were under government rules, under Saddam’s rules,” he said. “You have no freedom there, really.” He left because he felt oppressed by the government. “If you are not with (the) Baath party, you are against them.”

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As an immigrant, John felt the need to learn to navigate the new country, although he was also insulated by family and friends that had already come over. “It’s a different country, a lot of things are different,” he said.

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John said he was treated well by average Americans when he arrived, and is now a naturalized citizen. Joe recommends the legal route. “I come in here crossing the border,” said Joe. “I come to the country and say, I am here.”

Despite this not being their birth coun-try, Joe said he can still appreciate the sacrifices that make Independence Day possible. “Whatever they paid for, we feel it now, the freedom it is,” he said.

**Summary**

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**Police & Fire Report**

**MAN SHOPLIFTS COMPUTER**
At 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, Fenton police responded to a report of a theft from the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Employees said a man, later identified as a 51-year-old Fenton Township resident, exited through the garden area carrying a $298 computer that he failed to purchase. Police suspected the man was intoxicated but a breath test came back low, however, the man said he had taken some medication. Medical personnel checked him out and police learned that he had outstanding arrest warrants out of Flint as well as being on parole. He was taken to the county jail pending issuance of retail fraud charges.

**WOMAN SHOPLIFTS $476 IN GROCERIES**
At 2:25 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, Fenton police responded to a retail fraud complaint from a department store on Owen Road. Employees said a woman later identified as a 54-year-old Flint woman was observed pushing out a full shopping cart containing $476 in merchandise, including three 30-packs of beer, without paying. Police located the car she had left the parking lot in and initiated a traffic stop. She said her passenger paid for the items; however, they were unable to produce a receipt. She was arrested and taken to the police station where she admitted to taking the items. She said she used store bags that she had taken in with her.

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**TEXTING Continued from Front Page**
The risk is not surprising. The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute conducted a study that showed those who text and drive take their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds at a time — while driving a distance that could be greater than that of a football field.

Texting and driving has the attention of Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. “I have read some studies that said it can be as dangerous as an impaired driver,” he said. “The dangers are obvious, you are taking your attention and eyes off the road, sometimes all it takes is a split second to get in an accident.”

Those who are caught texting and driving are given a ticket and charged with a civil infraction. However, Aro said that the ticket should be the least of people’s worries. “That’s kind of minor in contrast to what can happen if you injure someone else, or get someone killed,” he said.

Aro said that texting and driving is definitely a big problem, even though police are unable to take much action against it.

“I think it happens often, I think there is a lot going on. Tickets don’t get written a lot because it is difficult to prove and see,” he said.

Just because the police may not catch a texting driver does not mean they will not suffer the consequences for their actions.

“You might be able to get away with it for several times before the circumstances are right and there is an accident where someone gets injured or worse.”

In 2010, approximately 1.1 million crashes resulted from cell phone usage.

National Safety Council

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**Times MIDWEEK**
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Swimming is not just fun for your child; it’s also one of the most important ways he or she can learn to protect themselves from danger in the water. If you teach your child how to swim at an early age, they’ll likely grow into a competent swimmer who’s aware of water safety.

It’s great exercise for a child, and can also promote good coordination, help build stamina and can prevent accidental death by drowning.

**When should your child learn to swim?**

The American Association of Pediatrics recommends that all children who are 4 years old and older begin to take swimming lessons, because that is when they are developmentally ready to learn this new skill.

However, two years ago the AAP reversed its position and is not against aquatic programs and swimming lessons for younger toddlers and preschoolers between the ages of 1 and 4. In addition to teaching kids about the enjoyment of being in the water, these programs also help teach parents about how to be safe around the water.

**Will starting swim lessons early help your child learn to swim faster?**

Studies show that they probably won’t. However, early lessons can be an enjoyable activity for a parent and child. Studies show that whether kids start lessons at 2, 3 or 4 years of age, they learn to swim well at approximately 5 1/2 years of age.

**Classes for babies and toddlers**

Many infant swimming programs, such as those at the YMCA or American Red Cross, start at 6 months old. Classes through Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation are held at the Fenton High School pool and are designed for infants through preteens. For more information, call (810) 714-2011 or enroll online at slpr.net.

Look for a class with no more than 10 infants per certified instructor, and an instructor who focuses on fun and safety — not actually teaching babies to swim. They’ll learn how to sit on the ledge, slide in the water, reach back to the ledge with her hand to hold on, dog paddle with help, how to blow bubbles on the water’s surface, etc.

**When your child is 4 or older**

At age 4 and older, your child will have developed the coordination skills necessary to float, and is ready to begin to learn to swim all by himself. Look for a class that features qualified instructors and that has no more than six students per instructor. You may consider participating in the first few lessons, so your child feels safe and confident.

In the shallow end of the pool, he

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**Water Safety**

Ten myths to know before you hit the pool or beach

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

Knowing important water safety basics can be the difference between life and death for your family. Check out the myths and find out the truth.

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**At home pools and hot tubs**

**Myth:** Children rarely drown in home pools.

**Fact:** Home pool drowning is a leading cause of death for children younger than 5.

**Myth:** My child has had swimming lessons so he or she is safe.

**Fact:** Participation in any swim lesson program cannot ensure your child’s safety.

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**In lakes, rivers and streams**

**Myth:** A little rain is no reason to get out of the water and spoil my family’s fun.

**Fact:** Watch for signs of severe weather and leave the water at the first indication of thunder and lightning. In the event of an electrical storm, stay inside an enclosed area for at least 30 minutes after the last thunderclap.

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**SWIMMING**

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Recreational divers of all ages take the time to learn their sport regularly in the waters of Lake Fenton.

Diving instructor Kim Collingham, manager of The Dive Shop in Flint Township encourages boaters to watch for the recreational red and white diving flag, which signifies that there are scuba divers practicing in the area. When boaters see the dive flag, they are to stay 200 feet away from the flag, to give the divers plenty of room for safety. “We have to stay within 100 feet of our own dive flag,” said Collingham. “We also have to take the flag with us wherever we dive, so boaters have plenty of warning where we are.”

Dive teams of about four people typically dive at the north end of Lake Fenton two weekends a month, and one time during the week, said Collingham.

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**Watch out for scuba divers**

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SOCIAL NETWORK
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The most popular social network website is without a doubt Facebook, which has many features and is in a constant state of growing larger and changing. For some time, people have complained about the fluid privacy settings offering by the website, and now that the company is going public, these complaints are unlikely to go away any time soon.

There are no shortage of Facebook alternatives, with many different types of social networks to suit your different wants and needs.

FourSquare
This social networking service is primarily for those with smartphones, and is built around having users interact with their environment with their phones. You can use FourSquare to share where you are, or where you have been with your friends, and give recommendations about businesses you have visited. If you are looking for something to do, FourSquare can suggest a place to go based on what your friends have visited and recommended.

Who should try: People who have smartphones, and friends who also have smartphones.

Pinterest
If you are looking for a way to share ideas or interesting things you stumble across on the Internet, Pinterest may be the option for you. The website makes it easy to collect and showcase the many interesting things you have come across, such as recipes, pictures, and websites. Pinterest is also ideal for sharing sources of inspiration for people working together to plan a big event, such as a wedding. Many businesses, both small and large, have also had success marketing themselves using the website.

Who should try: Anyone who prefers a social network that is more visual, and those who run a small business.

Nextdoor
Many people would value knowing their neighbors, but today it may be difficult to keep up with everyone who lives near you. Nextdoor offers small social networks for neighborhoods, making the person a few doors down only a few clicks away. Even those neighborhoods with an already strong sense of community can benefit, using the website to organize block parties or neighborhood watches.

Who should try: People who want to stay in touch with their neighbors across the Internet instead of across the fence.

GooglePlus
The most similar option available to Facebook, Google’s social network puts its own spin on the idea. Google handles the privacy issue by giving users easier, cleaner, and tighter controls over who has access to their information. This is accomplished by using ‘circles’ — groups which a user can set to determine who sees what. For the most part, GooglePlus will offer a nearly identical experience in every other way.

Who should try it: Those who want a more privacy-conscious version of Facebook.

LinkedIn
Finding a job is not always about what you know, it is about who you know — and that is what networking is all about. LinkedIn is an excellent and user-friendly site for actually handling business cards on the Internet may be using LinkedIn. Unlike the other websites listed here, it is primarily used for professional networking. People using this website can form connections to past and present coworkers, and view their connections to try and expand their network of contacts. Both jobs and resumes can be posted on the website for both hiring and jobseekers.

Who should try it: Those who are looking to expand a professional network with new business contacts.

Myspace
Originally made to be a place of musicians and bands to find fans online, many non-musicians joined and Myspace quickly grew to become one of the first and largest social networking websites. Facebook later took over as the largest social network, and Myspace users dwindled. Since then, the website has returned to its roots and renamed itself again as a place for musicians and is finding a lot of success in its new (or old) niche.

Who should try it: Those who like finding new music to listen to, or those with a band themselves.

POOLS
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child is safe. Learning to swim well takes time. Do not expect that children will learn to swim in one set of lessons or even one season.

Myth: Drowning or slipping and falling on a wet pool deck are the only dangers for children at home pools.

Fact: Pool chemicals can also be dangerous. Be sure to store pool chemicals out of children’s reach. Never mix chemicals, and always clean up spills immediately.

Myth: Water wings and inflatable toys will keep children afloat.

Fact: Water wings and inflatable toys can enable swimmers to go beyond their ability or suddenly become tired, which could lead to a drowning situation. U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets are best.

Myth: I keep a cover on my hot tub so a child would not be able to get into it without my help.

Fact: A standard cover may not be enough to prevent a child from entering a hot tub. Consider securing both your pool and your hot tub with a barrier that is at least 4 feet high, has a self-closing and self-latching gate, and is designed so that a child cannot climb over, under, around or through it.

LAKEs
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outside, avoid open areas, tall, isolated trees, or metal objects.

Myth: If someone is in trouble in the water, the first thing I should do is jump in the water to try to save them.

Fact: Reach out to the person using any available object that will extend your reach, such as a pole, an oar, a tree branch, a belt, or a towel. Brace yourself to keep your balance. Be sure to have appropriate equipment with you on water excursions, such as reaching or throwing equipment, a cell phone, life jackets, and a first-aid kit.

Myth: I can count on the water in rivers and lakes being clean.

Fact: Natural water sources can become contaminated from sewage, animal waste and water runoff following rainfall. Swimming or playing in unsafe water may result in illness. Avoid swallowing the water. Avoid swimming after rainfalls or in areas identified as unsafe by health departments.

Myth: Life jackets are just for boating.

Fact: Many people involved in aquatic emergencies never intended to swim in the first place. When you are around water, take steps to prepare for the unexpected, such as wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Myth: One life jacket is as good as another.

Fact: Not all life jackets are created equal. Check the label for proper usage and sizing and to be sure that it is U.S. Coast Guard-approved. Make sure each life jacket fits its intended user. Check buckles and straps for proper function. Discard any life jacket with torn fabric or straps that have come loose.

Source: American Red Cross

We have your CAMPING & FISHING GEAR for the 4th of July!
We are the 2011-12 school champions

The tri-county prep sports scene had an outstanding 2011-12 athletic season, as 18 teams earned an outright or a share of a league title in 17 sports. Here is a list of those teams that earned titles.

School
- Fenton (6)
- Holly (6)
- Lake Fenton (3)
- Linden (1)

Team champions
- Volleyball, football, girls swim, boys swim, boys basketball, girls ski, boys golf, girls tennis.
- Girls cross country, boys tennis, football, hockey, wrestling, girls track.
- Boys track, girls soccer, softball.
- Boys cross country.

2011-12’s Top 16 poll filled with tough choices

By David Troppens
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It’s that time of year again. For a handful of seasons now, the Tri-County sports staff has spent the seasons rating who we think was our top five teams of each sports season. Then, at the end of the season, just like Casey Kasem did with his AT40s, we combine our polls, tabulate them and figure out who rates where for the entire school year.

Well, we have the 2011-12 list. And, without a doubt, it will be our most controversial year-end list since we’ve started doing this. Certainly, there will be teams that people would’ve put in their top 10, or even top five, that we’ve left out. So without further delay, here’s the bottom half of our 16 teams.

Honorable Mentions: The Holly girls cross country team dominated the Metro competition, but fell on hard times in regionals. Meanwhile, we have two football teams — Linden and Holly — that had out standing years as well. Holly earned a co-Metro title and beat Linden and Fenton for a second straight year. Meanwhile, the Linden Eagles advanced to the regional round of the playoffs for the first time in school history. And let’s not forget that Lake Fenton football made the playoffs too. But all are going to have to settle for an honorable mention spots. Fenton girls soccer and Lake Fenton volleyball were two teams that put together strong postseason runs as well, but will have to settle for honorable mention status, too.

No. 16: Fenton girls ski - The Tigers went undefeated in league.

Alexander ends strong career with Comets

By David Troppens
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Sean Alexander wasn’t very lucky during his senior season on the pitcher’s mound for the Olivet College Comets.

But it had nothing to do with his stats. In fact, in some cases they put him in the Comets’ record books.

Instead, it had to do with what happened when he was on the mound while waiting for the ball to be hit. That’s where the issues started.

“I took a line drive off the eye,” Alexander said.

“It happened in the first inning (in a doubleheader against Hope College). I was taken out, came back and pitched in relief (in both games against Hope on the next day). I came out of it pretty good. I had 11 stitches and it swelled up pretty good. I could barely see through it with the black, blue and purple.”

And his unlucky trend didn’t stop with that shot.

“I was hit about six more times too. Mostly in the foot and in the hand,” Alexander said.

Whenever the Fenton graduate wasn’t getting hit by batted balls back up the middle, he was doing just fine during his senior year. The lefty finished the season with only a 3-5 record, but he did fine in most of the See ALEXANDER on 14

Holly’s
Adrianna Lewandowski

Tri-County Times | David Troppens

Miranda Quick (right) and her Lake Fenton teammates finished at No. 9 of our Tri-County Top 16 Teams of the 2011-12 sports season.

SPORTS TRIVIA

BASEBALL

Q

Name the Michigan native who won a 1-0 verdict against the Toronto Blue Jays in the final game of the 1987 season.

A

Happy birthday, Frank Tanana. Born on July 9, 1953, Tanana posted a 96-82 record outside the eight years with the Tigers. He won 240 games overall.

The Baseball Doubleheader

Today is the Fourth of July. That day means honoring our freedoms and the people that made those freedoms possible. And in the athletic world, for a long time it meant baseball — and lots of it.

For most of the 1990s that meant doubleheaders for just about every team in baseball. In fact, I just clicked on 1990 and found out that every MLB team had a twinnie slated that season. And as late as 1981, about half of the teams played two on Independence Day.

Even in the late 1970s and 1980s, twinbills were reasonably common on the Fourth of July. And, at the very least the games were mostly played during the afternoon.

That’s not the case at all in today’s baseball world. All 30 MLB teams play, which is nice, but only about half of the games are of the afternoon variety. The Tigers host the Minnesota Twins for a 7:05 p.m. contest at Comerica Park today, meaning Detroit is hosting one of the seven night games today.

I’m one of those wacko traditionalists, so it shouldn’t come as a shock I’d love to see baseball return to the days of the Independence Day doubleheaders. Summer holidays should be filled with baseball. What else is there going on?

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Fenton squads hold four of the eight spots in the bottom half

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Wednesday Night
CROSS COUNTRY RACES

Here are the results for the third week of the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park. The races continue through July 18.

HALF-MILE RACE

GIRLS 5 & UNDER
1. Kendra Kuch................... 4:44.91
2. Lillian Moore............... 6:56.69
3. Courtney Lawhorne............ 9:15.15
4. Melody Meckstroth......... 9:20.21

GIRLS 6 & 7
1. Nicole Horst................. 4:35.25
2. Marissa Wood............... 5:10.68
3. Rebecca Philippi.......... 6:05.15

GIRLS 8 & 9
1. Emily Groh............... 4:07.86
2. Madison Philippi........... 5:41.40

BOYS 5 & UNDER
1. Carson Kuch................. 4:39.167
2. Justin Perantoni............. 5:42.32
3. Brandon Cairnduff........... 5:54.96
4. Josiah Smigielis.......... 6:00.59
5. Evan Fahrenkopf........... 6:23.79
6. Brandon Perantoni......... 6:58.02

BOYS 6 & 7
1. Nicholas Learman........... 4:05.04
2. Reed Krueger............... 4:53.10
3. Dylan Katzenberger........ 5:05.06
4. Davin Meckstroth......... 5:53.07
5. Benjamin Smigielis........ 6:04.65

BOYS 8 & 9
1. Chase Pousson.............. 3:33.82
2. Braden Moore............... 3:34.66
3. River Meckstroth......... 3:49.27
4. Nolan Kuch................ 3:56.80
5. Nathan Katzenberger...... 4:25.68
7. Drew Krueger............... 4:31.51
8. Aiden Krueger............... 4:34.98
9. Lukas Beugfeld-Wylie.... 5:01.08
10. Evan Katzenberger...... 5:04.76
11. Cameron Sproule........... 5:18.27
12. Jack Smigielis........... 6:02.54

ONE-MILE RUN

GIRLS 6 & UNDER
1. Ava Fahrenkopf............. 10:07.58

GIRLS 11 & 12
1. Rachel Phillpotts......... 7:44.97
2. Meghan Hitt................. 7:47.92
3. Tessa Peabody............... 8:23.05
5. Taeteb Engelhart........... 10:15.20

BOYS 7 & 8
1. River Meckstroth......... 7:38.89
2. Ben Hitt................... 7:38.75
3. Reichen Lund............... 9:51.88

4. Aiden Krueger................. 11:13.50
5. Lukas Beugfeld-Wylie..... 11:13.88
6. Evan Katzenberger......... 11:16.25

BOYS 9 & 10
1. James Hutchings............ 6:59.10
2. Brandon Davis............... 7:07.04
3. Tommy Naghtigal........... 8:18.10
4. Curtis Johnson............... 8:43.41
5. Jackson Cairnduff......... 12:40.79

BOYS 11 & 12
1. Jack Whitman................. 6:48.56
2. Tyler Manner............... 8:26.32
3. Tucker Whitman............... 8:27.49
4. Andrew McDonald........... 8:33.11
5. Robbie Ragnone........... 9:11.60
6. Nikolas Cairnduff......... 9:41.67

TWO-MILE RUN

GIRLS 11-13
1. Rachel Learman........... 20:49.41
2. Emily Vancil................. 24:28.77

GIRLS 14-16
1. Allison Lubahn......... 21:10.63

WOMEN 30-39
1. Talitha Kildani........... 19:51.90
2. Women 40-49
3. Amy McDonald............... 18:09.76
4. Krielle Horn............... 18:10.07

BOYS 11-13
1. Jimmy Nachlialg........... 13:32.71
2. Kyle Mikat................ 14:49.18
3. Jerries Kildani........... 25:54.66
4. Jerusi Kildani........... 25:04.06

BOYS 14-15
1. Chase Morse................. 14:24.96
2. Matt Hitt.................. 15:02.32

MEN 40-49
1. Kevin Learman.............. 14:21.92
2. Mike McDonald............... 16:27.64
3. Jay Hutchins............... 16:35.31

BOYS 10 & UNDER
1. Tony Micallef................. 22:27.09

MEN 17-19
2. Mike Varacalli............ 20:57.48

MEN 20-29
1. Graham Elliott........... 17:46.32
2. Sam Moughler............... 18:05.67
3. Tylor Ganger............... 18:50.27

WOMEN 30-39
1. Stephanie Sproule........... 26:52.89
2. John Lundy................. 26:32.97

BOYS 10 & UNDER

1. Tony Micallef................. 22:27.09

MEN 17-19
2. Mike Varacalli............ 20:57.48

MEN 20-29
1. David Madrigal............. 18:51.26
2. Kyle Wallace............... 21:20.6

MEN 30-39
1. Greg Krueger............... 24:22.82
2. Wesley Meckstroth......... 24:59.00

MEN 40-49
1. David Madrigal II.......... 19:34.14

ALEXANDER
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real statistical categories that define the ability of a pitcher. The lucky started 10 games, completing seven of these. That tied him for the school record for most complete games in a season. He led

the team in appearances, pitching in 14 games. He struck out 47 batters, as opposed to walking just 13. He allowed just one home run all season and had a WHIP of 1.40, which was considerably lower than the team’s WHIP average of 1.62. WHIP is the number of walks and hits a pitcher allows, on average, each inning he pitches. Finally, his earned run average of 3.67 was not only the best on the team, but was by just over half of a run. The team ERA was 5.21. He was particularly effective in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association games, where the conference in which Oliver plays its league games — posting an impressive 2.51 ERA. He was given the team’s Pitcher of the Year award.

“I was pretty confident on the mound,” Alexander said. “I threw a lot of strikes, and my fastball was working for me. What made this season memorable was breaking the record for most complete games in a career and most complete games in a season.”

Perhaps his best game of the season came. He struck out seven hitters, in one. A 6-3 victory against Otterbein. In that game, he tossed a seven-hitter over nine innings, striking out five and walking just one.

“I pitched the first complete nine-inning game of my career,” Alexander said. “They were ranked honorable mention in the nation at the time. That was pretty cool.”

At the Division 3 level, any scheduled doubleheader is usually played as two seven-inning games. Meanwhile, single games are nine inning games.

He followed that performance with a seven-inning shutout of Alma College, and then tossed a seven-complete game against Calvin College.

His next league start was against Hope College. That’s the game he was lined in the eye in the first inning and had to leave because of the injury. However, on the next day, he returned to toss three innings of relief against Hope.

“I wanted to help the team out as much as possible,” Alexander said. “Occasionally I get a little bit of the white dot (effect) floating around, but it hasn’t affected my vision. It did affect my confidence a little bit. But after a couple of starts, I was OK.”

Alexander, a physical education and health major, had a pretty solid career at Olivet College. The 2008 Fenton graduate made 46 pitching appearances in his career, earning a 12-7 record and a 4.00 ERA. He is third in school history, tossing 211 2/3 innings. He finished 17 of the 35 games he started during his five years at Olivet, striking out 161 batters.

“For the most part it went good,” Alexander said. “I can walk with my head held high. I am proud of the accomplishments I had this year and during my career.”

Tourney tough

Fenton graduate and Olivet College pitcher Sean Alexander posted an earned run average of 2.51 in the Comets’ Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association games this spring. He finished his collegiate career with 12 wins.

As Fenton and Hartland golfers started the week, they were coming through various stages of their seasons. Fenton’s course was hosting the 40th Anniversary of the North Course! Golf Tournament Thursday through July 18.

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**SUMMER THOUGHTS**

Whew, the 2011-12 prep sports season is over! All we have remaining are a bunch of All-Tri-County squads, which you'll see scattered through the summer publica-

tions.

But now that the season is over, I thought it would be a nice time to throw a couple of opinions on a few sports news items out there.

**News:** There’s finally going to be a Division 1 National Championship Football game.

**Views:** It’s about time. I remember way back in 1984, when Bringham Young won the national championship by beating a 6-6 Michigan team in the Holiday Bowl. And, honestly, the Wolverines were probably no worse than the second-best team the Cougars played that season. I was in high school at the time and complained how they weren't listening to be a playoff way back then in my school newspaper. 

Well, it took nearly 30 years, but the NCAA is finally listening to me.

Starting in 2014, there will be a four-team National College Football Playoff. Back in the day I wanted to see a 16-team playoff involving all the conference champions (I think there were eight or nine conferences back then), and then fill the field with at-large teams. Today, I'd still argue that's the best way to decide the championship. It’s not because I think a team in a conference like the Mid-American Conference really would win the championship. I don’t. But I think it’s important that everyone enter the season knowing that they have control of their own destiny to make it in the tournament, regardless how small that chance is. In short, no one should gripe (they will) about being left out.

And, plus, the 16-team playoff would benefit the BCS conferences because they certainly would fill the five-at-large bids and be the teams most likely to advance in the tournament. So, most of the money would still go to the big schools.

Even an eight-team field would be better. But I won't cry too much. At least it’s a step in the right direction, even if we’re risking seeing a final four of SEC teams.

**News:** The Tigers (as expected) and there are pieces of the pitching staff that have underperformed and/or have been hurt. This looks like a very average, at best, team right now. Luckily the Tigers are in the Central Division, which means winning 85 games could get them in the playoffs. Unfortunately they not even entirely sure they’ll finish above .500. This team hasn’t even been in the hunt to watch play baseball.

**News:** The MLB All-Star game is right around the corner.

**Views:** I probably won’t watch it, it used to be one of the games I looked forward to every year because it was one of my only chances to see the National League All-Stars. That’s not the case any more. That’s probably one of the most under-rated reasons I hear people bring up when they talk about what has happened to the magic of the All-Star Game.

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**AREA ACES**

**MARK ZERKA**

- Zerka, 36, used a wedge on the 130-yard par-3 12th hole at Fenton Farms on May 18 to record an ace. It was the Grand Blanc resident’s first hole-in-one in 26 years of playing golf.

**GERALD CHARLES PERUSKI**

- Peruski, 72, aced the 129-yard, par-3 10th hole at Fenton Farms on June 10. He used a seven-iron to earn his first ace in 50 years of playing golf.

**DAN BRADBURN**

- Bradburn, 71, used a pitching wedge on the 120-yard 13th hole at Fenton Farms, earning an ace. He recorded his ace on June 11.

**JUDY PALIANI**

- Paliani aced the 97-yard 12th hole at Fenton Farms, using a seven iron on June 19. Paliani is a Fenton resident.
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We have had to change to a new doctor and would like him to know our past medical history. He hasn’t received the complete file, including tests. Since our insurance pays for these tests, it seems to me that we should be able to request the originals or copies. — P.S.

ANSWER: Laws regarding the ownership of medical records vary from one state to the next. However, in most states, the doctor and hospital own the medical records. However, you are entitled to get a complete copy of your records. The doctor or the hospital can charge a reasonable fee for copying them. If the doctor or hospital refuses to comply, contact your county or state medical society.

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Wednesday Jumble

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

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BREEMM

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

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RELEASED THIS WEEK

DVDs & Movies

THE ARTIST

Hollywood 1927, George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is a silent movie superstar. The advent of the talkies will sound the death knell for his career and see him fall into oblivion. For young extra Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), it seems the sky’s the limit — major movie stardom awaits. The Artist tells the story of their interlinked destinies. PG-13, 1 hr. 40 min.

THE HUNTER

A skilled and ruthless mercenaries is sent into the Tasmanian wilderness on a hunt for a tiger believed to be extinct. Hired by an anonymous company that wants the tiger’s genetic material, the hunter arrives in Tasmania posing as a scientist. He proceeds to set up base camp at a broken-down farmhouse, where he stays with a family. As his attachment to the family grows, Martin is led down a path of unforeseen dangers, complicating his deadly mission. R, 1 hr. 41 min.

KING FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Superheroes’ garments
6 “Wham!”
9 Noun following a prep.
12 Tequila source
13 — pro nobis
14 Macabre author
15 Riddle
16 Wine expert
18 Family-related, in a way
20 Raw rocks
21 That girl
23 Corpulent
24 Don’t blink
25 Mine, partially
27 Winter warmer
29 “Raging Bull” star
31 Claim
33 Comes to earth
37 Take to the seas
38 Bread
41 Symbol of intrigue
43 Crafty
44 “...for All Seasons”
45 Most

DOWN
1 Upper limit
2 Back
3 Part of a horse’s leg
4 Always
5 Letter line
6 Spud
7 Exam format
8 Existing
9 “I’m shopping local.”
10 Hole-making bug
11 Ventura or Eisenberg
12 Comes to
13 Breakfast strips
14 “I’m shopping local.”
15 Crossword
16 Scale member
17 Mum
18 Docket entries
19 Shaft of light
20 Oriental
21 Turf
22 Color
23 Scale
24 Roof
25 Goat
26 Mumm
27 Smoked bacon
28 Docket
29 Potato
30 Suet
31 Standard
32 Oriental
33 Hodges of
34 Baseball player
35 Tennis player
36 Wrestler-turned-actor
37 Half a 1960s quartet
38 Nebraska city
39 Twin
40 Triumphs over
41 Boast
42 Loafer, for
43 Historic time
44 Nincompoop
45 Buck’s mate

contemptible
47 Skill
48 Winning
52 “Eureka!”
53 Scooted
54 Trunk
55 Mine offer
56 Get on
57 Feel

baseball
TV Tarzan
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A Village of Holly Notice of Downtown Development Authority Bylaw Amendment A Holly DDA Bylaw Amendment was adopted at the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Holly on June 26, 2012. The amendment changes Article IV, Section 1, as follows: Subject to the discretion and authority of the Village President under the Downtown Development Authority Act, 1975 PA 196, the Village Council is authorized to: 1) amend the Downtown Development Authority ordinance of the Village of Holly [section 6-05-010 et seq of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Holly], it is the recommendation of the DDA that 1) the DDA Board consist of 9 members with no less than a majority of the members being persons having an interest in property located in the DDA district and 2) if the DDA district has 100 or more persons residing within it, that not less than 1 of the members be a resident of the DDA district and 3) that not less than 1 of the members be a member of the Village Council and 4) that 1 member be a member of the Holly Township Board of Trustees and 5) that the remaining members, if they do not have a property interest within the district, be residents of the Village of Holly. The full text of the ordinance amendment is available for inspection at the Village of Holly, 202 S. Saginaw Street, Holly, MI during regular business hours.

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials

Benjamin G. “The Hook” Patterson
1923-2012
Benjamin G. “The Hook” Patterson, age 88, of Linden, died peacefully in the arms of Jesus Saturday, June 30, 2012. Funeral services will be celebrated 1 PM Thursday, July 5, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with Fr. David Harvey celebrating. Burial will be at St. John Catholic Cemetery, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Tuesday from 5-9 PM and Wednesday from 1-4 and 8-9 PM. A Vigil service will be held at the funeral home 7:30 PM Wednesday. Those desiring may make contributions to Detroit Firefighters Association.

Ben married the love of his life, Dorothea M. Hoxey, who preceded him in death 12 years ago. They were blessed with 8 children, MaryAnn (deceased), Cecilia (Lenny), Suzanne (Dean), Kevin, Bri-an, Colleen (Rick), Carolyn (Craig) and Timothy. Also, 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Ben was a Detroit Firefighter from 1951-1983, retiring as captain and chief actuating. His enduring love and total commitment for his family will be sorely missed. On line tribute may be found on the obituaries page of www.sharfuneralhomes.com.
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