Oakland County child murders have Fenton connection

Fenton Township resident allows investigators to search property

By William Axford

In the three years that Tricia Sample has lived in Fenton Township, she never suspected her house was once home to a convicted pedophile and possibly one of the most elusive killers in Michigan. But when news teams started showing up at her doorstep and spoke of a man named Arch Edward Sloan, Sample quickly learned that a sinister man once lived under her same roof.

“My helmet is only thing that saved me”

Fenton woman shares how 1980 motorcycle crash changed her life forever

By Sally Rummel

Julie Kerton has no memories of her past, and enjoys looking at her wedding photographs to try to piece together her dainty years, engagement and wedding to Rob Kerton on April 18, 1981.

Lease agreement for old fire hall reached

Clarkston Union expected to open doors by April 2013

By Ryan Tackabury

The Clarkston Union continues to make progress on their move to Fenton after its lease agreement with the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) was approved at a meeting on Tuesday night. The agreement calls for a site lease agreement with the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Drought

By William Axford

Because of the weather, Mueller’s Orchards in Fenton Township did not open. Charles Mueller said the crop was destroyed.
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**What to do when the power goes out**

By Sally Rummel

If you’ve been stuck in a power outage some time during this sweltering summer, you likely wonder how a person has ever lived without electricity. It affects everything you do — from working on your computer to operating your garage door opener so you can get in and out of your house.

“Every time the power goes out, we get between 10 and 50 calls from people asking how they can open their garage door so they can get in and out of their house,” said George Hagan, garage door technician at K & H Garage Doors in Fenton for over 30 years.

“If you need to carry a house key so you get into your garage. Then release the handle that hangs on the rope of your garage door opener. Pull the handle down and back, and at that point, you can open the door manually.” He reminds customers that they’ll have to re-connect the system when the power comes back on.

**What to do after your power goes out**

The first thing a person should do when they find themselves in a power outage is to determine if they’re the only ones without power, or if it’s a system-wide problem. Check the fuse box for tripped switches or blown fuses, and then ask neighbors if they’re out of power, too, according to the State of Michigan Public Utilities Commission.

**Call your electric company**

If the power outage appears to be widespread, call your local electric company. In the tri-county area, call Consumers Energy at (800) 477-5050.

**See POWER on 14A**

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**Keep your cool in record heat**

**How to prevent, treat a deadly heat stroke**

By William Axford

The summer of 2012 may go down as the hottest summer ever in Michigan. With record days of 90-degree weather and little moisture, people and pets are easy targets for illnesses like heatstroke. Here are some tips to help stay cool and how to recognize heat-related illnesses.

No air conditioning? No problem. The best way to keep cool without AC is to block heat out of your home. During the day, keep your windows closed and reflect the heat with white blinds. You can also keep your house cool by using electronics less often.

Electronics and light create heat, which can become trapped inside your house if you’re shutting out sunlight. At night, use window fans to circulate cool air throughout your house. If you have a floor fan, put some ice or a frozen milk jug in front of it. The coldness of anything frozen will be blown throughout the house, turning your fan into a mini air conditioner.

Recognizing heat stroke and what to do. According to WebMD, heatstroke is one of the most serious forms of heat injury. Heat stroke:**

**See HEAT on 19A**

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Raise the voting age

With the Presidential election just around the corner, you can bet that the political writers and editorialists will be blowing the dust off their dog-eared copy of ‘Things to Write About Prior to the Election’ in order to shame as many people as they can into vot- ing. Dozens of articles will remind us of all the brave Americans who have died in order to preserve our freedom to vote. It’s all true. It’s all true.

But I disagree.

People who are too lazy, too stupid or just too uninformed to vote, shouldn’t vote. A recent article I read made the point that millions of people who never watch a moment of football or baseball all season long tune in to watch the Super Bowl or the World Series every year. Never mind that they know nothing of what a ball is, or how many points a safety is. That’s fine. They should be able to watch. But we should never let them be part of the process of picking the MVPs or the All-Stars.

Same with voting. It’s serious stuff. Our very lives, as well as our way of life, hang in the balance.

And I don’t want some fool casting his or her vote based on the fact that they like Michael Moron movies or attended a Dixie Chicks concert.

And don’t bother telling me ‘If you’re old enough to fight, you’re old enough to vote.’ I completely agree. If you are in the military, you should vote. But if you’re still in college, getting an allowance from mommey and daddy and taking your laundry home every other weekend, you have no more business picking a world leader than my dog Nelson.

But, I digress.

Think about it. Is there anything in the world more associated with immatu- rity, naivety and poor decision-making than teenagers? The vast majority of under 21 citizens don’t have a job, don’t pay taxes, don’t read newspapers or watch the news, and aren’t really affected by the outcome of an election. They can tell you the most minute details of strange assassinations throughout the world, but 90 percent couldn’t pass a sixth-grade civics test. Can you think of any important decisions in your life that you feel would be benefited by consult- ing a teenager, any teenager, prior to making? Of course not, that’s ridicu- lous. It’s always been that way. And it always will be.

If I were King, the voting age would be raised to 21 years old. Only then would an election truly represent the interests of the people who will actually be affected by the outcome.

In fact, I think we should vote on it.

What do you think?

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author’s alone and do not neces- sarily reflect the opinion of The Tri-County Times. Email to the editor at king@tctimes.com.

By Foster Childs

If I Were King

TO THE PERSON who said, ‘Heil Hitler’ in their Hot line, you should be ashamed of yourself. If you hate the President that much, to compare him to a man who ruthlessly murdered sev- en million Jews, you’re either ignorant or a racist, or probably both.

FRIENDS DON’T LET friends vote Republican.

I DIDN’T LIKE Mr. Carter because of his policies, I didn’t like President Clinton because of his policies. I don’t like Mr. Obama because of his policies and now I’m a racist? You’re a typical race baiting liberal fool. Mr. Obama did not save GM with bailouts, he saved the unions.

IF THE KING’S coffin only has two handles then so does mine, because I will carry on his legacy, and all his morals and views. Long live the King.

SOCIALISM LEADS TO Communism, communism leads to a dictatorship and dictators destroy any freedoms we have. I pray American will once again become the home of the free and the brave instead of the home of the pe- ons and slaves. November will be your last chance to vote for freedom.

WHAT A HYPOCRITE. Obama keeps talking about Romney outsourcing jobs when he gave a Brazilian oil company $2 billion of our tax dollars to build oil platforms off their coast while not allowing U.S. companies to drill in the Gulf. This man has no conscience.

DUMB AND DUMBER! Wake up you Obama lovers! You’re as dumb as he! Now he and administration are working on getting rid of our Second Amendment! Do you want that? If we had tougher laws on domestic terrorism I wouldn’t need my hand gun to protect my family.

THAT’S REALLY FUNNY. Some person thinks Obama created the Universal Phone Charger! That sounds like the guy who claims he invented the Internet. Was that Al Gore?

JOBS CAN BE created by the president, but wait, Obamacare is going to put a lot of jobs on the chopping block! How is that going to help the jobs creation situation?

GM NEVER SHOULD have been bailed out by Obama! The irresponsibility of the GM CEOs and the unions was the cause of GM’s failure. GM could not compete with the other automakers and it failed. Where would my bailout as a small business when I had to quit?

SAVE A LIFE TODAY, stop at a stop sign.

I’M TIRED OF the lies Republicans are spewing about how President Obama has put us in such a mess. Bush and Cheney had eight years to rein in NAFTA, etc. that sent our jobs overseas and slaughtered out tax base.

SO, 83 PERCENT of all doctors want to quit their lucrative jobs and blame it on Obama?

What an imbecile. Doctors don’t want to charge a fair price for their services, med companies want trillions, and on and on. Doctors used to be paid with bychecks, or dinner, Credoe.

THESE YOUNGSTERS GET drunk because they are bored, disillusioned, spoiled, or lazy. They are adults now and they can’t handle it because mommey and daddy spoiled them rotten and now they can’t do anything—not all of them, now.

IF THE RICH, the upper middle class and the middle class and all the rest paid a flat tax, then maybe this country could pay its bills. Fair is fair, no differ- ences in taxes.

WHEN REAGAN was president, you could quit your job on a Tuesday, and have a job by Friday. Today you can’t get a paying job anywhere because Bush and Cheney let them go to foreign countries. Let’s quit blaming, and start holding those people accountable.

THE TRI-COUNTY TIMES is looking for people organizing, planning to at- tend or have recently attended a high school class reunion. To be a part of a feature story, e-mail news@tctimes.com so that features writer Sally Rumm- el can contact you.

DEAR PRESIDENT OBAMA, since everyone expects miracles from you, would you please make it rain in Lin- den. Thank you.

ACCORDING TO OBAMA, Rick Rock- man didn’t build the Tri-county Times. Rockman’s teachers and U.S. 23 built the Times, go figure. Wow, this coming from the greatest orator in the world. Come November, this president has to go and take his phony Nobel Prize with him.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

Compiled by William Axford, staff reporter

What would you pay your state rep or state senator if you were in charge?

“$40,000 to $50,000 a year. I think all politi- cians are overpaid.” — Linda English Fenton

“I’d say a fair price is $60,000 a year.” — Paul Howard Grand Blanc

“Depends on back- ground and education, $60,000 a year, proba- bly.” — Mary Tentschler Howell

“Probably less than what they’re getting now, cut it by two-thirds.” — Terry Palmer Holly Township

“I would say $50,000 a year.” — Eric Palmer Holly Township

“No idea, but I would limit their total time in office to eight years maximum, without benefits.” — Gene Lillie, Linden
Leaders cloudy on how to proceed with medical marijuana ordinances

By William Axford

As the state awaits a final verdict on medical marijuana: ban it completely or regulate it tightly.

“The state is still making adjustments to the legislation,” said Trustee Steve Hasbrouck on why the township has yet to draft an ordinance. The board voted in favor of extending a moratorium. However, as Supervisor Mike Cunningham said, the township will have to make a decision in the near future. A moratorium is a period of delay on legal action.

Since its inception in 2008, the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA) has drawn fierce debate between supporters and state lawmakers. A Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in August 2011 that dispensaries — businesses that sold medical marijuana to state registered card holders — were not covered by the MMMA. Last month, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that MMMA protects patients from prosecution.

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“In my opinion, the board should work on some sort of ordinance while the state awaits a final decision from higher Michigan courts.

“Most attorneys believe Michigan’s medical marihuana statute is in violation of federal law. Consequently, to allow an ordinance that breaks federal law just seems wrong,” McKone said. “MMMA does not automatically give someone the right to use or possess marijuana.” McKone said he and most other attorneys believe the Michigan Supreme Court will eventually rule the MMMA as unconstitutional.

However, if you ask some other members of the court system, marijuana may very likely become legal within Michigan. Geneesee County 7th Circuit Court Judge Duncan Beagle said he wouldn’t be surprised if marijuana was legalized within the next five years or so, even if it were only for medicinal purposes.

“I’m not advocating it, but I think it’s just a matter of time before it is legalized,” Beagle said. “I think a lot of local officials are wrestling with this issue right now and many of them are finding it’s taking a lot of energy. That’s the issue policy makers are going to have to decide — do they have the time and energy to enforce these laws?”

Beagle said policy makers and authorites in Genesee County have other epidemics, like heroin, to address. Beagle compared medical marijuana to alcohol during prohibition in the 1920s, where people continued to consume alcohol even though it was illegal to do so.

No matter what legal experts expect to happen, local municipalities are still in a bind, having to choose whether medical marijuana will be allowed or excluded from their communities.

“There are two schools of thought on medical marijuana: ban it completely or regulate them tightly,” Tyrone Township Treasurer Keith Kremer said. Kremer questioned if prohibiting medical marijuana all together might cause liability issues for the township.

The board agreed the planning commission should work on some sort of ordinance while the state awaits a final decision from higher Michigan courts.
High-tech vest cools K-9 cop

New company donates vest to Argentine police

By Tim Jagielo

Argentine Twp. — Argentine Township K-9 police officer Sirius was a little more comfortable in the 80-degree weather on Wednesday. “Usually by now he’s huffin’ and puffin’,” said partner, Officer Doug Fulton. “He’ll just shut down, and try to get back into the truck.”

On Wednesday, the all-black, long haired German Shepherd seemed comfortable demonstrating his new HTFx Exotherm vest. He retrieved a marijuana pipe as a demonstration, and reduced a tennis ball to a soggy mess.

The Argentine Township Police Department was happy to receive a free, high-tech cooling vest from Arrowhead Police Emergency Vehicle Equipment. Coming in at around $200, the vest works with new chemicals that aren’t cold to the touch when used, but wick the heat away from the skin. Tim Burchett of Arrowhead, said the vest only needs a few minutes to “charge” in a freezer or cool water, and then works for up to five hours.

Chap Allen appreciates the vest, saying that it will save on vet bills, and also the K-9’s comfort.
Health department advises against swimming at Clover Beach

Dramatic increase in E. coli bacteria prompts warning

On Thursday, July 19, the Genesee County Health Department announced that it is advising against swimming at Clover Beach on Byram Lake in Fenton Township due to a dramatic increase in E. coli bacteria.

All other points in Genesee County that the health department monitors comply with state guidelines for bacterial concentrations at bathing beaches.

Exposure to any recreational water can be a potential health risk. Gastrointestinal and dermatological illnesses have been associated with recreational water exposure. Rain and subsequent runoff can dramatically increase E. coli bacteria levels in lakes and other surface waters. Therefore, the health department is advising that all beach patrons exercise due caution with total body contact in area surface waters after rain events.

E. coli readings at Clover Beach

Since mid March, readings at Clover Beach have been in the single digits, except for the week of May 28 when there were 35 E. coli per 100 ml per sampling, and the week of June 18 when the water near the beach tested at 20 E. coli per 100 ml. State guidelines are that the bacteria are not to exceed the state guideline of 300 E. coli per 100 ml per sampling event. The week of July 16, this same water tested at 445 parts per 100 ml.

Symptoms of E. coli infection

Children are more likely than adults to develop symptoms of E. coli. Some people who are infected with the bacteria do not notice any symptoms. They may spread the bacteria to others without knowing it. Most people with the infection will have:

- Severe stomach cramps and stomach tenderness.
- Diarrhea, watery at first, but often becoming very bloody.
- Nausea and vomiting.

The reason why the health department is advising against swimming is due to elevated levels of E. coli bacteria found in the lake water at Clover Beach, the Genesee County Health Department is advising residents against swimming until further notice.

Summary

Due to elevated levels of E. coli bacteria found in the lake water at Clover Beach, the Genesee County Health Department is advising residents against swimming until further notice.

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Proposed language for the amendment is available at the Township Office during regular business hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your written comments are welcome prior to the night of the meeting, or you can telephone (248) 634-4162.

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- Former Vision Therapy Parent

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- Sue Lambert-Man, Former Vision Therapy Parent

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Absentee ballots

What you need to know to ensure your vote counts

By Sharon Stone
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Residents voting by absentee ballot for the August Primary should be aware of a few things to ensure that their vote counts.

A person who registers to vote by mail must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates. The restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are handicapped or voters who are 60 years of age or older.

Obtaining your absentee ballot

Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. (For assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk, see www.michigan.gov/vote.)

You must request one of the six statutory reasons stated above and your signature. You must request an absentee voter ballot by mailing the application, with a letter or post card, or you can obtain a pre-printed application form at your local clerk’s office.

Receiving your absentee ballot

After receiving your absentee voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk’s office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absentee voter ballot to your clerk’s office.

Q: Can I vote a “split” ticket?

A: In the Aug. 7, 2012 Primary, you cannot “split” your ticket (i.e., vote in more than one party column) when voting. Voters participating in the Aug. 7 primary must confine their votes to a single party column.

In the Nov. 6, 2012 General Election, you can “split” your ticket when voting. A voter participating in the Nov. 6 General Election who wishes to cast a “split” ticket can vote for individual candidates of his or her choice under any party or can vote a “straight party” ticket and vote for individual candidates under any other party. The votes cast for individual candidates under the other parties will override the straight party vote in the races involved.

Absentee ballots

Nov. 6, 2012 General Election

In the General Election, residents voting by absentee ballot may vote in any party. In precincts where there are candidates for more than one of the three major parties, they will have the opportunity to vote for individual candidates of both political parties. You will be asked to select either a Democrat or Republican, but you may select candidates from both parties. The votes cast for individual candidates under any other party will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope.

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Hope Lutheran Church is ‘excited’ to welcome new pastor

By Ryan Tackabury
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Linden — The Hope Lutheran Church in Linden is welcoming Jim Rolf as their new pastor.

The ordaining will take place at the church on Sunday, July 29 at 3 p.m. Following the ordination, Pastor Rolf will be installed as the new pastor at the church. The service will include scripture readings, a sermon, hymns and the rite of ordination/installation. Rolf will preach his first message as the church’s pastor on Sunday, Aug. 5.

Rolf said that he is very excited about starting his ministry with the people of Hope, a church that he sees as a warm, “can-do” place with a love for people.

Rolf attended college at Concordia University in Ann Arbor and Concordia University in River Forest, Ill. where he received a teaching degree in 1978. Rolf then earned a Master’s Degree from Michigan State University in 1985, and taught in Lutheran schools for 31 years.

Rolf attended Concordia Theological Seminary starting in 2009, and completed his seminary training at Guardian Lutheran Church in June.

Rolf and his wife Cheryl were married in 1982, and together have four children.

“The people of Hope are excited to welcome Pastor Elect Jim Rolf to Hope Lutheran Church in Linden,” said Parish Assistant Amy Watts.

Don’t be scammed

President Obama will not be paying your utility bills

Consumers Energy estimates that more than 2,300 of its customers have sought approximately $1 million as victims of a nationwide utility bill payment scam that surfaced in Michigan earlier this month. There is no such money, however, available from the federal government and customers may believe they have paid their bills when in fact they have not.

The areas hardest hit by this scam include 515 customers from Flint, Grand Blanc, Burton and Mount Morris, 433 from Saginaw, 206 from Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, 177 from Warren, Eastpointe and Clinton Township and 141 from Grand Rapids.

Through this scam, a customer may have been contacted in person, via a live or automated phone call, flyer, social media or text message. The scammers claimed that President Obama would pay a person’s utility bills through a new federal program.

Customers were then asked to provide their Social Security number, credit card, banking or other personal account information in exchange for a bank routing number that would allegedly pay their utility bills. In reality, there was no money, and customers believed they had paid their bills when in fact they have not.

Consumers Energy does not solicit this kind of information by phone or the Internet from its customers, said Doug Detterman, customer care manager for the utility.

“In light of these disturbing victim totals, we want to strongly remind customers never to disclose personal information, including financial account numbers, Social Security or credit card numbers, or phone or Internet to someone you do not know,” Detterman added.

Customers who are contacted by scammers are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency and report the incident.

As Consumers Energy becomes aware of customers who have been victimized, a letter will be sent advising that their payment did not process. The utility is committed to working with customers who have been victimized by this scam by offering payment arrangements when necessary.

More information on this scam, including tips to avoid becoming a victim, is available via the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org/us/article/president-obama-is-not-offering-to-pay-your-utility-bills-34928.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

OKAY, SO WHAT industries do you want deregulated and tax reduced? The oil industries? That’s done well for us. Banking? That went well. Airlines? That helped you any? We’ve already reduced taxes on all these other industries. They’ve kind of gotten their way through Bush and Reagan. Where are the jobs?

I LOVE HOW the right wing goes after President Obama with all of this inflammatory rhetoric. He murders babies with taxpayer money, he wants $10 gas, he’s a socialist, and he’s a communist. Now some idiot says that 85 percent of doctors are not going to take Obamacare patients. You’ve got your head stuck up in a dark place, bud.

OMG I SAW the hunger games, and I realized this is how the Republicans wish this country was like — super scary.
‘Let this family have a roof over their head’

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Township—It wasn’t tauticus, but it could have been. As many as 50 people including TV media crammed into the usually quiet meeting space, for the regular Holly Township board meeting Wednesday night.

The crowd came for the ongoing Timm and Maria Smith case — and this time, there were supporters present for the family, and for the board, who have spent township resources in a complex legal case involving disputed property the Smiths used to own. The case is currently in the court of appeals.

Unlike past heated meetings that were peppered with gavel strikes and angry public comments, this meeting ended on a positive note.

Supervisor Jesse Lambert extended a possible olive branch to the Smiths after much discussion. “I’d like to see what we can do to take care of you,” he said. “It needs to be done in the proper channels and the proper permitting as well. It may take some time. I would like some patience from you. Please have some faith in me, I’d like to help you, I really would.”

On Friday morning, a meeting was held between the Smith’s and Holly Township.

“A course of action has been laid out to provide utilities to Mr. Smith’s 5 acre parcel,” said Lambert in an email. “Holly Township is still obligated to enforce and uphold its ordinances and building codes; however I think a heavy dose of communication should help all involved.”

Timm Smith said the next step is having a pole installed for electricity on his five acres. “It’s better than having your electricity cut off,” he said. The township did not agree allow the Smiths to keep their hacked together set up for power. Smith said he needs power to take care of medical issues he is experiencing. Smith said once power was cut off, he restored it himself, and said that a consumer’s representative that came out lies from the board members.

The township did not agree with agreements like this, and an agreement was possible.

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POWER
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Prolong the life of your perishable foods

Keep the refrigerator door closed as much as possible. Move milk, cheese, meats, etc. into the freezer compartment of the refrigerator. If the freezer is only partially full, group packages together so they form an “igloo” to keep each other cold. Cover the refrigerator and freezer with blankets to provide additional insulation. Consider placing dry ice in the freezer to help keep food frozen.

When the power returns, the food may be safely refrozen if the food still contains ice crystals or is at 40 degrees F. or below.

Food items will have to be evaluated on a piece-by-piece basis. Discard any items in either the freezer or the refrigerator that have come into contact with raw meat juices. Partial thawing and refreezing may reduce the quality of some food, but the food will remain safe to eat.

To flush, or not to flush?

If you use a municipality water system, your toilets will continue to flush, even in the event of a power outage. However, if your home operates from a well or septic system, only one additional flush will be left in the system. Your best defense will be several gallon containers of water that you can use to re-fill the tank for each flush.

Which phones will work?

Unless telephone lines are down, landline telephone service should remain available during an electrical power outage. Cellular service may not work if power to the cell tower system is disrupted.

Protect your computers and electronics

Damage to your valuable electronics can occur when the power comes back on. The sudden surge of electricity could destroy the internal mechanisms of computers and other electronic equipment.

Experts suggest that when the power goes down, unplug your computer, other electronic devices and appliances. Leave one light on and plugged in so that you’ll know when the power comes back on.

When power is restored

Sometimes when electricity is restored, power levels can vary considerably. Wait a few minutes before turning on lights. Plug in appliances one at a time.

WHAT TO DO

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wireless access point in the home won’t work if the access point runs on household electricity.

Regularly replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. If you have a home security system, check to see if your alarm has a battery back-up. If you have a baby at home, make sure you have a baby back-up so your baby monitor can continue to work in a power outage.

TAKE THESE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

• Back up your files to an external drive or to a cloud service.
• Install a surge protector on your computer, your HDTV and any other electronics that are plugged into outlets. Don’t confuse a power strip with a surge protector. While the former is for convenience, the latter provides a barrier to reduce a sudden surge of electricity.
• Consider buying a generator. The middle of a power outage is not the time to buy a generator. Do your research ahead of time, and buy one when there’s no pressure. You’ll have to have a supply of gas to operate your generator outdoors. Unless you purchase a commercial or whole house model, you have to have a generator to run anything more than your refrigerator and lights.

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Seven-member board question still elusive

Number of signatures required on petition keeps changing

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Township On Wednesday, George Kullis came to the Holly Township board meeting with around 200 signatures, and a lot of questions for the board members.

The Holly resident and township supervisor candidate has been trying to get a question on the ballot — he wants to give residents the opportunity to add three new trustees to the board, and bring the full number to seven.

Kullis just didn’t know exactly how many signatures were needed to get the question on the ballot. He first gathered 13 signatures, saying he had been directed by clerk Karin Winchester to gather at least 10. Then at the June meeting, Winchester said he must have misunderstood what she said. The board then said that Kullis must gather 595, or 10 percent of who voted in the last presidential election. They voted his petitions down.

Trustee Janet Leslie then pointed out a discrepancy between what the law, and what the township directed Kullis to do.

According to township attorney Greg Need, Kullis needs 850 people, or 10 percent of the registered voters, which contradicts the 595 the board decided upon.

“We may have inadvertently slowed the gathering of signatures,” said Leslie, who voted along with Supervisor Jesse Lambert to put the question on the ballot previously, but the vote failed. She suggested that the board be a little flexible with Kullis, as he was given mixed messages and timelines as to what was required.

“We’ve had numbers bouncing around,” said Kullis, in thinly veiled frustration. “We’ve lost over a month’s time to collect these signatures.” Kullis could have been gathering more signatures if he had known he would be told to grab 595, or 850 signatures. “There are still petitions out,” said Kullis.

Kullis added that when it was first put to voters in 2008, and lost by a mere 23 votes, said that some residents didn’t understand the legal question.

The deadline for the submission is Aug. 14, and the township board has until the end of August to turn in the question, should they pass it if Kullis returns less than 850 signatures.

HOLY resident George Kullis makes his case to the township board. He wants a ballot question that would add two new members to the board of trustees.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

HEY AMERICA, PLEASE quit using the sophomoric and divisive “99 percent.” Only a fool would regurgitate this nonsense. We are all Americans, let’s start acting like it.

MY GOODNESS, WHAT a bunch of sissies we’ve become. It’s summer time, it’s supposed to be hot. People survived thousands of years without air conditioning. Please think about your dogs when it gets hot. They need to be groomed and kept cool. They depend on us to protect them, the same way they would protect us.

I PUT A BUCKET of water out for the deer in my backyard like a hotline suggested. They won’t touch a dropp of it. Why is that?

NOBODY HAS ANYTHING against successful, wealthy people in America. We all just want the opportunity to become one. Well said by President Bill Clinton on CNN.

TO THE ROSE Township residents. Being new to the area and while I have been out campaigning, I am very impressed with how nice you have been. Thank you. I look forward to meeting more residents in the near future. Don’t forget to vote Aug. 7.

OBAMA TOOK OVER in January of 2009? I must have missed his entire first year.

Please explain why. If tax cuts for the rich mean the “job creators” can create jobs, why is unemployment not 0 percent? They have had large tax breaks since 2001, if it has not worked in 11 years, will when this idea start working?

Voters in Holly. Do not vote for the sinking bond in the fall election. We are already overburdened with taxes. The economy has not picked up; we are struggling to live on what we have; and yet, here the school board reaches their hands out yet again. Vote No.

What is the difference between the Obama Health Care Act and the Michigan Automobile Insurance Law? To oppose one and not the other reeks of hypocrisy. Republicans control all three branches of state government, will they rescind the automobile insurance law? I for one will not hold my breath.

“IT isn’t a matter of bigger government, it’s a matter of better representation.”

George Kullis
Holly Township resident and supervisor candidate

Leslie pointed out that if the 850 signatures are gathered, the board would be compelled to send the question to the county clerk to get the question on the ballot. “We couldn’t refuse them if they get 850,” she said. “I think it would behoove us to cut some slack.”

She made a motion to put the question on the ballot and it failed again, with treasurer Mark Freeman and Winchester voting against the measure. There was no action taken.

“We’re gonna move forward,” said Kullis. “We’ve got people that stepped up,” he said. Residents have volunteered to take a street or two, or grab 50 signatures. There is a petition at Great Lakes Marketplace in downtown Holly, if any one wants to sign.
Some notable hole-in-ones

Anyone that has played golf, wants to record a hole-in-one at least once in their careers. Here are some players that added a little touch of something extra to their aces.

Martin Kaymer: During a practice round at Augusta National, prior to this year’s Masters tournament, Kaymer hit a ball that looked destined for the water on the 16th hole. Instead, it skipped over the water and went in the cup.

Bret Melson: The student at the San Diego Golf Academy Hawaii Campus aced the par-4, 448-yard 18th hole at Ko‘olau Golf Club in Ohau, Hawaii. It’s the longest recorded ace in golf.

Leif Olson: In 2009, Olson ricocheted his tee shot off his partner’s ball with the ball eventually rolling into the cup during the Canadian Open. The ball wouldn’t have gone in without hitting the other ball.

McNeely becomes Holly’s first T-C Baseball Player of the Year

By David Troppens
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Just like many baseball players, David McNeely’s passion for the sport began through a parent.

As he was growing up, he quickly became a Cincinnati Reds fan. And while McNeely hardly saw Johnny Bench play, the Reds’ catcher was his favorite player.

But it really makes sense. After all, a parent’s love for a sport can grow on their children. Particularly when that parent teaches the game to a child.

And that’s what happened with McNeely, and the parent was his mom, Lisa.

“McNeely batted .489 with an on-base percentage of .540 and .540 slugging percentage. He had 88 at bats, and in those trips, he had 22 home runs.”

McNeely was named the All-Tri-County Baseball Team Player of the Year.

Here is a list of the players that made our All Tri-County Baseball Team as selected by the sports staff.

**PITCHERS**

- Tyler Benedict .......... Linden
- Patrick Leaske .......... Fenton
- Josh Hoeberling ......... Linden
- Blake Ordway ............ Holly

**CATCHERS**

- Wyatt Wilson ........... Lake Fenton
- Mitch Juhl ............... Linden

**INFIELDS**

- Brent Smiles .......... Holly
- Alec Miller ............... Holly
- Joel Perry ............... Holly
- Connor Davidson ......... Fenton

**OUTFIELDS**

- Dillon Nash .......... Linden
- Josh Bryant ............. Fenton

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Eby cards historic, first ace at Tyrone Hills

Linden resident becomes oldest to get hole-in-one at public course

By David Troppens
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Millie Eby isn’t one to let adversity keep her down.

At 77, it would’ve been easy to do just that when she broke her hip in December. However, she didn’t keep her from playing golf for the first time in about 15 years this summer. And lately, she was rewarded by recording the first hole-in-one at Tyrone Hills Golf Course of the season at the par-3 third hole. Playing with one of the course professionals, Jonathan Hamilton, she pulled out a driver and aced the 102-yard hole.

“It felt good, but I didn’t know I hit it that well,” said Eby, a Linden resident. “It hit the green and rolled into the cup. I said, ‘Oh my gosh,’ Jonathan said, ‘It went in’ and it did.”

The fact Eby is playing golf at all this summer is a minor miracle considering her recent hip problems.

“I’m 77, playing golf again and I did break my hip last December,” Eby said. “Never in my wildest dreams did I think I’d be on a golf course again. But I’m doing OK. (The hip) set me back a little bit, but not a whole lot. I don’t let things keep me back. I try to keep going.”

As far as the Tyrone Hills staff knows, Eby is the oldest person ever to ace a hole at the public course, which opened around 1968. The day began with some lessons, and then Hamilton took Eby on the course to play a round.

“It’s a good thing they did. Everybody was happy for me,” Eby said. “When I got it, I couldn’t stop shaking, I was so excited. It was probably one of the nicest experiences to happen to me. It was a thrill. That’s all I can say.”

Crushing the opposition

The Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation U14 “Crush” volleyball team capped an outstanding season recently, earning tournament wins in three events and gold bracket finishes in three others. The players are from left starting with the front row, Autumn Beardsley, Peyton Andrysiak, Megan Orlovski, Megan Losey, Madison Maceheimer, Bridgit Hylan. Second row, Nicole Blankertz, Katherine Guilliat, Alyssa Rodgers and Alexis Oliver. The team was coached by Lisa Howell and assisted by Alivia Howell (not pictured).

TROPHY: MIKE BROWN

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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extra-base hits, including four home runs. He drove in a team-high 33 runs. And, while playing behind the plate, he was equally effective, keeping opposing base runners in check, and helping the pitching staff. He helped lead the Holly Broncos to one of their best seasons in recent memory, earning a second-place finish in the Metro League and a 22-10-1 record overall.

Holly coach Benny Jackson understands why McNeely has been so successful.

“The kid is 100 percent about baseball,” Jackson said. “He thinks, eats and sleeps baseball all the time. He reads his books and works hard out there every day. And he was one of two kids we had that was the first one at practice and the last one to leave practice this year. He loves the game, and you can see it. He’s a great kid, a really great kid.”

McNeely was expected to have a strong season if the Broncos were going to be respectable this year, but his progress was more than anyone could’ve expected.

Consequently, he helped bring the Broncos to a Metro League contender this season. As a junior, he only batted .292.

“My batting average jumped 300 points in the league and 200 points overall,” McNeely said. “That’s what surprised me. I made such a big jump to quickly in one year.”

McNeely kind of sensed he might be prepared for a big season before the spring even came.

“I kind of had a picture (my senior year) would go pretty good. I didn’t expect those type of numbers, but I realized I was going to bat pretty well,” McNeely said. “I went to a showcase over the winter and I hit the cover off the ball. I felt good. I felt like it was going to be a good year. I didn’t think I’d hit over .400 and .500 in leagues. When coach told me I was doing that, I was like ‘there’s no way’. He showed me the batting averages and I was like, ‘Wow.’”

But McNeely isn’t only about his offense. He’s a strong catcher, and that’s probably what will get him on a collegiate team next school year.

“My strength is probably my defensive blocking,” McNeely said. “I take a lot of pride in it, and making sure my pitcher gets the pitches he wants, gets them for strikes and making sure the ball stays in front of me.”

McNeely is playing for an American Legion team this summer and expects to play at the junior college level next year.

“I plan on playing at a junior college but I haven’t decided for which one yet,” McNeely said. “Lake Michigan and Mott are possibilities, and then I’ll probably transfer to a four-year school.”
FIRE HALL
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plan approval by Sept. 1, and that the Old Fire Hall will open its doors for the first time by April 30, 2013.

The lease agreement differs from the lease that was held with the Michigan Brewing Co. before the deal was terminated. Rather than leasing the building for seven years at $1 per year and a $400,000 financial incentive, the Clarkston Union will have a five-year lease agreement at $1 per year and a $100,000 financial incentive.

The DDA will have an architectural approval over furniture and light fixtures, though the agreement also provides enough room to prevent the expense of “nitpicking” all of the Union’s selections.

The agreement also calls for the Old Fire Hall to be similar in style to the other Clarkston Union restaurants.

One remaining detail still requires to be worked out involving insurance. The DDA’s lease with Michigan Brewing Co. stated that the DDA would insure the building. The Clarkston Union wants to handle the insurance as well, so that they have some control in replacing the building in the wake of a catastrophic incident.

“The investment that these folks are putting in is four, five, or six times the amount that the DDA is putting in,” said City Attorney Steve Schultz. “It seems to me that with a major investment they should have a major say in how it’s handled.”

Clarkston Union owner Curt Catallo attended the DDA meeting and said that the historic nature of the building is very important to him, and what the Clarkston Union hopes to build. “Our number one issue with the insurance is to be sure we have a building that never burns down,” he said.

Catallo said he agreed with everything that was in the lease, and was eager for things to get started.

“We are committed to making this work,” Catallo said. “We are excited every single time we drive into town.”

The costs may fluctuate to some degree, according to DDA Director Michael Burns. “At this point all we have is conceptually,” he said. “I don’t have accurate costs at this point.”

The Cornerstone project itself will be a four-story building that makes up approximately 47,000 feet. The first floor of the building will be made up of restaurants and retail stores, while the three floors above it will contain 21-30 loft-style apartments.

The exterior will primarily be made of brick, limestone/architectural cast stone, and glass. Restaurants will be encouraged to utilize outdoor seating.

Additional features for the building that may be under consideration include non-protruding decks for each loft, courtyard, and a parking deck.

According to Jerry Mansour, the project’s realtor, four businesses have submitted non-binding letters of intent with refundable deposits to inhabit the bottom level. Mansour said he was confident in the business moving forward.

“Once you put money down, I think it shows they believe in it,” he said.

Construction of the building is anticipated to begin in late 2012, and open for business in the fall of 2013.

The agreement will have to also be approved by the Fenton City Council, and is expected to take up the matter on Monday, July 23.
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is an illness that stems from being surrounded in the heat too long. Medically, heat stroke is defined as when the core body temperature reaches greater than 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms include nausea, seizures, confusion, and, in extreme cases, coma. If untreated, heatstroke can kill the brain and other vital organs. Heat stroke can come suddenly and without warning.

If you’re with someone who is struck by heat stroke, immediately call 911. Any hesitation could be deadly. Administer first aid while you’re waiting for the paramedics. Move the victim to a cool or shady area and remove heavy clothing. If you can, apply ice to the victims armpits, neck and back, where blood vessels are close to the skin. Or, soak a sponge and wet the victim’s skin. Your goal is to try to lower the victim’s core body temperature, if possible.

If you are struck by heat stroke, avoid hard work and exercise. You will most likely be sensitive to heat and light for at least a week. Schedule an appointment with your doctor to make sure the heat stroke has not done permanent damage to your organs.

To prevent heat stroke, wear light and loose clothing. Apply sunscreen to protect your skin and reflect ultraviolet light. Drink extra fluids throughout the day, even if you don’t feel thirsty. When outside, take a break in the shade whenever you feel tired. If you have to be outside, try to schedule activity for early in the morning or later in the evening.

Protecting your pets from the heat. You may not realize it, but your dogs and other pets are just as affected by the heat as we are. To keep your pets safe, make sure they always have access to cool water. Do not leave your pets alone in a car, even if it’s only for a few minutes. A car can overheat quickly, giving your pet a heat stroke also. Be mindful that a dog’s paw is just as sensitive as a human’s bare foot. When walking your dog, try to lead them onto cooler surfaces like grass instead of concrete, which can scar your pet’s paws.

Tri-county fundraisers
CHARITY DINNER FOR JODIE JACOBS TESSMER
A fundraiser for Jodie Jacobs Tessmer, who is battling breast cancer, is being held on Saturday, July 28 from 4 to 11 p.m. at the Linden VFW hall. A $25 donation is being requested and dinner will be served at 5 p.m.

Bridge Street, in Linden or by check or money order made out and mailed to Jodie Tessmer, P.O. Box 591, Linden, MI 48451. Purchased tickets will be waiting at the door. Please contact Jamie Jacobs at (810) 423-5900 for further information.

For updates on the fundraising efforts, go to their Facebook page “Jodie Tessmer Breast Cancer Updates.”

“SHOP WITH A HERO” CHARITY GOLF OUTING
The Fenton Township Firefighters Association (FTFA) is hosting its fifth annual Shop With A Hero charity event and is seeking teams and sponsors for the outing set for Saturday, Aug. 25.

The charity event takes place at Fenton Farms Golf Club. The cost for each golfer is $75, or $300 for a team. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Dinner and awards will follow.

One of the contests for the day is a hole-in-one where the winner would win golf clubs or a motorcycle. Those wishing to sponsor can do so by contributing $50 for a hole, $75 for a tee and $100 for the clubhouse sponsorships. Checks are to be made payable to FTFA. To register, contact Brett DeWeese at (248) 255-2149 or brett.deweese@yahoo.com. Proceeds from the outing benefit the Shop with a Hero program, which allows firefighters to take children in need, out shopping.

Calendar of events
Flint Northern High School Class of 1948 reunion
The Flint Northern High School Class of 1948 reunion is set for Wednesday, Aug. 8 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Olio’s restaurant, 1072 Elms Road, in Flint. For more information, call Julie Petiprin at (810) 639-7929.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
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in early June due to the unusually warm weather in March and cold snap that followed shortly after.

Ironically, not having any crops this year may have been best for Mueller. While not being able to open up this fall will affect Mueller financially, the farmer hasn’t been forced to spend money on supplies or labor. For other farmers toiling in the hot sun however, this summer has become a season of famines rather than feasts.

“Since we don’t have a crop, we don’t lose anything,” Mueller said. “Farmers in general are really taking a beating with this. It’s really serious. Overall, it’s hard on everything.”

The National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) reaffirms Mueller’s views of this year’s drought, stating recently that the United States hasn’t experienced a drought this devastating since 1956. The NCDC ranked this past June as one of the driest months nationally in more than 100 years. Mueller estimates farmers currently have about 80 percent of their crops in their fields this far into the season. Between costs for fuel, chemicals and seeds, Mueller sus- pects that many farmers have already spent most of their annual budget. If conditions don’t become more favorable, farmers may lose most of their investments this year.

The losses amongst farmers could translate into the consumer’s pocket.

“Guys with animals have worse problems. They have to keep their animals somewhat comfortable in the heat and feed prices are high,” Mueller said. “A lot of beef guys are selling cattle like mad. By fall, there’s going to be a lot higher beef prices for everybody.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently declared Michigan was the fourth worst state for grow- ing corn in the country, estimat- ing that 56 percent of the state’s corn was in poor condition.

Linden sweet corn farmer Dwight Eichel- berg said that he has corn stalks that look over him and hasn’t been hit as hard by this year’s drought. Eichelberg employs an irrigation system for his corn, allowing his crops to grow in the harsh conditions. The heat is costing the farmer more in resources however, particularly with fuel and water.

“It’s just as bad as it was in 1988,” Eichelberg said. “The irrigation sys- tem makes a difference though. I’ll grow more corn because other farmers won’t have it.”

The USDA is currently in- vestigating possible methods to help farmers. On Tuesday, July 17, undersecretary Mi- chael Scuse visited farmers in Michigan to get a glimpse of the devastation first hand. The U.S. Congress is currently working on bills to address farming issues. Depending on which version is passed, subsidies and relief programs may disappear. The govern- ment has until Sept. 30 to make a decision, the date when current programs will expire.

“Without a new Farm Bill, many key disaster relief programs will expire, and farmers and the financial institutions that lend to them won’t have the certainty they need to invest in the future,” said Jim Byrum, president of the Michigan Agri- Business Association, in a press release.

Farmers may still continue to struggle even as the Farm bill is passed, however. In Mueller’s experience, the little government money available for agriculture usually goes toward research and universities.

“I can only remember one available grant for disasters in the last 50 years, and that was based on individual circum- stances,” Mueller said. “I wouldn’t take our extra loans because next year’s crops could be bad too.”

Summary

Farmers are experiencing the worst drought since the 1950s. If conditions don’t improve, the price of meat and crops is likely to increase significantly.

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Chuck Mueller
Owner of Mueller’s Orchard

Coping with the unthinkable happens

Sitting in a doctor’s waiting room, I was moved by the family sorrows described by a woman sitting beside me. Listening to her account of these heartbreaking losses of loved ones was an experience I’ll not soon forget.

How can we cope with such losses? Where can we find comfort when the unthinkable happens? To answer this question, I turn to our guest columnist and counselor son, Timothy, sharing the following excerpts from his publication, “THE COMFORT ZONE.”

You’ve heard it before: You need to break out of your comfort zone! In most cases, such counsel refers to that place of comfort where inspiration, motivation, achievement and growth have been forfeited for the sake of a comfortable and familiar, mundane, status quo.

But when life’s rocky road offers comfort only where are you to do? Sickness attacks. Friends, even family members betray. Financial security is fleeting. And death, which awaits us all, is sure to remind us of our mortal condition.

As you have realized your ambitions, regained in your risks and circled your wagons – only to find yourself Your road ahead awaits. And the fortunates on the other hand, you may have opted for a more proactive ap- proach, moderating your diet, getting plenty of rest, relaxation and recre- ation. You may be reaching out to loved ones, helping out at community functions, and looking to pack up the remains of your room, for the other hand, you may have or a more proactive ap- proach, moderating your diet, getting plenty of rest, relaxation and recre- ation. You may be reaching out to loved ones, helping out at community functions, and looking to pack up the remains of your room, for the other hand, you may have optimally employed your resources to the extent that there’s hope less fortunate – and you still have a room.

Maybe you’ve chosen to bolster your bravery with booze or likewise numb your nerves with various sub- stances illicit or legal. Sadly, millions do, only to compound the calamity for themselves, their loved ones and society at large with this the cruelest counterfactual of all.

“You’ve been wondering how to cope, what to do, where to turn – when the real question is who? Who can provide a zone of true and aliding comfort?”

Jesus says, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Jesus was no strang- er to stress or sadness. He was a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And He didn’t promise His followers then or now a rose-colored Pollyanna paradise on earth. On the contrary, He says, ‘In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world.’”

As you earnestly seek that zone of peace that transcends understanding during your time of trouble, it is our prayer that you’ll find this affirmation helpful:

“I’m casting all my worry cares, Of health, of wealth, of the lack thereof.”

Tomorrow’s and yesterday’s affairs, All temporal things I love I Upon the One who triumphsgreatly. More faithful than a brother, He, Who tenderly His shoulder cares And whispers, “Come, come unto Me.”

By Roger Campbell

Roger Campbell is an author and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rogercampbellauthor.net

Reminder:

To order your copy of “THE COMFORT ZONE,” please call 877-765-7719.
Rocking in the summer night

Local artist brings dynamic performance to Summer Happening

By William Axford

Argentine Twp. — Tommy Steele and his band nearly blew away the entertainment tent at the Summer Happening Thursday night with their infectious songs. Fans rushed the stage, square dancing and taking photos of the band as Steele sang about love, celebration and family.

For Steele, music is all about capturing the important moments in life and sharing them with his fans.

“I like to sing about real life and country comes from storytelling,” Steele said before he went on stage. “I hope to continue to do what I’m doing while meeting great people.”

Steele was born in Pontiac and grew up in Auburn Hills. He then went on the road in 2007, touring from Pennsylvania to Nevada. By 2008, the country artist found himself in Nashville, where he recorded an album that scored three chart-topping songs. In 2012, Steele moved to Holly because of its small town, countryside aesthetics.

Steele brought his American Independents Tour to the Summer Happening after he was approached by Greg Carr, one of the organizers of the event. Mark Glasmire, Amber Hayes and Dave Gibson are also part of the tour and played at the Summer Happening.

Those who know Steele personally envision the musician dominating the charts. Steele’s songs are not too far off from what’s heard on country radio today. Singing about love on dirt roads and partying in the countryside, Steele’s music connects with the everyday person.

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One day, Steele’s songs are not too far off from what’s heard on country radio today. Singing about love on dirt roads and partying in the countryside, Steele’s music connects with the everyday person.

“His music is on the edge of country. It’s still country but it’s got rock in it. He’s going to be a star,” said Mike Groat, who works for Poor Boy Choppers in Waterford, the shop that built a motorcycle for Steele’s music video, “My Side of the Street.”

Present at the show was Steele’s wife and his 2-year-old son Cole. Cole, armed with his own guitar and earplugs, stood on a case to the right of the stage as he watched his father perform. Cole strummed his own guitar and sang along to the songs the best he could. Steele joked that his son will probably grow up to be a bigger star than he is.

“I try to include my family as much as I can. Off time is off time but when it’s on, it’s on,” Steele said. “I just feel blessed to do what we’re doing.”

For more info on Steele and his American Independents Tour, visit TommySteeleBand.com.

The Summer Happening will continue throughout the weekend on the Linden High School grounds. For more information, check LindenSummerHappening.org.

2012 Summer Happening

Dreary weather may have dampened attendance at the Summer Happening festival carnival area in Argentine Township on Thursday. The entertainment tent however, was very busy. With a warmer, dryer weekend weather forecast, numbers should go up. These attendees had fun despite the weather.
Four children, Jill Robinson, 12, Kristine Mihelich, 11, Timothy King, 11, and Mark Stebbins, 12, were living in Oakland County were murdered in 1976 and 1977. Their murders remain unsolved, however, investigators are looking into new leads, including a suspect, who at one time lived in Fenton Township.

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Sloan has served multiple jail sentences throughout his lifetime. Sloan was eventually sentenced to life imprisonment in the 1980s for raping a 10-year-old boy. Sloan was recently linked to the Oakland County Child Killer case after detectives found hair in Sloan’s Bonneville that matched victims from the late 1970s. The Oakland County Child Killer is an unidentified murderer who killed at least four children in Oakland County between 1976 and 1977.

For Sample, things began to connect after she learned more about Sloan.

On the side of her house is a concrete slab with Sloan’s name written into it. There are imprints of children’s hands in the same slab. In her basement, there is a small concrete room, yet the rest of the basement is dirt and unfinished. Sample and her husband assumed it was a wine cellar and never thought much more of it.

“I didn’t get it at first. There are no windows in the room and it’s not very big. Then I started to wonder if he brought kids down there,” Sample said. Sample now avoids the basement since learning about Sloan.

Sample began to have suspicions about her home when a woman from the Michigan State Police Cold Case Division arrived at her home and requested to take a look around her property. The officer asked if there was a camper on the property, which Sample said there wasn’t. Officials from Wayne County showed up at her house one day and asked if Sample was a member of the Sloan family. Sample described both the state police officer and officials as strange and not very talkative.

Perhaps the strangest interaction came when a woman claiming to be a member of the Sloan family arrived at Sample’s house, asking to see the concrete slab on the side of the house. After the woman looked the slab over and saw Sloan’s name in it, she left with the man she arrived with. The woman never asked to see the inside of the house.

“The house has changed a lot in 30 years,” Sample said. “It was strange that she didn’t want to see the inside of it.”

In light of what she’s recently learned, Sample said she is willing to let investigators come to her home and search for evidence. Sample plans on removing the concrete slab with Sloan’s name on it and said she would like to submit it for evidence. She said for all she knows, there could be a body buried underneath the slab.

“I don’t know where to go from here,” Sample said. “If I could help with more evidence I would, just so the families could get some closure.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
ANYONE NOTICE THAT ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN completely ignored President Obama’s recorded comments that ‘small business owners didn’t build their businesses, somebody else made that happen.’ By not airing the video of Obama’s comments these networks utilized the most obvious form of censorship — omission.

DO A DRIVE-BY of the Fenton High School grounds and look at the trash scattered all over the parking lot and state of the playing fields. Why should I or anyone else consider approving another millage proposal for students and administrators who do not appreciate or maintain what they already have? My vote is already a resounding ‘no.’

ENJOYING THE FREE Internet I log into in the park across from Stevens Furniture. Don’t know where it comes from but thanks for the access.

MY BUSINESS NEEDS new equipment and software upgrades all across the board to grow our client base. The bottom line is that in this economy we do not have the funds to upgrade, therefore we will make do with what we have. All the schools in our area could take a lesson from this fact of life. You do not have to have the best to be the best.

I HAVE the perfect solution for the election in November. Put Romney, Boehner and McConnell in a pit with Obama, Biden and Pelosi. Give them four children, Jill Robinson, 12, Kristine Mihelich, 10, Timothy King, 11 and Mark Stebbins, 12, who were living in Oakland County were murdered in 1976 and 1977. Their murders remain unsolved, however, investigators are looking into new leads, including a suspect, who at one time lived in Fenton Township.

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held Mandatory Helmet Law back in 1980. That was the year she suffered from a debilitating brain stem injury following a motorcycle accident that changed her life forever.

“For the love of me I can’t understand the repeal of this law,” said Kerton, now 31. “It kills me to see an older man go by with a bald head, no helmet and no leather jacket. All I can think of is that the insurance industry is behind it, so they don’t have to pay out so much in claims. I know they certainly had to pay out a lot for me.”

Kerton was just 19 when she was a passenger on her fiancé Rob Kerton’s motorcycle, coming from Holly to Fenton to go out for breakfast on May 4, 1980. Their motorcycle was hit head-on by a driver who collided with them after swerving into the other lane to avoid another car, according to Kerton. She remembers nothing from the accident, garnering details only from police reports, family members, and doctors.

In a coma for more than six weeks, Kerton was hospitalized from May to August, then in therapy for months afterward. Rob sustained compound fractures; however, he was much less seriously injured than his fiancée.

While the accident left her alive, it took her away just about everything else, except the love of her family, including Rob, who became her husband 11 months after the accident. “The only thing I know about our wedding is what I see from photographs,” said Kerton. “I wore out the album looking at it so often trying to remember. My mom made me a brand new one as a gift.”

As a result of the accident 32 years ago, Kerton has a Vagus Nerve Stimulator (VNS) installed in her chest, which sends out electric shocks to keep her from going into seizures that occur on a monthly basis. She also takes anti-seizure medication twice a day. Other injuries resulted in a hysterectomy, and her mobility is somewhat limited by frequent falls, tripping and running into things. Her entire memory of her past life has been wiped out and today, she can remember events only from about a week ago. She has to speak slowly and carefully.

“I can’t really do much of anything,” said Kerton, who sometimes gets depressed about her situation. “I can’t drive, I can’t work. I can’t have children or grandchildren. I live like a 90-year-old woman.”

But one thing Kerton can do still is nurture her animals, including Marley, a St. Bernard and Dee, a Labrador retriever, which she raised as a leader dog for the blind. Thanks to inspiration from local Lions Clubs, she takes in female dogs, assists in the births of their litters, raising them for six to seven weeks until they leave for training that is more formal. “I’ve trained lots and lots of dogs,” said Kerton. “I’ve got my name in again for another leader dog. That’s something I can do. It makes me feel like I have a purpose.”

A lover of all animals and a self-described tomboy, Kerton’s dream a half-dozen years ago was to milk cows. Through Rob’s connections at his family business, Kerton Lumber, she was able to make arrangements with a Linden dairy farmer. Every Sunday morning, this couple rises by 5:30 a.m. and is at the farm from 6:30 or 7 until about 9 a.m. “I like being around animals, I always have,” said Kerton. “This dairy family has become like a second family to us.”

Kerton is also a firm believer in wearing leather jackets while riding a motorcycle. “They had to cut mine off in the hospital, but at least it saved me from having a lot of scrapes and bruises. Use your brain when riding a motorcycle. I know I’ll never get on one again.”

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“Go outside!” It is the rallying call of parents everywhere who try to get their kids off the sofa in front of the television and start being active. Many people today are finding that they can enjoy their favorite outdoor sports — in the comfort of indoors, at any time of the year. In some cases, taking part in sports such as snowboarding and football rely heavily on the weather. Indoor sporting allows for those activities to be played out of season when it might normally be impossible. In other cases, simply being indoors is a lot more comfortable.

In long stretches of hot weather, like we have been experiencing, the great outdoors may be less conducive to physical activity than the air-conditioned indoors. Misfit Lab of Fenton offers a 5,000-square-foot indoor skate park, and a 4,000-square-foot indoor snowboard park, which owner Sean Hamilton believes makes it the largest in the Midwest. Hamilton also boasts something that is not true of many other places to snowboard. “You can snowboard here 365 days a year,” he said.

Stepping inside of the skate park is not unlike entering a foreign country. As newcomers watch people of all ages ride up and down ramps, the very idea might seem foreign, difficult, and a little frightening. To the riders, it seems like second nature as they go about landing their trick.

Zach Lavene of Misfit Lab said that the indoor sporting area offers advantages over the outdoors — namely the weather. “It’s hot out during summertime, and cold out during winter. With an indoor skate park, you can skate inside on a rainy day,” Lavene said.

The snow park is built with a synthetic snow surfaced called PowderPAK, which allows for snowboarders and skiers to hone their skills during the summer. See INDOOR SPORTS on 4B
HOT LINE CONTINUED

IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE to remove IB once it's in place. If we sincerely want IB gone, we have to start with replacing the school board then the superintendent. Our voices need to be heard outside of the Hot lines, as well.

TO THE WRITER who questioned why people from Flint are allowed at Clover to the writer who questioned why people from Flint are allowed at Clover

WEDNESDAY'S HOT LINES contained a minimum of 12 Obama bashing statements. I'd like to see 12 statements why Romney or any other candidate in the running should be the president. Let's see some positive reasons to vote for Romney other than he has lots of money and good hair.

IN THE ALBUQUERQUE News was a picture of two Mexican students restoring a wall mural and the words on the mural said, "Health-care is a right, not a privilege." Give me a break. Nothing is free in this country unless you are a minority.

IT WOULD BE nice if the good people could post a Hot line without it being an attack on another person or group of people. Hint: Someone who has an opinion you don't agree with is not necessarily an idiot. But you calling them names says something about you.

I CERTAINLY HAVE enjoyed all the articles on Michigan and USA-made products. The history on the old hotels in the area has been fascinating.

THIS IS TO all the present and future entrepreneurs out there: If you build it, Obama will come and get it!
15 Clever Ideas
TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

Stop apples from browning in your child’s lunch box by securing with a rubber band.

Hull strawberries easily using a straw.

Attach a Velcro strip to the wall to store soft toys.

Store bed linen sets inside one of their own pillowcases and there will be no more hunting through piles for a match.

Pump up the volume by placing your iPhone & iPod in a bowl. The concave shape amplifies the music.

Store shoes inside shower caps to stop dirty soles rubbing on your clothes.

Use magnetic strips to store bobby pins, tweezers and clippers, behind a vanity door.

Find tiny lost items like earrings by putting a stocking over the vacuum hose.

Bake cupcakes directly in ice-cream cones, so much more fun and easier for kids to eat.

Bread tags make the perfect cord labels.

Pump up the volume by placing your iPhone & iPod in a bowl. The concave shape amplifies the music.

Add this item to your beach bag. Baby powder gets sand off your skin easily.

Rubbing a walnut over scratches in your furniture will disguise dings.

Reuse a wet-wipes container to store plastic bags.

Make an instant cupcake carrier by cutting crosses into a box lid.

Freeze Aloe Vera in ice-cube trays for soothing sunburn relief.

Store bed linen sets inside one of their own pillowcases and there will be no more hunting through piles for a match.

Do you have leg pain?

“I didn’t know how much pain I was in until after the procedure. My legs feel great!”
42 year old - working woman from Fenton

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has many of the common features you’ll find in most shopping list apps, but it has one very neat feature that sets it apart: when you’re shopping, just shake your iPhone and the items you still need will be moved to the top of your list.

Bubble Level
Hanging pictures has gone high tech! Turn your phone into a handy level – you can calibrate your device if needed then start decorating and adjusting with confidence!

Husbands will love this handy feature as well.

DO YOU HAVE LEG PAIN?

Varicose veins worsen over time.
INDOOR SPORTS
Continued from Page 1B

Justin Schroeder does not ride through the indoor skating park on a skateboard — instead, he does so on his bike. He has been performing difficult tricks on his bike for four years.

Schroeder said that his interest in riding came from when he was younger. He and his brother made their own half pipe to ride in. “Ever since than I have been interested,” he said. Schroeder said that he intends to enter competitions in the future, and is sponsored to ride by Misfit Lab.

Schroeder said that he practices at least three times a week. “It is something that takes a lot of commitment to do,” he said. Sometimes that commitment can take the form of taking a few injuries, which can come in various forms.

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James Hall of Linden lifts a kettle bell at Major League Fitness in Fenton on Thursday.
Meet
Ramona Green

Chances are you’ve seen Ramona Green around town, even if you don’t know her by name. She’s been one of the faces behind the election table at the Fenton Township voting precinct for more than 50 years. Three ladies from the Child Study Club in Fenton got together a half-century ago to sign up to help with elections, and were surprised to have gotten a paycheck after their first election. “We thought we were volunteering,” said Green, with a smile.

She has also been secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star 248 in Fenton for 30 years, sending out 142 dues notices every year. “I’d say it’s life’s disappointments. I like to work around the yard. I grow gooseberries, tomatoes, onions and prairie I have and try to give away some to other folks. Keeping your mind and body active and doesn’t give me too much time left to dwell on life’s disappointments.”

What is your favorite thing to bake? I’d say it’s the apple dumplings. One year, my grandchildren, Brenda and Gail, helped me make them and it was a lot of fun. With Mueller’s Orchard not opening this year because they lost their apple crop in the spring, I’m not sure where we’ll get our apples — I usually buy at least a bushel. My favorite apple to use is in the Northern Spys.

Have you ever had a paid job, other than your election work? I babysat in our home for many years, especially for a lot of teachers’ children. The first ones I babysat still call me Mona. I keep track of a lot of them to this day.

I also used to work at the men’s department at The Fair department store at South Flint Plaza back in 1967-68. With the money I made, I bought a travel trailer and took it to the Expo in Toronto, Canada in 1968.

My boss would always come in and check my cash register to see if all the bills were facing one way. To this day, whenever I use a cash box or even in my wallet, I make sure the bills are all facing the right way!

When you’re not volunteering or working elections, how do you spend your time? I love to garden, and my neighbors know how much rhubarb I have and try to give away in the spring! I also grow asparagus, gooseberries, tomatoes, onions and potatoes. I like to work around the yard. I’d rather be outdoors in the fresh air than inside with air conditioning, with the exception of these last few weeks.

I do some embroidery and sewing, too, but I don’t have much time for it. Another interest of mine is genealogy. I take a bus trip every year to the Fort Wayne Genealogical Library in Indiana.

What has been the highlight of your life? Holding my babies for the first time, then seeing my grandchildren grow up and graduate from high school and college. One of my greatest joys has been seeing my grandson, Eric, graduate from Fenton High School. He just completed his first year at Michigan Career & Technical Institute in Plainwell, studying machines and computers.

Meet Ramona Green, of Fenton Township shows off some cookies that she just finished baking. One of her favorite things to make is her famous apple dumplings.
Linden Elite Cheerleaders are champions

- Both teams take first place at national competition

By Sharon Stone
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Both Linden Elite Cheerleading Teams took first place in their divisions during the Young Champions National Cheer Competition held in Indianapolis, Ind. on July 14. The teams, organized through Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, have been practicing together since last September. They had high hopes from solid performances at the regional, state and now national level. These cheerleaders train for nine to 11 months for these major competitions.

The Linden Elite Cheerleaders for Division 5 and 6 were amongst 38 teams in varying divisions from 12 states competing for their respective championships.

Over the last couple of months, the teams have dealt with some injuries in division 6. Two girls from division 5, Alexandra Premo and Jordan Moros, learned both routines and competed in both divisions.

As the season ends, coaches Paige Williams and Michelle Rosen will be leaving the teams to attend college. In a letter to her cheerleaders, Rosen said, “Over the last few seasons, I have seen major improvements in all your tumbling and stunting skills, your dancing abilities, your jumps, but most importantly, in your leadership and confidence. You have demonstrated unparalleled potential as cheerleaders.”
Social News

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ANNIVERSARY

Herbert and Joyce (Adams) Jacques celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary July 19. They were married July 19, 1947 in Linden. Joyce has been a lifelong resident of Linden, and graduated from Linden High School in 1941 and served in the pacific during WWII in the United States Marine Corps. Herb and Joyce met as teens when his family spent summers on Lobdell Lake where the Adams’ family resided. They have three children, Michael (Gail) Jacques of Linden, Toni Bluhm of Linden, and Tim (Cindy) Jacques of Boca Raton, Fla. They have four grandchildren, Brent (Angela) Jacques, Jennifer Bluhm, and Brooke and Robby Jacques. They have two great-grandchildren, Chris and Jeremy Jacques. Herb and Joyce still enjoy living in their home on Lobdell Lake where they have resided since 1950.

ANNIVERSARY

Arnet and Margie (Compton) Akers of Fenton recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at the Lakeview Presbyterian Church in Lake Shawnee, W.Va. on June 9, 1962. The couple celebrated their anniversary with a family luncheon on Zehnder’s. Attending was their daughter, Theresa Billisitz, her husband Pat, and their children, Sean Billisitz and Aanika (David) Papet. Also attending was their daughter, Michele Packard, her husband Charles, and their children, Kieran, Teague, and Kallan. The celebration included a miniature replica of their wedding cake with the original cake topper. Arnet is retired from General Motors, and Margie is a retired teacher from the Fenton Area Public Schools.

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V.K. “Andy” Anderson
1913-2012
V.K. “Andy” Anderson - of Auburndale, Florida, at the age of 80, he retired to Florida. He really be-
lieved in staying in good physical and mentally. During his 80’s and 90’s he had a passion for bicycling six miles every day, and flying by himself in small aircraft all over the coun-
ty. At the age of 97, his son won a bridge tournament, which required him to play 72 games of bridge. He is survived by his children, son Danny Anderson, and daughter Devon Miller of Chevy Chase, MD, daughter Emily Johnson of Cookeville, TN, daughter Diane Dufle of Holly, MI and grandchil-
dren. Andy’s wish was that there be no formal funeral service. A family memorial service was planned in 2012. He was greatly loved and will be dearly missed.

Margaret Jane (Garden) LePain
1933-2012
Margaret Jane (Garden) LePain - age 79, of Naples, Florida, formerly of Fenton, MI, passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at the Dryer Funeral Home. Margaret was the daughter of the late James and Margaret (Michelle) Garden. An executive secretary with Ford Motor Company, Margaret served in Fenton, literacy and school volun-
teer tutor, avid gardener and basket weaver. Jane is survived by her hus-
band, 50 years. Elley, daughters Suzanne (Greg) Carnegie, Robert (Michael) Sondern, son Anthony (Kathleen) LePain of Georgia, grandchildren Amanda and Kayleigh, brother, William, brother Steve, and the Glaucoma Foun-
dation or plant a flower in your yard. Jane loved them with a passion!

Sherry Janet Berndt
1938-2012
Sherry Janet Berndt – age 73, of Holly, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012. She was a daughter of the late 

Carl G. Harmon
1919-2012
Carl G. Harmon - age 93, died Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at Argentine Care Center. Carl was born in Corunna, MI on April 17, 1922. He attended from General Motors in 1980, with 34 years at the Chevrolet Truck Plant in Flint. He helped build the first Corvette in Flint in 1953. He was in charge of the U.A.W Local #598. He loved to hunt and fish. He was a music lover and enjoyed polka dancing.

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Megan Marie (Bryne) Levoska, Megan Marie (Bryne) Levoska, age 36, died July 15, 2012. Share memories at www.levoskafamilyfuner-
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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 12-year-old son is something of a phenomenon when it comes to baseball, and he loves playing the game. I haven’t pushed him into it. He’s a particularly awesome pitcher, and his coaches are amazed at what he can do.

I practice with him every day. He now has a sore elbow in his pitching arm. I think it might be Little League elbow. My wife blames me, because, she says, I overwork him. I need some guidelines on how much throwing is too much. Thanks. — R.C.

ANSWER: The elbow is a site that’s a potential calamity for the immature skeleton. Children have vulnerable spots in their bones called growth plates. These bone points in their bones can be avoided with a sensible program that limits the number of throws per day.

Elbow pain in young baseball players is quite high — 20 percent to 40 percent. It can be avoided with a sensible way of the elbow. To make sure we’re talking about the same thing, let the boy’s throwing arm hang down with his palm facing forward. Feel the area of the elbow next to the body. That’s where Little League elbow makes itself known.

It’s an overuse injury, meaning the boy is throwing too many pitches with too little rest. The incidence of elbow pain in young baseball players is quite high — 20 percent to 40 percent. It can be avoided with a sensible program that limits the number of throws per day.

First, your son should not throw until the pain leaves. Then he can resume throwing, but gradually do so. Eventually he can work up to the Little League’s standards for pitching for 12-year-olds. If a boy or girl of this age throws 66 pitches in one game, the child needs four days of rest — no throwing. If it’s 51 to 65 pitches, three days of rest are required; 30 to 50 pitches, two rest days; 21 to 35 pitches, one rest day.

In practice, he should be limited to 20 pitches if he throws daily. If he throws more, he should follow the schedule for the number of pitches thrown in a game.

If your son’s pain lasts a week, have the family doctor examine him. If he really has Little League elbow, healing can take six to 12 weeks.

Son watches TV while family goes under

DEAR AMY: I see the picture of your son watching TV while his family is eating. Is it okay for us to tell him to stop doing that? Sometimes it really bothers me. Can you try harder not to do this?

AMY: Sugar. It’s a war, and we’re losing. We’re all going to get this way. It’s a losing battle.

Son watches TV while family goes under

DEAR AMY: I am desperate, and so is my daughter-in-law. My son is spending up to $400 a month on beer and cigarettes. They have five credit cards and owe approximately $15,000. He just bought a new wide-screen TV, bought a new wide-screen TV, approximately $15,000. He just bought a new wide-screen TV, and they have no money for groceries or anything else. It’s killing us. We’re just about to lose the house. Maybe then your son will start to think.
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Highland Road

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1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices & expenditures for payment in the total amount of $381,431.53.
4. Adopted Ordinance No. 749, an amendment to Grading Ordinance No. 662 to revise language regarding fees.
5. Approved the hiring of Barbara Ryan to fill a full-time clerical position.
6. Adopted amendments to the Fenton Township Schedule of Fees.
7. Adopted amendments to the 2012 Fenton Township Budget.
8. Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan.

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Ready, set, go
Local foot and bike races

By Sally Rummel
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If you have a competitive spirit and enjoy the social aspects of racing, there are a number of local events that are just for you.

Mark these race dates on your calendar:

• Le Champion Pave, July 22, 8 a.m., bike race, leaves from Flint Visitor & Convention Bureau.
• Warrior Dash, road race with obstacles, July 28-29, Mt. Morris.
• Tour Des Lacs, Aug. 4, 8 to 10 a.m., bike race at 9, 30, 60 and 100 mile distances, leaving from Fenton Community & Cultural Center.
• Run Through the Flames, Aug. 11, road race, 5K/10K, 10 a.m., Fenton Firefighters Charity Race prior to Taste in Fenton.
• Crim Festival of Races, Aug. 25, downtown Flint, 5K, 8K and 10-Mile road races.

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Nothing says “summer” more than a delicious, refreshing fresh fruit smoothie — made with seasonally fresh produce.

Here are some popular smoothie favorites

**Tropical Smoothie Cafe**
- **Kiwi Quencher** - made with kiwi, strawberries and non-fat yogurt.
- **Sunny Day** - made with mango, banana, oranges and kiwi.

**Café Aroma**
- **Mango Tango** - made with non-fat mango yogurt, fresh pineapple and banana.
- **Hakuna Matata Banana Colada** - made with banana, pineapple, pina colada concentrate, topped with fresh coconut.

Homemade smoothie recipe

Mix well in blender and enjoy!

3/4 c. orange juice
1/2 c. vanilla Greek non-fat yogurt
1 c. frozen strawberries
1/2 frozen banana

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**Sally Rummel’s favorite...**

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**AUGUST:**
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Do your feet hurt?
Check your summer shoes

By Sally Rummel
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The hot sunny days of summer call for bare legs, skin-baring clothes and cool sandals. But don’t skimp on proper footwear, or you’ll be paying the price down the road.

According to the American Podiatric Medical Association, almost 80 percent of Americans have experienced foot pain. For most people, male or female, the shoes you are wearing can be a major contributing factor to foot pain, and foot, ankle, knee, hip, and back problems. For proper support, here’s the best advice from Dr. James Hirt, of Fenton Foot Care.

Wear these
• Sandals with a contoured foot bed that cradle your feet.
• Shoes or sandals with a back, to keep your gait in proper form.
• Heels no more than 3-inches high.
• Flats with a moderate lift.

Not these
• Flip flops with now support
• Backless or strapless sandals
• Stiletto heels

The wrong shoes slow you down, make you fat, and set you up for a lifetime of injuries.

Source: Prevention magazine

Wear sandals and shoes that always have a strap to help hold the shoe on your foot.

If you like to wear flats, make sure to do foot exercises to help keep your feet fit, flexible, and pain-free.

Women should find an appropriate heel height and be sure the shoe isn’t just stylish and trendy, but is also comfortable.

Like your rocker-bottom “toning” shoes? Wear them occasionally, but not all day, and not for every workout.

Walking around on your tiptoes in high heels shortens the Achilles tendon, tightens the calf muscles to restrict foot and ankle flexibility, and increases stress and strain on the lower back.

Incorporate activities in your workout program to stretch and strengthen your feet.

Find and buy shoes that really fit your feet and are comfortable to wear.

Use caution if transitioning from a shoe with a heel to running, jumping, or even Yoga class.

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Drink Water

Why is water so good for you?

By Sally Rummel
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Our bodies are made up of 70 percent water, so it makes sense that we need to drink enough water to maintain a healthy balance.

Skin Hydration

Taking care of your skin is more about “beauty from the inside out” than it is about the myriad of beauty products you can put on your skin. Here’s how to keep your skin well hydrated, soft and supple:

Drink water

Consistent intake of your daily value of water helps keep the lipid fat beneath the surface of the skin nice and plump. This not only provides anti-aging benefits but also adds a youthful glow to the complexion.

Avoid alcohol

Alcohol is practically the exact opposite of water in terms of skin care benefits. Liquor is a natural dehydrator of the skin. Not only does it not provide any hydration value, it takes with it the benefits of daytime water drinking.

Good nutrition

Salmon, a food rich in omega 3s, and berries, teas and juices rich in antioxidants provide many of the skin hydrating benefits of drinking water, while also strengthening the value of the water you drink in the course of a day.

Avoid abrasive skincare products

Always read labels to make sure that alcohol and other drying ingredients are not near the top of the list.

Go natural

Choose moisturizers, soaps, and cleansers that contain natural ingredients, for example, olive oil and avocado oil.

Avoid tanning

Tanning interferes with skin’s natural ability to hydrate. If you want a glow, pick a sunless tanning lotion or spray tan salon and work on your skin from the inside out. If you must be out in the sun, minimize the negative effects on your skin — shop for a quality moisturizing lotion with SPF or a traditional sunscreen that provides moisturizing benefits. Wear a floppy hat, and remember to cover your eyes and lips with protective glasses. Use a lip balm with built-in SPF to keep the skin in these delicate areas protected and well hydrated.

CHECK IN for

HUNGER GAMES PARTY

Friday, August 3rd - 1:00pm

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• Stay regular
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• Burn more fat and build more muscle
• Mental alertness

Need to drink more water during the day? Here are a few tips.

1. Set a goal. Write down your goal to drink a certain amount of water a day, depending on your size, level of exercise, climate you live in, etc.
2. Set reminders into your phone or calendar to drink at regular intervals.
3. Make it taste good. Add some lemon or other citrus fruit to the water to make the taste more pleasant.
4. Track it. If you should be drinking eight glasses of water every day, make a chart and check it off each time you drink a glass.
5. Bring a bottle of water with you wherever you go and sip from it throughout the day.
Cool ways to top off the summer

Stay cool this summer while having lots of fun in your own backyard. Some of yesteryear’s most popular toys are still around today to delight a new generation.

**Slip ‘n Slide**
Sure, you can buy a Slip ‘N Slide, but you can also create your own with just a simple tarp and a hose. Add a little dish soap to make it extra slippery. There are also a lot of new twists on the old favorite Slip ‘N Slide — from racing games to curved slides, a football-themed slide and more. Just check out your favorite hardware store or discounter for today’s newest models of a traditional favorite outdoor game.

**Water balloons**
Fill as many latex balloons as you can and let the kids have fun tossing them while getting wet and cooled off in the process. For an extra element of fun, arm them with plastic forks to try and pop the balloons in the process.

**Squirt guns**
Water blasters, super soak-ers and squirt guns are just a few of the fun outdoor water toys that can take you back to your own childhood. They’re just as much fun today for all ages, and will provide hours of exercise to cool everyone off on a hot, summer day.

**Sprinklers**
Today’s outdoor toy sprinklers are designed to get everyone wet — not just to water the grass. From Little Tyke’s Beach Ball Sprinkler to character sprinklers of every kind, there’s a wet and wild time to be had in your yard.

**Wading pools**
You can buy a fun pool for outdoor play for just a few dollars for a small, simple one or you can buy one with water chutes, animal features, etc. for a summer of fun.

Cool treats for summer

Just about everyone enjoys a cool treat in the summertime — ice cream, a fruit smoothie or special novelty treat. Whether your favorite ice cream flavor is vanilla or something more exotic such as green tea, you’re among the 90 percent of households in the United States that purchase ice cream.

**Favorite ‘cool treats’ in the tri-county area**

**Uncle Ray’s Dairyland** — fresh fruit, no-fat frozen yogurt is one of this local landmark’s most popular summer treat. “Our Triple Berry flavor earned us Midwest Living’s “Top Treat” in the Midwest for 2010,” said owner Dave Durand. Other popular favorites include 5-foot and 10-foot. banana splits, “dirt” sundaes, premium frozen custard in vanilla bean and chocolate fudge brownie flavors.

**Tropical Smoothie Cafe**
In Fenton — most popular summer treat is Kiwi Quencher and Sunny Day. Three flavors of papaya smoothies, offered only in the summer, are customer favorites, too.

**Dairy Queen in Holly** — Who doesn’t love a Blizzard in the summer? Flavor of the month in the Midwest is the brownie batter blizzard. But the most popular flavors are a tie between Oreo and Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup, according to manager Doreen Laughlin. For a refreshing summer taste, try one of seven fruity flavors, from banana split to raspberry truffle and strawberry cheesecake.

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Protective eyewear – it’s the law

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Protective eyewear is required by law to be worn by clients using indoor tanning beds. Most tanning salons provide eye protection while using their facilities, though each method differs. At Australian Sun in Fenton, clients can choose from stick-on eye protection, or goggles with or without straps.

The use of eye protection while in a tanning booth is just as important as wearing sunglasses on a really sunny day. Ultraviolet rays can severely damage your eyes and cause many problems later in life — from cataracts to macular degeneration. Like sunglasses, the tanning goggles provided by the tanning salon will block 100 percent of the damaging UV rays.

Eyelids protect only about 25 percent of UV rays from your eyes. Not wearing eye protection can cause immediate symptoms, such as red, itchy or watery eyes. These may be an indication of short-term damage, which means that your eyes have been sunburned.

Protective eyewear also protects the fragile skin cells around the eyes, helping clients avoid premature aging and wrinkles.

Some clients prefer to purchase their own goggles to be sure they are completely free of germs and other eye-related diseases.

Spray tanning does not require any protective gear, according to local salons that offer this service.
The long and short of it …

Follow your hair’s natural texture, add style and 3-D color

By Sally Rummel

The long and short of it is that hair trends this summer are fun and flirty — and much less predictable than the “bleached blonde” look of years past.

Long or short, curly or straight, it’s all about working with your hair’s own natural texture. “We want to teach you how to wear your natural texture, rather than fight it,” said Michelle St. Andre, of Allure. Another popular cut is a retro-style bouffant look.

Either way, it’s a huge trend for this summer.

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But when it comes to style and color, there are lots of new ways to wear this summer’s new trend.

Trend #1: Ombre highlights

Ombre is French for shaded, and its low maintenance, natural look is what makes this new look so popular. “It looks like grown out highlights at the end of your hair,” said Nicole LaBeau. Adding dimensional 3-D color, it’s a trendy new look with all of the style and ease of maintenance that has kept the “bob” around for decades.

Trend #2: Today’s “bob”

Today’s “bob” is a whole new look now with texture and movement, according to LaBeau. Adding dimensional 3-D color, it’s a trendy new look with all of the style and ease of maintenance that has kept the “bob” around for decades.

Trend #3: Rich caramels and reds

The “bleached blonde” look is out, while rich caramels and reds are in. “We’re seeing warmer tones and deeper shades than the blonde look from years past,” said St. Andre.

Trend #4: Horseshoe, u-shaped bangs

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Trend #5: Short pixie cuts

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