Local basketball coaches have ‘March Madness’ fever

Wright, Gregory supporting area Big Ten teams while at the Palace of Auburn Hills

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When it comes to March Madness, Linden varsity boys basketball coach Anthony Wright knows what it’s all about. He played on the University of Michigan’s 2008-09 men’s basketball Division I NCAA tournament team during his third season with the program. Wright experienced the thrill of victory, playing 10 minutes in the Wolverines’ 62-59 first round victory against Clemson, and the agony of defeat.

Hospice care: It’s for the dying and the living

Janet Travis with Hospice Advantage works through a medical questionnaire for Sally Bush, 85, as her husband Leon offers his advice in their Linden home on Monday. Sally has diabetes and Parkinson’s disease and Travis handled her basic medical needs.

Services provide bereavement support, as well as in-home assistance with ill

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Watching a loved one grow old can be bittersweet and painful. While reaching into your 70s or older may ensure wisdom, fond memories and grandchildren, it also means health will eventually begin to decline. And while most people are not comfortable facing death, there is support available for debilitating ones and those who will continue to live on.

Hospice care can make the process of dying easier on families. Kelly Hamilton, an administrator for Hospice Advantage in Flint Township, said the services are completely covered by Medicare, including care, medication and medical equipment.

“Hospice care is a conglomerate of disciplines — you get your own nurse, care groomer, social worker and grief support,” Hamilton said. “It’s a beautiful gift that is definitely underutilized. It’s kind of a secret that shouldn’t be a secret.”

According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), 1.650,000 people utilized hospice care services in 2011. Of the 2,513,000 or so people who died in 2011, 1,059,000 (44.6 percent) of them were hospice deaths.

‘Normal’ spring weather may be coming soon

Continuing wintry conditions better than last year’s rare heat wave

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On Tuesday, residents woke to more gloom and icy windshields. According to NOAA.gov, Wednesday, the first day of spring, has a 40 percent chance of snow and a high temperature of 28 degrees. Friday is looking sunnier, when it shoots way up to 37 degrees.

Spring is a time of transition for the weather, plants, people and animals, and See ‘NORMAL’ SPRING on 6

Fenton Township may get divers

Idea prompted by two drownings last summer

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Fenton Township — The Fenton Township Fire Department could have up to six trained divers by this summer. Fire Chief Ryan Volz and Lt. Tom Howley gave a presentation to the Fenton Township Board of Trustees at Monday’s meeting, requesting up to $25,000 See DIVERS on 7
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The other kind of pet allergies

▶ How to recognize, and what to do, when your dog or cat has an allergy

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Just like humans, pets can have allergies that make them itch, upset their stomach and make life a little less pleasant for everyone. There are five basic types of allergies in animals: contact, flea, food, bacterial and inhalant.

Contact is the least common, and is often caused by an animal’s immune system over-reacting to a substance touching the skin, such as a flea collar or a bed made out of a particular material. If this happens, the owner needs to remove the substance in question. However, identifying the allergen can be a bit of a mystery.

Flea allergies sound self-explanatory, but some animals are sensitive to fleas and will react more than a normal pet. Flea allergic animals have severe itching in reaction to the flea’s saliva. Use a flea-killing treatment on the animal immediately.

Animals are not likely to be born with food allergies, but develop allergies to proteins in the food they have eaten for a long time. If stomach problems, itching or other abnormal behaviors persist, try switching your dog’s food.

Staphylococcus is a bacteria that is normally found on a dog’s skin, but some dogs can develop an allergy to it. This can lead to hair loss and can often be treated with antibiotics.

Some animals are often allergic to inhalants, which is the most common type of allergy. Pets can be allergic to ragweed, Bermuda grass and trees, just like humans are.

There are a wide array of treatments for pets with allergies, starting with anti-inflammatory drugs. These can be given orally or by injection and vary in cost according to dosage. Hyposensitization can also be used to aid in allergy treatment, much like in humans. Once the allergen is identified, a small amount of it is injected in order to desensitize the animal to the allergen.

A less expensive treatment is shampoo therapy — try washing your pet in special hypoallergenic shampoo frequent ly to rid their fur and skin of possible allergens.

If symptoms persist in a pet be sure to contact your local veterinarian. Sometimes allergies can be a symptom of a deeper-rooted problem. Identifying the allergy and treating it quickly can stop your dog’s or cat’s itching and make your time with them much more enjoyable.

Restoring lost hair — for men and women

▶ Prescription medication, foams, lasers, transplants, surgery are possible remedies

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You are losing your hair. Everyone is, in fact. According to the Mayo Clinic, we can all expect to lose between 50 and 100 hairs a day. With a lifetime of hair loss, that amount of hair resting on your scalp, you are okay — unless you are losing an unusual amount of hair, or you are just not growing new hair to replace what has fallen out.

There are numerous causes behind the loss of hair, the most common of which is the hereditary condition male-pattern baldness or female-pattern baldness. When hair loss strikes, it can happen to either gender. The American Academy of Dermatology reports that 30 million women and more than 50 million men in the United States suffer from hair loss.

Medically, thyroid problems, excess stress, scalp infections, and alopecia areata, a disease See RESTORING on 15
Detroit’s decline

Since the Motown sound went silent — except on oldies stations — and General Motors and Chrysler (but not Ford) required life support from Washington, there has been little to recommend Detroit to visitors, much less its residents.

The recent conviction of Kwame Kilpatrick, the former mayor of Detroit, on multiple charges, including racketeering, fraud and extortion, adds another insult to the city’s injury, increasing its misery.

During the mid-20th century, Detroit was a vibrant city with a population of almost two million. Today, it stands near ruin. The number of residents has now been estimated at just over 700,000. The city has a crushing debt of $14 billion, and a budget deficit of as much as $32 million. The pay and benefit structure of public employees can’t be sustained.

And yet the city’s main courthouse reports having $280 million worth of uncollected fines and fees.

The state plans to send in an emergency manager to try and repair Detroit’s finances. It might take an exorcist or faith healer.

The initial response to all of this sad news was denial. Some tried to play the race card. The majority of those who live in Detroit are African American. Michigan’s governor, Rick Snyder, is white, and as a majority of the state’s residents. But crime, corruption, malfeasance and misfeasance are not exclusive to a single race. The problem for Detroit is something no one wants to address: And that would be the Democratic Party. Michigan law provides for an emergency manager with the authority to prevent local elected officials from making financial decisions. That person also would be granted the power to alter labor contracts and shut or privatize departments.

Altering labor contracts caused quite the controversy in neighboring Wisconsin, but it had to be done. Democrats there (and in Detroit) had given away too much of the store in exchange for votes. Some years back, Detroit leaders announced a ‘Renaissance’ for the city. There’s a hotel there by that name, but that’s about it. Detroit needs more than a Renaissance. It needs a revival, but that is not likely to happen as long as Democrats maintain their political stranglehold.

IF YOU ARE bullied and assaulted, don’t bother going to the principal, call the police instead. A 13-year-old throwing food at a 14-year-old is assault. Hours before, principal already talked to the bully once. It has been going on all year! Job failure.

THE LOW INFORMATION voters think Obama gave them ‘free’ healthcare through Obamacare — it definitely will not be free. You will discover the Democrat politicians have scammed you. The average income tax return is three pages, while the ObamaCare application is 21 pages.

HAPPY TO SEE the start of the renovation to the old fire station. I would love to suggest roof top seating. It’s a beautiful view down there and roof top seating would be a great addition to Fenton’s summer nights!-

FORMER CONGRESSMAN BILLY Tauzin (R-LA) who steered the Medicare senior prescription program through the house, just left office for a $2 million job at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association after the bill passed. The law prevented Medicare from negotiating drug prices costing taxpayers $50 plus billion a year.

WHAT A BUNCH of whiners! Again, you put the blame on the guy because he’s Republican. Michigan’s problems are the cause of the last governor. What’s her name? Granholm. Now Snyder is doing what he can to bring Michigan back to where it should be.

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The U.S. and Hugo Chavez

Last week, President Obama sent a small delegation to attend the funeral of President Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. In doing so, he wisely ignored the provocative comments from Venezuela suggesting that the U.S. was implicated in Chavez’s death.

On the contrary, the gesture was respectful and respected. And it can hopefully open a new page on our relations with Venezuela.

We have every good reason to have good relations with Venezuela. They are our neighbors. They are our trading partners. We share many things, like a love of baseball. About 190,000 Venezuelan oil reserves are held in the U.S. About 70 major league baseball players are Venezuelan, including Triple Crown winner Miguel Cabrera.

Venezuela has surpassed Saudi Arabia for the country with the largest oil reserves in the world, and the U.S. is the largest importer of Venezuelan oil. Its oil is four days away, as opposed to four weeks away from the Middle East.

Chavez was a hero to the poor in his country, and to peoples in developing nations across the world. Chavez object ed to U.S. policy in the region, leading eventually to a break in relations.

At Chavez’s funeral, leaders of the new populist politics in Latin America gathered — including the presidents of Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia, Ecuador and Nicaragua. All search for building greater economic and political independence from the U.S.

A year ago, at the April Summit of the Americas, President Obama listened patiently to many provocative comments, and called for a new start. ‘I am not somebody who brings to the table here a lot of baggage from the past,’ he said, ‘and I want to look at all these problems in a new and fresh way.’

Surely it is time now to move on that promise. America should engage its neighbors, not isolate itself trying to isolate them. We should end our failed five-decade old embargo of Cuba. Across the hemisphere, peoples are struggling to find a way to make economies work for working people. This nation is no exception.

We would be wise to join in that search, rather than to split apart.

Who do you think will win March Madness?

“Louisville. I like them, but the teams I follow didn’t make it into the top picks.”

Hannah Eva Junior

“Michigan State. I think they’re pretty good and I follow them even though my family is all Michigan fans.”

— Traten Arnowith, Freshman

“Louisville. It’s just an educated guess, I only pay close attention to Michigan.”

— Dan McKee Senior

“Indiana. They’re the best, they run the court well and have good players that control the tempo of the game.”

— Eric Readman,Senior

“Wisconsin because Bo Ryan is the best coach in the Big 10, he has the most swag.”

— Cory Cox Senior

“I’m going to go out on a limb here and say South Dakota State. I have a feeling they will bring home the hardware.”

— Jonathan Kantorouiss, Senior
Fenton accepts bids for weed control, lawn care

Weed removal at millpond cannot be done until after Fourth of July

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — The city is looking for options in dealing with the curvy-leaf pondweed that grows in the millpond, but is finding its options are rather limited.

After contacting several contractors and placing notices in the newspaper, Daniel Czarnecki, the director of Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) said the city received only one bid, for mechanical weed removal, from Midwest Marine Services in Milford. The service would cover the next three years, costing $10,875 in 2013, $11,250 for 2014, and $11,625 in 2015.

The timing of the weed removal is the biggest problem, as Midwest Marine Services would not be able to remove the weeds until after July 4, which falls after the city’s annual Freedom Festival. Czarnecki said that with no other contractors putting in a bid, they have no other options to fall back upon.

Councilwoman Patricia Luckow said she would like to see the contract accepted only for a year, and then for the city to look at its options in dealing with the weeds in the future before the Fourth of July.

“It seems to me it’s so used, people use it and love it, and there is a period of time when you can’t even go out there,” she said.

One option mentioned would be to have the mechanical weed removal process occur twice throughout the year, however, this would cost the city as much as $30,000 a year, according to Councilman Les Bland.

The city council voted 6-1 to accept the bid from Midwest Marine Services at Monday night’s meeting, with Lockwood casting the dissenting vote. Mayor Sue Osborn said that the issue would be looked at in July to see if things can be done differently in the future.

A second company, Aquatic Nuisance of Holly, will also perform chemical treatments on the pond.

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it’s often unpredictable.

This week last year, the Fenton Township Fire Department fought a grass fire that scorched a 200-foot path on Lahring Road. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) issued a statement cautioning residents about burning the brush from the previous season.

The warm weather also set the Michigan gardens up for damage, when growth began early, and damaged by snow later in the season.

As bad as the weather feels right now, according to weather.com, the average low temperature for Flint is 23 degrees Fahrenheit, and the average high is 44. The record low for Flint Mich. is minus12, and a record high is 84.

People look forward to the changes that happen in the environment, especially plants. Many plants, like maple trees are dormant during cold months. They shed leaves in the fall to conserve heat, and slow their metabolic processes.

The longer days and warmer temperatures of spring bring plants and trees out of dormancy. The right length of time is called the photo period, which encourages buds and bulbs to grow. Holly High School Biology Teacher Melissa Fromm said trees will “leaf-out” in April when they receive the right amount of heat and daylight, which she guesses is around 40-50 degrees, and 12 hours of daylight.

Bulbed plants like tulips and daffodils are already in the ground as bulbs, with all the necessary ingredients to grow—all they need is heat. Fromm said bulbs in southern Michigan counties are already growing.

“I’m a flower person, I’m not a vegetable person,” said Melissa Fromm, who teaches biology at the school. “I love the flowering trees and just the fact that it’s warm,” she said, adding that she likes not having to bundle up the kids. “They have cabin fever.”

In the spring, the soil has more moisture with rain and melting snow. Air is also warmer and more moist. Animals emerge from hibernation, birds return from migration.

**Summary**

- The spring weather everyone looks forward to is being delayed by an ocean system keeping cold air over Canada. Trees and plants need the longer days, and warm weather to flower and grow.

**I think we feel better (in the spring) because there’s more sunlight, the idea that you feel better, if it’s sunny outside. I always feel more positive and happy.**

Melissa Fromm
Holly High School biology teacher

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Cold air with it.

It’s colder this year due in part because of ocean cycles that oscillate through the years and decades, and it’s going into a colder phase this spring. This oscillation puts pressure over Greenland that blocks cold air over Canada, which pushes cold air over Michigan.

The only remedy is a strong angle of the sun over powering the cold system. He said this could take a while, and the sea ice reflecting sunlight back into space from around the North Pole doesn’t help either.

Until the weather warms up, Shesky can only offer this advice: “Be patient and just hold into those warm memories from last year.”

Though spring feels and looks very far away, perennialare alive under the dirt even though green plants have died, waiting for the spring heat to bring them back to life.

**The Constitution of the United States and the Amendment process**

We are a nation of laws. Indeed, since the founding of the United States and the enactment of our Constitution on June 21, 1788, our resulting system of justice has been called the greatest in the world.

This of course is a testament to our founding fathers and their wisdom in drafting the Constitution and the ensuing first Ten Amendments, which are commonly referred to as the Bill of Rights.

What I believe is particularly noteworthy in our nation’s history is the fact that since the Constitution became effective over 200 years ago, we have had only 27 Amendments which includes one Amendment (the 18th prohibiting alcohol) being repealed by another (the 21st Amendment).

One aspect that I believe is important to know is how a Constitutional Amendment can be proposed and then approved.

The answer to this lies in Article V of the Constitution, which gives two alternatives. The first is to have what is commonly referred to as an Article V Convention, which is convened on the application of two-thirds of the states to consider the initiation of proposed amendments.

The other possibility is for two-thirds of each House of Congress to vote for a proposed amendment. If either alternative is used then the proposed amendment(s) must be submitted to and ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures or by three-fourths of state conventions called for that purpose. If this is achieved, the amendment becomes part of the Constitution.

Historically there are proposed amendments that are still technically pending before state legislatures one of which dates back to 1789. From an historical trivia standpoint, the 27th and last Amendment was ratified on May 7, 1922 by the vote of Michigan. Our Constitution isn’t very long. I have a copy that consists of 34 pages. Sometimes when you have a chance, it just might make for some interesting and informative reading.

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for diving equipment and training. The decision for a local dive team was
prompted after two drowning deaths in Fenton Township last summer.

“Our goal is to establish firefighters trained in diving,” said Howley, adding
that it took the Genesee County Diving Team and State
Police nearly an hour to ar-
rive in Fenton Township last summer dur-
ing the drown-
ing incidents.

“The ‘Golden
Hour’ — after
that hour, their chances for sur-
vival diminish greatly.”

Divers with the Fenton Township Fire
Department would be exclusive to Fenton
Township said Volz and their main pri-
ority would be immediate recovery. Rescue
operations would be turned over to county
divers, if they arrive on scene. With more
than 20 open bodies of water in the town-
ship, a local dive team could respond faster
than county divers.

So far, six firefighters have volunteered
for the positions. According to Volz, it
would cost $680 to train each diver in open
water diving.

Divers would
be trained in under
water
navigation, low
visibility/ night diving
and stress/res-
cue diving and
eventually ice
diving. Volz
proposed pur-
chasing three
full sets of dive
equipment for
the fire department at $2,700 each. Divers
will purchase their own dive masks, swim
fins, swim boots, snorkel and knife.

Clerk Robert Krug said the monies
for the proposed dive team are available
in the fire department’s budget and that
Volz’s proposal has been approved by the
township’s safety commission. Most of
the trustees were in agreement with the
need for local divers however, there was
concerned about possible life insurance
increases that could be incurred if firefigh-
ters become divers.

“We go into burning buildings. I can’t
imagine (the rates are) much different,”
Volz said.

The trustees will discuss and review all
possible costs with the plan at a workshop
next Monday and make a decision next
month. If approved in April, Howley said
the divers could be ready for patrol by
this summer.

Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis
said having firefighters trained as divers
would streamline rescue operations.

“There were seven bodies in a lake one
summer,” Mathis said, citing that town-
ship has experienced drownings over the
course of many summers. “No one wanted
to go into the water.”

Divers with the Fenton Township Fire
Department may train up to six divers
for immediate recovery if approved, up to
$25,000 of fire department funds
would be used.

Summary

The Fenton Township Fire Department may
train up to six divers for immediate recovery if
approved, up to $25,000 of fire department funds
would be used.

Fenton Township is considering a proposal from its fire department to provide
equipment and training to six of its firefighters to be certified divers in the event of
a drowning on any of the area lakes. Here, dive teams with the Genesee County
Sheriff’s Department take part in a search and recovery on Lake Fenton following
a drowning last July 4.

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processed at the police station. Police will be presenting their case to the county prosecutor for an arrest warrant.

HOME INVASION ON DAUNER ROAD
At 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, Fenton police responded to an apartment on Dauner Road to investigate a home invasion complaint. A 46-year-old female resident, who was away from her home at the time, learned from a friend that two males were observed entering her apartment. Upon further investigation, the two males were a 43-year-old Linden man who had a relationship with the resident and his 17-year-old son, who were looking for her car. The suspect was located and the woman said it had run away. The case remains under investigation.

SLOW MOTORIST HAS POT IN CAR
At 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, a Fenton police officer on northbound U.S. 23 spotted a ’90 Buick traveling well below the posted speed limit, impeding traffic. A traffic stop was initiated to see what the problem was. The officer made contact with the driver, a 27-year-old Flint male, and his passenger, a 20-year-old Holly female. The woman appeared very nervous. During a consent search of their car, the officer recovered 5.5 grams of marijuana and the woman admitted to being the owner. She was arrested for possession of marijuana and has an April 15 court date.

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weed control to help keep growth in the null pond in check. The city council accepted their three year bid as well, which will cost $30,850 through 2015.

Landscape maintenance approved
On Monday the city council also reviewed bids for joint landscape maintenance for the city of Fenton and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) contracts for the next three years. Three companies bid, including CJ Callaghan’s of Fenton, Picasso Services of Fenton, and Quality Lawn and Landscape of Rochester. Assistant City Manager Michael Burns recommended the council go with Callaghan, citing the city’s positive experience with them in the past. Though they were only the second cheapest option at $29,056 a month, Burns said the savings was minimal in exchange for the guaranteed quality of service, costing just under $1,000 more than the cheapest builder, Quality Lawn and Landscape.

Councilman Benjamin Smith voiced his support in the choice. “We have excellent history with Callaghan, and I know positively that they go above and beyond to take care of the city,” he said. “I agree with the recommendation to fully support.” Councilwoman Cheryl King agreed. “They do a great job,” she said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
OK, WE HAVE to share the road with bicyclists. Some of these people need to be more diligent while traveling on the road, especially on a hill. I was shocked as I encountered a bicyclist that way. I did not see him right away and it worried me all day.

BEING INDEPENDENT TO me is that I vote not for the man in general, I vote for what and whom he represents. I cannot vote for someone who does not represent the majority. My main concern is fairness and there truly has not been any for some time.

WHY SHOULD ANY taxpayer pay for new roads? When a contractor bids on putting something in the ground and has to tear up the perfectly good road then the contractor should be responsible to replace what he tears up, not the taxpayer. The cost should come out of his pocket.

HOW LONG DO you think it will be before Obama-Hood (Robin Hood) and his merry band of men and women catch on to Europe’s idea to raid your bank accounts for 10 percent of your money to pay for government giveaways? Elections have consequences.

WHY ARE WINTERTIME fishermen called ice fishermen? I’ve never eaten ice fish, have you? If black-coated bears are called black bears and brown-coated bears are called brown bears, then why aren’t white-coated bears called white bears? I’ve never worn a polar cap, have you? Now smile.

CONSERVATIVES NEVER SHOVED any interest in the deficit until Jan. 20, 2009. Is that the height of hypocrisy, the depth of prejudice, or both?
10 ways to live forever

A countdown on healthy habits that will help you live a longer, healthier life

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So maybe you can’t live forever—but isn’t that a nice thought? There are facts, pills and creams that can try to turn back the clock, but the fact is that exercise and healthy eating habits can extend the deadline.

The British Medical Journal published a 2009 study that found participants cut their risk of stroke in half by being active for 30 minutes a day, eating five daily servings of fruit and vegetables, and avoiding cigarettes and excess alcohol. But besides drinking wheygrass or cutting back on the booze, small life choices can increase the likelihood that a person will live longer.

Put off retirement for as long as you can. This will keep you busy and also keep your brain from retiring, too. If you are already retired, tend a small garden, volunteer in your community, or take classes at a nearby college to keep your mind functioning and your body healthy.

Floss often. A 2008 New York University study suggests that flossing keeps artery-inflaming bacteria from entering your bloodstream. Listening to your dentist might just save you from a heart attack.

Exercise 30 minutes a day. Even if you’re not big on gyms, walking around a mall or outside will suffice. Exercising is a given of aging gracefully — countless studies show how exercise can improve everything from your muscle mass to your mood.

Choose your cereal wisely. Try one with more whole grains and fiber. Cereals like these tend to help older folks maintain a stable blood sugar and lower their risk of diabetes.

Sleep in, but not too late! Getting at least six hours of sleep helps your brain and body heal themselves. Oversleeping can make you groggy and lethargic.

Change religions. People who describe See LIVE on 15
SUPPORT
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With 66 percent of hospice care being administered at homes rather than in facilities or at hospitals, most patients can remain with family members when they receive care.

In order to receive hospice care, a patient must have a terminal illness and a doctor must sign for the care. Batting, grooming and medication are provided to those approved for the care. Loved ones are educated about the patient’s disease or health problems and are provided with bereavement support. Hospice care providers also help families communicate with funeral homes.

“A lot of people think ‘Oh my God, we’re talking about death,’ but it helps with support,” Hamilton said. “But really, it’s just the extra care (the patient) deserves. It doesn’t do them any justice to not receive this care they worked so hard for.”

The NHPCO reports that the average patient received about 70 days of service in 2011. Hamilton said most doctors approve hospice services within the last six months of a patient’s life however, her company has helped those who needed hospice care for a longer period of time. The length of time hospice care needed may increase in the future.

“As the average life span in the United States has increased, so has the number of individuals who die of chronic progressive diseases that require longer and more sustained care,” said researches with the NHPCO.

Reaching out for hospice care may inevitably become the responsibility for younger generations. According to the 2010 Census report, more than 40 million people in America are 65 years or older, the highest amount of senior citizens ever in American history. With a majority of hospice patients being 85 years or older, the need for hospice services should only grow in the next 20 years.

“By educating the community, hospice care can get more awareness,” Hamilton said. “It’s an extra set of eyes and ears to wherever they call home.”

It’s a secret that really shouldn’t be a secret.
— Kelly Hamilton Administrator with Home Hospice Advantage

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**Schedule of Events**

**Easter Services**

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10:00 am Worship Service

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GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29Th
7:00 pm Worship - Join us and renew your dedication to Jesus Christ.

GREAT EASTER VIGIL | MARCH 30Th
9:00 am - 9:00 pm Sanctuary will be open, come and pray whenever you wish

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31St
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9:00 am & 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
8:00 am - 11:00 am Easter Breakfast

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Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday Mass 8am, 10am & 12noon
Thursday, March 28 Mass of the Last Supper 7pm
Friday, March 29 Stations of the Cross/Passion/Veneration of the Cross 12:30pm & 8:30pm
Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil 8pm

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Friday, March 29, 2013
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7:00pm: Good Friday Passion Meditation featuring Youth Sunday, March 31, 2013
7:00AM & 9:00AM Traditional services with Communion
11:00AM Contemporary service with Communion
Nick Gregory is a Fenton High School economics and American government teacher, as well as the JV boys basketball coach. He’s a lifelong Michigan State University fan and was at one time the equipment manager for the football team.

**MADNESS**

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of defeat, scoring 14 points in the Wolverines’ 73-63 loss against Blake Griffin and the Oklahoma Sooners.

“If some of those things that definitely lived up to the hype,” said Wright, who played in games for Michigan from 2007-08 through the 2009-10 season. “We got police escorts all over the place. We played in Kansas City and the city was nice. … It was such a great atmosphere. I was sitting down next to my teammate and I was like, ‘Look at this.’ Each team had a section of fans with their colors. It was a great atmosphere.”

So when Michigan opens NCAA tournament play at the Palace of Auburn Hills against South Dakota State Thursday at 7:15 p.m., Wright will be one of the tri-county area’s enthusiastic Wolverines’ followers. After all, he loved his experience.

“When we went it was the first time we went since 1997,” Wright said. “It was a big deal because it had been so long.”

Wright played in 84 games, starting in three seasons. He scored 265 points and earned 51 assists and 178 rebounds during his Michigan career.

Michigan State has its own share of fans excited about the Spartans’ trip to the Palace of Auburn Hills on Thursday as well, when the Spartans open NCAA tournament action against Valparaiso at 12:15 p.m. One of those fans is Fenton High School teacher and JV boys basketball coach Nick Gregory. Gregory, who attended the Spartans’ National Championship victory in Indianapolis in 2000, has maintained a passionate fan ever since he sent a letter to MSU football coach George Perles when he was 11. That letter started a correspondence with Mary Kay Smith, then the head secretary for Perles, for two decades.

“She probably responded to me like she did for any other person,” Gregory said. “But with me she did not know what she was getting into. Once I got something back, I had another reason to write.”

The correspondence resulted in him getting several freebies over the years. She once sent tickets so his family could watch MSU play Georgia Tech in the Sweet 16 in the Louisiana Superdome in 1990. The Spartans lost the game in overtime.

“She was so thoughtful,” Gregory said. “She ignited a spark.”

Gregory wanted to be involved with the athletic program when he went to MSU. At first, he was in a one-year work-study program in the MSU athletic department as an office assistant in the football building. He eventually became the football team’s equipment manager for four years. He also once interviewed MSU basketball coach Tom Izzo during the preseason of the 1989-90 season for the school newspaper. He still owns the tape of that interview with the mentor who has led Michigan State to 16 straight NCAA tournament appearances and six Final Four appearances.

“He mentioned that he wanted to get the program to a place where an off year was still a top 20 finish,” Gregory said. “He indicated emphatically that toughness, defense and rebounding were going to be staples to get the program to that place.”

If both teams win on Thursday, they’ll each play on Saturday. The Spartans will play Memphis, Middle Tennessee State or St. Mary’s, while Michigan would play Virginia Commonwealth or Akron. The times of those games will be determined later.

**Wright’s time in the Dance**

Linden varsity boys basketball coach and ex-Wolverine basketball player Anthony Wright played in the Division 1 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament for the Wolverines during the 2008-09 season.

**Michigan 62, Clemson 56**

Wright played 10 minutes, hitting his only shot of the game, a three-pointer. He also had four rebounds and two steals.

**Oklahoma 73, Michigan 63**

Wright played 25 minutes, tying DeShawn Sims for the team scoring lead with 14 points. He also had three rebounds. Michigan trailed just 30-29 at the half, but Blake Griffin’s 33 points was too much for Michigan to overcome.

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in what year was the first NCAA Division 1 men’s basketball game televised nationally?

It happened in 1961. La Salle defeated Bradley 92-76 in the championship game. Many of the teams during that era played in the National Invitational Tournament, which was still considered the more prestigious of the two post-season events.

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Tri-County winter champs

Listed below are all the team champions from the 2012-13 winter sports season. Congratulations to all of our champions

League champions

Fenton boys swimming, Holly wrestling, Fenton boys basketball & *Fenton/Linden girls ski.

District champions

Lake Fenton wrestling, Holly wrestling, Fenton girls basketball.

*Were divisional champions

Holly wrestling leads pack in final Winter Top 5 poll

Fenton teams capture other four spots on list

By David Troppens

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It seems the tri-county’s winter sports season may make a good history lesson.

What do they say — history has a tendency to repeat itself.

Well, that’s what has happened this year. The same four teams that graced the top of the final 2011-12 winter sports season’s list are the same top four for the 2012-13 Tri-County Winter Top Five.

So without wasting too much more time and/or space, we’ll get to mentioning some honorable mention teams and then list our final Tri-County Winter Top Five.

Honorable mention teams: The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team and Holly girls basketball squads are the teams just on the outside looking in. Both finished in second place in their league standings and had strong records.

No. 5 - Fenton girls basketball:

This can be looked upon as a controversial selection for many reasons. First off, the rest of the teams in the top five were league champions. Secondly, the Holly and Lake Fenton girls basketball teams were second-place teams in their conferences, while Fenton finished just third. Both teams also had better overall records than Fenton’s 15-8 mark. Those are Fenton’s drawbacks.

However, the Tigers beat Holly two out of three times. The Tigers were also the only team of the three to win a district title. Postseason success weighs reasonably heavy when comparing similar teams in the same sport. Fenton just edged the other two in this case.

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The Tigers had another outstanding season, winning a divisional title. They also finished second in regional action and ended up finishing seventh at the state meet. What is keeping the co-op program from sneaking a bit higher is the fact that seventh in the state meet places the team in about the top 20 percent of

So close

Fenton residents help lead Powers girls basketball to state title game, but fall to Goodrich.

No. 3 — Fenton boys swim:

While most people associate “March Madness” with the prep or collegiate basketball tournaments, it seems this year it has a new meaning for me.

It involves the maddening state of futility the Detroit Pistons find themselves in.

The Pistons aren’t a very good team prior to this month, but since the calendar has turned to March Detroit has lost nine straight games. They aren’t only losing, but they are getting crushed. The Pistons are losing these games by the average score of 107.8-90.3. They have lost by only single-digits three of the nine games. On Monday I suffered through a 119-82 defeat against Brooklyn.

I know there are reasons for the recent demise. It doesn’t help Andre Drummond remains benched due to injury. And many other Pistons fans say they want to see them lose to improve their draft status. However, as March’s weather continues to regress, I’d love to be able to put the TV on and watch a competitive Pistons’ game. But that’s probably not happening soon — the Miami Heat, winners of 23 straight, are the Pistons’ next foe. Augh!

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Mason Cleaver (above, higher opponent) and the Holly varsity wrestling team finished No. 1 in our final Winter Top Five poll. Cory Cox (right photo, left player) and the Fenton boys varsity basketball team finished second.

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Fenton’s Haran helps lead Powers to state title game

Two other tri-county area players competed on Chargers’ squad

By David Troppens

Ally Haran is used to being in state championship games. The Powers junior and Fenton resident has earned the chance to play in two of them, along with the Powers girls varsity soccer team, earning a state championship — her freshman year and losing in the state title game last spring.

But after last weekend, she can add another sport to her state championship resume.

Haran played and started in her first girls basketball state championship tournament game for the Chargers, as Powers lost a 51-34 verdict to the defending Class B state champions, the Goodrich Martians.

“Being there was awesome,” Haran said. “We had a lot of support from our school. We had a great student section. It was awesome getting there and knowing everyone is cheering for us.”

Haran is a starting guard/forward for the Chargers. She tied for the team lead with nine points in the championship contest, and also led the team with five steals in 22 minutes of action. She was one of only two Chargers to score in the championship game.

Powers Catholic varsity girls basketball team lost in the Class B state championship game against Goodrich on Saturday.

Haran also was on the Chargers’ squad that competed on Chargers’ squad that competed to win the Metro League girls varsity basketball championship during the 2008-09 school year.

Tri-county area players

A summary of all the tri-county area players that competed in state championship games:

No. 1 - Holly wrestling: Since the sports staff started doing the Tri-County Top Five during the 2008-09 school year, the Bronchos have never finished the winter season any lower than No. 1. And this year will rank the third time in five seasons they have earned the top spot. It wasn’t even one of their best seasons during that time.

No. 2 - Fenton boys basketball: The Tigers dominated the headlines for much of the winter, earning a top-10 ranking during February. The Metro League, which had another district champion this year with Lapeer West, is getting stronger. So finishing with a perfect 16-0 mark is downright impressive.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: At a recent cocktail party, a nurse admonished me for chewing ice. She said that it indicates an iron deficiency. I get blood work done every six months. My doctor has never said anything about an iron deficiency or any other issue. I am 65 and in good health. — C.H.

ANSWER: The nurse was talking about pica, a craving for materials not considered foods, like ice, clay, starch and dirt, to mention a few. Sometimes it is an indication of iron deficiency, but far from always. In someone like you, who has lab tests done twice a year, you’re not anemic and don’t have pica.

You do, however, have a habit that will ruin your teeth if you don’t stop. Chewing on ice can cause microscopic fractures in tooth enamel, which can become larger fractures.
that occurs when the immune system att-
tack’s hair follicles can all contribute to
hair loss. Additionally, MayoClinic.com lists certain medications that treat cancer,
arthritis, depression, heart problems and
high blood pressure as having possible side
effects of hair loss.

Just as there are many causes, there are
many treatments to address hair loss that
work to varying degrees. Not all treatments
are guaranteed to work, and especially not
to the degree that the patient may desire.

Some hair loss can be treated with medi-
cine — such as hair loss that is caused by
an underlying disease. Other medications
approved by the Food and Drug Admin-
istration (FDA) include Minoxidil, also
known as Rogaine, and Finasteride, also
known as Propecia. Minoxidil is an over-
the-counter foam that you apply directly to
your scalp daily and claims to have an 85
percent success rate, while Finasteride takes
the form of a pill and claims a 90 percent
success rate.

An alternative to medicine, but not as
drastic as surgery, is laser therapy. “The
laser actually stimulates your hair follicle,
which takes the tiny hair plugs from the side
or back of your scalp, and implants them on
the bald areas on top of
the head. Additional transplants may be
needed to keep up with the ongoing loss
of hair over time. According to WebMD.

The laser actually stimulates your hair
follicle, it reduces swelling and opens the
follicle so it can produce more strands of
hair.” — Carley Lord, Miracle Hair Growth Center in Flint.

Hair restoration surgeries are rarely covered by insur-
ance plans, according to the
HairTransplantNetwork.com, as
they typically are elective
cosmetic surgeries. However,
there is no harm in asking your
insurance provider if they do
cover your surgery or medica-
tion, and it might even end up
saving you a bit of cash.

If someone’s hair loss is a symptom of
another issue, such as a scalp or thyroid in-
fection, he or she has a better chance of the
treatment being covered by insurance.

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themselves as Seventh Day Advent-
ists live to be 89 on average — a
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cans. You don’t really have to change
religions, just follow the Seventh
Day Adventists rules — don’t smoke,
abuse alcohol or overindulge in
sweets. Most Adventists also follow a
vegetarian diet.

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Also, having someone looking out
for you is a big plus.

Drink enough water to stay
hydrated. Our bodies are 70 percent
water, and use this fluid to regulate
body temperature, move oxygen
to cells and protect out joints and
organs.

Put down the bacon. In a study
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the Harvard School of Public Health
found that eating one serving a day of
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Lloyd L. McConnaughey
1934-2013

Lloyd L. McConnaughey - age 78, of Holly, died Thursday, March 14, 2013. He was born on Pontiac on May 26, 1934 the son of Charles and Verda Z. (Vezner) McConnaughey. He was retired from General Motors after 25 years of service, a lifetime member of NRA and a member of several Model A Clubs. He was a loving husband and father. Surviving him are his wife, Mary; children Kelly McConnaughey of Flint and Dan (Cathy) McConnaughey of Livonia; 7 great-grandchildren; and brother (Carl) Mike McConnaughey of Flint. A memorial service will be held at 3 PM Saturday, March 23, 2013 at first Baptist Church of Holly. www.dryerfuneralhome.net

Lynn Conner
1939-2013

Lynn Conner, age 73, of Fenton, died Sunday, March 17, 2013. Lynn was born in Fenton on September 19, 1939, the daughter of Kehn and Ruth (Gregoire) L. Conner. She was a lifetime resident of Fenton. Lynn was preceded in death by her parents. Surviving are her husband, Steve Conner; 2 daughter-in-laws, Lisa Conner and Lisa Kern; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. A private service will be held at the Fenton Cremation Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the Holly Country Club. Arrangements by Lapeer Funeral Home, 2460 Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446. (248) 625-5050.

Annette "Nettie" Louise Mars
1937-2013

Annette "Nettie" Louise Mars - age 72, of Fenton, died Saturday, September 1, 2013 at her residence. Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Sweet Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, 2310 Lapeer Rd., Flint 48503. Nettie was born January 26, 1931 the daughter of Floyd Tymrak and Genevieve Tyrnak. She married Bill Hill in July 19, 2004. You could say Nettie wore her heart on her sleeve, she just didn’t care if she was happy or if she wasn’t, she’d be glad to let you know. She lived with a passion and could talk to anyone. Nettie worked at McLaren Flint at a Registered Nurse for many years. She was a very giving lady and was a part of several charities and could always be counted on for a smile. Surviving are her husband, Bill Hill; her children Chuck and Sarah; her grandchildren Chuck (Brianna), Brie (Lacey), Cameron, Samantha, and Marissa; her sister, Marilyn Cawthorn; her brother, Michael Tymrak; her nieces, Michele and Leslie; and nephews, John and Mark. A memorial service will be held at 7 PM Thursday, September 5, 2013 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 7380 W. Saginaw Highway, Genesee Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McLaren Health System Foundation, 400 W. Saginaw Highway, Flint, MI 48503. Arrangements by M.G. Brown & Sons Funeral Directors, 640 E. Main St., Flushing, MI 48433. (810) 756-1300.

William "Bill" Conner
1930-2013

William "Bill" Conner - age 83, of Fenton, died Saturday, September 1, 2013 at his residence. He was born in Alpena on July 9, 1930, a son of William and Ida (Katt) Conner. He married Margie Schuler in 1953. Bill served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was an employed in the automotive industry for 40 years. Surviving are his wife, Margie; daughter, Sherry Conner; 2 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Gary and Michael; and brother, Earl Conner. Bill’s cremation will take place at the Polonia Crematory, 10320 S. Saginaw Hwy, Flint. Services will be held at a later time. Arrangements entrusted to Sweet Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, 2310 Lapeer Rd., Flint 48503. Nettie was born January 26, 1931 the daughter of Floyd Tymrak and Genevieve Tyrnak. She married Bill Hill in July 19, 2004. You could say Nettie wore her heart on her sleeve, she just didn’t care if she was happy or if she wasn’t, she’d be glad to let you know. She lived with a passion and could talk to anyone. Nettie worked at McLaren Flint at a Registered Nurse for many years. She was a very giving lady and was a part of several charities and could always be counted on for a smile. Surviving are her husband, Bill Hill; her children Chuck and Sarah; her grandchildren Chuck (Brianna), Brie (Lacey), Cameron, Samantha, and Marissa; her sister, Marilyn Cawthorn; her brother, Michael Tymrak; her nieces, Michele and Leslie; and nephews, John and Mark. A memorial service will be held at 7 PM Thursday, September 5, 2013 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 7380 W. Saginaw Highway, Genesee Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McLaren Health System Foundation, 400 W. Saginaw Highway, Flint, MI 48503. Arrangements by M.G. Brown & Sons Funeral Directors, 640 E. Main St., Flushing, MI 48433. (810) 756-1300.

Betty Jo "Bet" Conner
1932-2013

Betty Jo "Bet" Conner - age 81, of Fenton, died Saturday, September 1, 2013. Bet was born in Fenton on March 22, 1932, the daughter of William and Mary (Thomas) Conner. She is survived by her husband, Jack; son, Mark (Terri); daughter, Mary Jo (Tim) Caballero; and 4 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; sons, Michael and John; brother, John; and sister, Mary. Bet was a beloved member of St. Stephen Catholic Church. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Sweet Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Those desiring may make contributions to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, 2310 Lapeer Rd., Flint 48503. Nettie was born January 26, 1931 the daughter of Floyd Tymrak and Genevieve Tyrnak. She married Bill Hill in July 19, 2004. You could say Nettie wore her heart on her sleeve, she just didn’t care if she was happy or if she wasn’t, she’d be glad to let you know. She lived with a passion and could talk to anyone. Nettie worked at McLaren Flint at a Registered Nurse for many years. She was a very giving lady and was a part of several charities and could always be counted on for a smile. Surviving are her husband, Bill Hill; her children Chuck and Sarah; her grandchildren Chuck (Brianna), Brie (Lacey), Cameron, Samantha, and Marissa; her sister, Marilyn Cawthorn; her brother, Michael Tymrak; her nieces, Michele and Leslie; and nephews, John and Mark. A memorial service will be held at 7 PM Thursday, September 5, 2013 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 7380 W. Saginaw Highway, Genesee Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McLaren Health System Foundation, 400 W. Saginaw Highway, Flint, MI 48503. Arrangements by M.G. Brown & Sons Funeral Directors, 640 E. Main St., Flushing, MI 48433. (810) 756-1300.
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