Homeowner’s property destroyed by Enbridge

By William Axford

Company, Tyrone resident battling over rights

Debora Hense stands on her land, with pipeline work ravaged some of her trees Wednesday.

Higher meat, dairy, poultry, egg prices on the way

By Sally Rummel

"At VG’s, we try to offset these increases by controlling our other expenses, so we don't have to pass all these costs to our customers." Brian Haaraoja, VG's senior vice president

He’s up! Autistic teen learns to kneeboard

Alex Weed, 17, of Beverly Hills succeeds in kneeboarding on Wednesday on Silver Lake in Fenton Township. His instructor Chris Morrison (right) and sister Jenna, 15, cheer after helping the autistic teen learn a new skill.

Record-breaking python caught in Florida

By Ryan Tackabury

Snake was more than 17 feet long and carried 87 eggs

Recently, the largest Burmese python ever caught in Florida was found in Everglades National Park. The snake See SNAKE on 22A

Developer search for Union Block to be ‘aggressive’

By William Axford

Linden — City officials have taken it upon themselves to restore Linden's most treasured site. On Monday, the city council voted to purchase the Union Block property for $240,000 from a loan with The State Bank. Mayor David Lossing admitted during the See UNION on 20A
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**Hot Lines**

The original voice of the people, since 1986

- Popular but controversial format for more than 25 years

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

“I was impressed by the article on Kenny Madden in that he would like the public to put pressure on public officials...”

This is the first sentence from the first Hot line ever to appear in the Tri-County Times, called the Tri-County News back then. It was Wednesday, March 12, 1986, and this was the beginning of something new — getting the public involved with their community newspapers.

Back then, calls were sent to a telephone answering machine. From the onset, more calls and comments were received than could be printed in the newspaper.

Twenty-six years later, you can submit a Hot line via text message, phone line, online, and some even hand-write letters and comments and mail them to the Times.

Publisher Craig Rockman says the Hot lines are still the most popular, and highest read segment of the newspaper.

It was “a smashing success” then, and is still one today, drawing hundreds of comments weekly via phone, text, and online. They range from angry and political, to thoughtful and thankful.

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**5 Things I Bet You Didn’t Know You Could Grill**

You don’t have to put a big slab of steak on the grill to enjoy cooking outdoors in the summer. Other foods are also enhanced by this type of cooking. Here are a few you might want to try at home.

1. **Watermelon**

   Heat, smoke and a hint of salt make this sweet fruit unexpectedly savory, even meaty. Food writer Mark Bittman brushes ½-inch thick slices with olive oil, minced onion, salt and pepper, and then grills them for five minutes per side. Serve as a side or top with melted cheese and a bun for a “watermelon burger.”

2. **Romaine lettuce**

   The greens take the heat very well, and add a smoky flavor that’s perfect for a substantial salad. Food Network’s Alton Brown slices two heads of romaine lettuce lengthwise, then brushes cut sides with olive oil, salt and pepper. Place the halves cut side down and cook 1 to 2 minutes. Sprinkle with Parmesan and red wine vinegar. Place each half on a plate.

See GRILL on 22A
Random royal thoughts

- Okay, over the last century the temperature of this planet has gone up a total of 1.8 degrees. Is it just me, or is that ...like, normal?
- What’s up with the battery people? Why do we have “AA” batteries, “AAA” batteries, “C” batteries and “D” batteries, but no “B” batteries? I always confuse the “A” and “AAA” sizes. Wouldn’t it make much more sense and “AAA” sizes. Wouldn’t it make much more sense.

- batteries?

- In the last four years, the rolls of those claiming to be disabled have monumentally exploded, food stamps and entitlements have increased by 40 percent, and more parents than not believe that it’s the public schools’ job to feed their children breakfast, lunch and dinner.

- Why does it make me a bad guy to say that I don’t want to perpetually feed someone else’s children?

- Men, pay attention: it is not coincidence that co- logne rhymes with alone.

- When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends (will someone please send this to every American voter).

- Did you know that the 7-11s in inner cities have grocery carts?

- The older I get the more I believe that, in most cases, a man’s reputation would not know his character if they met on the street.

- The Swiffer marketing guy must be a genius. He has convinced millions to shell out $10 for a Swiffer duster with ‘Auto-handle’ and five cloths, $12 for a box of 24 disposable refill cloths, and an additional $10 for a bottle of Swiffer Spray and Clean to do something anyone could do with a rag and some water.

- Shouldn’t it be “handling and shipping”?


- If you have teenagers, I dare you to ask them what are the last three movies they’ve watched, and then watch them yourself. Hollywood is purposely promoting promiscuity that is resulting in sexually active children — and I do mean children — at an ever younger age. It’s tragic how few parents actually care enough to ‘just say no.’

- Ladies, if you ask 100 men, 99 will tell you that we don’t want women with sculptured abs. Actually we don’t want any sculptured parts at all. It really is that simple.


- What’s up with people ignoring the ‘10 Items or Less’ sign at the grocery store? I learned to count to 10 when I was 4 years old. If I were King, the sign would also have two hands displayed, with “Ten is this many” underneath. I’m calling you out the next time you think that the rules don’t apply to you.

- If you really think about it, Bigfoot must be the Hide-and-Seek champion of the world.

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Hot lines

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PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE finish the Lefty Cover project. This is ridiculous. You are ruining lives and family businesses.

IS THERE ANYTHING Fenton does right? Highways have been built in a shorter time than what the North end project has taken.

THERE ARE FAR worst droughts in the last hundred years. Northern Colorado once went 10 months without rain in the 30s.

THE REPUBLICANS HATE the Democrats, the Democrats hate the Republicans, blah blah blah, it’s all you see in the Times. I won’t be exercising my right to vote this year because there is no one to vote for. Very sad.

TO THE PERSON at the retirement park with nothing better to do. No dogs are allowed to live in the park — key word, ‘live.’ My 81-year-old mother lives there and I have a dog that visits. She loves my dog, looks forward to his visits and it’s therapeutic for her. Shame on you for upsetting my mother.

IF THERE WERE only 600 people vot- ing, and there were 10,000 eligible vot- ers, 9,400 people didn’t use their right to vote. That’s not taxation without representation, that’s stupidity. If you have a choice to vote, vote. If you don’t vote, keep your mouth shut.

MANY THANKS TO whichever author- replaced the horrible intersection at Linden and Bennett Lake roads. It was long overdue and they did a nice job. I thank you and my car’s suspension thanks you!

IF PAUL RYAN cares about deficits and debt, why did he vote to put two wars, the Medicare prescription drug benefit and the Bush tax cuts on the credit card? Deficits and debt are only a problem when his party isn’t in power. He can’t hide his votes from 00-06.

WHY WON’T WILLARD release his tax returns?

I JUST WANTED to say thank you to the wonderful young couple that were honest and retrieved my umbrella. I had left it in a cart at the grocery store, went back to get it and thought it was gone. They asked me if I had lost an umbrella and showed it to me and gave it back to me. God bless them.

THIS IS IN response to the person who said that the Holly people think they have the trailer park under control. Ride through the Hawaiian Gardens in Holly and then the trailer park in Fenton, and see the difference. Then you’ll know why we average people are complaining.

YOU ARE SHOCKED by people voting for someone over and over again? You mean like Jessie Helms, Newt Gingrich, and Tom DeLay.

ON THE BALLOT this year, there will be a proposal for eight new casinos in Michigan. I’m wondering if it’s going to be like Ontario, Canada, where the province runs the casinos and the profits are used to offset the cost for the taxpayers. Wouldn’t that be wonderful?

OBAMA HAS BROUGHT our great nation nothing but debt, doubt, and de- spair. Our country deserves the hope and change we were promised four years ago. And it never came.

YOU MIGHT ASK those poor people in Syria, the ones being massacred by their own government, why it might be a good idea to have a fully loaded M-16 in your household. I’m sure they could give you a good reason why.

IT’S NOT REALLY surprising Obama would tell people they didn’t build their businesses. After all, he spent nearly four years convincing us that George Bush is running the current government.

WILL FENTON SCHOOLS need a millage for the shock absorber for the buses going to the State Road Elementary School?

WHAT A STICK-in-the-mud — Mrs. Obama using the young lady gymnast who won gold for eating an Egg MacMuffin after winning her medal.

THE TIMES HAS a story in the works about people who regularly canvass neighborhoods for scrap metal and junk. If you would like to be a part of this story, send your contact infor- mation to news@tctimes.com so a reporter can contact you.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

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What do you like or dislike about the Hot lines?

“I like them, I find them very interesting. It’s nice to see other people’s opinions.”
— Linda Schmieder Fenton

“I don’t like them. I don’t think they have any place in a paper.”
— Fran Steward Fenton

“They’re interesting, but I don’t like all the political talk.”
— Sue Miller Fenton

“I don’t like all the negativity and bashing other people’s lifestyle and opinions.”
— Nancy Day Tyrone Township

“I like them. They print both sides, whether you want to hear them or not. Some of them are really out there.”
— Scott Schneider Gaines

“I dislike all the negative comments. It’s all about politics and Obama.”
— Bryan Veetham Fenton
1952 German exchange student reunites with host family

‘Small miracle’ brings all together after 60 years

By Ryan Tackabury

Fenton — A lot can change in six decades, but a strong friendship can last a lifetime.

Erica Fischer was an exchange student who first came from Germany to the United States in 1952, along with around 200 other students. The group made up some of the first German exchange students to come to the United States after World War II. The trip was not by airplane — it was by ship, and the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean took five days.

While here, Fischer attended Fenton High School. Fischer’s host family was the Wermuths, which included siblings Mary Lou Wermuth and Arthur Wermuth, whose lives were greatly impacted by Fischer’s arrival. “We all have a lot of fond memories,” Arthur said.

Fischer still recalls some of her first impressions of Americans after spending time here. “I learned really fast that Americans work really hard,” she said. “I was astonished how much the American people can do by themselves.” Fischer said she was impressed that people would build their own houses, which was not something that would happen back home, she said.

Fischer and the Wermuths stayed in touch after she returned to Germany for many years, though eventually they ended up losing contact with one another after Fischer and her husband moved. Mary Lou Wermuth, who was Fischer’s host, asked for all of the information Mary had about Fischer, and was able to track her down in what Mary described as a “small miracle.”

“I am always inspired and never will forget the kindness that the family did by taking me in,” Fischer said.

“Erica was more of a blessing to us than we were to her,” Arthur said. “She’s my big sister.”
Remains of missing Holly grad found in Gaines cornfield

Woman reported missing in August 2005, former boyfriend suspected in death

By Sharon Stone
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The remains of a 23-year-old woman who was reported missing from Mt. Morris Township, seven years ago were found buried in a cornfield off Reid Road, west of Morrish Road in Gaines Township last week, based on a tip.

Investigators believe the woman, Katherine (Katie) Cook, was strangled to death. On Wednesday, Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said that Cook’s former boyfriend is a suspect, however, he is in jail in Missouri on an unrelated offense. No charges have been issued in Cook’s death.

Cook had been missing since Aug. 13, 2005. She was a 2000 graduate of Holly High School. Cook’s family has maintained Katie’s Facebook page to keep her friends and family updated on developments and to provide a place for loved ones to post messages.

The Genesee County Medical Examiner’s Office is conducting an autopsy. Dental records helped to identify the body.
POLICE & FIRE REPORT

HOLLY WOMAN SHOPLIFTS BEER
Holly police arrested a 27-year-old Holly woman for shoplifting a six-pack of beer from a grocery store on North Holly Road on Saturday, Aug. 11. Store employees observed the woman enter the store with several bags and belongings. Employees became suspicious and walked over to the beer aisle to better observe her actions. The woman was seen placing the six-pack of beer on the bottom shelf of the cart and covering it with a scarf. She then placed a bottle of wine in the cart. She proceeded to the checkout and paid for the wine only. After exiting the store, the employee confronted her, escorted her back into the store and called police. The woman tried to convince the employees to allow her to give back the beer. After being arrested, the woman became uncooperative with police.

GRAFFITI COMPLAINT
At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, Fenton police responded to a department store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a destruction of property complaint. Someone broke into a multi-car garage and spray painted graffiti all over the inside of the building. Damage was estimated at $1,000. If anyone has information about this, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

PAST SUSPECT SHOPLIFTS AGAIN
On Aug. 14, Fenton police were sent to a department store in the 3200 block of Owen Road for a destruction of property complaint. The Fenton City Council approved the purchase of five new tasers for the police department at its meeting on Monday. The total cost of the equipment comes to $13,541.

Police Chief Rick Aro said that since the purchase of the department’s first set of tasers in 2007, they have been used on four occasions. “Any time that cameras are involved, it protects everybody,” he said. “It keeps everybody honest on both sides, and I think it is good for us to have.”

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One-pound tumor removed from ‘Grandma Lucy’

Adopt-A-Pet providing care for abandoned dog

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A 13-year-old Fox Terrier named Grandma Lucy that recently caught the attention of every animal lover in the tri-county area had surgery Monday. During surgery, a 1-pound tumor was removed from her stomach, according to Fenton Adopt-A-Pet. Grandma Lucy was an abandoned dog with many health issues, including heart disease and the large tumor. Adopt-A-Pet worked with Burton police, where the dog’s former owners abandoned her at, in order to get the dog under the Fenton organization’s care.

While Lucy was undergoing surgery to remove the tumor, she also had a dental cleaning to remove all the tartar that covered her teeth. After a couple days of recuperating, Adopt-A-Pet announced that she is feeling better and has begun eating again. Lucy’s medical care costs were provided by donations from around the community.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

The fact that 600 yes votes passed a millage speaks volumes about the character of Fenton voters, or lack of. I commend the people that cared enough to actually go to the polls.

We had an ordinance that said ‘no chickens.’ The homeowner who had them, in violation of ordinance, should have simply been instructed to get rid of them. It really is that simple.

I agree with your excellent article on visiting South Dakota. The natural beauty is breathtaking. Thanks for the good read.

The famous corn and tomatoes on Linden Road aren’t so good this year. Yet the prices are even higher. I think I will have my own garden next year.

WHERE ARE ALL the hypocrites whiners that demanded Bush ‘do something about high gas prices’ when he was president. Seems like the president wants us to pay more for gas. That makes no sense to me.

Why do I pay $3.89 for a gallon of gas in Fenton, then pass a sign on Miller and I-75 half an hour later for $3.75? Does it cost that much more to truck it another 15 miles? Did someone pass a law that says gas has to be $4 per gallon? The last time oil was $93 a barrel, gas was less than $3 per gallon. Can somebody explain that to me?

So, all this talk about traditional family has me thinking. Is a family traditional if you are a single parent? I think not! Traditional family is being defined by a man, a woman and 2.3 kids. Look out people it could be your rights next.

Mr. Obama was speaking last week and proclaimed how he saved GM and wanted to do more companies. First, he took the company from the stockholders, gave 60 percent of the company to the unions and stuck the taxpayers for about $36 billion in stimulus. Castro would be proud.

This goes out to the Holy school system and why I voted no on your sinking fund. As long as I see teachers driving around in BMWs, Toyotas and Hondas, I cannot support your cause when you do not support our United Auto Workers cause.

So broken down you think it’s ok that Romney pays 13 percent for federal taxes but a middle class person like me pays 18 percent? That doesn’t seem fair to me. Why can’t he pay 18 percent, too? Seems simple enough. Make it all the same and no one will be complaining.
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Kneeboading teaches life skills to autistic teen

Local instructor adjusts techniques, family amazed

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton Twp. — Instructorm Morrison’s arms shot up in celebration as student Alex Weed, 17, was successfully pulled away from shore on his kneeboard Wednesday, for a trip across the Silver Lake.

Alex is autistic and not high functioning. The act of kneeboading is quite a feat. “It’s a huge deal, it’s amazing,” said his mother Sue Weed, who cheered for him from the boat as he confidently rode the board across the water. “Parents celebrate if their 14-year-old with autism can ride a bike,” she said.

Alex was clearly proud of himself atop the kneeboard.

This is only the second time Alex has been able to ride the kneeboard, and it represented a victory for both Alex and Morrison, who has been working with the family from Beverly Hills since June. This is their first experience in the tri-county area and they have enjoyed it so far.

Morrison runs a ski school out of Silver Springs Sports in Fenton, and the family found him online.

Morrison in his six years of experience teaching has never worked with autistic kids before. “It’s turned out to be a pretty cool experience.” It has changed his perspective, as his teaching techniques were modified for Alex. He used two word instructions instead of complete sentences to teach Alex.

“I teach people everyday to do this in water, but this is a completely new task.”

Chris Morrison
ski instructor

Alex Weed, 17, easily handles a jump while tubing on Silver Lake on Wednesday. He is pulled along at 25 mph while tubing, but only about 15 mph while kneeboading.

“It does open my eyes to people with special needs,” Morrison said. “Just because they are faced with difficulty, doesn’t mean they can’t do it.”

“I teach people everyday to do this in water, but this is a completely new task.”

Weed said this enriches her son’s life because knee and wake boarding can be lifelong sports. Aside from offering the teen a challenge, the activity, and the water is very calming to him, said Weed. “The whole intent was for my son to have fun.”

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Pay it forward” Hot lines are a continuing tradition, where someone thanks another person for a kind deed or a helping hand.

A long standing tradition is criticizing or praising The King opinion column, and the Fenton City Council — especially for various marketing strategies over the last few years. “Why in the world would the Fenton City Council think they have to publish a brochure, at great expense, to attract commercial and residential development?” said one Hot line in 1988. Hmmm — eerily foreshadowing commentary for the signs recently erected.

Hot lines also have reflected the local, state and national events. One 1990s comment congratulated the Times on the “new” website, while another said they would rather vote for Mickey Mouse than John Engler or Jeffrey Feiger for Governor.

Some things will always be complained about — barking dogs, rude drivers, city council decision, politics and opinions, or a clash between values of the young and old.

Today, the Hot lines are dominated by critiques and comments of the president and the presidential contender, or the political party one or the other represents.

Hot lines also critique Hot lines. If the Street Talk comments in this issue are representative of most readers, some people simply don’t like reading chronic commentary about national politics, or anything that’s negative.

Rockman says the Times certainly recognizes that not everyone is a fan of the Hot Lines. “But we believe that in the sometimes difficult and uncertain times we live in, it is more critical than ever to provide the average citizen with a venue to voice their frustrations or their complaints. That’s exactly what it’s for.”

Meanwhile, the Times encourages everyone to continue to share their thoughts and comments. You send them, we’ll print them.
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**What you need to know about swimmer’s itch**

**Late summer is season for annoying, but harmless, rash**

By Ryan Tackabury
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There is nothing like an outbreak of swimmer’s itch to ruin an otherwise enjoyable week during the latter part of summer. Swimmer’s itch presents itself as a rash on the skin, though its causes manage to sound even less appealing than the rash itself.

“Swimmers itch is basically a rash that can be caused by skin penetration by a larval form of a parasite that is found in birds and snails,” said Darin Clark, a physician’s assistant at Fenton Medical Center. The birds and snails then contaminate the water, passing the parasite on to unsuspecting swimmers.

While humans are not a hospitable host for the parasite, and will simply die in the skin the rash left behind can be somewhat uncomfortable. “It is kind of a blistering itch that shows up in exposed skin areas,” said Clark. It is less likely to show up under the swimsuit and more likely leg and arms if they are exposed.”

Showering and drying yourself off after swimming can help prevent swimmer’s itch. Those who do their swimming in chlorinated pools instead of lakes or oceans will be able to swim without fear of picking up swimmer’s itch. For the most part, swimmer’s itch is a hassle more than anything, but does not pose any real threat to you. “It’s more of...”

**Summary**

- The best way to deal with swimmer’s itch is to wait it out, and avoid scratching, which could lead to an infection.

An unsightly and itchy rash can be quite a nuisance for those who have acquired swimmer's itch. Antihistamines and anti-itch creams can alleviate some of the discomfort. A nuisance, and typically the rash peeks two or three days after exposure,” Clark said. “It’s uncomfortable and unsightly depending on how bad it gets.”

If you think you may have swimmer’s itch, a doctor can usually diagnose it by appearance alone. However, seeking medical attention is usually unnecessary. “Waiting it out is usually adequate. Usually treatment would consist of antihistamines, or in a severe case, maybe steroids. Something to reduce the itch and make it more tolerable,” Clark said.

To relieve the itching with home treatment, calamine lotion and anti-itch creams can be effective. Scratching the rash can lead to a possible infection, and so it is advised to avoid doing so.

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Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Drew Garcia represented the United States at this summer’s Pan American Games. He’s pictured here after winning a state title during March’s state tourney.

Garcia makes waves at YMCA nationals

By David Troppens
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Anna Wujiak was pretty pumped. Racing in the finals of the 200 freestyle at the 2012 YMCA Long Course National Championships, she was swimming in lane 9 and saw that she was battling with the girl in lane 10 for a comparable placing.

At that point her primary goal became to beat her, whatever placement that put her in. She didn’t beat the swimmer, but, shockingly to Wujiak, her little individual battle may have helped the Fenton senior to the greatest race in her entire swimming career.

Wujiak placed third in the 200-meter freestyle with a long-course personal-best time of 2:05.28. Her time put her just over three seconds behind the Haley Lips’ national championship time of 2:02.51.

“That was really exciting,” Wujiak said. “Probably the most fun part was I had no idea. I was in lane 9 and on the last lap I could only see the girl in lane 10. I was battling and racing her and I thought I was probably fighting for fifth or sixth, and she beat me. But then I saw she took second and I got third. I was definitely very happy. It was a lot of fun.”

Wujiak, along with many other tri-county athletes on the YMCA Flint Falcons, had a three-day meet in Traverse City Central Invitational winning nine events.

Wujiak made waves at the YMCA Long Course National Championships.

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week marks the first actual varsity activity for many area prep teams. Here is list of some of the action going on this week.

**Monday’s events**
- Fenton tennis vs. Davison
- Fenton volleyball hosts quad
- Holly, Linden golf at Traverse City Central Invitational
- Linden soccer at Davison

**Tuesday’s events**
- Linden cross country at Durand Invitational
- Linden soccer hosts Hartland
- Lake Fenton soccer hosts Clio

**Wednesday’s events**
- Fenton cross country at Keansley Early Bird
- Holly soccer at Lakeland
- Linden, Lake Fenton volleyball at Linden quad

Garcia makes his imprint at key international event

By David Troppens
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Fenton resident completes undefeated wrestling performance at Pan American games

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- Nationwide series, 2:30 p.m.
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- Little League World Series, 6 p.m.
- Baltimore at Detroit, 7 p.m.
- Little League World Series, 8 p.m.

**BASEBALL**
- PGA Tour, 1 p.m.
- PGA Tour, 3 p.m.
- Champions Tour, 3 p.m.
- PGA Tour, 6:30 p.m.

**FOOTBALL**
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- NASCAR Nationwide series, 2:30 p.m.
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Procunier places in individual finals in two YMCA national swim events

By David Troppens
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Garrett Procunier has never been at a school that had a swim team. In fact, he’s never gone to a school with a pool.

But it hasn’t kept the Fenton resident from prospering in the sport he loves — swimming.

Procunier, who attends Genesee Early College but was once a Lake Fenton student, recently finished in the finals of two events at the 2012 YMCA Long Course National Championships, which took place at Georgia Tech University from July 24 to July 27.

Procunier placed eighth in the 200-meter backstroke (2:09.71), ninth in the 100 backstroke (59.86) and 13th in the 50 backstroke (29.07) individually. He also competed in two relays, each finishing within the top 20. All of his individual times were personal bests.

“I was extremely pleased,” Procunier, 18, said. “Last year my best placing was ninth and it was with a much slower time. I’m not so concerned about placing. I care about how much time I drop. I was extremely happy with my 200 because I dropped three seconds. In the 100 I dropped 1.12 seconds.”

Procunier also competed in the 100 butterfly, posting a time of 59.89. The butterfly used to be Procunier’s primary event until he hurt his shoulder. That’s when he made the switch to the backstroke.

“I didn’t do the butterfly for a few months so I switched to the backstroke,” Procunier said. “That’s when the backstroke became my major stroke.”

Procunier has been swimming since he was 4 despite never having gone to a school with a pool. However, he’s a member of the YMCA Flint Falcons now and that’s how he’s gotten his swimming “fix.”

“In high school there is some fame that goes with it,” Procunier said. “But I feel the Flint Falcons are the best program out there. No high school program can compare with what we do with the Falcons. The Falcons are known for their hard work and how hard we work over the course of a year. You miss the fame thing a bit, but that’s it.”

But now, Procunier is getting his looks. With his relays he also placed 400 in the medley relay (4:01.15) and 18th in the 200 medley relay (1:51.55). His time in the 100 backstroke may open some doors for him at the collegiate level as well. Currently, he’s looking at swimming at Oakland University or the University of Michigan. Procunier said Michigan usually won’t consider a swimmer for its program unless the athlete can swim a time of 1:00.1 or better in the 100 backstroke. At nationals, he broke that time twice, earning a time of 59.86 in the preliminary round.

The two schools in mind are Oakland University and Michigan; Michigan is my dream school,” Procunier said. “My coach sent an email to (Michigan swim coach Mike) Bottom the last day in nationals telling him how well I did. He said Bottom would get hold of me and we’ll see if I can go from there. If not I’ve talked to the Oakland coach quite a bit.”

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lot of fun at the four-day national meet held at Georgia Tech University from July 24 to July 27. While there, Wujciak, who placed second at the MHSAA state meet as a freshman in the 200 freestyle, had two individual finals swims and also competed in five other relays that earned finals spots. It made for a lot of swimming, but, at the same time, a lot of great placings and personal-best swims.

In fact, Wujciak posted personal-best times in each of her four individual events at the meet.

She also placed sixth in the 100 freestyle (57.89 seconds), 14th in the 400 freestyle (4:29.74) and 16th in the 50 freestyle (27.56).

And while there she teamed with younger sister Sara Wujciak and fellow Fenton-resident swimmer Haley Shaw to place in the top 10 in four other relays. The trio paired with Davison’s Courtney Weaver to place sixth in the 400 medley relay (4:01.54), ninth in the 200 medley relay (2:02.76), ninth in the 400 freestyle relay (4:01.42) and 10th in the 800 freestyle relay (8:43.17). Anna Wujciak and Shaw also teamed with Weaver and Rebecca Eckblad to place ninth in the 200 freestyle relay (1:50.66).

Wujciak was thrilled with her performances.

“My goal was to perform my best,” Wujciak said. “I don’t like time goals because that can limit me. My goal is to do my best and if I have fun, I’m happy with it. If I put my heart and soul into it, then I’m happy.

“We had five relays go and all of them placed in the top 10. That was exciting. I was most excited for my 200 because that’s my favorite individual race. I was also excited for my 400 freestyle because that was my first event on day one, and I wanted to hit it well.”

Diamond gems

Two of the area residents who competed at the 2012 YMCA Long Course National Championships were Sara Wujciak (top) and Anna Wujciak (above).

Individuals, Shaw also had a strong showing. She placed 22nd in the 50 backstroke (31.98), 41st in the 200 backstroke (2:27.14) and 47th in the 100 backstroke (1:08.76). She also posted a time of 1:10.77 in the 100 butterfly. All were personal-best long course times.

Meanwhile, Sara Wujciak also competed in four individual events, earning all personal-best long course times. Wujciak took 42nd in the 200 breaststroke (2:50.72), 44th in the 400 individual medley (5:23.4), and 54th in the 200 individual medley (2:30.44). She had a time of 1:21.37 in the 100 breaststroke.

Anna Wujciak enters her senior season looking to continue her swimming career at the collegiate level.

“Right now I am trying to narrow down my list to the five schools that I will make my official visits,” Wujciak said.

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Parkway Family Medicine won the regular season and playoff championships in Fenton Little League’s Girls Minors Division. The team proudly displays their trophies after the tourney title game.

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“I wanted to be able to wrestle for team USA and get my name out to the Olympic coaches,” Garcia said. “Now they know who I am when I climb the ladder. It was good to experience wrestling internationally.”

Garcia is a veteran to wrestling strong wrestlers. He said actually faced tough wrestlers at Michigan’s state wrestling meet and in other national competitions, such as the USA Nationals which were held in Fargo. One look at his state title run shows he won the state championship by winning a 5-2 decision against Utica Eisenhower’s Charlie Myers 3-2 in the title match.

“It was decent competition,” Garcia said. “It wasn’t the toughest. The hardest part was making the team. I’ve seen better competition in the United States.”

But that doesn’t mean the trip wasn’t worth it. It was Garcia’s first time in Venezuela.

“It was a lot different,” Garcia said. “The town wasn’t the richest town and there were a lot of areas that were broken down. We stayed in a five-star hotel. That was cool. But when you are down there it’s hard to communicate. Everyone spoke Spanish. Garcia, who at one time lived in Linden as well, has lofty goals for his junior season. In his two prep seasons, he’s got a combined record of 95-11, and has finished second and first at the state meet. He placed second at 152, losing a one-point decision in the title match.

“I’m hoping our team is going to be solid and I’m hoping for another team title,” Garcia said. “I’m also hoping to have another good shot for a state title.”

Beyond that, Garcia’s goals are extremely high.

“I’ll probably try to make the Olympics in 2016 and in 2020,” Garcia said. “I got a chance to be trained at the Olympic training center. I had my own personal coach to help keep me weight down. That was cool as well.”

Wrestling will always remain in Garcia’s blood.

“It’s a love-hate relationship,” Garcia said. “All the cutting weight and stuff like that I hate, but I love competing and love winning. It drives me to do bigger and better things.”

Garcia looks to be on the path to do some pretty outstanding things during the second half of his DCC career.

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Fenton resident Drew Garcia proudly stands near his uniforms he wore while representing the United States in the Pan American Games. Garcia was undefeated, winning each of the three matches he wrestled at the event, which was held in Venezuela.

Summary

Fenton resident and Detroit Catholic Central wrestler Drew Garcia represented the United States at the Pan American Games this summer. Garcia has been busy this summer wrestling in many tournaments.

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Residents will decide if two more trustees are wanted

Drive collects 876 signatures to place question on November ballot

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — Residents will have an opportunity to add two additional trustees to their five-member board of trustees in November.

The question will appear on the November ballot after a successful signature drive from resident and township supervisor candidate George Kullis, who after a few bureaucratic miscommunications, turned in 876 signatures to clerk Karin Winchester by the Aug. 14 deadline.

“What this means is that people have an opportunity to vote,” said Kullis. “That’s what it meant since the very beginning.”

Winchester was in the process of counting the petitions when the issue appeared on the agenda for the Wednesday meeting. After some discussion, the board decided to accept the signatures, without verifying all of them. “They’ve more than proven this is a citizen-initiated petition,” said Winchester.

Kullis needed 843 signatures to compel the board to submit the question to the county clerk’s office. Though she has been able to discredit 16 repeated or unregistered signatures, they agreed Kullis turned in enough. They voted 4-0 to accept the ballot question, after previously voting the petition down, when Kullis had fewer signatures.

“We can agree this is a tremendous effort,” said Trustee Janet Leslie, who is running for re-election in November, and may have to soon serve with two more trustees on the board.

Kullis said 15 residents helped him over the month of July and early August to gather the needed signatures.
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Businesses see Union Block purchase as positive

Upscale restaurant, increased foot traffic are goal of business owners

By William Axford

Linden — The city’s purchase of the Union Block property surprised business owners. It’s a move that is being met mostly with positive views and a few concerns.

“This can do nothing but help the city. It was sore to us for a long time. I’m a very happy business owner,” said Jessica Skop, owner of Serendipity Spa in Linden, who had her business located within the Union Block when it burned down in May 2007. “It’s a big relief for our residents and businesses.”

Skop would like to see a business similar to the former Broad Street Restaurant return to Linden. It’s a view that Thimbleberry Antiques owner Kathryn Maloney shares. Maloney said she used to keep her business open later on Friday and Saturday nights because of the increased foot traffic the high-end restaurant brought to Linden. A smaller, unique business that will fit in with the existing businesses would be ideal to Skop and Maloney.

“Something that is new and different would be best. You need an anchor of some kind that will draw people,” Maloney said.

Linden Sweet Shoppe owner Chris Mathews views the purchase as a potentially good move, provided city officials communicate with the public and proceed with a plan. Mathews said the city should avoid alienating existing businesses or selling the property in the interest of big profits. Mathews compared moving the wrong business into the area as a potential situation of “cutting off your nose to save face.”

“The city has to have some sort of plan and get the information out there,” Mathews said. “They have to get the project moving and something in there.”

Maloney said the city should avoid gas stations, retail shops or anything commercial. If the city decides to court a restaurant, Maloney advises finding someone who is experienced and business savvy.

City Manager Mark Tallman said he will aggressively seek out developers who can attract businesses that will be successful and fit the existing atmosphere in Linden.

Residents and business owners will be watching city officials for continuing developments and whether the city can revitalize the downtown district, an area that business owners and city officials admitted has been lagging in the past few years.

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Noting that developing land is not typical for the city and it will be a new challenge.

However, it’s a challenge City Manager Mark Tallman said he will continue to dedicate his time to. Tallman, who negotiated the purchase from the LaFontaines and the Smiths, said the city will educate itself on how to proceed and aggressively work to attract developers who can ensure successful businesses.

“Every day, I’m learning how strong people’s emotions and hearts are tied to the Union Block,” said Tallman, who was hired as city manager in May. The Union Block burned down in May of 2007 and was subsequently demolished. Development since then has been nonexistent.

Tallman said officials are looking for a developer who can attract businesses that will create activity within the city. Historical knowledge and familiarity with Linden are other characteristics city officials are searching for. And, if such a developer is found, Tallman said the city is willing to sell the property.

“We want to move smartly and steadily. This will be a positive challenge,” Tallman said, adding that there is no timeline on the project. The $240,000 purchase may be uncommon for city businesses, but it’s a move that community development professional Joe Borgstrom is a common strategy for municipalities.

“It’s a smart thing to do,” said Borgstrom, a Holly native who interacted at the Union Block before it burned down. “There are only a few horror stories you hear about. The idea is to have some control of the property and its future.”

Borgstrom said Tallman’s economic development background with Genesee County will help guide development in the right direction. Having worked with Tallman and Lossing, Borgstrom foresees the two city officials will be successful in developing the Union Block site into a hub of activity that will complement Linden.

“It’s important for the community to attract business that fits their town,” Borgstrom said. “It’s going to be the political role of the community to decide what they need.”

Tallman said he will meet with the community for input and ideas. A restaurant and businesses that draw people from other communities would be ideal once the property is developed. Tallman said he also will seek state assistance as the site is registered as a historical district in Michigan.

“I’ve heard stories of generations that lived at the Union Block or had businesses there,” Tallman said. “This is one of the biggest purchases in the city and one of the most heart-felt.”

Summary

The city of Linden is searching for a developer that understands small towns and can guarantee businesses that will strengthen the economy.

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— John

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machinery are still embedded in the earth, leaving the ground fissured near a pipeline that runs through her property.

“They waited until I left to start working, knowing they weren’t allowed to do this,” Hense said of Enbridge, the company responsible for the damage on her property.

Enbridge, a pipeline company based in Canada, is undertaking a massive project of installing a new pipeline, which runs through Tyron Township and Hense’s backyard. Spokesperson Joe Martucci said under a 1968 easement agreement, Enbridge has the right to work around the 60-foot easement, even if it includes people’s yards or private property.

But Hense said she never granted Enbridge permission to tear down trees or encroach onto her property.

“They can do all this work on the easement, they don’t need to go onto my property,” Hense said.

Martucci said Hense was informed in advance of Enbridge’s future activity on her property. Enbridge made numerous offers to Hense, including a $40,000 deal to use her property, but all offers were declined. Martucci said the project serves the public interest as the pipeline distributes oil to companies throughout the Midwest. Martucci used the Marathon refinery in Detroit as an example of the pipeline’s benefits to the state.

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SNAKE
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measured 17 feet, 7 inches, and weighed 164 pounds.

The Burmese python is one of the six largest snakes in the world, and is native to Southern and Southeast Asia. They were brought to Florida and kept as pets, though they are now considered an invasive species. When the snakes grow too large to be kept in a home, or when an owner simply no longer wishes to keep their pet python any longer, the snakes are often released in the wild instead of being given a new home or euthanized.

Once they are abandoned, or they have escaped, the Burmese pythons can reproduce in large numbers. The large snake recently caught also holds a record other than size — it was pregnant with 87 eggs. These snakes commonly make their way to the everglades, where more than 1,000 pythons have since been caught.

The snakes present a danger to several types of endangered species in Florida, which they are known to eat, such as the Key Largo Woodrat. What a Burmese python can eat is hardly limited by its size. After wrapping around and suffocating its prey, the python can devour animals such as deer and alligators.

Those traveling to Florida this winter may want to keep an eye out for large snakes for not only their own safety, but they might also spot a new record themselves.

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GOLD TORCH
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5. Sweet potatoes

Combine smoking and roasting for a creamy, honeyed potato that’s not overly sweet. Coat whole sweet potatoes with butter and place over medium-high heat until skins are browned and the flesh is tender — about 40 minutes to one hour. Remove; slice lengthwise and top with butter and brown sugar.

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Meat Clerk Nick Allen of Linden weighs salmon for a customer at the VG’s on Silver Parkway in Fenton Thursday. “They always look for deals,” he said.

GROCERY
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According to a Wednesday morning report on NBC’s Today Show, beef prices are expected to rise approximately 5 percent, dairy 4.5 percent, poultry and eggs 4 percent and pork 3 percent. The Today Show estimated that it would cost $615 more this year to feed a family of four.

However, Brian Haaraoja, senior vice president of VG’s Grocery, is not so pessimistic. “Crop production is definitely going to be down,” he said. “But the high cost of goods doesn’t necessarily reflect what you’ll be paying at the grocery store. At VG’s, we try to offset these increases by controlling our other expenses, so we don’t have to pass all these costs to our customers. A dollar is a dollar, and it’s up to us to manage our bottom line while maintaining our prices and being competitive.”

Will consumers be paying higher prices? “Yes, to a certain degree,” said Haaraoja. “Just not to the extent that the media is making it out to be. Customers at VG’s can expect at least a 2 percent increase, which would be a normal inflationary rate.”

Haaraoja says that VG’s has price freezes going on right now, which hold the prices of a particular item for three months. “Our boneless chicken has a price freeze at $1.89 per pound,” he said. “Fifteen years ago, a good price for chicken was $1.99 per pound. Our retail grocery prices over the last 15 years have not increased at the same rate as inflation.”

For customers who want to slash their grocery bill, especially at the meat counter, here are a few strategies from Andrea Woroch, a nationally recognized consumer and money-saving expert.

1. Buy lean — Not only are leaner cuts of meat healthier, they’re also more cost-efficient, since most of the fat on fatter meats ends up at the bottom of the grill.
2. Avoid pre-cut — Cubed meats and pre-made patties are convenient, but ultimately a waste of money. For even more savings, grind your own chuck at home or ask the butcher to do it for you.
3. Buy in bulk — If you have a big meat-eating family, buying in bulk is a good way to keep costs down. You’ll need storage space, but you’ll pay close to the same price for tenderloin as ground beef.
4. Buy on clearance — You can find good deals on meat nearing its expiration. These meats are usually labeled “Manager’s Markdowns” or have bright stickers noting their “best by” dates.
5. Try “Meatless Monday” — Reduce your meat consumption by going at least one night per week without using your meat’s most costly ingredient.
6. Don’t be fooled — Know the differences between organic, natural and hormone-free meats, so you’re not paying more for something you’re not getting. Only the certified seal from the USDA, proves meat is organic.
7. Rotisserie for rush meals — Use pre-cooked rotisserie chicken when you don’t have time or energy to whip up a meal from scratch. Plus, you’ll have leftovers to use in salads or sandwiches the next day.
8. Add healthy fillers — You can stretch your meat dollars by adding oatmeal or breadcrumbs to certain recipes using ground beef.
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‘A whole different world’ awaits you across the Mackinac Bridge

By Sally Rummel
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(Note: Writer Sally Rummel calls Michigan’s Upper Peninsula “her favorite place on earth.” She enjoys vacationing at her family’s 75-year-old cabin on Lake Michigan in Naubinway, 45 miles west of the Mackinac Bridge.)

If you’ve never crossed the Mackinac Bridge into Michigan’s Upper Peninsula or haven’t since you were a child, it’s time to pack your bags, hop into the car and drive four hours to the Straits area, which separates both peninsulas of our state. You can spend a weekend, a week or months exploring all the U.P. has to offer, from miles of pristine shoreline to quaint fishing towns, national forests, waterfalls, ghost towns, mines, museums and casinos — even Michigan’s own national park, the remote and wild Isle Royale in Lake Superior.

Your U.P. vacation may actually begin before you cross the bridge, if you hop on a ferry in Mackinaw City to visit Mackinac Island — famous for fudge, motorless streets, the Grand Hotel and storybook Victorian cottages. If you’re coming south from the U.P. to visit the island, you can save a bridge toll and cross from St. Ignace — at the southeastern tip of the U.P. 

ABOUT THE U.P.
• The U.P. contains 29 percent of the land area of the state of Michigan, but only three percent of its population of 320,000.
• It is 320 miles long and 125 miles from north to south.
• The U.P. is surrounded by three of the Great Lakes - Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Superior.
• Its main industries are logging, mining and tourism.
• Its largest city is Marquette, with almost 20,000 people, and is home to Northern Michigan University.

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- Tahquamenon Falls State Park past Newberry: 337 miles
- Porcupine Mountains: 514 miles

UPPER PENINSULA
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When heading north from the Lower Peninsula across the Mackinac Bridge, you’ll notice the aroma of pine trees and fresh air as soon as you open your window to pay the $4 bridge toll. This is just a hint of the natural beauty you will find across the bridge.

When going west from the Mackinac Bridge along US-2 toward Manistique, you’ll be riding parallel along one of the most scenic shorelines in the U.S. Take the time, pull off the road and enjoy a picnic lunch or a dip into Lake Michigan.

Now your vacation begins as you decide where you’ll want to visit. If you’re a U.P. “newbie,” start with these places and you’ll wonder why you haven’t visited sooner.

1) Tahquamenon Falls State Park — Located within Tahquamenon Falls State Park between Newberry and Paradise, the Tahquamenon Falls are actually two different waterfalls on the Tahquamenon River. The Upper Falls is the centerpiece of the park, measuring more than 200 feet across with a drop of about 48 feet. The Lower Falls, located four miles downstream, is a series of five smaller falls cascading around an island, which can be reached by rowboat. A hiking trail runs between the falls along the riverside, and visitors often play in the Lower Falls during the summer.

2) Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore — Located in Munising, the Pictured Rocks are best viewed by scenic cruises, which take passengers to breathtaking views of colorful rock formations, beaches, bays, caves and lighthouses along the Lake Superior shoreline. This area is also a haven for hikers and kayakers.

3) Soo Locks — The largest waterway traffic system on earth, the Soo Locks enable ships to travel between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes through a system of locks on the St. Mary’s River, passing an average of 10,000 ships per year. Tours include St. Mary’s River Lighthouse Tours, themed cruises, lunch and dinner cruises.

4) Whitefish Point Light Station/Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum — Located at the extreme southeastern end of Lake Superior, Whitefish Point is a critical turning point for all vessels entering and leaving Lake Superior. The Whitefish Point Light Station was built in 1861 and is the oldest operating lighthouse on Lake Superior.

This area is also known ominously as Lake Superior’s Shipwreck Coast. Of the 550 known major shipwrecks lying on the bottom of the lake, at least 200 of them are near Whitefish Point, including the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald. The Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum includes a main gallery featuring the Edmund Fitzgerald bell and exhibit, a short theater program, a tour of the 1861 Lighthouse Keeper’s Quarters and more.

New this year are kayaking tours along Lake Superior’s Shipwreck Coast.

5) Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park — Located on the shores of Lake Superior in Ontonogan County, this is Michigan’s largest state park with 90 miles of trails and some of the region’s highest peaks. These mountain forests support black bear, deer, timber wolves, river otters and even moose, as well as rare woodland plants, making it a wonderful destination for naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts.
Tastebuds in cats and dogs

An interesting note is that humans have 9,000 taste buds, dogs 1,706, and cats 473. It is immediately apparent that the difference in numbers of taste buds contributes to the ability of animals to distinguish between tastes. Dogs and cats tend to show a preference for more general taste categories. One of these categories is “bitter.” Dogs, and especially cats, have a great aversion to bitter tastes. One of these categories is “bitter.”

Studies find people with an impaired ability to smell and taste consume less healthy diets. Here’s how to sharpen your senses of smell and taste.

—besthealthmag

Season with spice
Add spices to your food. Even if your sense of smell and taste are a little jaded, you should still retain full function in your “irritant” nerve, the nerve that makes you cry when you eat an onion. So use spices such as hot chili powder to liven up your food.

Serve natural
Serve food that looks like itself. Forget fancy presentation. If you’re serving fish, keep it looking like a fish. Your sense of taste is stronger if your brain can connect what you’re eating with how it looks.

Get your zinc
Indulge in a dozen oysters. Among their other benefits, oysters are one of the highest food sources of zinc, and zinc deficiencies contribute to a loss of smell as well as taste.

Start fresh
Reset your taste for sugar and salt. Processed foods have so much sugar and salt that you practically stop tasting them if you eat them often.

Enjoy company
Eat in a restaurant or with other people. Studies find that eating in the presence of other people makes food taste better than eating alone.

Slow down
Chew thoroughly and slowly. This releases more flavor and extends the time that the food lingers in your mouth so that it spends more time in contact with your taste buds.

Mix it up
Eat a different food with every forkful. Instead of eating the entire steak at once, then moving on to the potato, etc. Varying the scents and tastes as you eat keeps your olfactory nerves from getting bored.

Don’t burn yourself
Avoid very hot foods and fluids. They can damage your taste buds.

Kids’ taste buds are different from adults

Taste is one way in which infants and young children experience the world, and as their bodies develop, so do their taste buds. A recent study discovered that there’s a noticeable change in taste perception as a child develops into a teenager. Teenagers show an increased ability to distinguish flavors, together with a decreased preference for sweet flavors. Appearance and our expectations have a lot to do with the way we perceive taste, children who are tasting things are probably relying on their sensitive taste buds as well as their sense of smell to decide if a food tastes good or not. Rewarding children with food is also not a good idea. It elevates the status of food and makes certain foods or treats more valuable to children.
The secret of contentment

While researching and writing a book on crime and justice, I was surprised to learn that two-thirds of those in prison had full-time jobs at the time of their arrests. These people, now barred from the simple pleasure of walking down the street, had not been the victims of unemployment or bad economic conditions; they had lost their freedom because they had not been content with what they had and were willing to break the law to get more.

Contentment comes from appreciating what we have rather than longing for more.
Anytime Fitness
Moves to larger building, adds classes

By Sally Rummel
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Anytime Fitness has moved to its new location in Fenton, adding more space and additional fitness options.

Now located at 1145 North LeRoy St. near Sherwin Williams Paint, Anytime Fitness boasts 40 percent more floor space plus higher ceilings, providing members with a more open and airy environment.

“Our members are really excited about our new space,” said owners Aaron and Theresa Ford. “We didn’t lose a single member when we made the move this summer.”

Members have access to all Star Trak cardio equipment, each with its own TV screen for on-one-one enjoyment, plus resistance machines, weights and more. Personal training is available to new members to familiarize themselves with their workout routine, and group classes and individual training are available.

This additional new space has allowed the Fords to offer more fitness classes, including Spinning bike classes, Boot Camp classes and Cardio Kick-boxing.

Also new as of Aug. 1 is the “Silver Sneakers” program, which provides members who qualify through certain insurance companies to take advantage of free gym membership at Anytime Fitness. “Stop in and ask if your insurance company participates,” said Aaron.

Anytime Fitness, open in Fenton since 2006, is one of the first gyms to offer 24-hour membership access. Staffed hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (810) 750-1149.

Rapid Refill Ink, also owned by the Fords, made the move to the new building along with Anytime Fitness. This franchise business refills ink cartridges and laser toners, to save customers money and help the environment. Open in Fenton since 2005, Rapid Refill Ink has its own entrance at the back of the Anytime Fitness location. For more information, call (810) 750-1143.

The UPS Store
Owner recognized for community support

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Les Beare, owner of The UPS Store in Fenton, was recently recognized for his community involvement — standing out among 1,600 other franchise owners attending the group’s national convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“I am honored to have won this award,” said 1451 North, who has owned and operated The UPS Store since 1988. “I have worked hard not only to build my business, but also to be a responsible member of the community. I am proud to be recognized for my efforts in Fenton and in The UPS Store franchise network.”

Beare was recognized for his local outreach in the tri-county area, including his efforts to support other local businesses.
### Fenton Hotel Featured Dinners

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### Dining Around Town

Get the lowdown on our area’s most popular restaurants

Plus enjoy special offers and discounts from your favorite restaurants listed.

1. **Cranberries' Cafe**
   - **Mystery Dinner**
   - Sept. 23: 1:00pm
   - 5-Course Meal with Entertainment
   - Reservations Needed
   - 10250 Hegel Rd., Downtown Goodrich

2. **Burger Lovers’ Burgers™ With Fries**
   - 1/2 PRICE BOTTLES with dinner
   - Join us for WINE on WEDNESDAYS
   - 1/2 PRICE BOTTLES w/dinner
   - Thursdays 7:00-10:00pm
   - Live MUSIC

3. **Burger Lovers’ Burgers™ With Fries**
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5. **China King**
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Meet Will Axford

By Olivia Dimmer
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Journalist, traveler, aspiring author

Set a goal for yourself and set a plan on how to achieve it. Don’t be discouraged if it’s difficult. Always be open-minded because what you wanted initially might not be what you end up with. Change and adapt. Work hard, play hard, but don’t take everything too seriously.

Will Axford is a 25-year-old reporter who found his niche in journalism as a teen, and continued to take his skills abroad. He aspires for a future in writing, and hopes to write a book about his extensive travels.

What was your college experience like? CMU was fun. I worked for CM life, the newspaper there. Mt. Pleasant is not that interesting of a place. The winters are miserable, but the summers are beautiful.

How did you go about getting your internship in China? Before I went to CMU they had a thing on the website saying students could intern in China. I worked hard toward getting that internship, and eventually got it. I actually beat out one of my best friends for it, because they only allow one student per year.

Was the language barrier a problem? Mandarin is super difficult. English is kind of set up like Spanish and other languages, but Mandarin is completely its own thing. I used a lot of body language and pointed at things a lot. Some of the other interns there were bilingual, so I would go out with them and have them talk for me.

What did you do while you were interning? I worked for the China Daily, the national English-speaking newspaper. I interviewed expatriates and people who had moved to China. One time I had a travel article about four gorges in China. I went up to taxi drivers and just showed them the location and point, like, ‘Can you go here?’ That was interesting.

How did you get into the field of journalism? In my senior year of high school, a girl in my writing class got into an accident and died and the teacher asked us to write about it. I turned in my gut reaction to it, and she encouraged me to edit it and submit it to local newspapers. It ended up getting published. I also love Ernest Hemingway, and he said he learned everything he knew about writing from working at a newspaper.

What is your favorite part about journalism? I love interviewing people that might seem boring and simple, and then they surprise you with a miraculous story and have a unique way of telling it. There are no bad stories — just a terrible way to tell or write it.

What was your most memorable experience from being in China? I got to see the band ‘Shonen Knife.’ They are an all-girl Japanese punk band that opened for Nirvana. It was fun for me to tell my editors we needed to do a story on them, and then cover a band.

Have you ever traveled anywhere else besides China? My dad was born in Boston, and my mom was in the Philippines. My dad was in the Air Force, and he met my mother when he was down in the Philippines. They both moved to Japan, and I was born there in Okinawa. They divorced, and I was 5 or 6 when we moved to the U.S. I’ve also been to Germany and saw the World Cup. I’ve seen the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean, and been border-to-border across the U.S. I’ve been to three continents already, and by the time I’m 50 I’d like to say I’ve been to all of them. I really want to go to Brazil and see the World Cup there, and the Amazon before it’s gone. I’ve probably been on at least 30 or so plane rides.

Where do you see yourself in 25 years? I’d like to write a book, maybe if I travel enough I can write a good one. I plan to keep on writing. I don’t know if I’ll stay in the area forever, even though I do have some fine childhood memories.

What other hobbies do you have? I have a guitar that I play terribly by myself. A lot of my friends are in local bands that I go and see. I’m also a comic book geek. I love them all. As a little kid, I used to pick them up in Rite-Aid, like Spiderman and the X-men.

What advice would you give to other aspiring journalists? My outlook on life is to always face the truth, even if it is negative. Admit to your faults and fess up to mistakes. Be open to criticism and don’t take it personally. Learn and grow from it.
Running with your dog

paw’s corner

Q: I started my own fitness training about four months ago, and have done pretty well with daily runs. Now that my dog ‘Spirit’ is out of puppyhood — he’s about 9 months old — I’ve tried to take him along. But he didn’t seem too excited the first time we went running together. He stopped running and tugged on his leash back toward home after just half a mile. How can I get Spirit into running?

A: You’ve got to work Spirit up to it, just as you had to work your fitness upward. He gave a really clear signal that a half mile was his initial maximum distance; at that point it was time to take him home. Spirit is still very young to be out running, so don’t get discouraged by that first-day showing; just gradually increase the distance each day in small increments, take Spirit home, and finish your own run.

Running with your pet is rewarding, providing companionship and even a measure of security. But keep your dog’s welfare in mind throughout the exercise. Heidi Ganahl of Camp Bow Wow offered some important tips for keeping your dog safe while running:

• Don’t feed your dog less than 1 hour before or after running, to avoid the possibility of bloating.
• Put sunblock on your dog’s nose on sunny days.
• Make sure he drinks plenty of water before and after the run.
• Check your dog’s feet after each run for injuries.
• Avoid running in very hot, humid weather, as dogs can overheat quickly.
• Place reflective gear on your dog and yourself.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For many years, I had heartburn, and I lived with it by taking things like Tums. Finally, I consulted a doctor, who referred me to a gastroenterologist because he was alarmed at the length of time I’d had it. The gastroenterologist gave me a scope exam of my esophagus and stomach. It turns out I have GERD and something called Barrett’s esophagus, which turns into cancer. Naturally, I am nervous. I’ve never heard of heartburn-caused cancer. How often does that happen? — A.S.

ANSWER: Not often, but enough that plans have to be made to keep checking for such a change. Heartburn is officially called GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease. Stomach acid squirts upward (refluxes) into the swallowing tube, the esophagus. The esophagus isn’t built to deal with stomach acid the way the stomach is. The result is heartburn.

Medicines for GERD are many. The ones most often chosen are proton-pump inhibitors, medicines that all but turn off acid production. Their names are Prevacid (lansoprazole), Dexilant (dexlansoprazole), Prilosec (omeprazole), Nexium (esomeprazole), Protonix ( pantoprazole) and Aciphex (rabeprazole). Up to 12 percent of GERD patients, even with treatment, develop Barrett’s esophagus. The lining cells of the lower part of the esophagus change into those that are more resistant to stomach acid. That change can evolve into another transformation that is precancerous. That’s called dysplasia. Dysplasia can then become cancer. The absolute risk for this is small, but it is real, and has to be carefully looked for. If the Barrett’s cells show signs of low-grade dysplasia, then a follow-up scope exam of the esophagus is done in six to 12 months and repeated annually. If high-grade changes are found, the scope exam is repeated every six months. If no dysplasia changes are seen, follow-up exams are scheduled for every three years.

Girlfriend worries when parents start to date

DEAR AMY: My boyfriend and I have been together for almost two years. We plan on getting married some day. Yesterday we found out that his mom and my dad have been secretly dating for about three weeks. Neither his mom or my father seems to see our relationship as a problem. They don’t want to get married, doesn’t that mean my boyfriend and I would now be brother and sister? Is there any way I can talk some sense into them? — Betrayed

DEAR BETRAYED: If you truly believe that your boyfriend’s mother and your father marrying would magically turn you two into siblings, then — please — do not get married and procreate. While there is nothing you can (or should do to prevent these two adults from dating, you do have a right to express yourselves. They should do their best to be open with you. If they have been dating for only three weeks, they may not have much to report. If these two got married and you also got married, you and your guy would become both step-siblings and spouses — otherwise known as ‘lucky people who can double up on step-parents and in-laws.’

DEAR AMY: I have a co-worker who has a severe stutter to the point where he sometimes struggles to get his words out. What is the appropriate way to handle a conversation with this person so as to not make him feel embarrassed or self-conscious? Should I help by finishing the word he is stuck on or just let him finish on his own? I want to do the right thing. — Office Mate

DEAR OFFICE MATE: Do not finish his sentences. He knows what he intends to say (and you may not) — he just needs more time to say it. Give him the time he needs to finish his thought. Conversing with someone who stutters can actually be a gift — it will teach you how to listen patiently, actively and without judgment.

Best ways to save on school supplies

Ten states offer tax-free weekends. During one weekend in August, back-to-school items, like backpacks and footwear, are tax-free. Unfortunately, Michigan is not one of those states. Here are a few tips on ways to save on school supplies.

Wait for discounts. Big markdowns on clothing, electronics, and shoes typically occur in mid-August. The reward for your patience? Savings of 40 to 50 percent in stores and 20 to 25 percent with online retailers.

Buy a backpack with a warranty. Book bags take a beating, so buy your child’s backpack from a reputable company, such as L.L. Bean, REI, or The North Face, which guarantees its merchandise. If a zipper breaks, the company will replace the backpack at no charge or it may give you your money back.

Ask for a student discount on software. Flash a valid K–12 or college ID at tech stores or send a copy via e-mail or fax to sites like academicsuperstore.com or Journeyed.com and you could get up to 80 percent off your purchase.

Check drawers and closets before you Shop. Your kids don’t need to have a bright new box of crayons, or pencils that haven’t been sharpened yet. Search drawers at home for school supplies before you buy new.
Patricia Ann Eriksson - 1935-2012

Patricia Eriksson - age 76, died August 13, 2012 at her residence in Fenton. The only child of Lawrence and Norma Anderson, Patricia was born on December 27, 1935 in Flint, Michigan. She graduated from Central Michigan University and earned a BA from Oakland University where she was a member of the Alumni Association. She pursued graduate work at MSU where she was nominated for the Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda. Patricia began her teaching career in Clarkston Michigan Schools. After moving to Sweden, she began teaching in International Schools specializing in the International Baccalaureate Program of Geneva, Switzerland. She coordinated the programs at both international and national institutions located in Sweden, Cyprus and Bahrain. She was the recipient of Eastern Michigan’s Overseas Educator Scholarship in 1989. Citations from UNIP for environment programs in 1991, Finalist for the International School Teacher of the Year Award in 1998, was a delegate at the Council of Europe’s “Children of the New Millennium” conference in 2000, and a participant in Conflict Resolution Programs through the Cyprus Fulbright Commission of which she was an embassy appointed member from 2003-2006. She attended educational conferences throughout Europe and the Middle East, and initiated Service Learning Programs within the schools where she served, and was an active member of the Lions overseas. After moving back to the U.S. in 2006, she became active in the local Fenton community. She organized and was elected President of the Fairfield Condo Association. Chair of the Southern Genesee County Democratic Club and an Executive Board member of the Genesee County Democratic Party. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and traveling "Fan-tas" to the Equine Sports Stables. Patricia is survived by her three children, Cameron Schmidt (Sherry) of Fenton, Carrie Schmidt (Carolyn) of Fenton, LeAnn Yannell (John) of New York; grandchildren, Matthew (Laura) Corey, Aaron, Casey and step-grandson Preston, all of Fenton. Her life philosophy followed the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: “To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

Mary Louise Hoepner Groeneveld Blumenthal 1922-2012

Mary Louise (Hoepner) Groeneveld Blumenthal - age 90, of Oak Park/Fenton, MI passed away after an extended illness. Survived by daughter, Diane (DuWayne) Stratham; sons, Gregory (Myoko) Groeneveld Windsor, CA, 3 grand children, 8 great-grandchildren. Memorial services August 25, 2012 at 11 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 806 Main St., Fenton. Family requesting donations to Hospice of Arizona or Trinity Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers.


Clifford J. Lanning 1929-2012

Clifford J. Lanning - age 82, died Sunday, August 12, 2012, at the place he loved most, the family cabin in Mesiik, Michigan. He was surrounded by his loving wife, Joanne and close friends. Services were held 11 AM Thursday, August 16, 2012 at Family Funeral Home, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Michigan with Pastor Jim Combs Sr. officiating. Interment followed at the Great Lakes National Veteran’s Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday, August 15, 2012 from 4-8 PM. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions in Clifford’s name to the VFW, Fenton VFW and Fenton Order of Eagles. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.
The Prayer

To the Blessed Virgin Mary (Never been known to fail. On most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin. Assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the sea, you who are the Rock, show me who you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessities. You are my request. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mother place this prayer in your hands. (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Publish it, it will be granted to you. In loving.

Rose Township

Oakland County, Michigan

Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll

For Maintenance of Eveline Drive, Rose Township, Oakland County, Michigan

Notice is hereby given, to the residents and property owners of land within the Eveline Drive Road Maintenance Assessment District #909 accessing Eveline Drive, located in Section 35 Rose Township, Oakland County, Michigan, which includes the following, parcels:

- 06-35-176-004
- 06-35-300-009
- 06-35-300-010
- 06-35-400-012
- 06-35-400-014
- 06-35-400-016
- 06-35-400-018
- 06-35-400-020
- 06-35-400-021
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and any other interested persons that the Supervisor of the township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination, a special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within the proposed Eveline Drive Road Maintenance Assessment District #909. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of ascertaining the costs of road maintenance within the district which assessment is in the total amount of $9200.00 for the first year and $9500.00 for each subsequent year. The term of the Eveline Drive Road Maintenance Assessment District #909 is four years.

Notice is further given, that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is an amount that is the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied equally against each parcel of land in the S.A.D. as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in the S.A.D.

Notice is also given, that the Township Board will meet at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto.

No data provided for this section.
TYRONE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 9, 2012

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith L. Kremer, Treasurer Mama Bunling-Smith, Trustees Don Peitz, Jim Kolhoff and Colleen Ameel. Absent: Trustee Steve Hasbrouck.
2. Opened the public hearing to review the proposed Parkin Lane Seasonal Road Maintenance Special Assessment District at 7:02 pm. Closed the public hearing at 7:05 pm.
3. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
4. Received and placed on file Communications #1-4 as presented.
5. Authorized the payment of the Tetra Tech invoice for services rendered.
6. Adopted Resolution #120801 to prepare the special assessment roll for the Parkin Lane Road Maintenance Project.
7. Adopted Resolution #120802 to schedule a public hearing for the Parkin Lane special assessment district.
8. Accepted the bid from Webster & Garner for propane fuel services.
9. Approved the final township millage rate for 2012.
10. Tabled the resolution to support the Lake Tyrone sewer project.
11. Authorized the Clerk to purchase three replacement computers.
12. Representatives from Precision Pipeline, contracted by Enbridge, explained the pipeline project.
13. Resolved to convene in closed session to discuss attorney-client communications at 8:24 pm. Reconvened in open session at 9:26 p.m.
14. Agreed to commence with litigation to see if foreclosure is a viable option on Kucer’s sewer agreement.
15. Accepted Vaughn Smith’s request for an extension of the reclamations of the Fenton Sand & Gravel pit, per consent agreement, for an additional nine months.
16. Denied Vaughn Smith’s request to allow parking on the gravel pit property, because it is not a permitted use.
17. Adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10468 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us.

The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Supervisor Mike Cunningham
Clerk Keith L. Kremer


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