LeRoy Street construction to shift lanes by next week

Project expected to be finished in September

By William Axford
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Fenton—Construction on North LeRoy Street will be switching lanes by next week. City of Fenton Department Public Works (DPW) Director Daniel Czarnecki said the base course for the northbound lane should be applied Tuesday and that construction on the southbound lanes should start soon after.

“The road was worn out; the surface was in bad shape. Everyone realized it needed to be done,” Czarnecki said. The city had an original finish date of Aug. 30, but Czarnecki now expects the project to be completed by the end of September. The construction will cost $1.4 million overall, with the city funding one realized it needed to be done,” Czarnecki said. The city had an original finish date of Aug. 30, but Czarnecki now expects the project to be completed by the end of September. The construction will cost $1.4 million overall, with the city funding

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Holly Township man killed in motorcycle crash

Wife critically injured

Jeffrey N. Murray, 39, of Holly Township was killed and his 47-year-old wife, who was a passenger, was critically injured in a motorcycle crash in Commerce Township Saturday evening.

The Crash Reconstruction Unit of the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office has been investigating the crash, which occurred at 6:35 p.m. on Newton Road near Listeria Street.

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Abandoned animals getting second chance

Outpouring of support from community helps to aid Fox Terrier rescued by Adopt-A-Pet

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — Not every animal is fortunate enough to find itself with a kind and loving home. Tough economic times do not only affect people, it can have an impact on pets as well, leaving many homeless.

Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton does its best to take

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“Lucy was abandoned in a home and some neighbors discovered her about two weeks after the people had moved.”

Jody Maddock
Adopt-A-Pet director

A firefighter helps a child use a fire hose at Protect and Serve Day in downtown Holly on Sunday. The event allowed families and children to explore the inside of a police patrol car, fire truck and an ambulance, while meeting with firefighters and police officers.

From the ballot to public office

Spearheading campaigns may lead to full-blown political career

By William Axford
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Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) has been knocking door-to-door, meeting constituents in the 51st District face to face and campaigning for the upcoming elections. The 58-year-old politician accumulated

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(Left) State Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) discusses upcoming events and strategies with campaign manager Ben Graham at his Fenton Township headquarters.
Split vote to accept resignation confuses council, administration

By Tim Jagielo
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Local experts answer Times readers’ questions about animal behavior

By Tim Jagielo
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Summary
Pet behavior problems can be frustrating, but with a little guidance from experts, you can get your unruly pup on the right path.

Chances are you have a dog, since six out of 10 households in the U.S. do. As you’re reading this, he may be begging you to take him out, or looking at a chewed up slipper or maybe you’ve just cleaned up a mess that showed up when your back was turned.

The tri-county area loves its dogs — but our four-legged friends require a lot of time and dedication, and can confound us with their swings in behavior and sometimes odd, even neurotic, habits. But that’s OK — they’re dogs.

The Times loves dogs too, and wants to help answer some of our readers’ dog behavior queries.

Answer "Banish the uncomfortable feeling of your hands falling asleep during long drives or hours of surfing the Web by rocking the head slowly in a side-to-side motion for one minute. This move loosens the levator scapulae muscles. Tension in these muscles causes the sensation of your hands falling asleep."

Summary
Maintaining your reputation online requires a lot of caution and vigilance. Regular online searches of your name could reveal what others are seeing of you. Protecting your online reputation

In a world where we are all more connected to each other, so are our mistakes
By Ryan Tackabury
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There was a time when an embarrassing incident or moment in your life may have become a private joke amongst your closest friends. With the Internet, an embarrassing moment, however, has the possibility of becoming preserved in time for not just your friends, but for all of the world to see, and possibly hurt your reputation.

KBSD, a digital marketing firm, estimates that approximately 78 percent of job recruiters will use the Internet to perform additional background checks on prospective employees. That means what you have left out there in cyberspace can come back to haunt — or help you. When posting images to a website, people often think they have complete control of them.

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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

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I’M VOTING FOR Obama, not because of welfare, because I’m not on welfare. I’m voting for Obama because the economy is getting better and because Mitt Romney plans to take away a woman’s right to choose.

I’M GLAD TO see the Summer Olympic games starting. I hope our athletes perform their best. I’m thankful that Chicago wasn’t selected for the host city on the global stage. Can you imagine how Obama’s Chicago would be defined with a 2012 murder toll of over 250 deaths?

I WOULD LIKE to thank the road crew that worked on Linden and Bennett Lake roads. They did a beautiful job on a very, very hot day. I want to let them know that we appreciate the work that they did.

TO LAST WEEK’S reader who claimed that politicians know best about education. Do you really believe that politicians, such as Mitt Romney who went to Cranbrook and led a gang of bullies, know more about public education than a teacher who has obtained a master’s degree?

WELL YOU MUST suffer the pains and disappointments of marriage, along with some good days, in order to receive your spouse’s Social Security benefits after they pass on. Besides, how do you know she will die first?

OBAMA KEEPS SAYING that without him things could be worse. If the American people are delusional enough to re-elect him, believe me, he will prove things could be worse.

THE U.S. HOUSE ratified NAFTA on 11/17/93 and 132 Republicans and 152 Democrats voted for ratification. The Senate ratified the agreement on 11/20/93, with 43 Republicans and 27 Democrats voting to approve NAFTA. Both George HW Bush and Bill Clinton signed NAFTA. Both parties sold you out.

YOUR GENERATION DRINKS too much.

THE STRESSFUL, UNBEARABLY loud noises; morning, noon, evening, and the middle of the night, coming from repeatedly gunned dirt bikes, engines, and ORVs at the new place on LeRoy, is unbearable. This has to stop!

WOMEN SHOULD BE able to carry guns but not men. Men are much too violent.

WHEN ASKED WHY the President signed a bill sending monetary support to Israel just when Gov. Romney was visiting, the White House said it was just a coincidence. I say, everything they do is a coincidence to harm conservative Americans.

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The Winter Olympics last weekend were the first step toward health-care reform. As the Obama campaign attacks Mitt Romney’s business success — and by association all who have succeeded or wish to succeed — Romney should turn the tables and attack seven principles that have made government highly ineffective.

They are:

1. High taxes. High taxes rob the productive and discourage innovation.

2. Too many regulations. Overregulation inhibits private industry from performing up to its potential.

3. Overspending. When government spends more than it takes in, it creates an addiction and burdens current and future citizens.

4. Foreign adventures. We should only send troops where our interests are clearly defined and an achievable outcome is likely.

5. Bureaucracy. There are too many people working for government. Many agencies and programs are unnecessary.

6. Health care. Government can’t make you healthy. Obamacare will not only cost more, but will reduce the quality and availability of good health care.

7. Ignoring the Constitution. The best habit the American government could practice is a return to the principles of that great document that set boundaries for government and removed them for citizens. Inspiration and perspiration are habits that usually lead to success. Government’s bad habits produce unending debt and stifle private-sector job creation. That’s the counterargument to these bad habits.

OBAMACARE IS JUST THE BEGINNING

The recent narrow survival of the Affordable Care Act was certainly cause for celebration. But as the jubilation subsides, it’s important to realize that having avoided what would have been a giant step backward doesn’t mean we’ve taken a giant step forward. Because the law as it now stands, is only the first step toward health-care reform.

Last Sunday, Vicki Kennedy (Ted Kennedy’s widow) spoke movingly of how health care reform was the ‘cause of her husband’s life.’

‘He believed that it was a moral issue,’ she said, ‘that it defined the character of who we were as a society, who we were as a country, and that decent, quality, affordable health care should be a fundamental right and not a privilege.’

Primary among the next steps to continue that evolution is the need to focus on cost-containment and prevention — neither of which the act adequately addresses.

With or without Obamacare, the American health system will continue to unravel — quickly if Romney is elected, slowly if Obama is re-elected,’ writes Dr. Marcia Angell of Harvard Medical School.

Beyond the continuing problems of how to cover treatment once people are sick is the escalating problem that comes one-step before that: Dealing with efforts to prevent people from getting sick in the first place. Given current obesity and diabetes trends — and the myriad medical problems associated with them — it’s not enough to focus on coverage. Any plan that doesn’t aggressively tackle preventive care can’t contain enough costs to be sustainable.

In response to the Supreme Court ruling President Obama said that, ‘with today’s announcement, it’s time for us to move forward — to implement and, where necessary, improve on this law.’ The ‘where necessary’ implies that it’s just a matter of tweaking a few things here and there. But it’s not about tweaks. We need to find a solution and think big. Among the many important aspects of passing the act was simply putting to rest the notion that nothing can be done. Well, something was done — but much more, especially on preventive care, still needs to be done.

Compiled by Tim Jagello, associate editor
Holly Village approves millage question

Voters to decide on 2 mills over three years for public safety

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — “So the work begins,” said public safety millage committee member Julie Hyvonen under her breath. Her reaction came after Holly Village Council unanimously accepted the proposed public safety assessment ballot language at the regular council meeting last week.

The council passed the recommendations of the public safety millage committee, to assess 2 mills over three years, and now village residents will be able to decide whether to accept the assessment on the November ballot.

Hyvonen said the main work now is to get the message to the voters. This ballot question was first discussed during budget workshops earlier this year, when cuts were made to every department, including police.

“The village of Holly is not alone,” said Hyvonen, as she presented the committee’s recommendation to the council. “We’ve seen a large decrease in our revenue.” She said the decline will not improve, so it was necessary to go to the voters.

The committee’s recommendation was for Holly Village Council to pass a millage to maintain current levels of service to the residents, and give village officials time to stabilize the budget, cut costs, and apply for grants and use cost sharing.

“We’re in this together, no one asked for the great recession,” she said.

Council member Jackie Campbell asked why a straight millage wasn’t considered, because a millage can be written off a resident’s taxes. Hyvonen said that a millage would require a Headlee Override for exceeding the maximum allowable millage — and then the question would not be put on the ballot on time for the November polling. “We originally had discussed and wanted a millage,” she said. A village charter change would also be required to pass a millage.

Village Manager Jerry Walker described it as a “special assessment based on a millage.” He said a public hearing will take place either before or after the election, but before the assessment is collected from residents.

Council member Jason Hughes had some concerns over the vague language of the ballot question. Walker said the police and fire departments are paid through the general fund.

“It all mixes together,” he said. He added that if it is passed, the administration will have a lot of work to make sure the funds are used effectively.

Walker said there are currently 13 mills from the general fund for public safety, 11 to operate the police and fire departments.

“With projected future decline, we do need help from the village residents,” Julie Hyvonen Public Safety Millage Committee member

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State rep appointed to bipartisan work group

► Will look into ‘veteran friendliness’ at colleges and universities

State Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) has been appointed to a new work group, which will look into how Michigan universities and colleges work with veterans.

Graves, a veteran and member of the House committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, will serve on the work group with reps Dale Zorn and Lesia Liss.

The work group will put together a recommendation of best practices that Michigan colleges and universities should implement in enrolling veterans. “Veterans put their lives on the line for our freedom and deserve the best educational options out there,” said Graves.

“As a veteran, I’m pleased to be a part of this work group and am looking forward to helping identify best practices that universities and colleges can implement to help connect Michigan veterans with the education they deserve.”

The group will work closely with the Michigan Educator’s Veterans Support Consortium, a coalition of stakeholders committed to developing best practices to assist veterans’ educational needs. He said the work group is hoping to have recommendations completed to report to the House committee in the fall.

CONSTRUCTION

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$285,000 toward the project. Funding from Federal programs will provide the necessary additional monies.

The construction started at the beginning of the summer and comes at the doorstep of many businesses at the north end of town. One lane has remained open at all times while the city worked on the other side. The entire road is being rebuilt from the ground level and up.

While there have been some complaints and difficulties, businesses have found the city of Fenton to be extremely helpful.

“We’re doing great, we’ve been lucky because we have evening activity,” said Dave Durant, owner of Uncle Ray’s Dairyland. “So far (customers) have put up with it. Hopefully they’ll put up with it for another month, we’re extremely appreciative.”

Czarnecki said the city of Fenton used extra barrels to guide people to the entrances of businesses and have been as communicative as possible. The director said the construction on North LeRoy Street has been one of the smoothest projects in his career.

“The business owners have been excellent,” Czarnecki said. “We’ll have a nice, smooth road to drive on for years to come.”

Voting — a right, a privilege, a responsibility

It should come as no surprise that an election day is almost upon us. To be more specific on Aug. 7, 2012 Michigan voters will go to the polls to vote in the primary election for both national and state candidates. Additionally depending on where one lives, there will be a number of local races and other local matters on the ballot.

In our democratic system of government, we have the opportunity to decide whom we want in office and also make decisions on other ballot issues by using our franchise or the right to vote.

Voting has been described as a right, a privilege and a responsibility.

A ‘privilege’ is a benefit enjoyed by a person beyond the common advantage of others. A ‘right’ is that which is due to anyone by just claim, legal guarantees, or moral principles. A ‘responsibility’ is being accountable for something within one’s power or control.

There are a variety of views as to what voting means, but in the end all would agree that it is important to have one’s voice heard in the voting booth.

Indeed this philosophy has been with us since the beginnings of this great nation. Alexander Hamilton said that ‘a share in the sovereignty of the state which is exercised by the citizens at large in voting at elections is one of the most important rights of the subject, and in a republic ought to stand foremost in the estimation of the law.’

Thomas Jefferson told us ‘should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights.’

To sum up, the message of this week’s column is simply this — please exercise your franchise and vote for whomever and whatever you support next week and in elections to come.
B & E SUSPECT GOES TO TRIAL
Anton Dejuan Rollins, 20, of Detroit was ordered to stand trial on Nov. 6, in connection with a breaking and entering that took place in Fenton Township in May. The Genessee County Sheriff’s Department responded to the Hall Chrysler auto dealership at 2 a.m. on May 18, after being alerted to thieves breaking into vehicles to steal their navigation and stereo systems. He was apprehended shortly after the response and later charged with three counts of B & E and one count of possessing burglary tools. Some of the stolen property was recovered. The sheriff’s department believes that there were additional suspects, also from Detroit.

ARMED ROBBERY
SUSPECT GOES TO TRIAL
David Eddie Collins, 23, of Flint was ordered to stand trial on Oct. 5 in connection with an armed robbery, which took place on April 14 in Fenton Township. He is facing three felony counts — armed robbery, first-degree home invasion and weapons felony firearms. If convicted as charged, he faces up to life in prison. The Genessee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a home in the 13000 block of Linden Road on a report of shots fired during a home invasion. A 23-year-old resident asleep in an upstairs bedroom at the time of the break-in, was shot in an exchange of gunfire with two intruders, one of whom is believed to be Collins.

PURSE TAKEN FROM UNLOCKED CAR
On Saturday, July 28, a 33-year-old Fenton man reported to Fenton police that someone entered his unlocked 2011 Chevy Impala while it was parked in his driveway in the 800 block of Canyon Hill the previous evening. The man said his wife’s purse, containing cash and personal items, was taken. Police have no suspects.

FENTON POLICE HIRING NEW OFFICER
Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro will begin conducting interviews Thursday with 10 finalists for an available patrol officer position. Aro said he would be hiring a new patrol officer to replace Officer Roger Ellis who recently retired. Aro received about 100 applications for the spot.

FENTON POLICE ‘OPEN HOUSE’
The Fenton Police Department has scheduled an open house to show the community its new dispatch center. The event will be held on Monday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m., prior to the Fenton City Council meeting. The public is invited.

CRASH
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The preliminary investigation revealed that Murray, who was driving the 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle, lost control on a curve on Newton Road. Witnesses told investigators that as the motorcycle went down, it slid into the path of a southbound Ford F-150, driven by a 30-year-old Fenton resident. Murray’s wife was transported to Botsford Hospital by Community Ambulance where she was listed in critical condition. She was later transported to Royal Oak Beaumont for surgery.

Summary
A Holly Township man was killed Saturday evening in a motorcycle crash. His wife, who was a passenger on the motorcycle, was critically injured. She is at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

MOTORCYCLISTS’ JACKETS STOLEN
Two 60-year-old men who had driven with their dates, from West Bloomfield and Sterling Heights to The French Laundry, had their motorcycle jackets stolen while they were dining on Saturday, July 28. Police Chief Rick Aro said police responded to the restaurant at 7:50 p.m. after the men noticed their jackets were missing. One victim said his silver Olympia air jacket was taken from his red 2006 BMW motorcycle. The other victim said his black Goldwing mesh jacket was taken from his black 2002 Honda. An employee told police they noticed two males behaving suspiciously near the motorcycles during that time. One suspect was described as having sandy blond hair and a suntan, while the other suspect was wearing a tan shirt and khaki shorts. If anyone witnessed the theft, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311. Each jacket was valued at $250.

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ATTENTION ROSE TOWNSHIP AND HOLLY TOWNSHIP REGISTERED VOTERS PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 7, 2012
There have been several questions regarding the voting process of the Primary Election on August 7, 2012. For clarification purposes, Michigan Election Law Act 116 of 1954 Chapter 168.570 states you cannot split your ticket. If you vote for candidates on more than 1 party ticket, your ballot will be rejected. In the August 7, 2012 Primary Election, you must vote either Republican or Democrat, not both. Additionally, the ballot is a two-sided ballot so you must vote both sides of the ballot and it must be only 1 party.

Absentee Voters – If you believe you have made an error on your absentee ballot and need to request a new ballot, please contact Debbie Miller, Rose Township Clerk or Karin Winchester, Holly Township Clerk.

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Zonta ‘filling the safe house needs’

Drop boxes convenient way to donate items for victims of domestic violence

By Sharon Stone

As you clean out your family’s dresser drawers or closets, you might want to consider donating some of the new or gently used, but wrong-sized apparel items to Zonta Club of the Fenton Area.

It’s as simple as placing the items into the large yellow drop boxes at seven conveniently located locations in the tri-county area.

Denise Keipert of Zonta said the service organization continues to collect new or gently used clothing items that are then given to individuals staying at the YWCA Safe House. She said the safe house is in need of clothing and everyday items, such as umbrellas and strollers.

Keipert said teens staying at the safe house are also in need of age-appropriate items. She said they could use video games and consoles or Wii systems so that they can stay active while staying at the safe house.

The safe house is especially in need of under garments for women, boys, girls and infants. The safe house is also in need of women’s bras of all sizes.

Keipert added that they would also accept gently used and clean bras, possibly purchased in the wrong size but never returned to the store.

Zonta is a global organization of professional businesswomen. For more information, visit www.zonta4good.com

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Summary

The Zonta Club of the Fenton Area is collecting apparel and items that will then be donated to the YWCA Safe House. There are currently seven drop box locations in Fenton, Linden and Holly.

As you clean out your family’s dresser drawers or closets, you might want to consider donating some of the new or gently used, but wrong-sized apparel items to Zonta Club of the Fenton Area.

It’s as simple as placing the items into the large yellow drop boxes at seven conveniently located locations in the tri-county area.

Denise Keipert of Zonta said the service organization continues to collect new or gently used clothing items that are then given to individuals staying at the YWCA Safe House. She said the safe house is in need of clothing and everyday items, such as umbrellas and strollers.

Keipert said teens staying at the safe house are also in need of age-appropriate items. She said they could use video games and consoles or Wii systems so that they can stay active while staying at the safe house.

The safe house is especially in need of under garments for women, boys, girls and infants. The safe house is also in need of women’s bras of all sizes.

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years of experience as a Genesee County commissioner and more recently, as a state representative.

So it may be surprising to know Graves’ campaign is coordinated by a staff less than half his age. Ben Graham, 25, of Davison serves as Graves’ campaign manager while Erin Graham (no relation), 17, is working as the representative’s intern. Both of the Grahams are responsible for signage, phone calls, public appearances, and promoting Graves as the best candidate for the 51st seat. The work is tiring and involves meeting with numerous people, but for Ben, the work is his calling.

“I like the stress of it. I love being busy,” Ben said, with a slight smirk.

Ben volunteered to be Graves’ campaign manager when the politician asked Ben if he knew of anyone interested in the position. Since the campaign’s inception, Ben and Graves have met more than 1,000 constituents a week and have populated the local area with signage.

“You never know who you’re going to run into,” Ben said. “You can have the old guy that could talk to you about one issue for 20 minutes or the grumpy guy who doesn’t want to meet.”

Erin didn’t intend to work with Graves, but after she had an injury that interfered with her summer activities, she had to find something new. Her debate coach Tony Brown, a candidate for the Genesee County commissioner seat in the 6th district, asked her to join Graves’ campaign. Erin’s summer has been filled with compiling data, addressing fliers, verifying permission to use signs within the district and compiling data into computers. For someone interested in obtaining a pre-law degree, the experience is a view into her possible future.

“I had no idea what to expect the first day,” Erin said. “There are a lot of people involved (in the campaign). It’s really interesting what goes on in the political process.”

For people aspiring to become politicians, working on campaigns can be the launching point of a career. Ryan Starski (D-Atlas Township) once helped staff a campaign for Republican candidate James Swenor, when he ran for state representative of the 51st district in 2008. Four years later, Starski is running for the position that first exposed him to politics.

“There was a lot of paper work and phone calls,” said Starski. 24. He also interned with Hansen Clark, a state senator, in 2009. “The number one thing we did was work with constituents.”

While Ben admits that politics is in his blood, the campaign manager believes that people of all ages should be involved in the political process, not just older, more established people.

“Politics is something young people should be involved in,” Ben said. He notes that local politicians are more accessible than national politicians are, and therefore more likely to speak directly with voters.

For those interested in working in politics, the Genesee County Republican Party can be reached at (810) 691-5975. For the Michigan Democratic Party, call (517) 371-5440.

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What a great year!! So many awards, and not enough hands to hold all of them for our end of the year group picture!! At this time Ms. Tracy and I would like to thank all the students for their endless time and commitment to our team. Also to all our parents who are always there for us and their children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!!

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ANIMALS

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those pets in need of a family and match them with a loving home.

“It happens often, and it is happening more and more now with the economy, and shelters being full,” said Diana Gale of Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton. “We get calls every day.”

Every animal’s story is different, and some are sadder than others, like the story of 13-year-old Fox Terrier named Grandma Lucy.

“Lucy was abandoned in a home and some neighbors discovered her about two weeks after the people had moved,” said Jody Maddock, director of Adopt-A-Pet.

Once alerted, Adopt-A-Pet contacted the Burton police, who met them at the house to see the transfer of Lucy into the animal shelter’s care.

“She was a little dehydrated and exhausted. She slept for the first two days when we got her,” Maddock said.

In addition, Lucy also suffers from heart disease, dental disease, vision and hearing problems, and a massive tumor on her stomach.

The services provided by Adopt-A-Pet allow sad stories to become something better, as they do what they can to help Lucy. Ultrasounds revealed that Lucy does not have congestive heart failure like first anticipated.

“She is a nice dog, she just had bad circumstances,” said Gale.

To help raise money for Lucy’s medical needs, Moo Cow in Goodrich held a fundraiser recently. Many went to show their support and the fundraiser managed to raise more than $1,000 for the cause.

In addition, Gale said that they are receiving many donations in the mail and over the phone from people who have heard about Lucy’s story.

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While these are not cases they like to see, they are doing their best to provide the best care they can for Lucy, said Gale.

“We figure we are her hospice at this point. We want to keep her super comfortable and loved, and if we can get that tumor removed, she has a good chance of getting into a foster home.”

Linden dancers

Dancers from the Michigan Dance Center in Linden recently attended classes with the Hubbard Street Dance Company in Chicago. The 13 dancers participated in intermediate to professional level classes. Pictured is (back row from left) Sara Hopkins, Mallory Murphy and Heidi Ritchie; (middle row) Emma Davis, Alexandria Perrie, Kelsey Kussro, Karina Thomas and Madison Dagenais; (front row) Andrea Miller, Sarah Holland, Kayla Murphy, Alexandria Vernon and Jacqueline Roche.

SPLIT VOTE

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This split vote has no precedent for any of the administration, or council members, Whipple said in his 25 years of service, he has never seen a council member resign so abruptly.

Now, the council isn’t sure if it has six or seven members. Miller has referred the question to Village attorney Richard Figura, who is looking over the village charter to help decide what to do next, and whether the council’s initial vote allowing Kleven to resign was effective, or if a third vote must be taken.

Resident George Kulis was tapped to be Kleven’s fill-in until the November election by Miller, but now he has to wait to see what happens next.

Walker said that should Figura find that Kleven is still technically on the council, it may become an attendance issue. The council must fill the vacancy within 30 days, which is Aug 12.

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Trainer Kali Finger, 17, gives a private freestyle swim lesson to Brandon Scully, 9, of Linden last week at Fenton High School. The swim lessons were part of a Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation summer program.

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

IF YOU'RE STUPID enough to really think that Obama's going to take away your guns, despite the fact that the Second Amendment is alive and well, then you rea-

**OBAMA'S LIKEABILITY RATING**

really shouldn't own a gun in the first place. I'm pro-gun, but I'm not paranoid enough to be pro-NRA.

**THE U.S. HOUSE of Representatives has passed 30 jobs bills during the Obama Administration that were blocked by Senate Democrats. Obama's proposed tax hike includes small businesses causing a loss of 700,000 jobs. He blocked the pipeline that would have created jobs. Unemployed Americans should be furious with this administration.**

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When this could not be farther from the truth. Other people who stumble across the images have the ability to save the images themselves, and then do whatever they want with them. Additionally, search engines are constantly scanning pages on the Internet, and keep backup copies of web pages that can still be viewed, even if the contents of the page have been taken down. ‘I think probably the biggest thing is, once it’s on the net, it’s there. It’s there forever. If someone puts a picture up on the Internet, once it’s out there, it spreads. It’s shared and traded,’ said Mike Oliver of Hometown Computers in Fenton. ‘There are ways you can go back and get rid of it after the fact but it is so much harder to do than people give it credit for.’ If you choose to use a social networking website like Facebook or GooglePlus, the first thing you should do is to become familiar with their privacy settings. Is your information viewable by everyone with a computer, or just those people you designate as your ‘friends’ on the website?

Can ‘friends of friends’ view your information? In some cases, privacy options on a website can be set to allow the use of a redesign of the website, which requires you to be vigilant to stay on top of privacy settings to stay secure.

If you are going to put information online do it smart. Don’t let just everyone see your information.” -Mike Oliver, Hometown Computers

Avoid giving out full information that can be used to identify you. There is no need to reveal your phone number, full birth date, or address on your Facebook or other social networking page. Doing so will only make you easier to track down. “You should have one e-mail address for family and friends only. And one that you use to sign up for things online,” Oliver said.

Ideally, you do not want to ever let a potentially embarrassing or incriminating picture of you hit the web, as removing it permanently becomes much less certain. Sometimes though, it is a friend who posts the picture. In those cases the best action is to ask the friend to remove the image — the quicker the better.

In order to keep your online reputation safe, you need to keep on top of the state of your reputation. Doing a search of your name and address can give you an idea of what other people may see when they try to look you up. You may find pictures of you that you didn’t know existed on the Internet, private information you don’t want the world to know, and more. If you do come across things, you will want to start the process of taking them down.

While it may seem like avoiding the Internet entirely would be a good way to keep your reputation intact, you can also be proactive in establishing a positive reputation. When posting something on the Internet that is public, ask yourself what the post might say about you, and how it would appear to potential employees.

Instead of hurting you, your online reputation could become a tool to further your own goals.
BEHAVIOR
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Swanebeck. In this case, a bark collar can help, offering instant negative feedback for their behavior. A spray collar ejects a mist the instant the dog barks — both startling and offending its acute senses. This immediate feedback in most cases discourages and even stops the dog from barking.

Veteran trainer Ann Thibault with The Tuckered Pup in Fenton said, “Don’t play into it.” She said if your pet’s anxiety behavior is rewarded with being petted and comforted, owners can make it much worse.

Aggression
Janet Beilharz said, “My dog is fine with other dogs as long as no one in the family is near. But if another dog gets near any of us, she goes into major defense mode and will growl and generally be obnoxious.”

Swanebeck suggested they start introducing aggressive pets to other animals in a controlled atmosphere, with low grade exposure. This means, gradually introduce other dogs to your pet. Keep your dog on a leash, and make sure the other owners control their dogs. They may just be aggressive out of their fear of other dogs.

Fear of loud noises
Dog owner Meg Beale said, “When my dog gets scared from storms and fireworks, he pees in our beds. We have a thunder coat and it works great to calm him down but he still pees the bed. What can we do?”

“Get him off the bed,” said Swanebeck with a laugh. Many dogs have comfort areas, places where they go to feel better with loud sounds. Whether it’s the bathtub or under a table, she urges pet owners to let them go where they feel safe. Which way dogs react to sounds may also depend on the breed.

Chewing on things
Breane Clark said, “I have a 7-month-old puppy. He is eating everything! We have had him since 11 weeks and this is out of the ordinary. He has plenty of toys, but still chews on everything else!”

According to Animal Planet, dogs chew things instinctively — they compare a dog’s mouth to our hands, meaning they need to explore the world with their mouths instead. Dogs will always chew on things. So if you want those nice leather shoes saved, put them away.

“They’ll never have an adult mindset, they will have a child mindset,” said Thibault. She said most people give their dogs more freedom than they would a toddler. “It’s a hairy toddler,” she said. A dog will get into things when your back is turned, so crate them with a chew toy if you can’t supervise them.

Socialization
Lindsey Maples said, “Our dog doesn’t like it when new people reach to pet him. He growls and tries to bite. But if new people ignore him, he crawls all over them and loves them.”

“The bottom line is that dogs have to get out there, and get socialized,” said Thibault. This helps with the vet, groomer and strangers.

Swanebeck said dogs require socialization, and exposure to all things early in life. A dog left alone in the back yard dog doesn’t know anything, how to be out in public, what to ignore, what to react to. Swanebeck said this dog may be fearful because it isn’t used to being with people.

Growling may be a defense because he’s afraid. She said that owners should advise people to ignore their dog, and not try to pet him if he’s growling.

Hyperactivity
Nikki Deardoff said, “We have a 6-month-old dog that will not settle down for anything when people come to our home, it’s terrible.”

“They have a teenager,” said Swanebeck. She said the same low-grade exposure technique can work for unruly pets. She suggested getting the pup used to hearing the doorbell. By ringing the doorbell yourself, and then discouraging the barking and lunging reaction, you can reduce the behavior.

Thibault said the pet needs lots of exercise to burn off that excess energy.

The Times is offering this advice from experts, but it should not be used in lieu of classroom training.
**Wednesday, August 1, 2012**

**TIMES MIDWEEK**

**Her encounter with Freddie Page (Tom Hiddleston), a troubled former Royal Air Force pilot, throws her life in turmoil, as their erotic relationship leaves her emotionally stranded and physically isolated. R, 1 hr. 38 min.**

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**Wednesday Puzzles4kids by Helen Hovanec**

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**ACROSS**

1. Four qts.
2. One of Hollywood’s Wilson brothers
3. Back
4. “I” strain?
5. Exceptional
6. Therefore
7. Affectionate parrot
8. Panorama
9. Tend a text
10. Smaller map
11. Twosome
12. Benefit
13. Biblical tales
14. Hostel
15. Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle
16. Eggs
17. Reduced from AAA to AA+
18. Declare
19. Differently
20. Sports venue
21. Place
22. Admitting customers
23. Covers
24. Settee for two
25. Jason’s ship
26. Basin accessory
27. Tied
28. Detective writer
29. Paretysk
30. Hairless
31. Cause
32. War god
33. Mimic’s forte
34. Rebuff a masher
35. Grow weary
36. Advantage
37. Microwave, e.g.
38. Started
39. Have bills
40. “Eurekat!”
41. Cowboy nickname

**DOWN**

1. Solidify
2. Past
3. Serenade, often
4. Trip around the world?
5. Tarry
6. Bungle
7. Homer’s neighbor
8. Echo, for short
9. Green land?
10. On in years
11. Joins the crew?
16. Paradise
19. Prejudice
20. Footnote abbr.
21. Zilch
22. “Gay” city
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27. Tied

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**THURSDAY**: 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.: Swimming and table tennis.

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.:** Swimming, beach volleyball, traditional volleyball, cycling, water polo, rowing and canoeing.

- **8 p.m. - midnight:** Swimming, gymnastics, rowing and beach volleyball.

**NBC Sports Network**

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See TV on 15

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**Sports**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012**

**Holly bats help lead Mustangs past Fenton, 8-7**

By David Troppens
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Holly — What looked like it may end up being a blowout was a pretty thrilling victory down the stretch for the Holly Mustangs on Monday night.

Playing in junior boys Quad-town action in the semifinals of the tournament, Holly held down on the stretch with the game-tying run on third base, and the go-ahead run on second base, earning an 8-7 semifinal victory against Fenton’s #1 Junior Boys baseball team.

The win places the Mustangs, a 13-14 year-old baseball team, into tonight’s championship game against one of the two Waterford squads, who were also playing in a semifinal contest on Monday night.

Depending on which one won the game, Holly could be traveling for the 6:30 p.m. title game today or at home on Karl Richter campus.

Holly coach Pat Foss said the team’s strength all year was its offense, and it showed on Monday.

“We got some big hits from all of our guys, all the way through the lineup,” Foss said. “They all hit tonight. We had one big inning where we scored a lot of runs in one inning.”

The only team to score 100 or more runs during the regular season this year in the Baseball Junior League, Holly scored six runs in the bottom of the second inning, sparking a 7-1 lead. The Mustangs (9-2-1) were aided by five walks and two hit batters in the inning, but it was an Andrew Holloway two-run single that put the team up 4-1. Later, Thomas Watson had an RBI-single, followed by a two-run double by Adam Carter. The Mustangs led 7-1.

“It’s been like that a lot,” Fenton coach Jim Olmstead said. “We’ve done that all year (allowing one big inning). The last two games we’ve been OK, but today the wheels fell off a bit.”

Later, that lead became 8-1 in See HOLLY on 15

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**LF looking for new boys basketball coach, Trent leaves program**

By David Troppens
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For the second time before the start of the 2012-13 school year, Lake Fenton High School finds itself looking for a new varsity boys basketball coach.

After hiring ex-Swartz Creek High School mentor Jeremy Trent just before the end of the 2011-12 school year, Lake Fenton athletic director Tony Simmons has confirmed that Trent has quit the position to become the varsity head boys basketball coach at Flint Powers.

Simmons said the move shocked him.

“It’s frustrating. I didn’t see it,” Simmons said. “I find it frustrating because of the timing of it all. But Lake Fenton is bigger than myself and any one coach, and we are going to move on and be better because of it.”

Trent didn’t immediately return a phone call to his home on Tuesday.

The hoops position became available initially when last season’s coach Matt Furey resigned the position after a three-win season during the 2011-12 school year.

Simmons said he was told Trent was leaving on Monday.

“He told me the position was offered to him and he accepted,” Simmons said.

Trent initially said he didn’t apply to any other open basketball positions when he was hired for the Lake Fenton spot in late May.

Trent has had a pretty strong career within the Flint area with the programs he’s been at. Most See LF on 15
The Kesler File
Robbie Kesler will be attending Spring Arbor University in the fall, and will run track and field. Among his accomplishments this spring in track were:
- Won the 200 (23.27) at the GAC meet.
- Tied second in the 100 (11.11) at the GAC meet.
- Helped lead Lake Fenton’s 400 and 800 relay teams to All-State status.
- Qualified for the state meet individually in the 100 and the 200.

and out of the state, but Spring Arbor was a perfect fit for me from the beginning.”
There won’t be any changes in terms of what events Kesler will run when he goes to Spring Arbor. There’s really no need to change. One glance at the school’s list of top outdoor track and field times shows that Kesler is already knocking on sneaking into the top 10 his freshman season. Many are tied for the ninth best time in school history at 11.34 seconds. The top time posted is DeWayne Gray’s 10.55 seconds from 2012. Kesler’s 200 time of 23.37 seconds at this year’s sectional meet would rank him just over 1/2-second beyond the top 10 list at the school as well.
“Just want to make huge gains coming from a high school athlete to a college athlete,” Kesler said. “I realize that this isn’t high school. I can’t just work any more. I have to work every day because I’m running against other people just as fast as me.”

HOLLY
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the bottom of the third when Dylan Foss walked with the bases loaded. However, two runners were thrown out at the plate during the inning as well. While not known at the time, those would end up being crucial outs, keeping Fenton within striking distance.
Fenton cut the gap to 8-5 with a four-run fourth. Four walks helped the Meka Plumbing squad’s rally, but Jacob Deardorff did start the inning with a single. Later, Casey Reeves hit a two-run double, cutting the margin to 8-4. A wild pitch later on would cut it to 8-5. With the two-hour time limit coming up quickly, Fenton needed a quick defensive stop of the fourth. And with Deardorff’s ability to throw strikes in the fourth, that’s exactly what happened. He struck out the first and third batters during the inning, and got the second to pop out to first.
It set up what was a thrilling top of the fifth, the last inning of the game. Brandon Muma and Brendan Omlstead each had runners on base. Omlstead followed with an RBI-single, and another run scored on a wild pitch. The Holly lead was just 8-7 with a runner on and no outs.
That’s when pitcher Hernan Solis, along with his team’s defense, started to perform. Solis got an infield pop out for the first out and then a strike out. With two out, Scott Cubr walked and then stole second, putting the game-tying run and the go-ahead run in scoring position. However, Solis got the final batter of the game to ground out to shortstop, ending the threat and the contest.
Holly will probably rely on its hitting in the title game.
“We’ve had some innings where no one can hit our pitching, but our bats have been the biggest thing all year,” Foss said. “It seems every game we have one inning where we allow a lot of runs, but overall, our bats have led us. At the beginning of the year we were averaging something like 15 runs a game. We’ve been crushing the ball. And when we’ve been down, we’ve usually been able to come back. We’ve won two or three games this year when we won in our last at bats.”
Both teams scored first-inning runs as well. Fenton (7-4-1) was pleased with the season.
“The players played hard,” Omlstead said. “The younger kids will get a chance next year. It was a blast. I’ll miss it. It was fun.”
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