Linden council selects new city manager

Paul Zelenak unanimous choice to ensure ‘great things for the future’

By William Axford

Linden — After selecting four candidates from a pool of 32 applicants and holding four hours of interviews, Linden City Council unanimously voted to offer Paul Zelenak the position of city manager. Each candidate fielded questions about economic development, contract negotiations and how they would establish credibility with residents and the council.

In the end, Zelenak’s passion for the future of Linden and family-like approach to management resonated with the council, who were energized by Zelenak’s vision for the city.

“I will never regret going to a different position in another community,” Zelenak said.

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Flying — for fun, freedom

Obtaining private pilot’s license can lead to lifelong hobby or career

By Tim Jagielo

Anthony Atkinson, 26, of Waterford, formerly of Linden, sits with flight instructor Brian Kinney preparing to take Atkinson’s last flight before his test on Tuesday. He’s only a few turns away from earning his private pilot’s license.

The private pilot’s license is the first step to eventually obtaining a commercial license for some, or a gateway to a unique hobby.

A private pilot’s license

Four-year legal battle ends in victory for local dad

Daniel Quinn now able to motion for custody, parenting rights

By Sharon Stone

Since Memorial Day 2008, Daniel Quinn has been fighting his way through the courts to see his daughter again. That was the last time the local 36-year-old father saw his then 2-year-old daughter Maelleigh. The young girl turns 7 on March 22.

Quinn was back in court Monday following the successful completion of a major hurdle — being

Holly man facing porn charges is former village employee

Detectives believe more victims might come forward

By Sharon Stone

A 45-year-old Holly man facing federal charges of child pornography waived his detention hearing on Feb. 20 and he will remain lodged in the Wayne County Jail pending the outcome of his case.

This will be the man’s second time facing similar charges.

Chad Alan Cole was convicted in July 2006 of a misdemeanor for Furnishing Obscenity to Children in an Oakland County court

Chad Alan Cole
Plumber to council: water pressure is ‘terrible’

By William Axford
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Lincoln — Jeff Peake knows water. As a plumber and pipelayer by trade, Peake installed his own plumbing system when he built his house Creek Wood Colony condominiums eight years ago. So when a faucet and a toilet cannot run water simultaneously within his house, Peake knows that it’s a problem that needs to be addressed.

“I put the plumbing in so I could run the washing machine and still take a shower at the same time,”

Peake told the Linden City Council Monday. “When I flush a toilet in the house, you can barely get any water out of the kitchen sink. The water pressure in that house is terrible.”

Interim City Manager/Police Chief Scott Sutter said city officials are currently in the process of hiring the city’s engineering firm. Water pressure is within the firm’s areas of expertise.

“They have done projects such as this,” Sutter told Peake. “It was one of the key issues that we talked about.”

The city council is also seeking bids of engineering firms to address technical services for Stan Eaton Water Tower.

Mayor David Lossing told Peake to have his neighbors contact city workers if they too are having problems with water pressure. City Councilor Ray Culpa expressed interest in conducting a water capacity study in the near future in order to ensure residents are getting the proper water pressure throughout the city.

“If something doesn’t change with it, I’m looking at putting a booster pump system it’s so bad,” Peake said. “It seems kind of ridiculous, we’re across the street from the water tower.”

City council said they will address the water pressure issue and will be in contact with Peake.

Great Lakes National Cemetery seeks volunteers to clean headstones on April 13

By Olivia Dimmer
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Twice a year Carl Pardon walks the rows of headstones that only partially fill the 544-acre Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township. Armed with a bucket of water and a brush, he helps to clean the headstones of deceased veterans, their spouses, and even his own wife.

The headstone cleaning is mandated twice a year to honor those buried there, and Pardon said nearly 240 volunteers helped to clean the headstones last October.

“We do this not only because it is mandated but to prepare for Memorial and Veterans Day,” Pardon, who is the chairperson of the headstone cleaning committee, said. “A lot of these headstones have cobwebs in the etching or bird droppings and we make sure to clean them.”

This event is usually geared toward Girl and Boy Scouts but the public is encouraged to take part. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own brushes and buckets if they can.

The cleaning will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 13 and a hot dog lunch will be provided. If volunteers have family members buried in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, they should alert Pardon so he may assign them to the section in which their family is buried.

Volunteers need to register by April 1 by contacting Carl Pardon at (248) 318-2042 or at pardoncarl@yahoo.com.
Food label lingo

»Read fine print carefully, claims on the front of packages can be misleading

By Sally Rummel
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There’s a lot more to the food we eat than what’s inside the package. The labeling on the outside of the package may be confusing, when you actually read the nutrition label on the back.

Here are a few common words or phrases that might find (but not really understand) on your can, carton or box.

LIGHT
Just because a food is labeled “light” doesn’t mean it’s good for you. By law, a food designated as “light” must have half the fat of a comparable product or one-third fewer calories, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). But should you be eating ice cream at all? It all depends on your own nutritional needs and health, but be sure to evaluate its nutrition before you dig in.

NATURAL
One of the most overused words in the grocery store, “natural” is more of a trendy buzzword than a scientific term with specific meaning. Even some food additives would be considered “natural” if they occur in nature, i.e. MSG (monosodium glutamate) — but that doesn’t mean they’re good for you. Again, read the ingredient list and the nutrition label to see if this food is good for you or not.

FRESH
Foods labeled “fresh” must be raw or unprocessed and never have been frozen or heated, according to the FDA. They also cannot contain any preservatives. However, See LINGO on 8

How to buy a handgun

»Despite background checks, forms to fill out, person buying can have gun that same day

By Ryan Tackabury
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Davison Twp. — Williams Gun Sight Company can’t keep handguns on the shelves. “If the phone’s not ringing off the hook, it’s slow,” said Assistant Store Manager Cary Morin.

What he describes as slow actually appears busy, with a steady Monday afternoon stream of customers to both the shotgun and rifle areas, and the extensive hand gun counter.

With all of the talk on guns, what if an everyday mom, dad, business owner or worker wants to purchase a gun? Here’s a rundown of what needs to be done to purchase one, legally.

For those who wish to buy a handgun for their own safety, the process may seem a little daunting. However, it has never been easier, and though it may seem complicated, it can actually be quite quick and simple.

Summary
»Buying a gun from a licensed dealer is simple, however buying from a pawn shop or a friend requires an extra trip to the police department.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Williams Gun Sight Co. Assistant Store Manager Cary Morin takes three calls in a row Monday afternoon, for firearm inquiries. “Pistols, we can’t keep in the store,” he said. Defensive weapon sales tend to go up this time of year, despite the current political gun debate.

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Extortionist-In-Chief
At the end of 1995 and stretching into 1996, the federal government 'shut down' because of an impasse between President Bill Clinton and House Republicans led by then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich. The issue was increased taxes vs. cut spending. Sound familiar? Now the national debt is racing toward an unsustainable $7 trillion.

This time around, it isn’t about closing government. It’s about ‘sequestration,’ which President Obama, the Democrats and their big media toadies are styling as economic Armageddon.

On Tuesday, following another vacation and a round of golf with the disgraced Tiger Woods, President Obama appeared at the White House. There, the president said the cuts from sequestration would be ‘brutal’ if lawmakers allow ‘this neat cleaver approach to take place.’ Sounds like a bloody horror movie, doesn’t it?

Military readiness would be hurt, he claimed, if these cuts were allowed to happen. Investments in energy curtailed, medical research impaired, teacher layoffs will even listen to, so if you get the police involved. My child was bullied for a year, until I had the police involved. Keep pushing until you get results.

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE program is not good for our community or our kids. This opportunity is being abused by abusers.

TO THE MAN driving the red F-150.
Your horn honking, finger flipping and trying to run me off Owen Road once I made a legal turn only goes to show your ignorance is far deeper than your illiteracy problem. The sign said ‘no turn on red.’

THANKFUL TO BE a member of the Fenton Ambassadors. Love spending time with my friends and doing what I love with them. Thank you for making this year great you guys.

WHEN OBAMA took over, the budget deficit was $1.3 trillion. Today, it’s $875 billion. We’re still spending more than we take in, which is why the debt keeps going up, however, the budget deficit has gotten smaller.

CHIEF ARO SAID to my Great neighbors on South Oak Street, thank you so much for snowblowing my front walk. This was especially appreciated since my husband was out of town.

AS ONE OF the older generation, I was amused and saddened by the article and the fact that wisdom is so unappreciated. It reminds me of this quote by movie producer Ken Burns: ‘The great arrogance of the present is to forget the intelligence of the past.’

TO MY WUNDERFUL neighbors along North Road, south of Lahring Road, it is once again time for us to wander across the street and pick up all our trash that blew over against the fence during the winter. Please join me in keeping Fenton Township a beautiful place to live.

IF YOU WANT to see the results of unbridled liberalism, just look at Detroit.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

Before you ever consider buying a handgun?

“I might, but only for protection.” — Joyce Guibault, Fenton

“Yes, for a number of reasons, mostly for sport. I have other guns I use for hunting small game.” — Doug Johnson, Fenton

“Certainly. For personal and family protection.” — Rick Tarus, Fenton

“No I don’t think I would, I don’t really need one. The Fenton police do a good job.” — Doug Tebow, Fenton

“I would consider it for recreational purposes and for protection.” — Chuck Wood, Fenton

“Absolutely, I would consider it. I don’t think guns kill people, I think people kill people.” — Joe Bujak, Fenton

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Would you ever consider buying a handgun?

Boys in the back of the class

Every year, millions of well-intentioned American kids show up at kindergarten or first grade woefully unprepared to learn. Some can’t even tell you their own complete name, let alone spell any of it.

That’s enough reason for me to believe ‘high-quality universal preschool’ programs like those proposed recently by President Obama are worth a try.

Obama’s emphasis on ‘high quality’ is important. Preschool intervention programs vary in quality and success. However, they help a child to make the most of their early learning years at a time when their learning and study habits are formed.

One recent federal evaluation of Head Start, which is almost always low-income preschoolers, found parents benefitted, too, by learning to use more appropriate discipline and spend more time reading to their children.

Prekindergarten programs can help reverse a disturbing gender gap favoring girls in academic performance that, according to new studies, is showing up as early as kindergarten.

As opportunities for women opened up since the 1960s, women are increasingly more likely than men to be college educated and have higher grade point averages. Some experts like Christina Hoff Sommers, have written about a bias against boys who, as we parents know, tend to be more high-spirited and less focused in their classroom behavior and homework, among other differences.

These factors can be particularly important for low-income African-American boys. The book details how the gender gap is wider for blacks than for whites, Hispanics or Asians. Boys who grow up in all tend to come from two-parent households and benefit from fathers or other strong male role models who put an emphasis on the importance of education.

But the gender gap is not limited to low-income males. It is showing up at every grade and income level, the authors say, largely because of the different attitudes boys and girls have about the value of education and the habits they need for success.

That’s why the ‘universal’ goal, meaning that preschool should be provided to all parents based on what they can afford to pay, is important. Equal opportunities in life begin with equal access to education — even before kindergarten.
Former employee faces more malicious destruction charges

Fenton man charged with shooting out restaurant windows

By Sharon Stone

Philip Thomas Aitken, 23, of Fenton was arraigned in 52-2 District Court in Oakland County for a December 2012 felony charge for malicious destruction of property.

In this incident, police believe he shot out the glass windows of the Blackthorn Pub located in downtown Holly during the early morning hours of Dec. 26, 2012. No one was injured as the business was closed and unoccupied at the time of the shooting, but more than $1,000 worth of damage was done to the exterior and interior of the business.

Aitken has also been charged with felony malicious destruction of property in Genesee County for allegedly shooting out the windows of The Laundry restaurant in Fenton on the same night. Aitken has been held in Genesee County Jail on the Fenton charges since his arrest in December.

Police learned that Aitken had been a former employee of both businesses and had been recently let go from both jobs. If convicted of a felony in the Blackthorn Pub shooting, Aitken could receive a maximum of five years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000. On Monday, Feb. 25, Aitken entered a plea of not guilty during his Oakland County arraignment and a $25,000 bond was set.

Fenton saves money on test well drilling

In January, the city of Fenton took the first steps in its search for a higher quality source of water by hiring AMEC Environment and Infrastructure to establish a test well and investigate the groundwater below. AMEC will allow the city to contract directly with the well drilling company. In doing so, the city will see some savings from the project. The city council voted unanimously to enter a 36-month lease agreement for the copier.

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Fenton Renews Agreement for Copy Machine

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- Q&A with elementary principals (held every hour during Expo Sessions)

To register please bring with you the following documents:

- Enrollment forms (available online at www.fenton.k12.mi.us, all elementary buildings, and our administration building)
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Fenton High School drama students portray different types of body language.

Check out that body (language)

What movements and gestures can say about a person that their lips will not

By Olivia Dimmer

In a land before language, body movement and signals were the most sophisticated form of communication. As humans evolved, so did language. But in a world that so much is communicated so quickly, body language can give away the true intentions and feelings of a person. Basically, the Limbic system in the brain is primarily responsible for a person’s emotional life and lets a person’s body know if they are comfortable or uncomfortable — and the body immediately reacts. People who are uncomfortable in a situation tend to rub their face, neck or legs more often. This rubbing is intended to soothe and often reveals the anxiety or fear of a person. People who are nervous or scared also tend to do a lot of body blocking — crossing their arms, facing away, crossing their legs or otherwise placing object between themselves and another person. They may lean further away from a person they are having a conversation with, make very little eye contact or have their feet face toward the nearest exit.

People who are comfortable in a situation tend to lean in closer, rest their head on their hand or subtly smile. The person may also mimic your body language — this primitive type of body language mimicry is called isopraxis, and is very common in social settings. A person may change their stance or the positioning of their arms and legs to match yours in a subtle way. This behavior is not learned, but rather hard-wired into the brain of most social animals. In a survey done by CareerBuilder, 67 percent of hiring managers said that poor body language can lessen the chances of getting a specific job or not. CareerBuilder suggests practicing an interview in front of a mirror to detect negative body language before an interview.

Body language is often considered the most honest form of communication — if a person is uncomfortable, the brain has no problem letting the body (and coincidentally anyone who can recognize body language) know it. Body language is like a secret window into the mind of a person.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON discussing the difference between socialism and fascism. You’re wasting your time with that crowd. They think a plan that requires individuals to buy insurance from a private company is ‘socialism.’ If you showed them the dictionary definition, they’d think the dictionary was some kind of communist play.

THE MORE I hear from the Obama haters, the more I think of the one line that best sums up their grasp of the facts: ‘Get your government hands off my Medicare!’

THE WORST CASE scenario for the Democrats is when the sequester cuts — nothing happens. So Obama, who invented the concept of sequestration, will do everything in his power to make sure the sequester cuts are felt by Americans. Regrettably, Obama has another axe to grind from the American dream.

This message goes out to the Hollywood team and coaching staff. You guys did a great job at setting up this event at the Fenton High School and I didn’t mind paying a dollar for the program. Great job Holly swim team. You guys rock!

TO THE PERSON who said that concerning ‘nutbags’ should shut up because Obama received a majority vote. Did you shut up when Bush was president? You had the right and responsibility to oppospose what you believed to be wrong, but now you would deny my right and responsibility to oppose what you believe to be right. You without a doubt are a ‘nutbag.’

PRESIDENT OBAMA has been very critical of the effects of the coming Sequestration, warning of dire consequences if they go into effect. Has he forgotten that he was the person that signed both into law? He could have stopped it then.

NO, THE SEQUESTER is not an exaggeration by the media, given the fact that both sides, Republicans and Democrats are fighting over it in Congress.

THE SEQUESTER IS real! Tell that to all the government employees that will be taken off the payroll by June 30. It affects us all and it will change the way that some custodial interrogations are handled.

Under this new law in ‘major felony’ cases (defined as a felony punishable for life, for life or any term of years or a felony with a maximum imprisonment of 20 years or more), the law enforcement officer interrogating an individual in custodial detention must make a time-stamped, audiovisual recording of the entire interrogation. This includes the giving of Miranda Warnings to the suspect.

Although the law becomes effective on March 28, it will be some period of time before this requirement takes effect, as the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) must set quality standards for the audiovisual recordings and standards for geographic accessibility of equipment in the state.

Additionally funding must be in place for police agencies to purchase the appropriate equipment.

There are a number of other provisions in this new law including a requirement that unless the suspect objected to the recording of the statement, the jury must be instructed that recording is required and it may consider the absence of a recording in evaluating the evidence of the suspect’s statement.

It will be interesting to see how all this progresses. A full legislative analysis and the text of the Act are available on the Michigan Legislature’s website.

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them back in. The items were recovered and they said they stole them to sell for cash. They have a March 25 court date for retail fraud.

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS STOLEN

At 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 25, Fenton police received a larceny of three catalytic converters, and copper landscaping pipe from a business in the 300 block of Fenway Drive. Thieves stole a catalytic converter from a 2002 Chevy van and two from a 2003 Silverado pickup truck sometime between Feb. 8 and 22.

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There's so much potential head of the Keepers group. To take on added roles of group, to have more people, more organization to our group, to take their group's purpose to the next step. The Keepers of the Shiawassee River, try to establish a connection between communities regionally and as a connection between communities remains in question, as its local boosters, the Keepers of the Shiawassee River, try to take their group’s purpose to the next step.

The Keepers of the Shiawassee is holding an organizational meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, in advance of the busy paddle season of spring and summer.

“We’re looking for a little more organization to our group, to have more people to take on added roles of responsibility,” said Maggie Yerman, a champion of the river and an informal head of the Keepers group. “There’s so much potential and we need help prioritizing what needs to be accomplished.”

Currently, the Keepers of the Shiawassee River are committed to developing the river as a paddling trail by organizing cleanups, installing signage and creating canoe/kayak launches.

Yerman has pondered the idea of establishing a non-profit status for the group, so that they could apply for grants to help with expensive projects like signage for mileage and road identification. “It would help people paddling on the river to know where they are, in case they need to get off the river or have an emergency,” said Yerman. “However, a non-profit status requires a more formalized organization with a mission statement and board of directors. We need to decide if this is the direction we want to go, or not.”

Another local river support group, Headwater Trails, is a non-profit group that has paid for some local river signage with grant money. “We work together with Headwater Trails, but they’ve got so much going that we need to help them out more, rather than the other way around.”

Headwater Trails handles river recreation in the townships of Groveland, Holly, Rose and Springfield, and the village of Holly. The first river cleanup is scheduled May 19 from Holly to Fenton, in preparation for the annual canoe race. “But many paddlers want to get out there earlier in the spring when the water is higher and there’s more to see in nature,” said Yerman.

“With this meeting, we’re hoping to answer some questions for ourselves, like where do we start, how do we organize and how do we most effectively work with local municipalities to accomplish our goals,” said Yerman.

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MANAGER
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You talk about being a family — there is nothing more important to me than somebody’s family,” Zelenak said. “You can get a different house, you can get different cars, material things, you can get a different job but you can’t get a different family.”

Zelenak currently serves as the village manager of Lake Orion and he has held previous positions with other municipalities such as the City of Bloomfield Hills and the City of Rochester Hills. While Bloomfield and Rochester are bigger municipalities and could potentially offer a bigger career, Zelenak said he is drawn to smaller communities such as Linden where he can have a bigger impact.

Zelenak told the council his hiring style is focused on cohesion. Potential employees need to have a balance of credentials and the ability to synergize with existing employees. Dwindling municipal funds, contract negotiations with city employees and economic developments are all difficult situations Zelenak has successfully grappled with throughout his career.

An avid runner, Zelenak said he has run through the cities he’s worked at before and has found it to be a great method to meet citizens throughout a municipality. He’s also no stranger to community involvement, as he annually dresses as Elmo for the Christmas Parade in the Village of Lake Orion.

“I was always, for lack of a better term, bothered by certain things and I wanted to change people’s perspective regarding local government. It bothers me sometimes to see incompetence at the management level,” Zelenak said. “I’ve learned more from bad managers than I have good managers. I’ve learned what not to do than what to do.”

After being interviewed, Zelenak asked the council how they would view his role as city manager.

“We’re looking for a manager that has creativity and energy. This downtown area has to be rejuvenated. We’re looking for someone who has the spirit and heart to carry that forward,” Councilor Ray Culbert said. “It’s going to take a strong person and strong person —”

Zelenak told the council his hiring style for someone who has the spirit and heart for effectiveness will carry that forward,” Councilor Ray Culbert said. “It’s going to take a strong person and strong person —”

Councilors are convinced that Zelenak is the city manager they’ve been looking for. And like many other municipalities, Linden has been struggling with a tough economy. Still, Zelenak sees great things for the future of Linden and wants to be at the forefront of the city’s rebound.

“I think coming through and looking at the potential of this particular community … Looking at the Union Block property, the issues that you’re dealing with water and sewer that are coming up, the DDA, the DDA plans, the perspective, the things that are a part of the beginnings of something,” Zelenak told the council. “And I think that’s something I want to be involved in. I really enjoy being involved in something from the ground and watch something grow from the beginning.”

Contract negotiations are ongoing with Zelenak and the city council will decide on a final contract at a March 11 meeting.

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“Fresh” doesn’t always mean what it implies — fruits or vegetables may not have been picked recently or animals slaughtered at a particular time. Because even “fresh” labeled foods may have been sitting in a store or on a truck for a long time, it’s important to wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly.

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This phrase means that at least 70 percent of the product’s ingredients are organic, a claim which is regulated by the USDA.

LOWER SODIUM

What you really want to look for is the term “low sodium” on a package, which means the food contains no more than 140 mg of sodium per serving. The “er” on lower is a comparative term defined by the FDA, meaning that the food has, at most, 25 percent less sodium than its full-sodium counterpart.

GOOD SOURCE OF FIBER

This is another phrase regulated by the FDA, meaning that the food contains 10 to 19 percent of the recommended daily value of fiber per serving.

SWEETENED WITH FRUIT JUICE

Even if a cookie or candy offers that claim, it doesn’t make the food any healthier. For one thing, the fruit juice might be just one of several sweeteners. Even if juice is the main “star” of that food, the food itself might not be very nutritious. Whole fruit is the most nutritious choice.

CONTAINS WHOLE GRAINS

Whole grains deliver more fiber and nutrients than their refined counterparts, but how do you know how much you’re really getting in that loaf of bread? Choose foods labeled 100 percent whole grain to be sure that’s what you’re getting.
More determined than ever, Quinn and his attorney Gregory Rohl, have been pursuing his parental rights through Michigan and Kentucky, all of which relied on the Michigan Court of Appeals opinion upholding Michigan’s law to deny Quinn standing as a father.

In June 2012, however, due large to Quinn’s perseverance, Gov. Rick Snyder signed the new Maeleigh’s Law, which brought Michigan’s Paternity Act into the 21st Century by recognizing that DNA testing can truly determine paternity. Finally seeing a glimmer of hope, last October, Quinn with his standing confirmed by Michigan law, revisited his parental rights issues before Judge John A. Gadola. Confirming what Quinn believed in his heart, the judge confirmed standing to Quinn and relief from judgment. Quinn is the first Michigan father to act under the new Michigan Law and he is now moving forward with his motion for custody and parenting time. A hearing was held Monday, Feb. 25 in Genesee County Circuit Court to review this matter.

Summarizing his client’s long journey through the legal system, Rohl said, “We see the light at the end of the tunnel, the long four-year tunnel.” Rohl added that there are eight other similar cases being decided by the judge.

Following Monday’s hearing, Quinn said, “We won. I was named Maeleigh’s legal father today.” Quinn added that the court ordered that he be able to begin speaking with his daughter four times a week. Associate Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this story.
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“To buy a handgun has changed a little bit in the last month and a half,” said Dan Compeau, chief operating officer of Williams Gun Sight Co. Recently passed laws have made the process more streamlined and user friendly for those looking to go through a licensed gun dealer.

“You used to have to go as an individual to your police department to buy a handgun from us. You do not have to do that anymore,” Compeau said. “We do all the paperwork and we run the background check when they are here. If they pass the check they can go home with it that day.”

To buy a pistol from someone who is not a licensed dealer, such as a friend or a pawn shop, you will still need to obtain a purchase permit however. These purchase permits can be obtained from a police department.

“You can go to any police department — it used to be just your local jurisdiction for a purchase permit. You need to bring a driver license or valid ID. We do a background check to make sure you are not able to purchase, and we issue the permit from there,” said Fenton Police Department Dispatcher Samantha Sturgis.

When applying for a permit from the police or buying the handgun through a dealer, there is a background check involved. According to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro, as long as everything comes up clear, the check can take as little as 15 minutes.

A few different things can come up that could disqualify someone from purchasing a handgun. “Felony conviction. Something to indicate that they were mentally disqualified due to a mental illness situation. A domestic violence conviction, sometimes that will disqualify someone,” Aro said.

With the background check passed, you will be issued your license to purchase permit from the police department which will be valid for 30 days, or you will be allowed to buy your gun from the licensed dealer.

The final step is to register your gun with the police department, which you have 10 days to do after purchase.

“Those who buy from the dealers, they get what is called a pistol sales record that contains all of the same information as a license to purchase. After you buy your gun, the pistol sales record is what you have to take back to your local jurisdiction police department,” Sturgis said. For individuals who are not buying from a licensed dealer, they take their purchase permit back to the police department.

Having a license to purchase a handgun however is not the same as having a CCW license (carrying a concealed weapon). “If you don’t have a CCW you can’t carry concealed,” said Sturgis. “Anybody that legally owns a gun can walk around with it non-concealed, though no one does.”

The process for purchasing a handgun for someone with a CCW is much easier, as they are able to skip the purchase permit step. However, obtaining a CCW is much more rigorous than just buying a handgun. “It’s more in-depth to get,” Sturgis said. “You have to go to a firearms class from a licensed instructor, you have to get fingerprinted, it has to be notarized by the county, and you have to be approved by the gun board.”

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cannot fly passengers for a fare, and they are limited to smaller single engine planes. They cannot fly through a cloud without their instrument endorsement, which allows them to fly without being able to see through the clouds.

American Wings Aviation owner and Brian’s father Tim Kinney said for some, the license is practical, for others it’s for fun. “It’s a sense of motion, it’s little bit of a sense of freedom,” said Tim. “You’re flying down above U.S. 23, and you’re looking at all these poor guys trying to get to Toledo and they’re experiencing road rage.” Tim said when you fly, it’s just a smooth straight line.

“Once you get in the air, everything kind of slows down a little bit, so you get a wide range of speeds that you sense,” said Brian. “You’re kind of up there in the weather. If there’s any turbulence, you have to deal with the turbulence.”

This is the freedom of flight, it’s clear for February, perfect for the trip to New Lothrop and Owosso. The trip will allow short takeoff and landings, steep turns, simulated emergencies, slow flight, and flying by instrument using vision distortion glasses for part of the trip.

“This is just extra proof for him,” said Brian Atkinson already has 57 flight hours. Forty is the minimum assigned, the Monday flight was just to hammer on his upcoming test one more time. It’s been a long trip for him — life and school have stretched weeks into a few month processes.

But he casually checks the plane before Brian arrives, and before leaving the classroom, he answers several scenario questions exactly.

This is the freedom of obtaining a license — some finish the course in a little as a few months, other take longer.

To enter the private pilot’s license program, the applicant must take a medical exam through a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved physician. The applicant’s eyes must be correctable to around 20/20 vision, and they must be able to physically handle the controls.

A minimum of 38 hours are required depending on the program, and it will cost at least $57 an hour, which is less than the plane that is rented. The smaller Cessna costs $75 an hour to rent, and the larger plane costs $125. The instructor always costs $51 an hour.

Tim had most students pay as they go, and his school works with online colleges like Utah Valley University to give students credit toward a degree.

Flight school is comprised of a web-based component where students learn the basics, and they will immediately take that knowledge to the cockpit for a flight. Tim prefers that students work through the program steadily to retain their knowledge. Throughout the program, paperwork and documentation is kept up.

Assuming the student is old enough, has passed a written and oral exam, has reached the minimum hours, and has demonstrated they can successfully, consistently land the plane, they can take their final Check Flight.

This is comprised of two parts. The first includes the instructor flying along with the student. They take several maneuvers, which include many that Atkinson did on Monday. Then they land, drop off the instructor, and take their first solo flight.

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As expected, Atkinson passed his Check Ride, despite some choppy winds at higher altitudes. Now, he’ll use his license as a hobby, or way to get away from daily life. “It’s definitely something you should have on the bucket list, it’s seeing life from a different perspective, especially in a smaller aircraft,” said Atkinson.

Anthony Atkinson finishes pre-flight paperwork on Monday with American Wings Aviation owner Tim Kinney (left) and instructor Brian Kinney. The school keeps detailed records of all activities.

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CHASING MAVERICKS

Chasing Mavericks is the inspirational true story of real life surfing phenom Jay Moriarty (played by newcomer Jonny Weston). When 15 year old Jay discovers that the mythic Mavericks surf break, one of the biggest waves on Earth, is not only real, but exists just miles from his Santa Cruz home, he enlists the help of local legend Frosty Hesson (played by Gerard Butler) to train him to survive it. As Jay and Frosty embark on their quest to accomplish the impossible, they form a unique friendship that transforms both their lives, and their quest to tame Mavericks becomes about far more than surfing. Chasing Mavericks was made with the help of some of the biggest names in the surfing world, and features some of the most mind-blowing real wave footage ever captured on film. PG, 1 hr. 56 min.

HOW TO SURVIVE A PLAGUE

How to Survive a Plague is the story of two coalitions-ACT UP and TAG (Treatment Action Group)-whose activism and innovation turned AIDS from a death sentence into a manageable condition. Despite having no scientific training, these self-made activists infiltrated the pharmaceutical industry and helped identify promising new drugs, moving them from experimental trials to patients in record time. With unfettered access to a treasure trove of never-before-seen archival footage from the 1980s and '90s, filmmaker David France puts the viewer smack in the middle of the controversial actions, the heated meetings, the heartbreaking failures, and the exultant breakthroughs of heroes in the making. Unrated, 1 hr. 49 min.

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**MARCH MADNESS NUMBERS SHOWING**

Listed below are the last years area teams have won district and regional titles. A quick summary is included concerning each team’s forecast in their tourney as well.

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**Bronchos move into semifinals, 47-28**

- Sets up rematch with Fenton Tigers at Grand Blanc today

  
  **By David Troppens**
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  **Grand Blanc** — It’s becoming a pattern for the Holly varsity girls basketball team.
  And it’s one the Bronchos would love to see continue right to a Class A district title.
  The Holly Bronchos opened Class A district play by shutting out Brandon in the third quarter, resulting in a 47-28 victory.
  The win means Holly (18-3) will play the Fenton Tigers, a team they held to no points in the second quarter of Friday’s final regular season game, for a 5:30 p.m. semifinal contest at Grand Blanc High School today.
  “When we are out there, I personally don’t think about it and can’t tell. But once I come off (the court), I realize they didn’t score,” Holly’s junior center Allyssa Copley said. “When we are playing, we are just playing. Obviously, I’m worried about the score, but it’s like we just have to keep playing.”
  See **BRONCHOS on 15**

  **Fenton boys swim defends Metro crown**

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  Fenton — Alex Chase remembers what the Fenton boys varsity swim team was like when he was a freshman.
  “My freshman year we had 12 guys on the team,” Chase said. “Now we have around 40. It’s good to see us become competitive again.”
  The Tigers are more than competitive.
  For the second straight season they are Flint Metro League champions.
  The Tigers broke a meet record by recording 39.5 points, 259.5 points more than second-place Brandon, and easily won their championship at Fenton High School’s pool.
  “For us as a team it’s just great to win it,” Fenton swimmer Brant Cassidy said. “We are building on a tradition almost. Learning how to compete in the state.”

  See **FENTON on 14**

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  Holly’s Allyssa Copley scores two of her team-high 16 points in the Bronchos’ 47-28 victory against Brandon on Monday.

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  Champagne is a 1 year old, friendly, lovely little shelter dog. She loves people.
Holly-Fenton begins March Madness

Area rivals play first district game between each other since 1979

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When March Madness begins, it’s going to take the ninth-ranked Fenton varsity boys basketball team three victories to repeat their district title of a year ago.

It might also take defeating another state-ranked team in the championship game as well.

But to start out, it’s going to feel like a traditional Metro League rivalry game. The Tigers (19-0 entering Tuesday’s contest with Powers) begin action in the Class A Linden district Monday against the Holly Bronchos (12-7).

The Bronchos are a young squad, but they have a talented and deep team as well. Their youth showed the first time the two teams played, when Fenton defeated Holly 66-43 at Fenton High School. However, on Friday, the Bronchos utilized a style of play that emphasized their depth and shooting ability, by pushing the ball and shooting quickly.

And while Fenton led most of the game by double-digits, the Bronchos were competitive and lost only 70-64, with a chance of pulling the upset late.

Fenton coach Tim Olszewski, who ran the system at Fenton during his first couple seasons with the Tigers, said Fenton will be better prepared if Holly uses the same system on Monday.

“They went to Ginnell (College, the school known for the offensive system),” it’s what I ran when I first came to Fenton. And it was the right, smart call to make,” Olszewski said.

“We did a poor job executing defensively and we did not listen well to the situations we were going to be facing. We'll be better prepared if we see it again.”

Holly head coach Lance Baylis held his cards close to his chest, not admitting that he’d even use the style again in the rematch.

“I don’t know what we’ll do,” Baylis said. “Like football coaches, we’ll go back, look at the tape and figure it out.”

For two teams who are typically in the same district, it’s been a long time since Holly and Fenton have competed in a district tournament game. In fact, it hasn’t happened since 1979, when Fenton beat Holly 67-51 in a Class B district championship contest.

The winner of Monday’s 6 p.m. contest between the two area foes faces the Brandon Blackhawks at 5:30 p.m. on March 6. Regardless of who advances, the area squad would be considered the favorite in that contest since both teams swept the season series against the Blackhawks. In the other March 6 semifinal, Linden hosts third-ranked in the state Grand Blanc for what should be around a 7 p.m. tip-off time.

The winner of the two semi-finals face off in the championship match March 8 at 7 p.m. at Linden High School. Holly actually beat Grand Blanc the last time the two schools competed in a district contest. The Bronchos beat them 60-47 in the opening round of districts in 2009, and faced the Bobcats in 2007, losing to them 66-37.

The Tigers will be the favorites to advance to the championship game, as Grand Blanc will be against the 1-18 Linden Eagles. If both teams make it that far, it will mark the second straight season the Tigers will need to beat a state-ranked foe to win a district title. Of course, last year, Eric Readman hit the game-winning shot in a 68-66 overtime victory against traditional state power Clarkston.

If Fenton continues to win their contests, Friday’s game will be the Tigers’ third of the tourney. Of course, the same would be true for the Bronchos as well. It’s probably fair to say Holly has the toughest trip to winning a district crown.

“I’ve gone over scenarios 100 times in my head, what is good what is bad what would be ideal,” Olszewski said about the tournament schedule. “It is very likely we have to play two games to make championship and Grand Blanc needs to play one game.”

As the season winds down, the Tigers have three games in route to the district championship, while Clarkston played two, albeit the Wolves’ first opponent was Grand Blanc.

The Tigers are hoping to win this week, which will advance them to the district final against the Jordan Eagles. The Tigers and Eagles have played some of the biggest games in the state over the past few years.

The Eagles are a veteran team, and the Tigers are a young team. Fenton is thinking that this could be its year.

The Eagles are coming off a 60-47 overtime win over the Bobcats in last year’s district championship game.

The Tigers want to prove that the district title is within their grasp.

Fenton’s Mitch Stigos (left) defends Holly’s Kyle Woodruff during Friday night’s contest. The two teams will open Class A district action against each other on Monday.

Class B district at Goodrich High School

Lake Fenton is off until March 6 in its Class B district at Goodrich High School.

The Blue Devils will face either Flint Southwestern or Flint Northern at 5 p.m. on that date. The two Flint schools compete on Monday in an opening round contest.

Lake Fenton has never played either team in a district contest. The last Flint team the Blue Devils played in districts was in 2009 when Lake Fenton lost to Flint Central 77-57.

On the other side of the bracket, Goodrich hosts Durand on Monday with the winner of that match facing Conumia. The two semifinal victors face off in the championship match at 7 p.m. on March 8.

Fenton's Mike Banner won the 200 and the 500 freestyle at the Flint Metro League Meet on Saturday.

Dehaven captured the league title in the 200 individual medley (2:12.26) while also earning the top spot in the 100 butterfly (57.37). Also, Peyton Molzahn won a league title in the 100 backstroke (59.05).

But the meet was about the Fenton Tigers. It really was a microcosm of what the Tigers did to league teams all year.

“We had a tremendous season and the drive and leadership of our seniors played a huge part,” Jones said. “They were on teams that lost their freshman and sophomore years and understand how important last year’s win was. Their goal this year was to keep the Metro title in Fenton.”

Chase and Andrewski had strong meets as well, each earning a pair of seconds. Chase took second in the 100 butterfly (56.21) and the 200 freestyle (1:58.21). Meanwhile, Anderson took the runner-up spot in the 50 freestyle (22.98) and the 100 freestyle (50.78).

Other Fenton individuals who earned top-three performances were Landis, second in the 100 backstroke (1:02.31); Michael Fazata, third in the 100 backstroke (1:06.19) and Landon Mikulenas, third in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.51).

Molly had one other individual second. Molzahn placed second in the 200 individual medley (2:15.63).
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“It was our communication. We went back to that 2-3 (zone) and the way we were talking and getting under their weave. Our communication helped so much, and good communication means good defense.”

“We really definitely picked up our defense,” Holly freshman Kaitlyn Smith said. “We moved our feet and played really good help defense. We played really good as a team.”

Holly already led 24-12 at the half but the 16-0 third-quarter fun run, sparked by the Bronchos’ defense, made it a 40-12 lead entering the fourth. The Blackhawks were never able to cut the Holly lead to under 20 until the final minute of the game.

“It’s not by design, but we have (had two shorthanded quarters in two games),” Holly coach David Hall said. “The biggest thing is not fouling in the first half we were fouling, and it’s hard to get in a rhythm when you foul.”

After a sloppy first five minutes offensively, the Bronchos were pretty crisp with the ball for most of the night. Holly’s Delaney Serra hit the Bronchos first shot of the game with a jumper, but then missed five shots and turned the ball over on its next five possessions. During this stretch, the Bronchos defense only allowed one three-pointer by Brandon’s Katelyn Hendershott during that run, keeping the Blackhawk lead at just 3-2. It took just one possession period for the Bronchos to retake control of the game. With 2:28 left in the first quarter, Jenna Pepper dish a pass to Abby Lewandowski for a layup. Seconds later, Copley earned a steal and got a Holly layup, putting Holly up 6-5. Holly capped the quarter with a Serra assist, one of nine she had in the game, on a Copley 17-foot jumper. It was a jump shot that Copley’s fans saw frequently today. It was the first of four perimeter shots she made during the first half.

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proved to 10th on her second run with a time of 36.44 seconds. Rhoads also did well in the giant slalom, placing 16th with a combined time of 1:06.41.

McKenna Valley recorded two finishes

within the top 25 at the meet as well. She placed 16th in the slalom with a combined time of 1:15.19. She also took 23rd in the giant slalom (1:07.25).

The area’s only other top-25 performance at the meet was posted by Pentov/Linden boys ski team member Julian Westberg. He placed 24th in the giant slalom (1:02.44).

GIRLS BOWLING

Division 2 regional at Capitol Bowl (team): Holly finished fourth place, one position outside of the state tournament. The Bronchos had the best baker game in the first round with an 184, and also the best during the third round (188) and second-best of the sixth round (203), but also bowled a 153 and a 108 during the six baker games. In the team-three-game series, Holly bowled games of 779, 707 and 751, but it wasn’t enough to get into the top three against squads who were bowling in the 800s each game. Holly finished with a total pinfall of 3,217, while Mason was third with 3,451 pins, earning the final state-qualifying spot. Charlotte won the regional with a total pinfall of 3,667.

Linden placed ninth in the tourney, with a total of 2,737. Their best team series was 3,194.

Division 2 regional at Capitol Bowl (individual): Holly’s Abigail Lowry finished one position outside the state tournament, capturing the regional title with a six-game series total pinfall of 1,356. She was the event by 13 pins over the field. Swartz Creek’s Chasie Kaufman placed second with a pinfall total of 1,322. Anderson recorded a 191 in his first game, and that was his worst score of the six matches. He had two 250s, a 229 and a 226 as well.

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DIVISION 2 REGIONAL AT CAPITOL BOWL (TEAM): Holly placed eighth, leading all area teams at the regional. The Bronchos had a total team score of 3,300. Linden placed 13th (3,361), while Fenton was 14th (3,204).

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HOCKEY

Grand Blanc 6, Fenton/Linden Grif- fins 1: Forced to play with just eight players because three players from the squad transferred to Powers, the Griffs trailed 5-0 after two periods.

Hugh Comben scored in the third period. “Our eight players competed hard. I’ve seen any team play in my coaching career,” Fenton/Linden coach Matt Varnum said. “The fact that the third-period scoring was 1-1 shows the amount of heart these boys have.”

Joe Fuguth was in net and had the game of his career. He made at least 60 saves, including shutting down a penalty shot.

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Holly’s Abby Lewandowski (back) defends Brandon’s Amanda Harvard in the Bronchos’ district victory against the Blackhawks on Monday.

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- **Tuesday, March 5, 2013** at 1:00 PM - Organizational Meeting to receive 2013 Applications for Roll from Interested Parties [MCL 211.29(1)]
- **No Public Appointments** Appointments will be taken for:
  - **Tuesday, March 5, 2013** from 2:30 PM-4:00 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
  - **Monday, March 11, 2013** from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:30 PM-4:30 PM
  - **Tuesday, March 12, 2013** from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
  - **Thursday, March 14, 2013** from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM and 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

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