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The manager of Well Greens is arrested without incident Thursday afternoon by Holly police.

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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.

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 multiple warrants.

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 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 gunpoint.

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Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen tests Ethan York, 9, of Burton (bottom) for his next stripe in Brazilian Jiujitsu 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

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
Confidence and safety through martial arts

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

Speculation over possible federal legislation sparks fear, panic

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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.
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.

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.”

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 overly- ing 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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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.

To whisk away unsightly buildup in your toilet, drop a denture tablet.

Toilet Bowl Cleaner:

- 1 tablespoon of baking soda
- 1 cup of white vinegar

Mix the ingredients together and let it sit for 10 minutes. Afterward, scrub the bowl with a toothbrush and flush. The effer-

The winding path to a career

Planning, hard work and chance often lead to career choices

By Tim Jagielo

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 was a Linden High School teacher.

Career planning part of Michigan education

Development plan starts in seventh grade

By Tim Jagielo

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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.

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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.

See CAREER on 10A

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There are many paths leading to a career. Some students explore other careers outside of health care. 

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Students in their late seventh-grade year begin the EDP system, which can lead to career planning and college readiness.
Why did you choose the career you are in?

“I am a nurse, and I’ve always wanted to help people. It gives me a special sense of self satisfaction.”
— 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 supermarket 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

compiled by Olivia Dimmer, intern
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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: 7,300
April: 6,700
May: 6,400
June: 6,400
July: 6,200
August: 6,200
September: 6,700
October: 6,700
November: 6,400
December: 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.

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 by natural causes. 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 olds rose 2.5 percent as well.

Compared 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 is 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.
‘You don’t need the big box stores’

North LeRoy Street home to more than 180 businesses

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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. 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.

Summary

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

LeRoy Business District President of North LeRoy, Messing said. “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 the 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 to see how this area is serving 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 business can work too.”

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.

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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 pickup. 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.

Private mailbox providers can provide a safe, secure place to receive mail, packages

The UPS Store sends email and text alerts to mailbox customers

Have you ever wondered who would pay to have private mailbox services when mail delivery is free? With personal mailbox services from The UPS Store, there’s no need to wait at home (or anywhere else for that matter) for a package delivery or risk having valuable shipments left on your doorstep.

The UPS Store can receive packages from any carrier and hold them in a secure location for pick-up at your convenience. As an additional advantage, mailbox holders have the option to receive notifications, via email or text, alerting them that their packages have been received, eliminating unnecessary trips to the center. For small-business owners, The UPS Store provides an actual street address for businesses, which conveys a more professional touch, and if they’re running a business out of their home, they don’t have to give out their home address.

“Our 24-hour access mailbox services are a convenience that more general and small-business consumers are discovering,” 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.

Other mailbox service options include mail holding and forwarding for snow birds or travelers—The UPS Store will hold your packages in a secure location for pick-up at your convenience or forward them to you, wherever you are.

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The UPS Store located at 17195 Silver Street in Fenton offers customers three months free with a three month mailbox agreement (new mailholders only). For more information, call 810-750-2920 x 3 or visit us at www.theupsstorelocal.com/3351.
CORNERSTONE
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potentiality 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 Kalamazoo and Ghasan 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 Re-vitalization Program, half of which is a state of Michigan, it is required that the DDA will retain ownership of the property if the project were not to be completed. When construction is finished, the DDA will purchase 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 also going to Fenton Area Public Schools. The building is expected to bring in 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, Oakaland, we are going to get them with this project. Along with the fire hall and what’s going on with ‘s happening things right down the street 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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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 Oakland County Jail pending felony drug charges.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AM CONSERVATIVE and the Republican Party seems to be the only one that gets close to implementing my views. They are not perfect but I refuse to endorse abortion and gay marriage against my religious beliefs.

ACCORDING TO THE 2010 cen-
sus, 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. Get that! Being a so-called progressive is in no way shape or manner virtuous.

NOT ENOUGH TRANSPARENCY? $8 million to buy what — iPads, WIFI? That’s a lot of technology.

FOCUSBING ON OUR guns will not show us what we need to see. Only the mirror can do that.

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 Harbaugh, who is also brothers bat-
tling 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 or adding football-themed touches — like drawing football laces on deviled eggs or painting a Helmet of the Baltimore Ravens on top of a thick blue blanket with a green foot.

Tables tops

For the kids, take brown paper bag and wrap the sides of juice boxes then add laces and a choice of color drink (pictured left).

Decorations

To play any snacks, take a glass vase or any sturdy (preferably square) paint-able surface and cover it with a 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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▶ Approving lease terms and funding allows for Cornerstone project to potentially break ground this spring.

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ZUMBA THON 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 benefiting 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 your favorite Zumba clothes throughout Oakland County.

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 515 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.

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 downside 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 makes 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 was 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 one suited for you one day.”
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 trained Flint police officers self defense, and has coached and judged an untold number of MMA matches.

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

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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 Dunington, 18, of Flint at the Brazilian Jiujitsu class Tuesday night.

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

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Meet Wade Pyles

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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 Northwestern 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 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.

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Realtor, Chamber volunteer and gourmet cook

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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.

Wade Pyles recently joined the Prudential Great Lakes Realty team.
Lady Bronchos post non-league win vs. Lakeland

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The Bronchos trailed 15-4 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 15-3 at that time. However, the Bronchos never had the lead and never really got their shooting to heat up either.

“We did shoot five percent in the first half,” asked Holly coach Lance Bawley. 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 — the perimeter jumper. The Bronchos made 3-of-23 three-pointers.

Kerner led Holly with 13 points and six rebounds, while Kyle Wood-ruff 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) remain 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. Shaye Scott and Jeff Burke scored eight points.

Brandon 56, Linden 40

Shaye Brown led the Eagles (0-11) with 14 points, while Colton 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, seven assists and nine rebounds. Ellie Cowger had eight points.

Cold shooting freezes out Holly, 56-47

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

Regional results

Holly girls remain tied for first in Metro, defeat Creek

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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 Copper 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.”

Friday night HOOPS

Boys Results

Friday night, 2-19-13

Montrose 73, Lake Fenton 56

Fenton 73, Lapeer East 27

Brandon 56, Swartz Creek 56

Holly 47

Girls Results

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Holly wrestling faces Brandon

in key Metro match
Holly wrestling posts big victory in quest for third straight title

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

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Fenton’s win streak grows to 27, beats Davison

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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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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**GIRLS SKIRLING**

► 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 SKIRLING**

► 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 (46.16) 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 681.04, leading tri-county area schools. Fenton placed sixth (685.3), while Linden took ninth place (629.04).
Bronchos sneak by Lakeland, 38-35

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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 Halt 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 Alyssa 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 Brown 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.

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

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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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. “Obvious 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 payments 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).”
HOT LINE CONTINUED

SO YOU AND the president want federal gun registration. Want to know what we want? 100 percent illegal alien registration, 100 percent every state picture voter ID registration, only a verified U.S. citizen may vote, and no welfare or healthcare for illegal aliens — just for starters.

LOCAL TV STATION reports that the Pistons game at the Palace was a ‘capacity crowd.’ Watching the report and film — the Palace was lucky if it was half-full. Let’s hope they tell us the truth on all other news.

PLEASE TAKE THE time to read the Bill of Rights and all of the constitutional amendments and ask your self, what would you be unwilling to give up? If you allow the second amendment to go, how will you defend yourself losing your rights?

AFTER 133 DAYS of keeping us in suspense, Hilary Clinton took the stage to finally clear up the loss of our four Americans on 9-11 (part two). She hemmed and hawed for two hours and finally told the truth, ‘What difference does it make.’ Her career just ended.

DO YOU WANT to know what tax increases the GOP provided us this year? Read the ‘Changes for 2012’ page in your MI 1040 Instruction book. Every change is the denial of a deduction that we previously had. Still want to pay more taxes for the new roads?

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

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Robert S. Balon-Vaughn’s heart lies with families who need her help

By Sally Rummel
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Roberta S. Balon-Vaughn, of Fenton Legal Services, P.C., is known for her 17 years of compassion and dedication to her clients and her results-oriented approach to practicing law.

One of her primary areas of practice is family law, which encompasses divorce, child custody, parenting time and support, and adoption. 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 motions, if needed, contestable.”

“The issues of custody, parenting time and support are modifiable based on a change of circumstances, however, 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 non-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.

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, 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.
How to choose an attorney

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

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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 naive 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.agemi.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.

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.
A quality mattress eases back pain, provides better rest

"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."

Kurt Lovegrove
Manager at Lovegrove’s Furniture and Home Décor

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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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How to curb insomnia, know when to call a doctor

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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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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.

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FINISHING up the story:

Karen Murphy says that when she was first introduced to faith, she felt like she had hit rock bottom. She was sentenced to spend 24 months in jail and took a prayer circle, adding ‘Great things are happening!’

But brighter days were ahead for Karen.

Here’s an excerpt from her story:

‘My extremity became God’s opportunity.

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 new positive prison inmate found my address, but she wrote to request any faith building resource 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 go to jail. 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.

The power of faith sees us unchanging love to be a light that shines in every dark place (1 Peter 1:19).

Finding a light in dark places...
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Other things to try...

- Keep a sleep diary and track your sleep habits for two weeks. You might see where changes are needed.
- Stop smoking. Nicotine is a stimulant, preventing you from falling asleep. Smokers are four times more likely not to feel as well rested after a night's sleep than nonsmokers are. It exacerbates sleep apnea and other breathing disorders.
- 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.

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.

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

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

Notice is hereby given to the residents of Groveland Township that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 4695 Ornge Hall Rd., Holly, MI 48442. The purpose of the hearing is to reprogram 2011 CDBG funds for the following:

Existing (FROM):
Account Number: 734109
Activity Description: Remove Architectural Barriers
Amount: $800.00

Proposed (TO):
Account Number: 730789
Activity Description: General Program Administration
Amount: $300.00

Change Description To: Funding balance from Remove Architectural Barriers to be reprogrammed to General Program Administration in the amount of $800.00. Community Development Block Grant Program applications, contracts and invoicing are administered by staff.

The Township board meeting room is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonable accommodate special needs will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice.

Pam Mazich, Clerk 248-634-4152 or by e-mail clerk@grovelandtownship.net

Pamela Mazich, MMC
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 station 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.

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 business 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.

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.gvgsgold.com
Community Expo set for March 2-3

The 29th annual Community Expo 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 Fenton High School.

See EXPO on 11B

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Linda Hathaway
Chairman of the Expo Planning Committee

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 2013-2014.

“There’s still time for businesses to get on board,” said Rochelle Jones, membership director. “It’s one of the regional directories in the area.”

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An eye on the future

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.

See FUTURE on 13B

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 outgoing our See CAMARO on 12B
Chamber president a graduate of Institute for Organization Management

Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is pleased to announce that Shelly Day, IOM, president of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, has graduated from the program and has received the recognition of IOM.

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. Towl, 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.

Grades 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.

IOM is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

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From the Chamber
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.

We look forward to a wonderful year for our chamber and our community.
It’s free!

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.

“We’re pleased to offer this sponsorship to the public with our friends at Sharp Funeral 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.

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 entrées 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.

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"Thanks to you, CRUST is celebrating our First Anniversary with an Open House on Saturday, February 2 from noon till 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!"

Hop over to Linden for Eggciting Easter Event!

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

**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.

**Bunnie’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

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EXPO
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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.

“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 Cafe, Jet’s Pizza, Fun with Frosting, Canadian Steak, Fish & Sandwich Co., Culver’s and Biggby Coffee.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES FILE PHOTO
Fenton Schools Café always serves a variety of delicious food at the Fenton Expo.

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.
We are trying to prepare for the future reality that we will be needing a new location, depending on the direction of downtown Fenton."

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 Aug. 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.

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

“From the feedback we are receiving it appears the economy is moving forward,” she said. Day last year, guests were more worried about the economy and whether it would improve. In the current economy, 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 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 Roadbridge, 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 Michael Cunningham also gave projections for the year, and Cunningham mentioned a solid financial audit and new cellular tower.

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.

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

The above amendments to the Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance #36 shall take effect 7 days after publication of this notice.

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 Meeting for the fourth Tuesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has enacted the Open Meetings Act, which requires 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 shall 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, 4066 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442:

January 22, 2013
March 20, 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: Schaak, seconded by Mason

Yes: 5
No: 0

Abstain: 0

Adopted: January 22, 2013
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriums

Bobby Dean Butts, Bobby Dean Butts - age 84, of Fenton, died Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Avalon Hospice. Visitations will be held 1 PM Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Tyrone Memory Gardens Mausoleum, 10260 White Lake Rd., Fenton. Mil. 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, January 26, 2013 at the mausoleum. Pastor Gerald K. Sim's officiating. Burial in Titusville Cemetery. Bob is survived by his wife Charlene; children Barbara, Jackie, Jack, Michael, Laurie and Matthew; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. www.doddsdumanomios.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 Myrtle (McKinnon) and Norman Burke. She graduated from Swartz Creek High School. She was a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Marine Corp, where she received a purple heart. Darwin married Mary Lou Hills June 29, 1957 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. He retired from the Flint Plumber and Pipelifters Local #370. He coached Little League Baseball for many years. Surviving are: wife, Mary; 3 children, Debra Dager of Melbourne, FL, Cheryl and husband Richard Eschen of Panama City Beach, FL, and Michael Darwin Dager of Lamberth. 6 grandchildren, Jack and husband Mark, Jenny, Lindsay, Jordan, Joel, and Olivia; 11 great-grandchildren, Gavin, Madelyn, Jadah, and Brody; brother-in-law and wife Michelle Hills of Fenton; several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held 2-8 PM Thursday, January 24, 2013 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. Dager was preceded in death by her parents and brother, John and wife Charlene; nieces and nephews. Memorial Service will be held 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 at 10 AM Monday, February 4, 2013 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4500 Bedford Rd., Holly. Memorial donations may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared at 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 the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Maslow and Pastor Wilber Henke officiating. Interment followed at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Visitation was held 2-8 PM Thursday, January 24, 2013 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 preceded in death by her parents and brother, John and wife Charlene; nieces and nephews. Memorial Service will be held 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 at 10 AM Monday, February 4, 2013 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4500 Bedford Rd., Holly. Memorial donations may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Rex Kenneth Davenport - 1930-2013
Rex Kenneth Davenport - 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 Clarksdiet, MI a son of the late Ralph and Ecka Bird Leighton. On April 19, 1984, in Elkhart, he married Sandra Scott, and they raised two children, who survive. Also surviving are a daughter, Sherry (Leightn) Dager of Dramouth, MI; two grandchildren, pictured. Tommy J. Ragonese - age 73, of Holly, passed away January 12, 2013 at General Hospital. Visitation will be held 5-8 PM Friday, February 1, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. 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 at 10 AM Monday, February 4, 2013 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4500 Bedford Rd., Holly. Memorial donations may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Gerald W. Leighton - 1925-2012
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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.

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 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.

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.
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FENTON TOWNSHIP
3806 Owen Road
Commercial property next to US 23. Start your own business in light industrial, residential, high traffic corner and paved roads. Great location. Nice high ceilings and beautiful woodwork on 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.
$184,900
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FENTON TOWNSHIP
1319 Eridi
3 Bedroom 2 Story home
offering nice sandy beach and breathtaking views, large rooms with bathroom 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 $50,000.
$500,000
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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, 2900 sq. ft., 1st floor 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.
$649,400
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FENTON TOWNSHIP
1083 Maple
1 Acre Lot. Beautiful fenced backyard and 2 car garage.
$89,900
Call Bob Cole 810-625-6229

FENTON TOWNSHIP
13433 Lake Shore
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!
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FENTON TOWNSHIP
3375 Pomeroy
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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!
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FORT WASHINGTON
117 N. Adelaide Street
Room to roam inside and out!
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DURAND
386N. Swawassea Street
Remodel 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. Don’t miss seeing this one.
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MUNDY TOWNSHIP
4294 Woodside
4 Bedroom Ranch
Fenced yard, 2 car garage, fully finished lower level with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 750 sq. ft., and enclosed front porch adds to the package. Cherry cabinets in large kitchen with island, dining room, 1st floor laundry, central air, 2150 sq. ft., full basement, deck, 3 car garage is still office/showroom and large cement driveway.
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FLINT
325 Water Street
Great opportunity to start a business or continue with current florist.
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$129,000
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FENTON TOWNSHIP
13110 Torrey Road
Spa like property Franchise on Lake Fenton on popular Craine’s Cove.
Unique cottage with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, cathedral ceiling in kitchen, hidden sun room, 1st floor laundry, 750 sq. ft., +375 in finished walkout lower level and deck. Updates decks, dock, seawall, electrical and floor plan.
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VACANT LAND
1526 Lake Shore
Great location. Close to Aawy, combined with other listed parcels would give 66 ft of frontage on Torrey Road. On this property is a house, vacant/reapir shop with 1380 sq ft., 1 industrial buildings with 5128 sq ft. and 524 sq ft., 5260,000
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FENTON TOWNSHIP
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Great location.
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