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“The Times can save Fenton schools \$16,000. Residents, please submit your thoughts to the Hot line on why the millage didn’t pass. You’ll get far more accurate intel from the readers than any overpriced survey. Thank you.”



HOT LINE: **POLITICS**

“We all need to support our president. The election is over and the majority has spoken.”

“Speaking for myself, ‘fairness’ means that one person should not profit from another’s labor, period.”

“President Obama spoke about gun control with children as a backdrop. Maybe he should have the same



children behind him when he talks about abortion.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Politician — out of a job yet? Go ahead, vote yes on any gun control.”

HOT LINE:

“Any American should be happy to pay more taxes. Cheapskate right-wingers should pony-up, shut-up and pay their fair share.”

HOT LINE of the week

“IF YOU ARE looking to add a pet to your family, dog or cat, please go to an animal shelter or rescue instead of a breeder. So many wonderful animals need homes. It is heartbreaking to see all the unwanted loving sweethearts.”



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Armed robbery prompts school lock-down

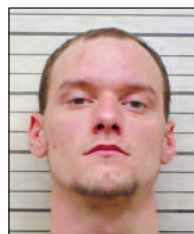
► Tomek locks doors as police search through neighborhood

By Sharon Stone
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About an hour after he allegedly robbed the Clark gas station at 436 North LeRoy Street in Fenton Wednesday

afternoon, Fenton police located and apprehended the suspect at a nearby home.

Michael Joseph Craig, 23, of Fenton was arraigned Friday in 67th District Court



Michael Craig

on one felony count of armed robbery and one felony count of using a firearm while committing a felony. A cash surety bond of \$15,000 was ordered on the two charges. Craig’s preliminary exam has been set for Feb. 6.

Fenton police responded

to the gas station at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23 after receiving a hold up alarm from the business. Seconds later the store clerk called 911 indicating that a white male, later identified as Craig, had just robbed the station at gun-

See ROBBERY on 14A

Manager arrested at medical marijuana dispensary

Police raid Well Greens in Holly

By William Axford
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Holly — Guns, drugs, cash and other related items were secured during a raid at a business in the 1500 block of Holly Road in Holly Village Thursday afternoon.

Summary

► A Keego Harbor man awaits felony drug charges after Holly police raid a medical marijuana dispensary Thursday.

The Holly Police Department and deputies with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office arrested a 31-year-old Keego Harbor man at Well Greens, the only medical marijuana dispensary in Oakland County, after securing multiple warrants.

Law enforcement arrived at the scene at approximately 12:30 p.m. and were seen entering the business with door-busting
See RAID on 8A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
The manager of Well Greens is arrested without incident Thursday afternoon by Holly police.

Confidence and safety through martial arts



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Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen tests Ethan York, 9, of Burton (bottom) for his next stripe in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu on Tuesday night. Aaron Salgado, 6, of Grand Blanc is his training partner. Allen tested Ethan during his class that included men, women and children. **See story on Page 11A**

Funding approved for \$4.7 million Cornerstone project

► Building will be first new downtown addition since 1970

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — After a year and a half of meticulous planning and tedious easement management, both the Fenton City Council and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) are ready to bring the Cornerstone project from concept to reality, with groundbreaking
See CORNERSTONE on 8A

Gun sales at all-time high in tri-county area

► Speculation over possible federal legislation sparks fear, panic

By William Axford
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Fenton — Gun sales are at an all time high in the tri-county area. Tri-City Trading Post co-owner Michelle Curtis said her firearm sales have quadrupled in the past month, attributing the rise to possible gun
See GUNS on 20A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Dan Corbett of Fenton inquires about firearms with Tri-City Trading Post owner Michelle Curtis (far right). Curtis said many customers are purchasing firearms due to possible federal legislation on gun control.

Look 10 years younger in one hour

'The Hour Lift' facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure — lasts for 10 years

“The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient.”

Dr. Eric Seiger
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

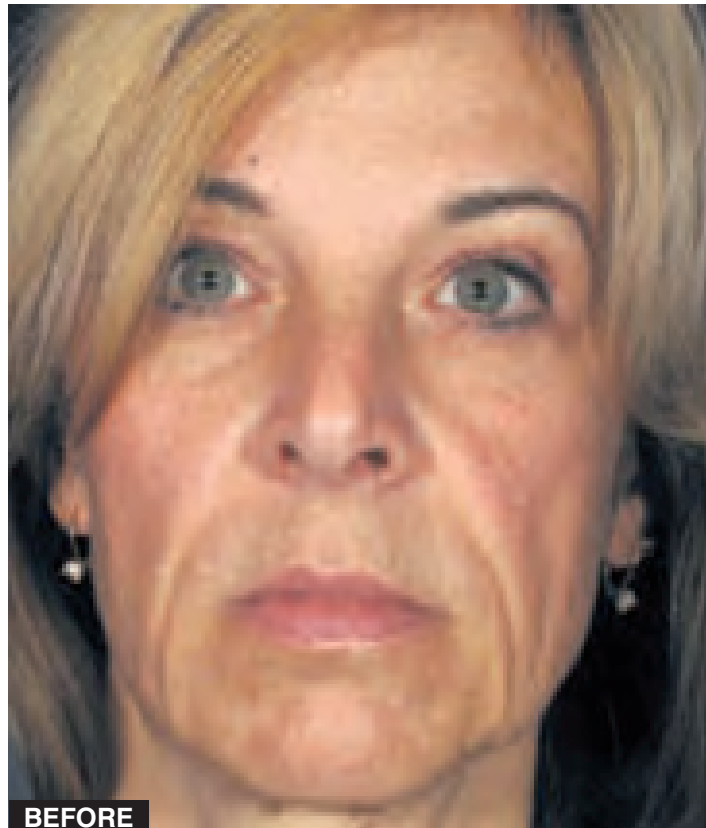
That's why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the pre-op area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for "The Hour Lift," a mini-facelift procedure that's becoming more and more popular.

"We've been doing these for about 15 years, but they've become much more mainstream now since makeover shows on TV began to glamorize them about 10 years ago," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon. "It's not a 'taboo' thing anymore."

Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. "I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

The difference between The Hour Lift and a regular facelift is that The Hour Lift involves cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles, rather than moving the facial muscles. The areas primarily improved by a facelift are the jowls, cheeks and neck. There's a huge difference in recovery time and price. "It's the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment," said Dr. Seiger.

The price is also a huge factor in a per-



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AFTER

son's decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge \$3,800, and he cut the price to \$2,900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelift will cost between \$6,000 and \$15,000—depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurance.

"The number one thing that patients say to me is, 'I don't want to look 20 years old again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed,'" said Dr. Seiger.

For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success in the business world. "A youthful appearance validates your professionalism," she said. "This is how we get measured for our success."



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Debbie Purcell is prepped for a mini facelift on Monday, at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger directs resident physician Kate Johnson. They are assisted by nurse Amy Sowers.

Thinking about having 'The Hour Lift'?

Here's what to expect:

Q: What happens before the procedure?

A: Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to help you relax. Local anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

Q: How long does the procedure take?

A: One to 1½ hours.

Q: What actually happens during the "One Hour Lift"?

A: A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, removing any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firmer, more youthful jaw line.

Q: What can I expect during recovery?

A: Post surgery, patients wear an ice-containing head garment for 24-48 hours. They are likely able to shampoo and wear make-up the day after surgery. Sutures will be removed in six to eight days, resuming normal activities within three days.

Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?

A: Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

Q: How long will the results last?

A: Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?

A: The Skin and Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients. Carol Beale, interviewed below, is one such person.

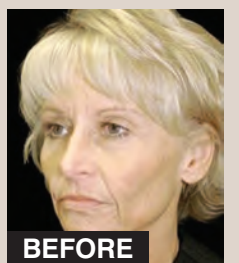
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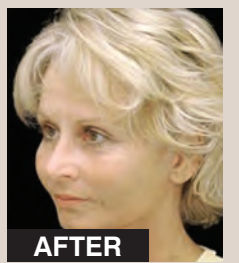
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1 Sticky situation

When your little one's gum ends up on his shirt or your rug, fill a resealable plastic sandwich bag with ice and apply it to the sticky spot for 10 minutes. As the gum gets cold, it shrinks and hardens, making it easy to peel off and toss away without damaging fabric.

2 Buildup in toilet



To whisk away unsightly buildup in your toilet, drop a denture tablet in the bowl once a month. Let it sit overnight, then flush. The effervescent compounds in the tablet loosen particles, while the oxidant ingredients work to polish the porcelain.

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Fenton City Clerk Jennifer Naismith (wearing the blue suit) staves off chaos on the busy general election in November. Predicting problems and being organized make her good at the job.

The winding path to a career

►Planning, hard work and chance often lead to career choices

By Tim Jagielo

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Det. Julie Bemus, 34, of the Holly Police Department wanted to be a veterinarian.

Taking classes related to that profession, and taking a part-time job as a security guard changed all of that. She didn't like the classes and, as it turns out, she liked the idea of police work. With encouragement from police officers she met, she became a cadet in training in 1998.

People go into different careers for many reasons, sometimes it's family, sometimes it's luck, but it's always interesting.

"It's very cliché, but I really wanted to make a difference with high school students, I really like that age."

— Bethanie George
Linden High School teacher

The path Bemus took involved being a park ranger and sheriff's deputy. She finally handled a gun in 2001, and became a road patrol officer in Holly in 2006. In 2010, she was promoted to **detective**.

Bemus said she's still learning and is currently testing for a sergeant's position. She said people might be surprised by how much paperwork is

needed. "If you can't write a good report, then you're not going to be a good police officer," she said. Aside from investigating cases she also seeks all warrants, handles the sex offender registry, court activities and other duties. "Law enforcement's really competitive," said Bemus. "It's a tough field, especially when they're not hiring that much anymore."

Sgt. Michael Story, 55, is **interim police chief**. He knew early on that he wanted to be a police officer. While Bemus was becoming a cadet, Story

See CAREER on 10A

Summary

►There are many paths leading to a career. Some know all along, others ease into a job that is hopefully right for them.

Career planning part of Michigan education

►Development plan starts in seventh grade

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Getting Michigan kids thinking about careers is part of a school district's curriculum.

Students begin career aptitude testing in grade eight, with an online system called the Educational Development Plan (EDP), and every student takes part, with careers and classes updated every year.

The Revised School Code 380.1278b enacted in 1976 requires Michigan schools to begin this development. The website Michigan uses, Career Cruising, was established in 1997.

Summary

►The EDP is required for all students from grades eight to 12 in Michigan. They will explore careers based on their interests and get a taste of several by the time they graduate. College planning is also a big component.

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Students in their late seventh-grade year begin the EDP system, which can lead to career planning and college readiness.



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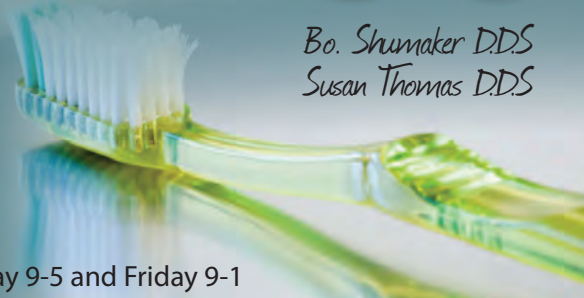
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Women in combat? A bad idea.

I must first point out that women, in nearly every important endeavor, perform better than men. They bring strength, insight, stamina and wisdom to everything they do. The contributions of women are now welcomed in nearly every venue — boardrooms, political office, the military — with few exceptions.

One of those exceptions is most certainly combat situations in our military. By the way, it's important to note that the number of women demanding to be on the front lines is miniscule, far less than 1 percent of all women in the military. So it is not their voice that is the driving force behind the 'women in combat' agenda. The real driving force is none other than the liberal-

left agenda that believes men and women — and manhood and womanhood — are no longer recognized as two distinctly different entities in marriage, in parenting, in life — and in combat.

Hold on though — if a woman is willing to go into combat doesn't that override that argument? Yes, it does, but only in the event her willingness affects just her, and not other members of the military.

Let's look at the realities of the situation. When in a combat environment, the last thing a soldier under fire needs to consider is complication factors with regard to the physical capabilities of fellow soldiers. Combat is physical strength and endurance at its most

intense level. To cavalierly pooh-pooh the physical differences between men and women simply adds another factor to be considered by troops already in a life or death situation. There will no doubt be a cost, in higher death tolls, from this factor alone.

Even more critical is the fact that any properly raised son has been taught from birth by his father and society to protect the women in his life — mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers — at all costs, including to the point of sacrificing his own life. Even the silly weenies on the left can't deny that this core social doctrine will surely result in skewed battlefield behavior — and additional casualties — never before experienced in the history of the United States military.

And, is it really a good idea to provide our enemies with fresh opportunities for televised atrocities and torture of our women soldiers that are beyond our imagination?

Isn't being thousands of miles from home fighting a war against an enemy bereft of any morals or conscience difficult enough? Why would we intentionally implement policy that goes against history, and God-given common sense, while providing no perceivable benefits?

More importantly, how many more soldiers must die for no other reason than to promote the politically-correct agenda of the liberal left?

Women in combat? A bad idea.

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IN THE GUN debate, why isn't it mentioned that in Australia, in 1996, a shooting massacre prompted the government to ban the sale of semi-automatic guns, buy back those in circulations, and gun purchasers to register guns in their own names. Gun deaths there dropped 59 percent over the decade without a single mass shooting since.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the lady at VG's who left \$40 with the cashier toward my grocery bill.

MR. PRESIDENT, HERE'S a great deal to have me give up my gun. When you stop all taxpayer money going for abortion; foreign and domestic, which is also the killing of children, I will gladly give you my gun.

YOU FORGOT TO mention that Martin Luther King Jr. was a Republican!

AMERICA — STAND READY to be fundamentally transformed — Let King Obama finish what he started. The second half of the game is all his — he has 'more flexibility' as he told the Russian diplomat over the unknown open microphone.

EVERYONE IN MICHIGAN and those who read and comment on the Hot lines all see through a tube. You can't see the whole picture, only what you

want to see. Get rid of that tube and see the light and the damage the current administration is doing.

IT'S HIGH TIME to protect our children — closed campuses and uniforms for everyone from kindergarten to high school. One controlled entry point even if you have to guard every door and they all should be locked. Time for military-style security, use the military or rent a cop.

THE INDIVIDUAL THAT sits in the White House chair in the Oval Office is responsible for everything America does, including raising taxes on everyone.

THE ONLY MONEY the government has is money it has taken from American citizens and businesses. Too many Americans (47 percent) aren't paying any income taxes. Demanding over 50 percent taxes on our personal income is unconscionable. How can anyone really believe that paying over 50 percent is a 'fair share'?

AS THE UNIONS go away so will your good pay, sick days, paid vacations, 40 hours. Corporations and small businesses will think they're in China. This is what voting for Right-to-Work will get you. Big mistake! I work for a cheap non-union company.

I HOPE THE GUN-loving goons have every weapon they own taken away from them. Only a fool would think they need weapons to protect themselves from their own government, or anyone else.

MY LEFT-LEANING friends think FactCheck.org and Snopes.com spew propaganda for conservatives. My right-leaning friends think these same websites are tools for liberals. My open-minded friends know that both websites are unbiased, trustworthy sources of information. Don't take my word for it; check them out for yourselves.

IN EVEN SIMPLER terms, I work two jobs for a living, pay a lot of taxes, want what is best for the country and I know the Democrats do not have my best interests at heart. Based on that, I am not in their voting demographic.

AMERICAN TAXPAYERS PAID \$1.4 billion for staffing, housing, flying and entertainment for the current President for one year! The British taxpayers pay only \$57.8 million for the Royal Family. He's the only President that has used America for those extreme charges especially without a budget? He spends and spends.

STRAIGHT FROM THE horses mouth! Obama told the House if they don't extend/raise the Debt Ceiling then the first order of business is to not pay the Veterans' benefits and Social Security recipients' payments.

WHY IS IT we are pronounced dead when there's no heartbeat or brain waves, yet a mere dot of a fetus is alive but has neither.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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— Karen Watson, Linden



"I like people and I like to put a smile on their face. I work as a teller at Chase Bank."

— Brandy Robinson
Fenton



"I guess because I've done it all of my life. I do maintenance with machines and I really like to fix things."

— Victor Syracus, Howell



"I worked my way into being a draftsman. I went from a shop to a board to a lab."

— David Lenk
Linden



"Mostly for job security. I worked for a super-market chain, then as a nurse."

— Lance Dunbar
Fenton Township



"It was available and I got it offered to me. I do claims for an insurance company."

— Karen Emmitt
Holly

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DEATHS PER DAY BY THE MONTH

Below is data from 2001 to 2008, indicating the average number of deaths per day by month. January and February statistically have the most deaths each year.

DEATHS

January:	7,300
February:	7,300
March:	7,100
December:	7,000
April:	6,700
November:	6,600
May:	6,400
October:	6,400
June:	6,300
July:	6,200
August:	6,200
September:	6,200

Source: National Center for Health Statistics

Why are death rates higher at certain times?

►Numbers increase during holidays, birthdays, cold months

By Ryan Tackabury

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The 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence occurred on July 4, 1826, and it was a day to be celebrated. It was also a day of sadness, as it was the day that founding father and second President of the United States, John Adams, passed away of natural causes.

Summary

►Christmas sees a 6 percent increase in deaths, with stress being a cause.

Fifty years to the day after he signed one of the most important historical documents ever drafted, Adams spoke his final words about another founding father, "Thomas Jefferson survives."

These words were incorrect, however. Several hours earlier, Thomas Jefferson had also passed away of natural causes.

Many people look forward to the holidays, though you may have a good reason to want to avoid them. A study conducted by David Phillips, Gwendolyn Barker, and

Kimberly Brewer and published in the Journal of Social Science & Medicine examined 25 years' worth of data and found an unusual correlation to the number of deaths and holidays.

The worst offender is Christmas, a time that most people often associate with family. The dark side of Christmas is that it kicks off a two-week period of death, then declines over time until it spikes again during New Year's.

The study also attempted to determine the exact reason of the phenomenon, though the study turned out to be inconclusive, with further research needed to find a definitive answer.

"It's speculated that psychological stress can make a difference," said Phillips, who is also a sociology professor at the University of California. He added that this theory is also unlikely as a broad-scale explanation.

The winter already sees an increase in death, as increased traffic during popular

travel days also typically results in more automobile crashes that can result in a higher death count.

The holiday death phenomenon, however, is not directly tied to these things.

According to the article, between 1979 and 2004, researchers found an additional 42,325 natural deaths above the natural winter-time increase.

Christmas Day sees an increase in deaths of more than 6 percent, while New Year's Day sees an increase of just over 3 percent.

The next most dangerous holiday is Thanksgiving, which sees roughly a 2.5 percent increase in deaths, Independence Day which sees just over a 2 percent increase, and then Labor Day with a 1 percent increase.

Holidays are not the only time an increase in death by natural causes has been witnessed. Next time you blow out your birthday cake candles, you are 14 percent more likely to have your own life snuffed out, according to research done at the University of Zurich.

If you prefer your birthday gifts in the form of cash, you also may be interested to hear that receiving large amounts of money has also been shown to be related with death rates. According to a study published in the Journal of Public Economics, counties with a large military presence see a 10-percent spike in deaths the week after mid-month paychecks arrive. After tax rebate checks arrived in 2001, death rates among 25-64 year rose 2.5 percent as well.

Comparisons can be drawn to a similar phenomenon known as broken heart syndrome, or takotsubo cardiomyopathy according to Darryl Douglas, a professor of psychology at the University of Michigan-Flint.

"When two elderly people have been married for a long time, and one passes away, it is not unheard of for the other to do so as well months or even days later," Douglas said. These cases are better understood, with stress being a direct cause of the broken heart syndrome.

While all of this extra morbidity on what are considered to be special or happy days may sound depressing — in truth, it is merely a matter of perspective.

In some cases, it is their desire to see one last Christmas, or the 50th anniversary of one of their greatest accomplishments, that inspires the ill and allows them to survive a little longer than they otherwise might.

“It's speculated that psychological stress can make a difference.”

David Phillips
Sociology Professor
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■■■
FENTON SCHOOLS ARE paying \$16,000 to do a survey to find out why their bonds keep failing at the polls. I can tell them the answer without spending a dime — people are tired of being taxed to death.

■■■
MAYBE FENTON SCHOOLS should have the Tri-County do the survey instead of paying \$16,000 to some out-of-town company. Didn't they collect a bunch of good taglines for Fenton City?

'You don't need the big box stores'

►North LeRoy Street home to more than 180 businesses

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton — When North LeRoy saw summer bloom last year, it came with a necessary evil — a much needed construction project to repair a road that had greatly deteriorated over time. Though the project was necessary, it also hurt local businesses.

Summary

►The North LeRoy Business District is already hard at work on projects for the 2013 year.

Sometimes, a positive can come out of a negative event, and the loss of customers during the construction helped spur the creation of the North LeRoy Business District.

Likewise, Kevin Messing, financial advisor at Edward Jones and president of the North LeRoy Business District, has similar feelings about the recent closing of Burger King, and the relocation of Halo Burger that quickly followed.

"You can look at it as a loss, but it is a gain really. It is really a positive," he said.

"That is just fantastic having that storefront. The nice thing is that people are stepping up and visiting there."

However, with the closings of some businesses on North LeRoy, it is clear that the business district has their work cut out for them.

"The biggest challenge has been getting people around the Fenton and Holly area to recognize that in this area on North LeRoy there are 180 businesses here that anything you are looking for is actually right here on North LeRoy,"

Messing said. "Everything from VG's to postal and packing services like Going Postal, from Guns Galore, to banking and automotive repair. Every kind of thing you can possibly look for is right here on North LeRoy."

This was an idea that Lucy Valeriano of Goin' Postal, the business district's vice president, was also happy to share.

"I am very excited with the potential of the North LeRoy Business District. I am excited because in this small area there are over 170 businesses, and I don't think many people know that," she said. "To let them know that they don't have to automatically go to the big box stores, and to let them know that mom and pop stores are here."

Messing said that now, the business district is about building momentum.

"It all started from the construction, and a couple of the business owners got together with the city, and they agreed to match us dollar for dollar for advertising," Messing said.

“Every kind of thing you can possibly look for is right here on North LeRoy.”

Kevin Messing
President of North
LeRoy Business
District

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News briefs

VILLAGE YARD WASTE PICK-UP CLARIFICATION

At the recent Holly Village Council meeting it was brought to the council's attention that the new yard waste schedule from Republic Services isn't accurate. The schedule reads that village residents will only have bi-weekly yard waste and recycling pick up. Republic Services has confirmed that yard waste will be picked up weekly during active months, which are April through November. Recycling is bi-weekly year round.

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP FOR PREVIOUSLY JAILED INDIVIDUALS ON JAN. 31

Genesee County Commissioner Omar A. Sims, Career Alliance, New Paths, GCCARD and Genesee County Community Corrections are hosting a "Beating the Odds Employment Workshop" for unemployed previously incarcerated individuals. The workshop will occur on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at GCCARD conference room located 601 North Saginaw St., in Flint. The workshop is specifically designed to address the employment issues faced by people with past criminal records. Participants will receive information regarding obtaining employment opportunities under a state initiative to address chronic unemployment. No one in attendance will be arrested. Light refreshments will be provided. Sims said, "Now that your debt to society has been paid, it's time for a fresh start." Please call (810) 257-3020 for more information.



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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS JANUARY 21, 2013

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday January 21, 2013 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of \$408,864.63.
4. Conducted a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining citizen input for potential local road improvement projects for 2013.
5. Accepted the 4th quarter 2012 report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Robert Atkinson.
6. Approved 2013 summer property tax collection agreements with Linden Community Schools, Fenton Area Schools and the Genesee Intermediate School District.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-01, appointing Supervisor Bonnie Mathis to the Genesee County Storm Water Advisory Committee.
8. Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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ing," said Les Beare, The UPS Store owner. "They like the fact that we provide them with a street address, not a P.O. box, as well as the option to receive an email or a text alert when they have a package waiting," he added.

The UPS Store also provides a package only option for customers. "Package only is a great service. We can receive most packages a customer is expecting one-time or on a regular basis, without the need to purchase a mailbox," says Beare.

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RAID

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devices and other tools. By 1:35 p.m., undercover deputies and police officers were observed carrying multiple boxes to unmarked vehicles. The raid was concluded by 1:40 p.m.

According to the owner of the business, the man arrested is the manager of the dispensary. The man is currently held in the Oakland County Jail pending felony drug charges.



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ACCORDING TO THE 2010 census, there are more than five million more females than males. This is an advantage to males in searching for a mate. This is definitely unfair so starting now, women will be able to serve on the front lines in war. This should make it more equal.

THE REASON THERE are safe, sane, affluent, and conservative communities is because 'progressiveness' has not been 'embraced.' Got that? Being a so-called progressive is in no way shape or manner a virtue.

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MAKE NO MISTAKE about it, the current Democrat administration is not on the side of the Constitution and the best interests of the people. Some people just think they are, looking for instant gratification like little children.

Are you ready for some football?

►Amp up any Super Bowl get-togethers with these easy-to-make finger foods and decorations

By Olivia Dimmer

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Super Bowl Sunday. A day filled with bite-sized snacks, team paraphernalia and, of course, the beloved sport of football. This Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 3, the Baltimore Ravens will go up against the San Francisco 49ers. This one is bound to be a historic game with head coaches, Jim and John Harbaugh, who are also brothers battling each other for the win.

But while the game is on and the fans are cheering, stomachs will be rumbling too.

Finger foods

One finger food that will literally spice up a Super Bowl party are mini Mexican chili bites, which can be made with homemade chili or the canned kind in a rush. Use a cookie cutter to cut out smaller rounds out of a large flour tortilla, and warm them in the microwave for about 10 seconds so they become more malleable. Press them

into a muffin tin, preheat the oven to 425 degrees and ladle the chili into the shells (make sure to drain the liquid as to keep the shells from getting soggy). Top with cheese, an olive slice, finely grated onion then bake until the cheese melts and the shells are browned.

Football touches

Turn any Super Bowl food festive by adding football-themed touches — like drawing football laces on deviled eggs with food coloring, and cutting football shaped pepperonis to put on a pizza.

For the kids, take brown paper and wrap the sides of juice boxes then add laces for a football-themed drink (pictured left).

Tabletops

As far as decorations, get creative with green and white felt to make a tablecloth that mimics the one on the field.

Decorations

To display any snacks, take a glass vase or any sturdy (preferably square)

paint-able surface and cover it with chalk paint (found at any hardware or paint store). Let the paint dry and draw a football play on the sides in chalk.

And presto! Fun decorations and food that is sure to satisfy any football fan.

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**CORNERSTONE**

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potentially being as early as the spring.

Thursday night's special joint meeting saw the two groups approve a development agreement with Corlin Builders to develop the new structure, as well as passing budget amendments to help fund the project. Corlin Builders is a development group owned by Khalil and Ghassan K. Saab, who have been working closely with the city to develop this corner.

The Cornerstone building will be a four-story mixed-use structure on the corner of Silver Lake Road and LeRoy Street, which will see a combination of restaurants and retail on the first floor with apartment space above.

Corlin Builders will finance approximately \$2.2 million for the project, and will invest \$800,000 in equity. Another \$880,000 in funding is expected to come through the Michigan Community Revitalization Program, half of which is a grant that Corlin Builders applied for, the other half of which is a low-interest loan.

The development agreement will see the DDA investing \$854,931 in the project to aid with construction costs, demolish the Republic Bank site, construct a municipal parking lot, and to reimburse Corlin for remaining architectural and engineering work for the project.

In order to qualify for the money from the state of Michigan, it is required that a private entity — in this case, Corlin Builders has ownership of the property instead of the city. This requires the city of Fenton to quit claim deed the land, which the Fenton City Council approved at Thursday's special joint meeting be-

tween the city council and the DDA.

A ground lease agreement will guarantee that the DDA will retain ownership of the property if the project were not to be completed. When construction is finished, the DDA would transfer ownership of the property to Corlin Builders for \$1.

The project is expected to see an annual return on investment of \$127,851, with \$51,247 of that returning to the DDA, and another \$55,629 going to Fenton Area Public Schools.

The building is expected to bring in 40 or more new residents to downtown, create 100 jobs during the construction, and 80 to 100

full-time jobs afterward. DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt described the project as being the kind that every community wishes they had.

"This building is just absolutely, to me, perfect for that corner," Schmidt said. "They have just been phenomenal. This is going to be a great project for the city and all of Genesee County for that matter. We are going to be drawing a lot of

people from Genesee County, Livingston, Oakland, we are going to get them with this project. Along with the fire hall and what's going on with the community center, there's happening things right down in Fenton and it's good to be part of it."

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn said that she echoed Schmidt's feelings.

"I know a lot of hours have gone into this project, and a lot of meetings. We certainly do appreciate everything they have all done. I know it's going to be a great project," Osborn said. "This is the first time what, since 1970 I think that we are going to have a new building downtown."

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— Craig Schmidt
DDA chairman

Summary

►Approving lease terms and funding allows for Cornerstone project to potentially break ground this spring.



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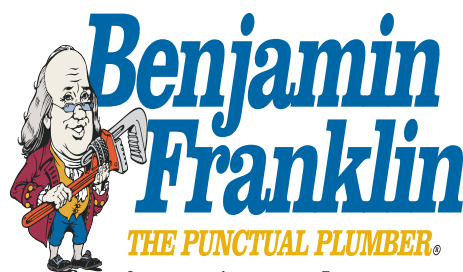
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ZUMBATHON ON FEB. 9 TO BENEFIT HOLLY BAND BOOSTERS

On Saturday, Feb. 9, Holly Band Boosters will be hosting its inaugural Zumbathon event with all proceeds benefitting the Holly area band program. The event will be held in the middle school gym at 920 Baird St., in Holly from 6 to 7:30 p.m. On-site registration begins at 5 p.m. The suggested donation for the Zumbathon is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Also at the Zumbathon, will be a 50/50 raffle, local vendors showing products and services and silent auctions. Please wear comfortable workout attire with tennis shoes. Bring a towel and water bottle. Most importantly, just remember to have fun! Sandra Ulman and Lisa Stitz, the Zumba instructors have donated their time to this event because the Holly Band is near and dear to their heart, both being Holly Band Alumni. Ulman and Stitz instruct very successful Zumba classes throughout Oakland County.

Calendar of events

BOOK SALE

The Fenton Library is holding a Book Sale from 12 to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, Feb. 2.** The library is located at 200 East Caroline St. Contact the library at (810) 629-7612.

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL – HOLLY MEETS FEB. 13

Aglow International – Holly will hold fellowship and snacks at 9:30 a.m. and a meeting at **10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13** at 315 South Broad St., in Holly. Rev. Margaret A. Bergeson is the featured speaker. As a member of Breakthrough Apostolic Ministries (BAM), Bergeson has and is currently, ministering at healing rooms, hospitals, prisons, churches and many other outreaches. On Feb. 13, she will share about Jehovah Rophe.

CAREER

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was promoted to sergeant. He said being able to accept and handle change, and persistence makes him good at the job. "Right now I'm in a good place, if they take the 'interim' tag off me, that would be fine," he said.

Before Fenton **Fire Chief** Bob Cairnduff, 40, took his full-time fire department job in 2006, he was managing a manufacturing company, and was also a lieutenant for the fire department, a part-time job. Working for the department full time had been his goal since high school, where he took the Explorer Program. Becoming chief was a matter of timing. "It's always something I wanted to do," he said.

Cairnduff said being a part of the community, as a life-long Fenton resident and being good with people all help to do the job.

Cairnduff had to be certified as a firefighter, then take officer level courses, and train to be an emergency medical technician (EMT). Extra courses led to the lieutenant position. "I just like that it's an exciting thing, you never know what the next call is going to be, it keeps your job exciting," he said, adding that the down-

side of the job is the paperwork. "The bigger the fire, the more paperwork."

Speaking of paperwork, it's possible that no one else at Linden High School does more than **teacher** Bethanie George, 43, who has been at her job for 18 years. She teaches advanced 10th grade and AP English. She estimates that she grades papers for about four hours each night, and another 10 on the weekends.

Recently she collected research papers, so make that 15 hours of extra work over the weekend. "My typical paper that a student writes is five to six pages, and I'm grading those constantly," she said. "My mission is to really do my best to make sure students can communicate effectively and intelligently."

Why do it? "It's very cliché, but I really wanted to make a difference with high school students, I really like that age," she said.

It took her a while to realize teaching writing is her strength, and maybe even longer to shrug off the feeling that others actually had higher hopes for her. "I hesitated because teachers are not well respected in society," she said. Everyone seemed to want her to be a doctor, but she's happy where she is. Plus, she does have a PhD in educational leadership.

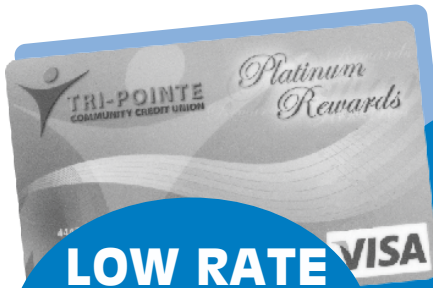
City of Fenton **Clerk** Jennifer Naismith knew she wanted to work in government. "The level of local government is very important in your local community," she said. Naismith handles human resources, insurance and payroll. She's custodian of records, and takes minutes at City Council meetings.

Her most visible job is handling elections for the city, which she feels is most important, because it gives residents their voice at elections. She became deputy clerk in 2003, and reached her goal of being appointed city clerk in 2010. She's very content in her job. "You don't get into the clerking world for the fame and the glory, it's almost a calling."

Ruth Blankertz, **manager at Mancino's** in Fenton may be able to open her own restaurant someday because of her experience. She eased into the job over eight years of working with owners Mark and Sally Rummel, and has been manager for the past two. "It just sounded fun and exciting, I like being with people," she said. "I love what I'm doing now." As manager, she handles the schedule, bakes and handles training among other duties. She enjoys helping to give local teens their first job.

The biggest thing of course, has been learning about the business for herself, that one day she may open her own restaurant. As a woman in her 50s, she's not ready to retire, and finds the world of pizza and grinders a good fit. "I don't want to be in my rocking chair yet," she said. "There's many different jobs that are out there, hopefully you find the one suited for you one day."

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Police chief passionate about teaching martial arts, self defense

'They actually grow as a person'

— Dan Allen

By Tim Jagielo

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Grand Blanc Twp. — Students taking laps around the gym whipped up a breeze as they warmed up for the Tuesday evening Brazilian JiuJitsu class at the Warrior's Den training facility.

Off to the side, Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen changes from his camouflage combat Hapkido uniform to a more traditional white gi, and a black belt with stripes.

Allen owns and runs the facility, in addition to his job of running the Argentine Township Police Department. Here, he teaches combat Hapkido, Brazilian JiuJitsu, and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday night, and a few hours Saturday morning.

Allen instructs men, women and children regularly and does it for the exercise, but mostly for the growth he sees them experience. "They grow from the experience in general, it's not just the physical side, they actually grow as a person," he said.

Fellow instructor and police deputy Craig Rabidoux said Allen is an effective teacher because he is technical and detail oriented. "He's got a great mind for it all too, he really grasps it," said Rabidoux. "He's very passionate too, in his police work and what he's doing here." He has worked with Allen for around 10 years, when Rabidoux was a white belt, and Allen was recently christened black belt.

Allen has been instructing for 18 years, and has been a police officer for 25. He experienced the same growth and confidence he sees in his students. For children,

"I wish more women would train... women can achieve the same success as their male counterparts."

Dan Allen
Argentine Township
police chief and martial
arts instructor



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(Above) Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen watches as Ethan York, 9, of Burton (bottom) and Aaron Salgado work through Brazilian JiuJitsu moves Tuesday night at his gym, Warrior's Den in Grand Blanc Township.

(Right) Dan Allen demonstrates a choke hold on advanced student Dylan Dunnington, 18, of Flint at the Brazilian JiuJitsu class Tuesday night.

it grows them cognitively, teaches discipline and assists in other sports.

"I wish more women would train," he said, adding that women can achieve the same success as their male counterparts. "It just makes everyone more confident."

He has trained Flint police officers self defense, and has coached and judged an untold number of MMA matches.

In the Brazilian JiuJitsu class, Allen demonstrated a few different holds and arm bars, and tested a young student for another stripe.

Allen said he plans to teach until he is no longer able, then those he has trained can fully take over. "I love to teach, I do it for the love of martial arts and what it does for people," he said.

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Allen (right) demonstrates a throw during his combat Hapkido class on Tuesday night.

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point. Fenton police officer Dale Rauch responded to the station and obtained a description of the suspect. The clerk also indicated that the suspect had a black pistol located in his waistband when he demanded the cash from the till. The clerk further advised the suspect fled on foot, east on Third Street.

Rauch requested a tracking dog from the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and Fenton police officers continued to canvass the area for the suspect. Tomek Elementary School, located a few blocks away, was placed on a lockdown as a precautionary measure.

Dep. Jeff Antcliff, a K-9 handler from the Genesee County Sheriff's Department, arrived a few moments later and established a track from the station, which ended at a residence in the 800 block of North East Street. Fresh tracks were observed leading into the residence.

While establishing a perimeter on the residence, Det. Scott Townsend observed Craig attempting to exit the rear of the residence through a bedroom window. Craig was ordered to halt at which time a handgun was allegedly observed. A brief



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Fenton police and the Genesee County Sheriff's Department are visible in the neighborhood near Sixth and East streets on Wednesday and officers and a K-9 unit track and arrest an armed robbery suspect.

standoff occurred before Lt. Jason Slater was able to establish communications with Craig and convince him to surrender to police.

Craig was taken into custody by officers from the Fenton Police Department

and Genesee County Sheriff's Department at approximately 3:20 pm. Fenton detectives later entered the home and recovered the weapon, stolen cash and other evidence related to the crime.

Craig was transported to the Fenton Police Department where he made a statement to detectives. He was then lodged at the Genesee County Jail, pending his arraignment. Armed robbery is punishable by up to life in prison and possession of a firearm is a two-year felony.

Fenton Area Schools Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said the schools work closely with Fenton police and that when he got word from Police Chief Rick Aro about the robbery, Tomek went into what the school district calls, "Secure Mode," which includes locking the front doors.

Since students returned to classes following the Christmas break, Jalkanen said the schools now keep classroom doors locked at all times as a precautionary measure. Closed classroom doors limit the travel of students.

As Jalkanen stayed in contact with Aro Wednesday afternoon, employees at the elementary school were also kept informed. Students were in their classrooms finishing up the day's activities and awaiting the end of the school day. Once the police chief gave Jalkanen the "all clear," the school was reopened and students were released to go home.

The school sent home a letter to parents on Thursday explaining the events and procedures the school took in response.

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Meet Wade Pyles

By Sally Rummel

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Wade Pyles, 43, has been a Realtor in the Fenton area for many years. But he perhaps is best known as being an energetic booster of his community through the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Are you from the tri-county area?

I grew up in Linden and graduated from Linden High School in 1988, where I played on the football team. My parents are Bill and Jackie Pyles. Dad worked as a police officer for the Genesee County Sheriff's Department covering Fenton Township, and my mom stayed home with us while we were in school. She lives in Gladwin now since my dad passed away, but she comes back to Fenton and stays with us for a couple of weeks every year. I have lived on Lake Fenton now since 2005.

I have one brother who lives in Columbus, Ohio. He's having a destination wedding in February in Mexico, and Duane Elling and I will be going.

How did you get into real estate as a career?

I went to Northwood University in Midland for an associate's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, and then got my bachelor's degree in Finance. I worked for the Marriott Corporation opening hotels all over the world — St. Thomas, Hawaii, Chicago, Washington D.C. and came back to Midland to open a Marriott property downtown. I realized how much I missed living in my small hometown and came back and opened my own mortgage company, Genesys Financial. That led me into my career today in selling real estate. I recently moved over to Prudential Great Lakes Realty. I'm thankful now to be able to work in Fenton and then travel to warm places like St. Martin, where we have a condo.

I hear you are quite a gourmet cook. I truly enjoy cooking, it relaxes me. I got my love of cooking from my mother and my grandmother. We love to entertain at our home. I'll just whip something up and people come



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Wade Pyles recently joined the Prudential Great Lakes Realty team.

over and enjoy it with us. I never use a recipe, I just do it. I've been told I should open a restaurant called "Never the Same Thing Twice." I've gotten to be so well known for cooking that some people forget I sell real estate! We also make our own homemade wine.

You've lost quite a bit of weight. How did you do it? I lost 29 pounds on a 90-day challenge that I created for myself. I decided not to diet, but make lifestyle changes I could live with. Part of my challenge

was to commit to a 10 a.m. workout every day with

Matt Letten at Snap Fitness. To put it in the middle of my work day made me learn to put myself first and say no to

other commitments during that

time. That was one of my

biggest accomplishments in the process. I still meet with Matt every day at 10. He has really helped me learn to make good food choices, too. He'll even accompany me to events to show me what choices I can make based on what's available. I've learned a lot about planning ahead.

What are some of your other activities? I've been an Ambassador with the Fenton Regional Chamber for many years, and was just named to the Chamber Board in 2013. I also handle all social media for the chamber. I feel like I am an ambassador for Fenton wherever I go. That's how much this town means to me. I love building relationships, both professionally and personally. I'm a people person. People say I must've gotten my networking skills from my mother.

Jackie knows everyone in town and everyone knows her. You should see how long it takes both of us to get through VG's! I'm also on the Relay for Life committee for Fenton and a committee member of the Flint Area Association of Realtors. Both Duane and I attend a lot of fundraisers and networking events for our work.

What excites you the most?

Again, it's the people. I truly love building relationships with people and making things happen.

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David's Dabblings

I remember when I was a kid, maybe 10.

The year 2000 seemed like forever when I was 10 in 1979. And occasionally I'd do some math and figure out how old I'd be in 2000. The answer was 31. That sounded old!

Now, we're 13 years beyond that, and on Monday I turn 44. Really? 44. It's hard to believe.

I don't worry much about the age. What can you do about it? Absolutely nothing. Really, birthdays are pretty cool. How often do you become the focus of people's day even if it is just to say "Happy Birthday?" My facebook page probably will have some nice birthday wishes. I also get to select a few dinners over the next couple of days with my wife — that's even cooler.

And, if anything, I'm more active now than 10 years ago. I have my volleyball group. I am in a curling league. Currently our volleyball group is preparing for our annual Winter Olympics, eight crazy events that I'll be determined to win, but will probably lose. This summer I plan on meeting up with some friends from my Albion days to compete in a Gus Macker basketball tourney. Indeed, turning 44 isn't bad at all.

Friday night HOOPS

Boys Results

Friday's games
Montrose 73, Lake Fenton 56
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Brandon 56, Linden 40
Swartz Creek 56, Holly 47

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Lady Bronchos post non-league win vs. Lakeland

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BATTLE FOR TOP SPOT

Holly wrestling faces Brandon in key Metro match.

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Cold shooting freezes out Holly, 56-47

By David Troppens

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Swartz Creek — It's hard to win a game when a squad doesn't score its first points until there is 6:32 left until halftime.

It's even harder when that team doesn't hit its first field goal until there is 4:27 left in the half.

That was the Holly varsity boys basketball team's predicament Friday night at Swartz Creek.

The Bronchos trailed 15-0 after one quarter and managed just 19 percent shooting (12-for-64) resulting in a 56-47 loss.

Holly missed 19 shots in the first quarter, and didn't make a hoop until its 24th shot, a jumper by Patrick Reddy with 4:27 left in the half. Remarkably, the Bronchos trailed only 15-5 at that time. However, the Bronchos never had the lead and never really got their shooting to heat up either.

"Did we shoot five percent in the first half," asked Holly coach Lance Baylis. His team actually shot only three percent in the first half. "People wonder why I am all about offense. You saw why. You can't shoot, you can't play for me. Three-for-23 from the three-point line is a joke."

The Bronchos (6-4, 7-5) managed to stay within striking distance all night long, and actually cut the gap to 45-41 with 4:08 left in the fourth quarter on a three-pointer by Justis Kerner, but Creek responded just 24 seconds later with a three-pointer by Jordan Garcia. Holly cut the gap back to 48-44 after a conventional three-point play by Morgan Baylis with 3:10 left, but Creek's Dallas Dunlap responded with a putback hoop. Creek made 6-of-10 free throws down the stretch to ice the game.

Holly was particularly ice cold with the shot they are best known for



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Holly's Morgan Baylis (right) tries to drive by Swartz Creek's Alex Spooner during the Bronchos' 56-47 loss to the Dragons Friday.

— the perimeter jumper. The Bronchos made 3-of-23 three-pointers.

Kerner led Holly with 13 points and six rebounds, while Kyle Woodruff netted nine points. T.J. Tisdale scored 12 points for Creek, including hitting 6-for-6 at the charity stripe in the fourth quarter.

Fenton 73, Lapeer East 27

The Tigers (10-0, 12-0) remained in first place by holding Lapeer East to just 17 points in the final three quarters.

Mitch Shegos led the Tigers with 27 points, while Cory Cox netted 18 points. Eric Readman had 16 points.

Montrose 73, Lake Fenton 56

Montrose outscored Lake Fenton 25-9 in the third quarter, sparking the victory.

Lake Fenton (3-7) was paced by

Darian Welch's 19 points, while Chase Hanson netted nine points. Sawyer Scott and Jeff Burke scored eight points.

Brandon 56, Linden 40

Shaye Brown led the Eagles (0-11) with 14 points, while Collin Hoeberling netted 11 points.

Girls Basketball

Fenton 48, Lapeer East 28

East never scored more than nine points in any quarter, as Fenton (8-2, 9-5) remained one game behind Clio and Holly in the loss column in the Metro League standings.

Hannah Evo led the Tigers with 10 points, five steals and four assists, while Carly Granger had nine points. Payton Maxheimer had eight points, nine steals and nine rebounds. Ellie Cowger had eight points.

Holly girls remain tied for first in Metro, defeat Creek

By David Troppens

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Swartz Creek — The Holly varsity girls basketball team knows winning a Metro title won't come easy.

But it looks like Delaney Serra and the rest of the Lady Bronchos are poised to make a strong run at it.

The Bronchos (8-1, 11-2) remain tied with Clio for the Metro lead after dominating Swartz Creek 39-30, in a contest that wasn't as close as the final score may indicate.

"We are going to stay strong," Serra said. "Last year we kind of let things go (the second time around) because it was the same teams we played before and we just hoped we'd beat them again. This year we act like we didn't play them before and realize they are a whole new team because they have gotten better. Hopefully we've gotten better too."

Holly took a 16-3 lead in the first quarter and held the Dragons to just 14 points in the first three quarters, leading 35-14 at that point. Creek cut the gap to nine with a three-pointer at the buzzer.

Allyssa Copley led all scorers with 17 points, but also had 10 rebounds, five blocks and five steals. Kaitlyn Smith netted 11 points, while Abby Lewandowski netted six points. Serra had three points and five assists.

"We try to play Holly basketball," Serra said. "We come out and play strong all the time."



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Holly wrestling posts big victory in quest for third straight title

By David Troppens

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Swartz Creek — Since he started wrestling at the high school level, Anthony Gonzales has always been a Holly Broncho. But there was a time when he was a student in the Ortonville-Brandon school district.

So while Wednesday's dual meet with the Blackhawks certainly had a lot of meaning when it came to the eventual Metro League champion, the match probably meant a little bit more to the two-time individual state champion.

"I know almost all of them (the wrestlers)," Gonzales said. "Me and the coach are really good friends, so it's good to see them (doing well). I like the rivalry."

Gonzales and the Broncos got the better end of the dual, and in the process took over the inside track for their potentially third straight Metro League title, by defeating Brandon 37-30 at Swartz Creek High School. Both teams also defeated Swartz Creek, with the Broncos beating them 64-6.

The win means the Broncos are 6-0 entering Tuesday's dual meet with Linden and Fenton. If Holly wins both of those duals, which they are heavy favorites to do, the Broncos will enter the Metro League Meet only needing a second-place finish to ensure themselves of at least a co-title. If the Broncos win the duals and the meet, they'll have their third straight perfect Metro League championship in a row.

"It would be amazing," Gonzales said when asked what three straight Metro crowns would mean to him. "As a team it hasn't been done in wrestling almost ever. We were shutout in the league for a long time because of Oxford. But to come back and be the team that constantly shows up in

the league is something to be proud of."

Holly coach Don Pluta admits Wednesday's results were vital.

"This was the big match of the year. We got through it," Pluta said. "I was quite nervous. I know the coaching staff was. The kids were confident, and I expect them to be."

It wasn't smooth sailing. Brandon put up one serious challenge. The Broncos' Kyle Pepper (152) was leading his match when he was pinned, resulting in a perceived nine-point swing in the team score. The Broncos also lost the next match at 160 when Tre Flores was beaten by a 14-2 major decision, cutting the Holly's lead to 22-13 with seven matches left.

However, Andrew Scott (171) earned a pinfall victory in 30 seconds followed by Johnny Williams' (189) 5-1 decision loss to Matt Sears. While it was a loss, Williams fought from being pinned for about 50 seconds during one of the periods to help the Broncos keep a 28-16 lead. Noah Brenner (215) won by void and then Evin Papuga (285) locked up the victory with a 7-4 decision win.

"As a coach you always look at it as what happens if this goes wrong, that way you have a game plan for it if it does go wrong," Pluta said. "I drive my wife crazy because I am always looking at things that can go wrong, so I have a solution if they do. That way our kids don't panic because they know there's an answer."

The early portion of the match was all Holly. Sam Johnson (125) won his match by pinfall. Keegan Soles (130) lost his match by a 6-5 verdict, but the Broncos followed with three more wins. Mason Cleaver (135) and Jesse Torres (140) earned pinfall wins,



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Holly's Anthony Gonzales (top) holds down a Brandon opponent during the Broncos' 37-30 victory against the Blackhawks on Wednesday.

while Anthony Gonzales was bumped up to 145 and earned a 12-4 major decision win. Holly led 22-3. And while the next two losses cut the gap seriously, the Broncos got enough wins and enough non-pinfall losses to earn the win.

The Broncos dominated Swartz Creek. Steve Butery (130), Torres (145), Scott (160), Williams (189), Wyatt Lupro (215) and Jacob Palleson (119) each won by pinfall. Pepper (152), Noah Brenner (285) and Colton Cleaver (112) also won matches on the mat, while Mason Cleaver (135) and Gonzales (140) earned void victories.

Now, the key is making sure the Broncos

stay focused.

"We have to make sure we don't take the attitude that the hard part is over," Pluta said. "I don't think we will because we won't allow the kids to do that. But we have to make sure the kids aren't mentally thinking all we have to do is win the league and we're good. We still have work to do. We still have matches left and we have to stay healthy."

Linden 42, Lapeer East 35
Clio 39, Linden 34

Going 2-0 for Linden were Luke Zimmerman, Karrah Varner and Austin Golden. Cliff Coleman, Dylan Musall, Josh Rakay and Austin McNeil each had a victory.

Holly Broncos edge Lakeland in non-league boys hoops action, 44-39

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity boys basketball team is on a pretty solid roll.

After starting the season with two straight losses, the Broncos' young team has matured quickly by capturing victories in seven of their last nine games. The seventh of those wins came on Tuesday during a 44-39 road victory at White Lake Lakeland.

It wasn't an easy victory to earn. The Broncos (7-4) trailed 30-26 in the third quarter, when Holly went on an 11-0 run, sparked by three-point shots by Kyle Woodruff and Parker Rowse. The run put the Broncos up 37-30, and they never

trailed again.

Woodruff netted four three-pointers, making it the eighth time during his freshman season he's hit at least four treys. His career high is five converted three-pointers in his varsity debut against Kearsley on Dec. 5. He finished with 19 points. Rowse netted eight points, while Justis Kerner had seven points. Michael Alexander netted six points.

The Broncos have struggled to score points in recent games. After averaging 55.3 points in their first nine contests of the season, Holly has scored just 87 points in their last two games. They lost to Fenton 66-43 in their second-last game on Jan.

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Griffins split recent Metro League hockey contests

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The weekend started out well for the Metro League Griffins on Friday. It didn't end so well on Saturday.

The Griffins, a co-op team involving students from Fenton and Linden, defeated the KBH United team 3-1 at Perani Arena on Friday. KBH United have students from Kearsley, Brandon and Holly high schools.

The Griffins took a 2-0 lead in the first period through Nate Allen's talents. Allen scored a goal on a Buck Hudson assist with 16:26 left in the first period. He scored again on an assist by Connor Phillips and Ben Cislo with 7:29 left in the period.

The lead grew to as high as 3-0 in the second period on a Phillips goal off an assist by Hugh Comben.

KBH cut the margin to 3-1 on a Tyler Russell goal off assists by Trevor Hunter and A.J. Yuchasz, but couldn't get any closer.

"KBH gave a great effort and didn't give up," Griffins coach Jeff Mynatt

See **GRIFFINS** on 19A

Fenton's win streak grows to 27, beats Davison

By David Troppens

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The streak continues to grow.

Make it 27 straight regular-season victories for the Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

And on Tuesday, the Tigers had to get their win with some adversity. With Cory Cox only able to play about half of the game due to illness, the Tigers still managed to defeat Davison 74-61 at Fenton High School.

The Tigers (11-0) actually pulled ahead while Cox and Eric Readman, the team's leading scorers, were on the bench.

Leading just 32-31 entering halftime, the Tigers outscored Davison 18-10 during the third quarter. Cox didn't play the final four minutes of the period, while Readman sat on the bench for a good chunk due to three fouls.

"Our team actually pulled away from Davison, showing how strong our team can be," Fenton coach Tim Olszewski said. "Damon (Thomas) played great defense (and) James (Claborn) and Scott (Lukas) contributed a lot and in very positive ways on the floor. It was a great team win."

The Tigers did some strong things that will help teams win any game they play. Fenton outrebounded Davison (28-24), shot 85 percent from the free-throw line and only had 10 turnovers. Meanwhile, the Tigers' defense forced Davison into 19 turnovers, drawing three charges.

Despite the foul issues, Readman led Fenton with 24 points. He hit on 12-of-14 free throws. He also dished four assists and four rebounds. Cox had 15 points, six rebounds and three assists, while Thomas had 12 points, five rebounds and four as-



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Fenton's James Claborn (left) fights to keep possession of the ball during the Tigers' 76-61 victory against Davison on Tuesday.

sists. Claborn netted 10 points and five rebounds, while Lukas had nine points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals.

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GIRLS SKIING

► **Fenton/Linden vs. Flushing:** The Fenton/Linden co-op beat Flushing in slalom, 10-29, and giant slalom, 14-22.

In slalom, Lauren Rhoads won the event with a combined time of 1:06.14. Kelley McKay (1:08.95) took second, while Flannery Wise was third (1:09.63).

In the giant slalom, McKay won with a time of 46.57. Rhoads was second (48.01).

BOYS SKIING

► **Fenton/Linden vs. Flushing:** The Fenton/Linden co-op defeated Flushing in the slalom, 16-21, but lost in a tiebreaker to Flushing, 18-18, in the giant slalom.

In the slalom, Seth Thompson won the event with a combined time of 1:01.09. Julian Weinberg took second (1:01.94).

In the giant slalom, Weinberg won (46.11) and Thompson placed second (46.17). However, the next four best finishers were Flushing performers.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton 33, Montrose 20:** The Blue Devils (10-2) took a 20-8 lead into halftime and held on to its lead in the second half.

Mackenzie Gottron led the Blue Devils with 11 points and eight rebounds, while Sidney Scott netted 10 points and 12 rebounds.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden freshmen 47, Brandon freshmen 32:** The Eagles were paced by Nolan McDonald's 14 points, while Nolan Hill and Austin Maxheimer had six points each.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

► **Metro Meet:** Holly placed fourth with a team score of 661.04, leading tri-county area schools. Fenton placed sixth (655.3), while Linden took ninth place (628.04).

Bronchos sneak by Lakeland, 38-35

By David Troppens

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It wasn't the greatest start of all time for the Holly varsity girls basketball team in its contest against White Lake Lakeland on Tuesday night.

However, the Bronchos made some half-time adjustments and came out with a 38-35 non-league victory.

"We didn't start out well," Holly coach David Hall said. "Lakeland was being aggressive with us on offense, and we had never played them or seen them play before. It took us awhile to adjust to what they were doing."

"At halftime our girls did a great job adjusting to how they like to do things and we chipped away at the lead."

The Bronchos (10-2) trailed 23-16 at the break, but Allyssa Copley scored seven points in the third quarter and Kaitlyn Smith netted six other points, helping the Bronchos take a 32-31 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Holly only scored six points in the fourth quarter, but the Bronchos' 2-3 zone defense kept Lakeland to just four fourth-quarter points. Brooke Jackman hit a key bucket off an offensive rebound with about a minute remaining, putting the Bronchos up by three points.

"We were down by nine early and just started chipping away," Hall said. "We got some defensive stops."

Lakeland post player Amanda Lock was limited in the fourth quarter as well. After scoring 18 points in the first three quarters, she was held to just two points in the fourth.

Copley led the Bronchos with 12 points

and eight rebounds, while Smith netted 11 points. Delaney Serra had a strong game at the point, collecting six assists. She also scored three points.

LINDEN 36, FOWLerville 32

The Eagles (7-4) led 13-0 early in the first quarter and never trailed the rest of the way, resulting in the non-league win.

Fowlerville did cut the gap to just two points late in the game, but Linden's Kelsey Brecht made 3-of-4 free throws down the stretch, locking up the Eagles' victory.

Brecht led Linden with 16 points, while Maija Satkowiak netted 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Alyssa Logie (seven rebounds), Niki Sargent, Rachael Starrs and Madison Polen had two points each. Sydney Elmer had six rebounds and two assists.

LAKE FENTON 47, PERRY 34

The Blue Devils outscored Perry 17-6 in the second quarter, helping spark the victory against Perry.

Mackenzie Gottron netted 19 points, while Sidney Scott had 16 points and 14 rebounds. Sophia Sahouri had five points and five steals.

DAVISON 67, FENTON 44

The Tigers trailed 39-24 at the half and were unable to make any traction during the second half.

Kolbie Brow led Davison with 20 points. Fenton's top scorer was Cassandra Reuschlein with nine points. Sarah Cummings had seven points, while Katie Conroy and Ellie Cowger netted six points each. Payton Maxheimer and Hannah Evo had five points each.



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Holly's Allyssa Copley (right) scored a team-high 12 points in the Bronchos' 38-35 non-league victory against Lakeland on Tuesday.



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The Metro League Griffins' Buck Hudson (left) tries to get by a defender in a past game. The Griffins split a pair of recent games.

GRIFFINS

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said. "Their goalie played an excellent third period to keep them in it. Our goalie, Joe Foguth, made some huge saves, including a two-on-none. Ben Cislo, Nathan Allen and Connor Phillips all had solid games."

In net, Foguth made 27 saves to earn the win. Brent Smiles made 28 saves for KBH.

In the loss to Swartz Creek, Allen scored as well. However, Creek had a 2-1 lead after one period, and blew the game open with two goals in the third period. Foguth made 47 saves in the loss.

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18. However, the defense had its best game of the season from a scoring standpoint, allowing a season-low 39 points. Before that contest, the fewest points Holly had allowed was 47 points in a 63-47 victory against Lapeer East on Dec. 10.

BENDLE 76, LAKE FENTON 71

Lake Fenton was outscored 22-6 in the second quarter, establishing Bendle with a lead. Lake Fenton cut into that gap in the second half with 51 points, but were unable to collect the win.

Darian Welch led the Blue Devils with 24 points, while Chase Hanson had 18 points. Jeff Burke netted 16 points.

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- Jesse

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GUNS

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control reform at the federal level.

"We have sold more guns in the past month than we have at any other time, it's just been crazy," Curtis said. "Our gun transfers have quadrupled in the past month."

President Barack Obama has called for stricter gun laws in the wake of the Dec. 14, 2012 school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Curtis said proposed legislation is all her customers talk about and it has created a panic on their ability to obtain firearms.

"People are not sure what's going to happen. There are so many rumors and people are uneasy," Curtis said. "People who don't normally buy guns are coming in and purchasing military style weapons."

Genesee County Vital Records Supervisor Doreen Fulcher said concealed pistol licenses (CPL) are recorded countywide. Obtaining individual statistics for cities like Fenton or Linden is not possible, according to Fulcher. On average, the Genesee County Gun Board processes 300 to 500 CPL applications twice a month.

According to CPL reports compiled by the Michigan State Police, there are 18,911 approved CPLs in Genesee County, the second highest amongst counties. Oakland County has 48,377 approved CPLs, the most for a county in Michigan. Livingston County has 8,730 approved CPLs.

Applications and approvals for CPLs have increased dramatically in Genesee County between 2007 and 2011. Genesee County received 1,689 CPL applications between July 2007 and June

2008; 1,529 of those applications were approved. A year later, Genesee County received 3,610 applications for CPLs, a more than 50 percent increase. Of those 3,610 applications filed between July 2008 and June 2009, 3,304 CPLs were issued. In the latest annual CPL report, 4,791 applications were received and 4,745 CPLs were issued.

Between 2007 and 2011, 90 percent of Genesee County residents who applied for CPLs were approved and given a license.

Fulcher said some applicants are denied a CPL because of unrealized convictions or past legal issues that have been expunged but still show up through background checks.

Firearm Safety Trainer Brett Selby said people are stacking up to take his classes. Women, married couples and seniors are

some of the diverse people that have taken classes from him.

"It's the political atmosphere and the rash of violence across the nation," Selby said. "People want to protect themselves and there's fewer police officers on the street."

Shelby has noticed that the increased activity in guns is leading to an ammunition shortage and is driving up prices. Shelby said he's seen magazines that typically sell for \$25 fetch up to \$100.

Don Corbett of Fenton builds guns for a living and frequents the Tri-City Trading Post. Corbett said the firearm industry is booming and probably will continue to do so as legislators continue to debate gun control policies.

"People are always worried about pending legislation," Corbett said. "Firearms are the only industry doing well with Obama as president."

"We have sold more guns in the past month than we have at any other time, it's just been crazy."

Michelle Curtis

Tri-City Trading Post owner

EDUCATION

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Julie Williams, executive director to the superintendent, is in charge of curriculum and instruction at Lake Fenton Community Schools, so EDP is naturally part of her job. "The idea is as students enter high school they take courses that will align with careers ID'd in the development plan," she said.

EDP starts with a career assessment on the website Career Cruising. Students first answer part of the batch of 116 questions that inform students of potential careers. Classes are geared to those careers, and updated and changed annually with their interests. Williams said for example, the medical field would guide students into science classes, and criminal justice would lead them to sociology and law.

In ninth grade, students answer the next

set of questions. This leads to an understanding of the educational requirements for certain careers, and in what conditions people work.

The idea isn't to lock students into a career path, but to get them thinking about college and career options. "It's quite a rigorous process," she said.

It's very unlikely that students will be set on a career path they won't stray from, but at least they can explore their own likes, dislikes, and careers that could match. "Obviously their options

have changed and their tastes have changed," said Brad LaRowe, EDP coordinator for Lake Fenton Community Schools.

EDP is funded by a \$50,000 state grant that includes paying for the use of the website, and also the EDP coordinator. "It allows them to see some things and investigate jobs they never thought of," LaRowe said.

By grade 12, students will have investigated several careers, completed many projects related to career exploration and prepared for college using the system. "A lot of them, once they get to be in 12th grade, realize how useful (the system) is."

"The idea is as students enter high school they take courses that will align with careers ID'd in the development plan."

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THANK YOU TO the person who turned in my purse, from the cart I left in the parking lot of VG's on N. LeRoy, Jan. 23. Even during these hard times, honest people are out there. Again, I thank you and I will pay it forward.

IT THINK IT'S comical when there are several similar comments from the neocons each week, recently the Phil Mickelson comments. You guys should make a club so you can place one meaningful com-

ment, and stop embarrassing yourselves. By the way, what program is it you all watch/listen to?

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- **Can lawyer** provide references from other clients?
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Questions to ask yourself:

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How to choose the right lawyer for the right circumstance!



Roberta S. Balon-Vaughn's heart lies with families who need her help

By Sally Rummel

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One of her primary areas of practice is family law, which encompasses divorce, child custody, parenting time and spousal/child support. She also handles stepparent adoptions, criminal defense matters, and assists clients with probate/estate planning and general business/formation matters.

Her heart lies with families who need her help.

"I am not a pro-divorce attorney," said Balon-Vaughn. "I encourage clients to try to save their marriage if it is at all possible. When a divorce is needed, it is my goal to get clients through the legal process as quickly and painlessly as possible."

"It is very important to have an attorney represent you in a divorce or custody action," she said. "The final judgment is a binding contract. The language must be written properly to keep post-judgment matters to a minimum."

"The issues of custody, parenting time and support are modifiable based on a change of circumstances, however,



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Clients of Roberta S. Balon-Vaughn should expect a relaxed, yet professional, atmosphere at her new office on North Leroy Street in Fenton.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Roberta S. Balon-Vaughn stays busy in her new Fenton location. On Thursday alone, she met with three new clients.

obtaining a modification can be difficult, time consuming and costly. It is important to have it done right the first time.

Balon-Vaughn charges an hourly rate of \$250 with an initial retainer fee paid in advance. In certain cases, like no-contest divorces and estate planning, she charges a flat fee. To minimize legal fees, she advises:

- Consolidate your thoughts and questions into a single email or phone call to your attorney each week, instead of making multiple smaller contacts.
- Do the legwork. Gather documents and present them to the attorney in an organized and indexed fashion along with a chronology of important events so the attorney does not have to charge you for doing so.

Divorcing spouses often-times have goals that are completely unreasonable and/or inconsistent with the law. Understanding how the law applies to your case and having reasonable expectations about the outcome can move the case along more quickly.

Attorney fees for an average contested divorce cost between \$2,500 and \$7,500, or more, but a no-contest divorce can cost \$1,200 to \$1,500. Balon-Vaughn believes in utilizing collaborative divorce, mediation or arbitration to resolve family law cases.

There is a 60-day waiting period after the complaint is filed to finalize

a divorce. If children are involved the period is 6 months.

She adds that her experience, the quality of her work and her effectiveness in resolving difficult cases has resulted in a high referral rate. "Referrals are the sincerest form of flattery, especially in divorce cases, where most people are not 'happy' having just gone through a divorce. So for a client to refer their friends, co-workers or family to me means that I earned their trust and their gratitude for a job well done."

Balon-Vaughn moved her office to Genesee County in 2011, and after a

complete renovation of the building at 1024 North Leroy St., she opened Fenton Legal Services this past October. She has had an association with the law firm of Burchfield, Park & Pollesch, P.C., in Livingston County for the past 16 years, and still meets with clients at their offices in Brighton.

Balon-Vaughn currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Livingston Community Bank, is a Hearing Panelist for the State Bar of Michigan Attorney Discipline Board and is a member of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

To inquire about Balon-Vaughn's services online, visit www.fentonlegalservices.com or call her office at (810) 208-0273. Consultations are by appointment.

"I am not a pro-divorce attorney. I encourage clients to try to save their marriage if it is at all possible."

How to choose an attorney

► Finding the right lawyer will be easier if you do your research

By Sally Rummel

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Just about everyone needs the services of an attorney at some point in their lives — whether it's for property issues, estate planning, probate or for more serious life circumstances such as divorce, criminal defense or bankruptcy.

Here are a few guidelines that will help you get the best performance and value from your attorney.

• **Remember that** you're choosing a lawyer, not looking for a best friend. You're looking for a professional relationship and you should accept nothing less.

• **Ask friends,** relatives and acquaintances for their recommendations.

• **Get feedback** from businesses who work with attorneys in the area you're seeking a specialty. For example, if you

need a lawyer for your small business, ask the chamber of commerce for a recommendation.

• **Make sure** the lawyer regularly practices the kind of law you need.

• **"Interview" the lawyer** with a initial consultation, usually at no charge for up to an hour.

• **Consult Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory** (online at Martindale.com) for a basic practice profile on every lawyer in the U.S. and Canada, including ratings and peer reviews.

• **Conduct a background check** to make sure that the lawyer you're looking at is in good standing. Visit the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission at www.agcmi.com.

• **Tour the lawyer's law office.** Is it neat, orderly, efficient and well-run? Watch for red flags such as mass disarray, unhappy staff members, empty offices and unreturned phone calls.

• **Ask other attorneys** you know. They know the skill and reputation of other lawyers.

Summary

► Use these guidelines to help you find a qualified attorney that is suitable to help you with your case.

Each month,
the Times will feature
an area attorney on its
new Legally Speaking
page.

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

January 9, 2013

Supervisor Gambka called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:	Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder Board Members Absent: None
Approved:	Agenda for the January 9, 2013 regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees as amended.
Approved:	Consent agenda, except December 12, 2012 minutes.
Presentation:	None.
Re-Tabled:	Re-Programming CDBG PY 2011 Funding, \$8,293.00 and Board of Review Appointment.
Approved:	Obtain RFP's for removal and building of stairs where ramp is located and an RFP for repair/refinishing of existing ramp.
Approved:	Resolution to Defer Penalties on Late Property Tax Payments to Qualified Individuals.
Approved:	Resolution for the Acceptance Of Tax Payments By State Bank Financial Institution.
Date Set:	Oakland County Equalization Assessor's Review on February 4, 5, 6, 2013. Citizens can come in and discuss/dispute.
Date Set:	Oakland County Equalization Department — 2013 SEV (State Equalized Value) Statements will be mailed between January 20, 2013 and February 1, 2013.
Adjourned:	By motion at 8:23 p.m.

Paul Gambka
Rose Township Supervisor

Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

BUSINESS

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After that is when Messing got involved, serving as the organization's president. Over time they have grown, first holding meetings in Messing's office at Edward Jones. Now, they meet at the Classic restaurant every other Thursday.

Since their inception late last year, the group has already organized events and is now discussing what is on the docket for 2013. The first event held by the business district was the ribbon cutting to open North LeRoy after the summer construction project, which was attended by the Fenton mayor and city manager.

The most involved project of the business district was last October's Trunk or Treat. That event was held at VG's, and Messing said that a lot of businesses participated, and also saw

attention from radio and TV stations.

"We had about 1,000 kids come through, we passed out a lot of candy, we got a lot of people to recognize that North LeRoy is actually here. As far as I can tell they came from all over, which was really neat," Messing said.

Next, the business district helped support Jinglefest, by sponsoring the photo booth, a tent in front of the winery to give a place for people to go after the event, and participating in the festive luminaries, which provided lights "from downtown all the way down North LeRoy to Sagebrush."

Potential projects that the district is working on include a business map of North LeRoy Street, and details on what a future Trunk or Treat and Jinglefest contributions could be. "We have a lot of different ideas on our docket for this upcoming year, but we haven't brushed them out yet," said Messing.

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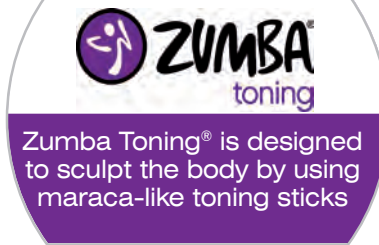
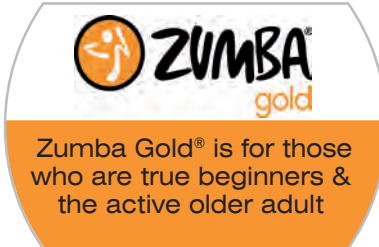
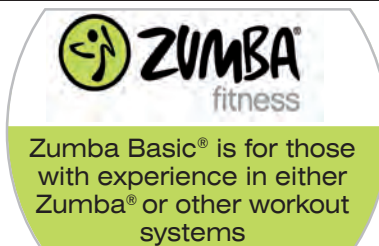
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Kurt Lovegrove
Manager at Lovegrove’s
Furniture and Home Décor

By William Axford
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Today’s mattresses are springing out of coils and into more diverse materials like gel, memory foam, polyethylene plastics and latex. Where selecting a mattress used to be constricted to size and the number of coils inside of them, today’s sleeper has more choices than they could ever dream of.

While deciding between so many features could be a nightmare, Kurt

Lovegrove of Lovegrove’s Furniture and Home Décor advises people to sleep on it before they make a purchase — literally.

“I can’t tell you how many times people come in and don’t spend enough time lying on the mattress,” Lovegrove said. “I tell them to take the time to lay on it, don’t make quick decisions based off one minute sitting on the bed. Take your coat off and lay on it for 15 minutes.”

Securing a comfortable bed may be one of life’s best pleasures, considering the average person sleeps at least six hours a day, according to The Sleep Foundation. But getting a good night’s sleep doesn’t come cheap — Ron Darnell of Fenton Home Furnishings said lower priced bedding can cost between \$500 and \$800. Higher end mattresses, with components like memory foam and gels, can cost a few thousand dollars.

While the price tag may make some customers balk, Darnell said most

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A good, quality mattress is essential for adequate rest. Having the right mattress can improve the overall quality of your life and give you the energy you need to confront the challenges of the day.

Do’s and don’ts for a good night’s sleep

► How to curb insomnia, know when to call a doctor

By Olivia Dimmer
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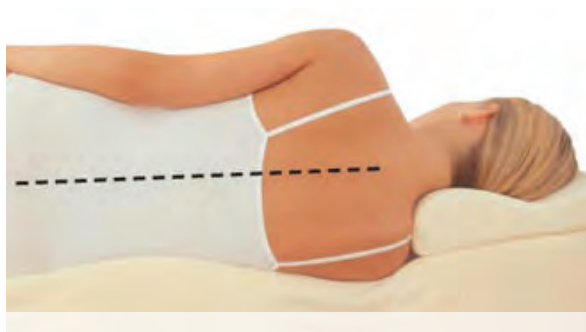
Flip the pillow over to the cool side. Push the blankets off. Pull the blankets back on. Toss. Turn. Repeat.

With all the distractions, stress and late-night television begging for

a would-be slumberer’s attention, falling asleep and staying asleep can be a constant battle.

Insomnia (which literally means ‘no sleep’ in Latin) affects an estimated 30-40 percent of the world’s population according to a study done by the National Center for Sleep Disorders Research at the National Institutes of Health.

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ORDINANCE #192 LEGAL NOTICE AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III. LAND DIVISION AND LAND COMBINATION Sec. 38-263

At a regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board, held on Monday, January 14, 2013, the following ordinance was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Township of Groveland
Oakland County, Michigan

ORDINANCE #192

Proposed Language

Sec. 38-263. Application for an unplatted land division, land combination, or land division and combination; Fees.

(a) Application to be made to planning commission. The owner of any unplatted parcel or parcels of land in the Township who desires to divide, combine, or divide and combine such land may make application in writing for a land division, land combination, or land division and combination (collectively, "LD/LC") to the planning commission.

(b) Content. Applications shall be in the following form and shall contain at least the following information:

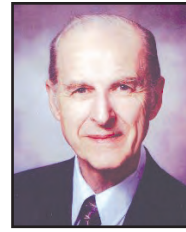
- (1) The name of all owners of any legal or equitable interest, and their duly authorized signatures.
- (2) A current title search of all parcels involved, prepared by a Michigan licensed title insurance agency, with copies of all instruments of record.
- (3) A sworn affidavit (notarized) from the Applicant in support of the title search, with the Applicant also disclosing any unrecorded interests affecting the parcel(s) that the Applicant knows or should know of (i.e., all matters affecting the parcel(s) that do not appear in the title report because they are not recorded with the Register of Deeds).
- (4) A legal description of the parcel(s) including acreage and tax identification number(s).
- (5) A copy of the most recent up-to-date paid tax bill(s) pertaining to the parcel(s).
- (6) Copies of all current records of the parcel(s) from the offices of the Oakland County: (a) Treasurer, (b) Equalization Division, and (c) Assessor, together with any State of Michigan and/or federal records that might be related to the parcel(s).
- (7) A drawing of the parcel(s) prior to the proposed LD/LC. The diagram shall be drawn to an appropriate engineer's scale of one inch equals 100, 200, 300, 400, or 500 feet. Drawings that cannot be produced to scale on a regular size paper or on 8.5 by 14-inch paper, may be reduced to fit either paper size, except two true copies of the scaled drawing shall accompany the application.
- (8) A drawing of the parcel(s) assuming an approved LD/LC, including the number of square feet or acres in each parcel so divided, combined, or divided and combined. This drawing may include the information required in subsection (b)(4).
- (9) A legal description of the parcel(s) resulting from the proposed LD/LC. The description shall contain the acreage of each parcel.
- (10) A release, waiver, and/or other agreement satisfactory to the Township from any party interested in the parcel(s) subject to the proposed LD/LC.

(c) Fees

- (1) At the time of submitting any application under this section, the Applicant shall also pay a fee to the Township as set by the Township fee schedule.
- (2) In addition to the fee paid in subsection (c)(1), the Applicant shall also indemnify the Township for any and all additional fees, costs, and/or other expenses (including attorney or expert) incurred for the review of all application information. This indemnification shall also include any fees, costs, and/or other expenses (including attorney or expert) incurred as a result or consequence of any false or misleading information provided by the Applicant and/or the Applicants agents or representatives, whether innocently or deliberately given.

Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



Finding light in dark places

The two letters on my desk are filled with encouragement, good news and evidence of a bright outlook, but they have come from a dark place, a Florida prison. I'm not sure how this now positive prison inmate found my address, but she wrote to request any faith building resources I could send to her. Along with other materials, I chose to send my book, 'You Can Win,' which is intended to meet troubled people where they are, assuring them they are important to God and that He can enable them to overcome the most difficult of problems.

When another letter arrived from this prisoner, I sensed the bright excitement of faith running through every line. My convict correspondent reported that she and her cellmate have started a devotional group in the prison as well as a faith-based weight-loss/exercise program. In addition, she has influenced other women in the prison to become involved in a nightly prayer circle, adding 'Great things are happening!'

In her moving tract, 'Delivered From Alcohol,' our friend, Karen Murphy, says her dependence on alcohol eventually became so great that she began writing bad checks to keep up with her expenses. As a result, she was prosecuted and sentenced to six months in jail. In her words, she had 'hit rock bottom.'

But brighter days were ahead for Karen. Here's an excerpt from her story:

'My extremity became God's opportunity.

My incarceration proved to be the turning point of my life. It forced me to face my problem and need and gave me time to talk with the Lord I had neglected for so many years. I came to realize that only He could change my life and enable me to conquer my addiction. This led me to start reading the Bible and I began attending a Bible class for prisoners. When I asked God to forgive me, I knew He had done so because of His promise of forgiveness in the Bible: 'If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins' (1 John 1:9). I also prayed for guidance and my prayer was answered.

'Today, I continue to enjoy a close walk with the Lord and my family. Each morning I ask Him to guide me, and help me all along the way. Even in trouble, He is all I need. He is the God of the impossible.'

A heartbroken teenager told me how she dreaded the coming months. Her grandmother had just been told that she had terminal cancer. But the coming months weren't dreadful at all.

The predicted pain and suffering of cancer, chemotherapy and other feared effects of treating her illness never arrived.

This grandmother had been in her mid-80s when her doctor announced his disturbing diagnosis and when in her 90s she received a proposal for marriage, which may have been the brightest day of her long life.

News reports continually remind us of the perils that surround us. Terrorists plot to kill, maim and destroy. Freedom seems at risk.

Is there a day brightener for our time?

Can light be found on dark days?

Yes. Nothing takes God by surprise. And the power of faith sees His unchanging love to be a light that shines in every dark place (1 Peter 1:19).

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net. This column originally ran in January 2007.

SLEEP

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Insomnia is defined as a disruption in the sleep cycle that may include one or more of the following symptoms — laying awake for a long time and having trouble falling asleep, waking frequently and having trouble returning to sleep, waking up too early, and feeling like you have not slept at all.

There are three basic types of insomnia — transient, which lasts for a few days or so; short-term, which can go from two to four weeks, and chronic insomnia, poor sleep that lasts every night for a month or longer.

Insomnia is not a sleep disorder but rather a side affect of disorders such as depression, anxiety and other psychological or medical conditions. If a person has trouble sleeping, it is important to contact a doctor to make sure there is no underlying cause to the sleeplessness.

If there seems to be no medical or mental problems, a few simple tricks can be used to help a person get a valuable night's rest.

• Keep physically active during the day. Working off all the stress and energy can aid in reaching a deeper, restorative sleep. Especially a few hours before bed, do some light exercises to help the body to feel tired.

• Limit naps to 30 minutes or less. Any longer, and the extra sleep will throw off the sleep cycle. Keep naps before 2 p.m. if possible.

• Maintain a healthy sleep cycle. Go to bed and wake up at the same time as often as possible, even when you don't need to get up for work or school in the morning. Getting your body used to being tired at the same time will help you get the sleep you need when there are important things to tackle the next day.

• Take a bath at night instead of showering.

The hot water will help relax the muscles, while showers tend to wake people up more than soothe them off to a good night's rest.

• Steer clear of caffeine and tyrosine-rich foods, which will keep your body awake. Tyrosine helps to make adrenaline and will only hinder your ability to sleep. This means no coffee, chocolate, tea or soda and avoiding fermented cheeses, meats, red wines and avocados. Try drinking warm milk instead. Milk has an essential amino acid, tryptophan, which stimulates the brain chemical serotonin, believed to play a key role in calming the body.

• Sleep in a cool room about 60 degrees or so. This helps slow the body's functions down to lead to restful sleep.

• Use your bed for sleep only. If you are feeling restless, get up and go to another room to engage in a quiet, relaxing activity. Only return to bed when you are feeling sleepy. This will train your brain to get sleepy whenever you are in your bed.

• Don't eat a large meal before bedtime. This will keep your digestive system up and working hard — not what you want in order to go to sleep.

• Don't use nicotine or alcohol before sleeping. These substances reduce REM sleep — the deepest, restorative level of sleep.

• Know how to manage your stress. Start with organizing, meditating, scheduling and taking a break if you need one. Just before bed, write down what you need to accomplish the next day to get it off your mind.

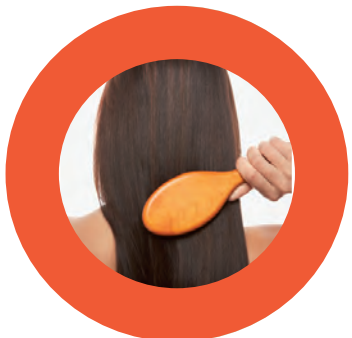
• Know when to contact your doctor. Each person is different in his or her sleep needs, but if your sleep habits are keeping you from a happy, productive life, it's time to call a professional.



RED WINE According to Darrell McCurtain, a therapist at the Golden Door Spa "The antioxidants and polyphenols found in wine are good for softening skin, and they're easily absorbed through it as well."



GREEN TEA BAGS Chilled, already-steeped green tea bags are an easy way to fight puffy circles in the morning. The coolness will feel amazing, and the brew's caffeine will help increase micro-circulation.



BRUSHING YOUR HAIR "One hundred strokes a night for lustrous looking hair," says Ian Ginsberg. "The oils disperse through the hair and keep strands and scalp healthy."



EGG WHITES Oily skin? Paint a thin layer of egg whites over a freshly washed face to help fight shine, suggested Edyta Perkowska of New York's Haven Spa.

12 **Weird and Wacky** beauty tips



◀ **BOXERS** Curly-haired ladies should borrow a (clean!) pair of their man's boxers to dry their locks, since a towel's fibers can actually increase frizziness. Simple cotton is far less agitating.

▶ **SILK PILLOWCASE** Protect your lovingly cared-for strands even while you sleep. Edward Tricomi, lead stylist and co-owner of Warren-Tricomi salons, suggested investing in a silk pillowcase. It will help avoid tangled tresses, keep your style longer, and, most noticeably, make hair silkier.



▲ **MINT** Tired of trying to fight oily strands? Prevent them with this easy mint-infused shampoo, courtesy of InStyler celebrity hairstylist Dean Banowetz. Add a few bunches of mint to water, boil, strain, and add the minty water to your regular shampoo (use a 2-to-1 ratio, with more shampoo than water). Cleanse and condition hair as usual, using the mint concoction weekly.

▼ **FLAX SEED OIL** Stimulate lash growth the natural way by dabbing flax seed oil on your lash line with a Q-tip, says IT Cosmetics Head of Creative Operations, Jacqueline Finnan. It contains omega-3, -6, and -9, along with B vitamins and lecithin to repair lash damage and get them growing.



Source: realbeauty.com



APPLE CIDER VINEGAR Celebrity makeup artist, Carol Shaw's learned a thing or two about relaxing. Her easiest recommendation? Taking a bath with a few cups of apple cider vinegar to detox and de-stress.



AVOCADOS Celebrity hairstylist Sally Hershberger's hair conditioning recipe calls for mashing up one to two avocados, working through your hair, and letting sit for 10 minutes before rinsing.



OLIVE OIL In a pinch, olive oil can remove eye makeup! "A small amount of olive oil on a cotton pad can gently remove the toughest makeup," says Joette Balsamo, makeup artist at the Marie Robinson Salon.



BAKING SODA Polish-free nails look prettiest when clean — Ian Ginsberg's trick is sprinkling baking soda on a lemon wedge and rubbing it on nails for a fresh white look.



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Don Winglemire of Winglemire Furniture in Holly promotes made in America products by selling Restonic mattresses, an Escanaba-based company.

MATTRESS

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mattresses come with a 25-year prorated warranty where the mattress can be repaired or replaced.

"If you're sleeping on older technology, you're probably having some issues with pressure points," Darnell said. "As you get older, you need to invest more in your mattresses because your body has more issues."

Don Winglemire of Winglemire Furniture stands by purchasing a mattress from a well-known brand. Sleeping on a mattress from trusted brands like Serta, Sealy or Ortho-posture can improve your health and ensure that you're well rested.

"Quality, well known brands are the leaders of the field, so to speak," Winglemire said. "The difference is in the quality of the manufactured foam and the density of it. The only way you're going to get what you think you'll get is with a big name."

While technology is constantly updating and changing everything, Lovegrove advises people to stick with what they are familiar with. Lovegrove also has customers try beds that vary in firmness and that may be plush or pillow tops. The more a customer tries various bedding styles, the more Lovegrove can pinpoint someone's comfort level.

"A lot of the time, people know what they want," Lovegrove said. "We can also eliminate a lot of things, it's a pretty easy process. I always ask people what type of mattress they have, how long they've had it and if they like it."

While it can seem overwhelming to shop for a new mattress, finding the perfect bedding in the tri-county area can be a dream come true. In addition to

Lovegrove's, Fenton Home Furnishings and Winglemire Furniture offering the latest in mattresses, Sear's Hometown Store in Fenton is also expanding their mattress selection.

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- **Review your medications** with your doctor. High blood pressure medicine and antidepressants may cause insomnia.
- **Write down your worries.** If you have concerns, jot them down. This action will likely let you rest more easily.

Business profiles

Tyrone Party Store

Complex of businesses at U.S. 23 and Center Road expands with new Marathon gas islands

By Sally Rummel

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Tyrone Party Store and Woody's Towing are pleased to announce the convenience of a new Marathon gas station, located right off the busy U.S. 23, Center Road exit in Tyrone Township, just south of Fenton.

"Customers have been asking for this for a long time," said owners Mike Wood and Bill Wood, who have re-built and expanded this complex of businesses for the past 22 years. Their father, Gaylord Wood, opened the business back in 1972. "There has been a real need for it. We're the only gas station at this exit."

Located at 9483 Center Rd., across from Tyrone Hills Golf Course, the new Marathon station opened Dec. 22, 2012 with three islands and six gas dispensers. The station offers diesel and all gas grades — from regular to mid-grade and premium, plus air and vacuum services. Payment options include cash and "pay at the pump" credit.

This new addition is just the latest in more than a decade of "building up" the business after a tornado destroyed Woody's Towing building back in 2001. "We never stopped towing," said Bill Wood. Woody's Towing includes 24-hour services for light duty, heavy duty and underwater recovery, plus a transmission shop.

Visitors to the new Marathon gas sta-



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Brothers, Bill and Mike Wood are pleased to add a new Marathon gas station to their complex of businesses at U.S. 23 and Center Road.

tion will appreciate the convenience of Tyrone Party Store's deli, pizza, beer, wine and convenience snacks. For more information, call Tyrone Party Store at (810) 629-7701 or Woody's Towing at (810) 629-6851.



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Meredith Dubbs and Mike Remer welcome customers to stop in to Genesee Valley Gold & Silver in Fenton.

Genesee Valley Gold & Silver

Opens family-owned store in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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Genesee Valley Gold & Silver has opened its newest location in Fenton, bringing its reputation as "Michigan's #1 gold and silver buyer" to the tri-county area.

Located at 132 North LeRoy St., across from The State Bank in downtown Fenton, Genesee Valley Gold & Silver opened its Fenton store on Jan. 21.

Genesee Valley Gold & Silver offers free estimates and the purchase of 10k, 14k, 18k, 22k and 24k unwanted, damaged and scrapped gold—including tangled, twisted and broken chains, single or paired earrings, bracelets, rings, pins, charms, gold and silver coins, sterling silver, platinum jewelry and dental gold.

"We offer a free appraisal, based on daily market prices, of your old and unwanted gold and silver," said Mike Remer, who handles day-to-day store operations in all of their 11 stores with Meredith Dubbs. "If you're happy with our price, we will pay you cash on the spot. It is important to us that you are totally satisfied and leave with a smile and cash in hand."

This family owned and operated busi-

ness has a 30-year history in mid-Michigan, open in Flint since 1982, now with two stores there. Since then, they have expanded to other locations in Birch Run, Davison, Grand Blanc, Lapeer, Owosso, Oxford and Howell. The Swartz Creek store opened on Jan. 16.

Owned by Donald and Jill Troutt, Genesee Valley Gold & Silver has based its reputation on customer service. "It's all about how you treat your customers," said Remer. "We pride ourselves on being courteous and fair. It's a no-pressure situation."

To celebrate its Grand Opening, the Fenton store will offer customers an extra 20 percent Cash Bonus for their unwanted gold and silver. "That's double our regular bonus," said Troutt. "At current gold and silver prices, the extra cash could be significant."

Genesee Valley Gold & Silver is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "There's no appointment necessary," said Remer. "Our biggest draw in Fenton will be our name and reputation." For more information, call (810) 733-1320 or visit www.gvsgold.com

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Community Expo set for March 2-3

►The 29th annual event offers new events, abundant businesses

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The 29th annual Community Expo will encourage people to shop at area businesses and retailers this year with its "Shop Local" theme.

Set for Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, Expo hours will be

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fenton High School.

"We are really excited about this year's event," said Linda Hathaway, who has chaired the Expo for its entire history. "Last year's record booth numbers have set a big precedent for this year's show."

With over 150 exhibitors filling the gym, cafeteria and hallways of

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“Last year’s record booth numbers have set a big precedent for this year’s show.”

Linda Hathaway
Chairman of the Expo
Planning Committee



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The Community Expo in March is a great way for residents and businesses to get to know each other.

An eye on the future



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Michigan Manufacturers Association President and CEO Chuck Hadden addresses the audience at the Forecast Breakfast last Wednesday.

►Local businesses get preview for what's to come in 2013

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — The future was the focus at the annual Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Forecast Breakfast, last week at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

"The goal is to give people information on what's coming, versus where we've been," said Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce President Shelly Day. She asked speakers to focus on the future, and projects in the works. She's especially excited for Fenton's projects like the Fire Hall restaurant. "It has the potential to bring foot traffic to the downtown area," she said.

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Summary

►The annual Forecast Breakfast is an opportunity for local businesses to get information on the coming year from government Representatives.

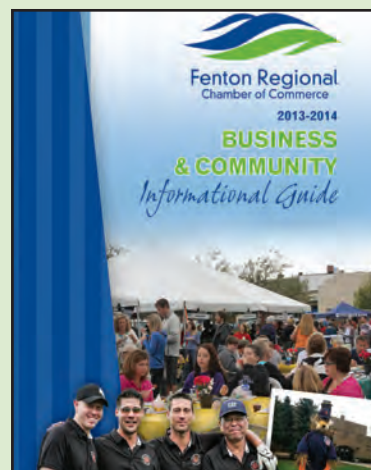
Watch for new Chamber directory in April

►There's still time to get your business in this popular publication

By Sally Rummel
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Your handy Business & Community Information Guide (Chamber Directory) is now in process of production for the year 2013-2104. "There's still time for businesses to get on board," said Rochelle Jones, membership director. "It's one of the

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A sneak peak of the new, upcoming Chamber directory.

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Members of the Executive Committee of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce stand with the 2013 convertible Chevrolet SS Camaro that will be raffled off this summer.



Camaro, anyone?

►A 2013 Camaro and 10 iPads will be raffled off to raise money for the Chamber's Building Fund

By Sally Rummel
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How would you like to win a brand new 2013 convertible Chevrolet SS Camaro from Vic Canever Chevrolet or take home a new Apple iPad . . . while at

the same time supporting the Fenton Regional Chamber?

The Chamber is holding its drawing to help raise money for a Building Fund for a future Chamber office. "We are outgrowing our

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By Shelly Day

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Awarded to all graduates of the Institute program, the IOM Graduate Recognition signifies the individual's completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber Foundation's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since its commencement in 1921, the Institute program has been educating tens of thousands of association, chamber, and other nonprofit leaders on how to build stronger organizations, better serve their members and become strong business advocates. Institute's curriculum consists of four weeklong sessions at five different university locations throughout the country.

Through a combination of required courses and electives in areas such as leadership, advocacy, marketing, finance, and membership, Institute participants are able to enhance their own organizational management skills and add new fuel to their organizations, making them run more efficiently and effectively.

Graduates of Institute receive the IOM recognition, signifying completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management. In addition, participants can earn credit hours toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) certifications. Nearly 1,000 individuals attend Institute annually.

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Chairman

By John Strayer

A brighter future is at hand

As a community, over the past few years we have struggled to emerge from the most difficult economic crisis of our lifetime. Our efforts have paid dividends and, as we begin this New Year, a brighter future is at hand. Our chamber membership continues to grow and our members continue to prosper.

We continue to pursue our Chamber mission: To be a strong advocate for member businesses through our services and resources, while fostering the economic vitality and prosperity of our region. Our priority is to promote businesses and provide education, networking and resources to our valued members.

We encourage our members to take advantage of the many opportunities to market their business through chamber events. Network within your business community (increase your business contacts and enjoy new business opportunities) at Chamber events such as: Networking @ Noon and/or Networking After Hours. Our philosophy is to allow our business community to collaborate and network to enhance their economic growth.

As we begin this new year, our biggest networking event will be the Chamber Community Business Expo in March. Thanks to our generous sponsors, this event will again be free to the public. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Expo!

The chamber serves our members and our community in other ways as well. Through our new business-mentoring program known as SCORE, the chamber provides knowledge and expertise, and helps foster the creation and growth of innovative entrepreneurial businesses. Through our chamber scholarship and student mentoring programs, we continue to work cooperatively with our local school districts to help students achieve their goals.

At the Chamber, we have board of directors, ambassadors, staff and committee members that believe in our mission and our ready to serve our member businesses.

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►Local sponsors Coldwell Banker Professionals and Sharp Funeral Homes provide residents with free admittance to Expo

By Sally Rummel

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Local residents will once again have an opportunity to visit this year's Community Expo free of charge, thanks to the generosity of long-time boosters Ken Brant of Coldwell Banker Professionals and Roger Sharp of Sharp Funeral Homes.

Summary

►Ken Brant of Coldwell Banker Professionals is adding an elementary school essay/art contest to this year's Expo, with the support of Sharp Funeral Homes.

"We're pleased to offer this sponsorship to the public with our friends at Sharp Funer-

al Homes," said Brant. "We've both been part of the Expo since day one. When the Chamber was looking for sponsors to create a free event for visitors, we both stepped up to the plate at the same time. We're one of the few businesses that have been here since the beginning."

Brant is adding a new twist to the Expo this year by involving local elementary students in a contest that fits in with the "Shop Local" theme of this year's Expo. "We're asking first-through fifth-graders, 'What does your home mean to you?'" said Brant.

Students can enter either an essay or a picture, whichever best describes their feelings, according to Brant. "We're looking for a meaningful and descriptive expression of 'home,'" he said.

Participating school districts include Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden, Holly, plus St. John's Catholic School and Holly Academy. Each winning grade will receive a monetary prize to help them with school supplies for the classroom.



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Take the whole family to this year's Community Expo. With no admission fee, the event provides a lot of information and entertainment for guests of all ages.

All entrees will be displayed at the front entrance of the Expo at Fenton High School during the weekend of March 2-3.

Roger Sharp, of Sharp Funeral Homes, has participated in the Expo for as long as he can remember. "It's one of the nicest Expos in Genesee County," said Sharp. "We always want to be a part of it."

In addition to sponsoring the event with Coldwell Banker Professionals so that the public can be admitted for free, Sharp also buys a booth for Sharp Funeral Homes and pays for a booth for the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Even though he will be in

Florida at the time of the Expo, he plans to fly back to Michigan for the event. "I don't want to miss it," he said.

“We’re pleased to offer this sponsorship to the public with our friends at Sharp Funeral Homes. We’re one of the few businesses that have been here since the beginning.”

Ken Brant

Coldwell Banker Professionals



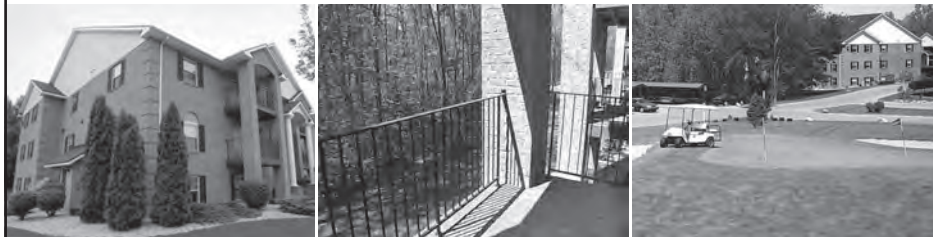
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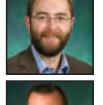
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"Thanks to you, **CRUST** is celebrating our First Anniversary with an Open House on Saturday, February 2 from noon til 3 pm. Join us for a bakery tour at noon, anniversary cake, product tastings, and prize drawings. Drawings will be held every 15 minutes; must be present to win. Please stop by; we'd love to see you!"

DATELINE

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May 16

Networking @ Noon

Sponsored by: Dort Federal Credit Union

May 31

Chamber Golf Outing

Event Location: Tyrone Hills Golf Club

June 20

Networking @ Noon

Sponsored by: Brown & Brown of Michigan

July 4

Fenton Freedom Festival

July 18

Networking @ Noon

Sponsored by: Tanglewood Assisted Living & Home Care

Aug. 10

Taste in Fenton

Aug. 15

Networking @ Noon

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Sept. 19

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Sponsored by: Woodhaven Senior Community

Sept. 21

Linden Autumn Festival

Oct 17

Networking @ Noon

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Oct. 31

An Event so Good it's Scary

Nov.

Chamber Annual Dinner

Nov. 21

Networking @ Noon

Sponsored by: LaFontaine Automotive Group

Dec. 7

Jinglefest

Dec. 7

Linden Holiday Happening

Dec. 19

Networking @ Noon

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Hundreds of children scatter quickly as they try to find all of the eggs at Linden's annual Easter Egg hunt.

Hop over to Linden for Eggciting Easter Event

►Popular family tradition set for Saturday, March 23

By Sally Rummel

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The Easter Bunny is coming to Linden!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23 for the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce's

Eggciting Easter Event on Saturday, March 24 in Linden.

The fun will run from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. with an Easter Breakfast and pictures

with the Easter Bunny at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden. The school is located at 325 Stan Eaton Dr. The cost is \$5 in advance or \$6 at the event.

Included in the fun will be games, crafts, a bounce house and other fun activities for children.

The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10:45 a.m. behind Hyatt Elementary for kids of all ages. Participation in the egg hunt will be divided into different age groups, so that kids can hunt for eggs with children near their own age. The cost is \$1 for

those interested only in participating in the egg hunt.

A Kiddy Fun Run will take place at 9:00 a.m. The run costs \$4 in advance and \$5 at the event.

Tickets for the Eggciting Easter Event in Linden can be purchased at the Fenton Chamber office, Linden City Hall, The State Bank's Linden branch and the Linden community education office.

For more information, call the Fenton Chamber office at (810) 629-5447.



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Kids enjoy finding the eggs all over the playground!

Ribbon Cutting and welcome to Sakura Buffet



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City officials, Chamber President and Ambassadors as well as employees and family of Sakura Buffet celebrate the opening of Sukura Buffet.

EXPO**Continued from Page 7B**

Fenton High School last year, this year promises to be even larger. A new organizational layout will provide even more space this year for booths so that additional businesses can sign up.

Summary

Plans are now underway for the Community Expo, set for March 2-3 at Fenton High School.

New this year will be free workshops and demonstrations held by area businesses, which can showcase a product or service in one of the school's lecture rooms throughout both days.

"This is something new we're offering this year," said Shelly Day, president of the Fenton Chamber. "We want to help our exhibitors get even more exposure to their business with a targeted audience at the Expo. We're having six workshops on Saturday and four on Sunday."

Interested business exhibitors can sign up for \$75 per workshop. They are free to Expo visitors.

As usual, Expo visitors will enjoy learning more about area businesses by sampling their products, learning

about their services — all presented in a backdrop of fun and excitement. The Dive Shop will be expanding its scuba demonstrations and lessons in the Fenton pool by offering them both days this year. Other entertainment will include music by the Fenton Ambassadors, Fenton Community Orchestra and active demonstrations by Chassé Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio and Fenton Karate.

The always popular Kids' Zone will again be sponsored by Valley Tent Rental, and staffed this year by volunteers from Faith City Church. "They helped out last year but wanted to take on an even more active role this year," said Day. Kids will enjoy games, inflatables and a Grand Prize Giveaway of a brand new bike from Cyclefit Multisport in Fenton.

Food is another festive part of Expo fun with seven participating restaurants providing entrees, snacks, beverages, etc. Restaurants who have signed up already include Hungry Howie's, Fenton Schools Café, Jet's Pizza, Fun with Frosting, Canadian Steak, Fish & Sandwich Co., Culver's and Biggby Coffee.



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Fenton Schools Café always serves a variety of delicious food at the Fenton Expo.



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Expo participants use a spring theme to attract visitors to their booth.

Membership Director**Report**

By Rochelle Jones

**Join today**

In January, I will be working on member retention and concentrating on our goal of 85 percent member retention. I will also be working on our Business & Community Information Guide that will be inserted into the Tri-County Times and distributed to more than 17,000 homes in April. In addition, Chamber distributes 3,000 copies to visitors, prospective members, chamber members and the business community. Many people use this Guide as a mini phone book and is their first source of reference. The deadline to place an ad in this Guide is Feb. 8. If you are interested in reaching 20,000 potential customers, please contact me for ad details.

Would you like a chance to WIN a free ad in the 2013 Chamber Guide? If yes, pay and provide paperwork for your ad by Jan. 31 and be entered into a drawing to receive a refund for a business card size ad. Place a larger ad and receive a \$375 refund.

We are looking forward to another excellent Chamber year, if you are not part of the FRCC don't delay and join today.



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DIRECTORY

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important benefits of being a Chamber member, because only member businesses are included in the directory."

Businesses are listed by category for easy browsing. In addition, they are listed in the back of the directory in alphabetical order with their phone number. Helpful municipal, school and other community information is also included.

More than 20,000 copies of this digest-sized directory will be printed in April by Allied Media. A total of 17,000 will be distributed to residents through the Tri-County Times and an additional 3,000 copies will be mailed to each Chamber member and given out through local businesses and events.

"People look forward to getting their new directory every year," said Jones. "It's an informative booklet that is small enough to fit in your briefcase, purse or glove compartment. It's very portable."

The directory will also be available online. For more information or to place an ad, contact Jones at (810) 629-5447.

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Membership Director

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Shelly Day
President of the Fenton
Regional Chamber of
Commerce

The Chamber will be raffling off the first-place prize of the Camaro and second-through 11th-place prizes of 10 new iPads in a special drawing with winners announced at the Taste in Fenton August 10,

2013. Tickets will be available at the Chamber office, Vic Canever Chevrolet, online at the Chamber website and other member locations to be announced.

One thousand tickets priced at \$100 each will be sold until the 13th annual Taste in Fenton on Aug. 10. The seller of the 1st place ticket will win \$500.

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2013 Forecast Breakfast



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Local municipalities were represented as well as key note speaker Chuck Haddon, CEO of the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA.)



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Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland gives updates on upcoming projects in the city, including the Cornerstone Building, shown in a drawing on the right.

FUTURE

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“From the feedback we are receiving it appears the economy is moving forward,” she said. Day felt that last year, guests were more worried about whether the economy would improve. In 2013, she said it actually is improving. “We’re seeing it, and we’re seeing results,” she said. “It takes the whole community to move things forward.”

Local municipal leaders kept it positive as they addressed the group of local business representatives in attendance. Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland mentioned the cuts they have had to make to keep their budget strong. He also mentioned the Silver Lake Road bridge, Cornerstone building, and Fenton Fire Hall restaurant. “We’ve got a lot of really good things going on,” he said to the audience of about 70.

Linden Mayor David Lossing, Fenton Township Clerk Robert Krug and Tyrone Township Supervisor Mike Cunningham also gave projections for the year on projects and a little on challenges ahead. “We’re fiscally stable,” said Lossing. Krug mentioned the plans for a new park, and Cunningham mentioned a solid financial audit and new cellular towers.

Lucia Valeriano of Goin’ Postal in Fenton said, “I enjoy (Forecast Breakfasts) very much. I think I get a better

perspective of the community in general. It’s everybody coming together for a bigger picture.”

Valeriano’s looking forward to the improving housing market to hopefully boost business for everyone.

Keynote speaker Chuck Hadden of the Michigan Manufacturers Association made it clear that he’s positive about where Michigan is headed. “Most of them are very enthusiastic about Michigan,” he said, referring to businesses in the state. He said some challenges the state is facing include a talent pipeline for skilled manufacturing jobs.

Speakers also included a representative from the

office of Urban Initiatives in Flint.

Refreshments were provided by The Laundry and Crust.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Forecast Breakfast attendees applaud after a speech from a local government representative.

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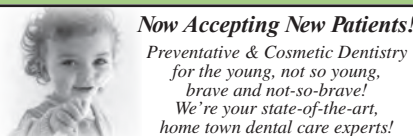
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE #36

Notice is hereby given that the Tyrone Township Board, at the Regular meeting held on January 15, 2013, approved for adoption amendments to Ordinance #36, Articles 3, 16A, 20, 21, 23, and 30. The entire ordinance is available to the public for review during regular business hours at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430, and on the township's website at www.tyronetownship.us. A summary of the revisions follows:

ARTICLE 16A: PLANNED INDUSTRIAL, RESEARCH, AND OFFICE DISTRICT
This is a new zoning district. The PIRO District is intended to provide a desirable location for larger office, light industrial, and limited heavier industrial uses as provided in the table of permitted and special uses. This new Article includes the following sections: **INTENT, APPLICABILITY OF SUB-DISTRICT, TABLE OF PERMITTED AND SPECIAL LAND USES, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PIRO DISTRICT USES, SUB-DISTRICT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, PIRO-A (RESEARCH AND OFFICE) PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES, PIRO-A (RESEARCH AND OFFICE) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, PIRO-B (LIGHT INDUSTRY) PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES, PIRO-B (LIGHT INDUSTRY) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, PIRO-C (GENERAL INDUSTRY) PERMITTED USES AND STRUCTURES, and PIRO-C (GENERAL INDUSTRY) DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.**

The following Articles and Sections were also updated to include references to the new PIRO district: Article 3, and Sections 20.01, 20.03, 21.16, 21.32, 21.42, 23.01, 23.18, and 30.05.

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RESOLUTION 2013-001

**GROVELAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
OPEN MEETINGS ACT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Groveland Township Planning Commission provide for the scheduling of the regular Planning Commission Meeting for the fourth Tuesday of each month, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has enacted the Open Meetings Act, which required the specific designation of the dates, time and places of all regular meetings of the Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Groveland Township Planning Commission to conduct all of its business in an open forum, in compliance with said act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Groveland Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every other month of the calendar year beginning January 22, 2013 and ending on November 26, 2013.

The following are dates of the regularly scheduled meeting that will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442:

January 22, 2013	July 23, 2013
March 26, 2013	September 24, 2013
May 28, 2013	November 26, 2013

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Notice of Meeting Dates will be published in the Citizen and Tri-County Times newspapers and posted at the Township Hall.

Motion made by: Schank, seconded by Mason
Yes. -5-
No. -0-
Absent: -2-
Adopted: January 22, 2013

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Pam Mazich, Township Clerk

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

KING FEATURES
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ACROSS

- 1 Soda brand since 1905
- 7 Tree yielding gum arabic
- 13 Sun visors and parasols
- 20 Light particle
- 21 Gondolas' "roads"
- 22 Amount that fits in a fist
- 23 Hasbro is its parent
- 25 African country
- 26 Meal maker
- 27 1983 Barbra Streisand musical
- 28 Baseballer Combs
- 30 Toronto and Ottawa's loc.
- 31 Opposite of near
- 32 "Indubitably!"
- 33 What insults may result in
- 36 Stored, as a resumé
- 39 "For — jolly good fellow"
- 40 Spring flower
- 41 Courteney Cox sitcom
- 44 — Mawr College
- 46 Egyptian snakes

DOWN

- 1 Tach abbr.
- 2 Mexican-Americans
- 3 Not drab
- 4 Preminger of film
- 5 Appearance
- 6 Actress Blyth
- 7 Lot units
- 8 "Misery" star
- 9 "What happened next ...?"
- 10 Hard, thickened skin area
- 11 Suffix with duct
- 12 Until now
- 13 Be a part of, as an experience
- 14 Passover chant of praise
- 15 Lansbury of "Gaslight"
- 16 Post-WWII pres.
- 17 Zac of "High School Musical"
- 18 Regretting greatly
- 19 Shutter pieces
- 24 "Sayonara!"
- 29 "Waiter, there's — in my soup!"

ACROSS

- 50 Bit of land in the sea
- 51 Suffix with direct
- 52 "Alice in Wonderland" star
- 53 "Enough!"
- 55 "The Birds" star
- 57 Hammy
- 60 Feminist Gloria
- 63 "— pro nobis"
- 64 Les — -Unis (America, in Paris)
- 65 Quantity: Abbr.
- 66 Holy Week's period
- 67 Alternative to Armani
- 70 Palm smartphone
- 71 Accrued qty.
- 72 Jazz "Count"
- 73 Grafton's "— for Innocent"
- 74 Fee-free mutual funds
- 76 Insect living in deadwood
- 79 Big name in direct selling
- 80 Works, as dough
- 81 Knee's place

DOWN

- 82 Genetic cell stuff
- 83 Like icecaps
- 87 Goulash, e.g.
- 88 Partner of wherefores
- 90 University in Detroit
- 92 Cosmetician
- 95 Forget to include
- 97 Rough shed
- 98 Teen doing volunteer work in a hospital
- 102 That guy
- 104 "— Boot"
- 105 Amin of infamy
- 106 Mexicali Mr.
- 107 Sour fruit
- 109 — -am (Seuss character)
- 111 Minuet-like dance
- 113 Barriers with pickets, often
- 117 Undying
- 118 Harmonious
- 119 Confessional user
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- 121 Take-home salary
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Eric T. Larson and Annette K. Larson, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2005 and recorded March 30, 2005 in Liber 4752 Page 933 Livingston County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Random Properties Acquisition Corp III, by assignment dated January 11, 2013 and subsequently recorded in Livingston County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$322,304.95) including interest 8.49% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Livingston County at 10:00AM on February 20, 2012 Said premises are situated in Township of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 28 of Sundance Meadows, as recorded in Liber 35 of Plats, Pages 46, 47, 48 and 49, Livingston County Records. Subject to easements, restrictions or reservations of record. Commonly known as 4421 Sundance Circle, Howell MI 48843 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 1/20/2013 Random Properties Acquisition Corp III, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-74343 Ad #44103 01/20, 01/27, 02/03, 02/10/2013

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John R. Haynes and Janette M. Haynes, husband and wife to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2006 and recorded August 31, 2006 in Instrument # 200608310077694 and modified by agreement dated May 16, 2008 and recorded August 29, 2008 in instrument # 200808290062347 Genesee County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-Z, by assignment dated October 10, 2008 and recorded October 20, 2008 in instrument # 200810200072021 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars and Seventy-One Cents (\$256,720.71) including interest 2% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on February 13, 2013 Said premises are situated in Township of Atlas, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 17, Town 6 North, Range 8 East, described as: Beginning at a point on the East and West one-quarter line th at is South 88 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds West 1500 feet from the East one-quarter corner of said Section 17; thence south 88 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds West 125 feet along the East and West one-quarter line; thence South 0 degrees 15 minutes East 400 feet; thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds East 125 feet; thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes West 400 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 8366 Burpee Rd, Grand Blanc MI 48439 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 1/13/2013 U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-Z, As-signee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 12-66646 Ad #43915 01/13, 01/20, 01/27, 02/03/2013

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4. **Soulful Strut** - Young-Holt Unlimited
5. **Everyday People** - Sly & the Family Stone

6. **Hooked on a Feeling** - B.J. Thomas
7. **Touch Me** - The Doors
8. **The Worst that Could Happen** - B.J. Thomas
9. **I Started a Joke** - Bee Gees
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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

RCCOLA ACACIA SHADERS
PHOTON CANALS HANDFUL
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COOK VENT EARLE MONT
FAR VES HURTFEELINGS
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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

1	5	8	3	2	4	9	7	6
9	7	6	1	5	8	2	3	4
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KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 25 mins.

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SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

8	3	5	2	9	1	6	4	7
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9	5	3	7	1	2	8	6	4

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: GAUGE ANISE GOATEE NETHER
Answer: How the chicken farmer got his start—
WITH A NEST EGG

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: AGLOW FRUIT BYGONE SCRIBE
Answer: What he did when she forgot the sun block
lotion—A SLOW BURN

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Bobby Dean Butts,

Bobby Dean Butts - age 84, of Fenton, died Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Avalon Hospice. Funeral service will be held 1 PM Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Tyrone Memory Gardens Mausoleum, 10260 White Lake Rd., Fenton, MI. Family received visitors from 1-4 and 6-9 PM Friday, January 25, 2013 and will also receive visitors from 11 AM until time of service Saturday at the mausoleum. Pastor Gerald K. Sims officiating. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Bob is survived by his wife Charlene; children Barbara, Jennie, Jackie, Julie, Michael, Laurie and Matthew; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. www.doddsdumanois.com.



Norma C. Burke 1930-2013

Norma C. Burke - age 82, of Swartz Creek, died January 18, 2013 at McLaren, Flint. Private services will be held. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Diabetes Association. Norma was born June 24, 1930 in Flint the daughter of Milo and Minnie (Miller) Spidle. She was married to Richard Burke who preceded her in death in 2004. She was loved by many and will be missed by many. Surviving are: two daughters Kathy and husband Michael Karns of Swartz Creek, formerly Fenton, Stephanie Burke of Flint; two grandchildren Shawn Karns of Camp Hill PA, Holly and husband Jason Phillips of Apex, NC; two great-grandchildren Gavin and Carter Phillips. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Richard Burke; brother Clark Spidle; sister Mildred Bukwaz; and her daughter Cynthia Burke in 2003. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bannie Edwards,

Bannie Edwards - age 78, died January 19, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Darwin McKenzie Dager

1932-2013

Darwin McKenzie Dager - age 80, of Fenton, died Monday, January 21, 2013. Funeral services were held 2 PM Friday, January 25, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, with Fr. Steve Makranyi officiating. Burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was held at the funeral home Thursday from 4-7 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to the Indiana Wesleyan University Athletics Women's Basketball, (towards the missions trip to Auckland, New Zealand) 4201 S. Washington, Marion, IN 46953. Darwin was born February 3, 1932 in Flint, the son of Charles A. and Ula Mae (Fox) Dager. He attended Fenton High School. He was a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Marine Corp., where he received a purple heart. Darwin married Mary Lou Hillis June 29, 1957 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. He retired from the Flint Plumber and Pipefitters Local #370. He coached Fenton Little League Baseball for many years. Surviving are: wife, Mary; 3 children, Debra Dager of Melbourne, FL, Cheryl and husband Richard Esser of Panama City Beach, FL, and Michael Darwin Dager of Lambertville; 6 grandchildren, Jackie and husband Mark, Jenny, Lindsay, Jordan, Joel, and Olivia; 4 great-grandchildren, Gavin, Madelyn, Jadah, and Brody; brother-in-law, John and wife Michele Hillis of Fenton; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, William "Bill" Dager. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Anna Kubala,

Anna Kubala - age 94, died January 20, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Donald Wallace,

Donald Wallace - age 81, died January 20, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Laura Nelly Graham

1945-2013

Laura Nelly Graham - age 67, of Fenton, died Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at her residence. Services were held 11 AM Friday, January 25, 2013 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton with Pastor James Mascow and Pastor Wilber Henke officiating. Interment followed at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation was held 2-8 PM Thursday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation was also held 10 AM until the time of service Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Mrs. Graham was born October 16, 1945 in Harrison, MI, the daughter of Oscar and Mina (Smally) Root. She married William Edward Graham on June 12, 1971 in Fenton. She worked at McDonald's on Owen Rd. for over 20 years and had worked at Creative Foam. Laura loved crocheting and quilting. She enjoyed music, camping, hunting and fishing with her husband. She attended Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church and was a former member of First Baptist Church in Fenton. Laura was always smiling and loved her husband, children and grandchildren. Surviving are: husband, William E. Graham of Fenton; daughter, Julie Vincent of Fenton; son, Paul Graham and Kelly of Fenton; seven grandchildren, Alexis, David, Alex, Zack, Danielle, Samantha, and Joshua; two brothers, John (Mary) Root of Argentine, Ernie (Yvonne) Root of Midland; many nieces and nephews also survive. Her parents preceded her in death. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Glenn Peck,

Glenn Peck - age 67, died January 18, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Felipe Andrez,

Felipe Andrez - age 24, died January 22, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rex Kenneth Davenport

1930-2013

Rex Kenneth Davenport - of Ft. Myers, Florida and Bella Vista, Arkansas, 82, died on January 20, 2013. Born May 19, 1930 in Holly, Michigan, he was the son of Rex and Christine Davenport. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. Survived by his wife Shirley; children: son Kevin Davenport, daughters Roxanne Ray, Dawn Iacino and step-daughter Lisa Johnston; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother Larry Davenport and two sisters Thelma Fraski and Linda Ragsdale. Cremation arrangements by Bella Vista Funeral Home and Crematory, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, Arkansas. Online condolences may be made to www.funeralmation.com.

Tommy J. Ragonese

1939-2013

Tommy J. Ragonese - age 73, of Holly, passed away January 12, 2013 at Genesys. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Friday, February 1, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Saturday, February 2, 2013 at St. Rita's Catholic Church, 309 E. Maple St., Holly. A luncheon will follow Mass at the Fenton V.F.W. Post. Burial will be 10 AM Monday, February 4, 2013 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly. Memorial donations may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jack Richards,

Jack Richards - age 76, died January 18, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mark Kreider,

Mark Kreider - age 51, died January 21, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Keith LeBeau,

Keith LeBeau - age 52, died January 19, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gerald W. Leighton

1925-2012

Gerald W. Leighton - age 87, of Elkhart, IN, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 27, 2012 in Hubbard Hill Estates, Elkhart. He was born April 27, 1925 in Clarkston, MI a son of the late Ralph and Ecka Bird Leighton. On April 19, 1984, in Elkhart, he married Sandra L. Scott, who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Sherry (Jeff) DeCicco of Pittsburgh; three stepchildren, Theresa (Mark) Wright of Amity, Tom (Linda) Smith of Chattanooga, TN, and Rhonda Machado of St. Petersburg, FL; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Phyllis Locke of Anna Marie Island, FL, Carolyn (Newt) Bates of Vineland, NJ; a special niece, Laura Getter of Elkhart; and a special nephew, Stevie (Lisa) Scott of Waterford, MI. Deceased are a son, Gary, who was killed in Vietnam; a stepson, Bill Smith; and a sister, Dorothy Scott. Mr. Leighton was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mary Kostka,

Mary Kostka - died January 23, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Bonnie Farlow,

Bonnie Farlow - age 65, died January 24, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Albena Sisk,

Albena Sisk - age 89, died January 18, 2013. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Leuntje Kokx,

Leuntje Kokx - age 84, died January 21, 2013. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Stephen B. Clabaugh,

Stephen B. Clabaugh - age 53, died January 19, 2013. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Richard Philip "Cowboy" Gibian

1950-2013

Richard Philip "Cowboy" Gibian - age 62, of Linden, died unexpectedly, Thursday, January 24, 2013 at his home. Funeral services will be held 4 PM Sunday, January 27, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St, Linden. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Sunday from 12 PM until time of service. Rich was born November 22, 1950 in Chicago, IL, the son of Walter and Miriam (Greist) Gibian. He was a veteran of the Viet Nam War serving in the U.S. Army. He married Linda Helfrick August 26, 1999 in Linden. Rich has resided in Linden since 1996. He was a manufacturers Rep. of Gift and Home Decor products. He was vice president and served on the board of Michigan Gift Mart for many years. Rich was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved golfing and playing pool. Surviving are: wife, Linda; daughter, Susan Gibian of Pequoson, VA; father, Walter Gibian of Columbus, OH; 9 siblings, Diane, Eileen, Jim, Patty, Mary Lou, Peggy, Donna, Pete, and Barb; and many other relatives. He will be dearly missed by his many friends, new and old. He was preceded in death by his mother, Miriam Gibian. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Nancy Marschall,

Nancy Marschall - age 59, died January 21, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Rita T. Mahn,

Rita T. Mahn - age 95, died January 19, 2013. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Reldon Shauger,

Reldon Shauger - age 77, died January 22, 2013. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Robert Smith Jr.,
Robert Smith Jr. - age 89,
died January 15, 2013.
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William Jacob,
William Jacob - age 63,
died January 24, 2013.
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Jerry Shears,
Jerry Shears - age 73, died
January 21, 2013. Services
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SundayJumble

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

WOALG

TUFIR

BONGEY

SERBIC

Print answer here: A

Stay under the umbrella

WHAT HE DID WHEN SHE FORGOT THE SUN BLOCK LOTION.

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

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

8

things your dog is most thankful for

1. When toast falls on the ground, it always lands butter side down.

2. You don't vacuum all the fur balls under the furniture so she always feels like she has a friend.

3. No one has yet figured out how to breed the gene out of dogs that makes them sleep diagonally on the bed with all four legs going in different directions.

4. You're busy at work all day so she can get her beauty rest and be jumping off the walls by the time you get home.

5. Her super power of cuteness results in snacks, the best spot on comfy furniture, and belly rubs.

6. Toddlers are the snack delivery system by which when a dog helps herself to a between-meals snack on sticky hands or faces she hears, "Awwww, kisses."

7. Your doctor said you need to walk more to bring your blood pressure down.

8. You love to love him and he loves being loved.

THIS WEEK'S INSERTS

7 READ

Alpine Marketplace

7 READ

Arby's

7 READ

CVS/pharmacy

7 READ

Family Dollar

7 READ

Holly Foods

7 READ

Kmart

7 READ

McDonald's

7 READ

VG's

7 READ

Walgreens

7 READ

Walmart

PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

To your
good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: This year I retired, at age 66. Since retirement I've been tormented with drenching sweats nightly. I mention the retirement because it's the only thing in my life that has changed. Could there be a connection? I have to change my pajamas every night, and sometimes the bed linens. I feel well otherwise. I will appreciate anything you can tell me. — D.D.

ANSWER: You and your doctor have to look for the rare but serious causes of night sweats. In the past, infections were the major cause, and tuberculosis headed the list of infectious causes. That's no longer true. Diabetes, an overactive thyroid gland and cancers -- especially lymphomas (lymph node cancers) -- are other possible causes. It's most unusual for night sweats to be the only sign of such illnesses. I can't link your retirement to the problem.

Have you taken your temperature at night? A normal temperature points to causes that are less indicative of something that has health consequences.

Medicines might provoke sweating. Antidepressants, some of the diabetes medicines and thyroid hormone are examples. Aspirin resets the body's thermostat. When its effect begins to wear off, profuse sweating can result.

The following tips for controlling sweating are banalities, but they're always mentioned. The heat and humidity of the bedroom have to be on the low side. Humidity of less than 40 percent is optimum.

If sweating is confined to a particular body area, like the palms and soles, the face or the underarms, you have more treatment options. For generalized sweating, the choices are not as plentiful. Fans and air conditioners are another banal solution, but they often work. Some have found that Robinul (glycopyrrolate) or ProBanthine, each taken 45 minutes before going to bed, stop the production of excessive sweats.

Facebook photos create wedding mystery

DEAR AMY: I uploaded photos from my recent wedding to Facebook so that our guests could enjoy them. All of these images are simple, pleasant shots of guests sitting at their tables — nothing embarrassing or inappropriate. A short time after I posted them, a friend sent me a private message on Facebook requesting that I remove a picture of her and her husband sitting at their table. She said she preferred not to have her photograph on the Internet for others to see. I respect that some people don't want to risk strangers seeing their picture and took it down. Out of curiosity, I clicked on her page. I didn't see any content. The only thing there was her profile picture -- of her three children smiling for the camera! I find it shocking that someone so opposed to having her own picture on the Internet would purposefully post pictures of her children instead! What do you think about this? — Baffled Bride

DEAR BAFFLED: If your friend doesn't want her photo posted on Facebook, so what? Why do you care? Maybe she is getting jowly or doesn't like her haircut. Maybe she is an international jewel thief. If she doesn't mind having her kids' photo on Facebook — again, so what? You were accommodating to her (well done!), and now you need to move on.

Amy Dickinson

Ask
Amy

Total Time: 30 min

Asian Chicken Burgers

- INGREDIENTS:**
- Cooking spray
 - 1 small carrot
 - 1 small red onion, halved
 - 1 lb. ground chicken
 - 1/4 cup panko (Japanese breadcrumbs)
 - 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
 - 1 T. grated peeled ginger
 - 4 t. low-sodium soy sauce
 - 3 t. hot Asian chili sauce, such as sambal oelek
 - 8 oz. white mushrooms, thinly sliced
 - 2 t. toasted sesame oil
 - Juice of 1 lime
 - 4 whole-wheat sesame hamburger buns

- DIRECTIONS:**
- 1.** Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Mist a baking sheet with cooking spray. Grate the carrot and 1/2 onion into a large bowl. Add the chicken, panko, 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce, the ginger, 3 teaspoons soy sauce and 1 teaspoon sambal oelek and mix until combined. Shape the chicken mixture into 4 patties and place on the prepared baking sheet. Bake until cooked through, about 20 minutes.
- 2.** Meanwhile, thinly slice the remaining 1/2 onion. Toss with the mushrooms, sesame oil, lime juice and the remaining 1 teaspoon soy sauce in a bowl. Mix the remaining 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce and 2 teaspoons sambal oelek with 1 tablespoon water in another bowl.
- 3.** Warm the hamburger buns in the oven. Serve the burgers on the buns with a drizzle of the hoisin-sambal sauce and some of the mushroom mixture.

iPhone
tip of the week

Use Siri discreetly...

In case you don't want to yell out your question to Siri and have her broadcast it back to you try this trick: Head to settings, next general, then Siri. The last option in the list will be "Raise to Speak." Switch that on and the next time you raise your phone to your ear Siri will activate.



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NEW LISTING **OPEN SUNDAY 1-3**

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Beautiful 2 story house in the well kept Rolling Oaks subdivision with formal dining, living room and family room, 4 bedrooms, master has walk-in closet, 3.5 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2259 sq. ft., + 900 sq. ft. in finished basement with wet bar, recreational room and full bath, patio and 2 car garage.
\$174,900
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272



NEW LISTING **OPEN SUNDAY 1-3**

FENTON
659 Holly Point Drive,
(Heritage Pond Sub north off South Holly Rd.)
Enjoy the sunrise over the millpond while sipping your morning coffee! Beautiful ranch with full, finished walkout basement! Offers hardwood flooring, 2 full baths, 1st floor laundry, central air, lawn sprinkler system and much more.
Stop by and take a look, you won't be disappointed!
Or call Shelia Rhoades for your private showing.
\$144,900
Call Shelia Rhoades 810-348-7357



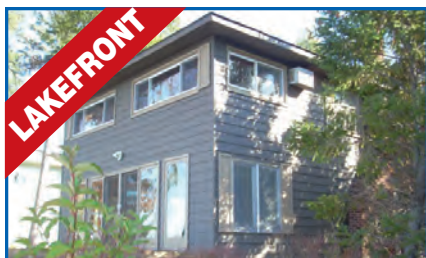
PRICE REDUCED

FENTON
3375 Ponemah Drive
Neat, Clean And Gorgeous!
Move In Condition Ranch With Beautiful Lot. All Appliances Included. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, 2 Car Deep Garage & Covered Carport For Boat/Camper/Storage. All Neutral Colors, Crown Molding, Very Nice. Home Is A Block Away From All Sports Lake Ponemah Public Boat Launch. Enjoy the lake without the high taxes. Not A Thing To Do But Move In!
\$122,500
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272



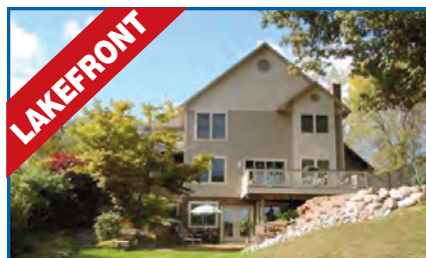
2988 SQ. FT.

FENTON
117 N. Adelaide Street
Room to roam inside and out!
Great location and a wonderful park sized lot compliment this grand old house with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Nice high ceilings and beautiful woodwork on 1st floor as well as a huge family room. 1st floor laundry, basement, lots of storage, 2988 sq. ft., and enclosed front porch adds to the package. Well insulated attached garage with heat and workshop all on 1.75 acres.
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LAKEFRONT

FENTON TOWNSHIP
13390 Enid
3 Bedroom 2 Story home offering nice sandy beach and breathtaking views, large rooms with bedroom and study on main floor, 1728 sq. ft., full basement, enclosed porch and 2 car garage.
Newer deck, roof, carpet, paint and drywall.
Also available buildable lot across street. Sold separately for \$100,000.
\$500,000
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LAKEFRONT

FENTON TOWNSHIP
13433 Lake Shore
Lake Fenton Waterfront. Beautiful home, built in 2002, low maintenance, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, central air, natural fireplace in living room, Master Suite w/private deck, den, bonus room, 2930 sq. ft., + 1200 sq. ft. in finished walkout with 9+ Ceilings, DayLight Windows, complete 2nd living area w/private courtyard, deck, patio, 2 car garage, nice sandy swimming beach and fenced area for pets. Too many amenities to list.
\$649,900
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WOW

DURAND
306 N. Shiawassee Street
Remodeled 2012 sq. ft. house with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1st floor laundry, double pane windows, basement and storage shed. Upstairs has kitchen, living room and bath with 2 bedrooms which could be separate living quarters. Large deck and backyard.
Excellent investment for rental or large family home. Priced to sell quickly.
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LAKEFRONT

FENTON TOWNSHIP
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\$229,000
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PENDING IN 3 DAYS

FENTON
1008 Long St.
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, living room with fireplace, 1520 sq. ft., basement, fenced backyard and 2 car garage.
\$89,900
Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229



PENDING

FENTON TOWNSHIP
15089 Meadow
3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, living room with fireplace, 1376 sq. ft., full basement, 2 car garage, oversized deck and a great neighborhood.
Beautiful back yard.
Ready to move into...hurry will not last long.
\$139,900
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



PENDING

MUNDY TOWNSHIP
4249 Wild G.
Fantastic opportunity to own a bank owned, colonial style house with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, living room with fireplace, Cherry cabinets in large kitchen with island, dining room, 1st floor laundry, central air, 2100 sq. ft., full basement, deck, 3 car garage is still office/showroom and large cement driveway.
\$169,000
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

FLINT
1926 Corunna Road
Great opportunity to start a business or continue with current florist.
This property has 4 additional parcels that adjoin and are included in the sale price.
Property has frontage on two streets, 90 feet on Corunna Road and frontage on W. Court Street. Private paved parking, 1353 sq. ft. general retail building and 12 feet ceilings.
\$129,000
Call Donna Fraidenburg 810-845-1971



COMMERCIAL

FENTON
3236 Owen Road
Commercial property next to US 23.
Start your own business in light industrial, manufacturing or general office in this high traffic area. 2.34 acres with a 27,056 sq. ft. building with loading dock well, cranes, 440 volts, masonry and steel frame building, gas forced air and radiant heat, central air, rubber roof, ceilings 16 feet, sewer and city water.
\$550,000
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

VACANT LAND

Bancroft Ct., TyroneTwp., \$55,000, Beautiful sloped partially wooded lot in area of quality homes- Hills of Tyrone. Possible walkout basement.
Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229

Duffield Road, Gaines Twp., \$45,000 Great corner location on Grand Blanc and Duffield Zoned C-2 or residential, high traffic corner and paved roads.
Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229

Enid Blvd., Fenton Twp, \$100,000, Beautiful lot with views of Lake Fenton, Read to build your dream home. Call Arlene Chumley 810-265-6500

Katrine Drive, Tyrone Twp., \$24,900, Rare Fine! Subdivision of beautiful homes in Katrine Hills, nearly 1 acre on the Cul-De-Sac. View of Bennett Lake.
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

13012 Lia Ct., Fenton Twp, \$9,000, Build Your Dream Home In Desirable Linden Crossings. Underground Utilities Available. Possible LC.
Call Bob Cole 810-625-8229

16401 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Fenton Twp, \$30,000, Great Build Site in the beautiful, well established neighborhood of Pinnacle Shores Sub. Offers County maintained streets, underground utilities, 4 lots available on Steeping Stone
\$25,000 to \$40,000.
Call Shelia Rhoades 810-348-7357

State Road, Fenton, \$48,000, 2.72 acres in the city of Fenton, zoned residential, some woods, irregular lot. Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

Torrey Road, Fenton Twp, \$350,000, Commercial zoned, 5.5 acres. Ideal location for any type of business, Manufacturing, Storage, etc. Main Road with high traffic count-Minutes from US-23.
Call Arlene Chumley 810-265-6500

Van Vleet Road, Gaines Twp, \$35,000, 3.75 acres zoned residential offers country living, but close to Swartz Creek, Swartz Creek Schools, electric, gas and cable are available.
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



COMMERCIAL

FENTON TOWNSHIP
11428 Torrey Road
Great location.
Close to X-way, combined with other listed parcels would give 650 feet of frontage on Torrey Road. On this property is a house, service/repair shop with 1360 sq. ft., industrial buildings with 5120 sq. ft. and 624 sq. ft.,
\$500,000
Call Arlene Chumley 810-265-6500