Funeral Bandit’ nabbed in Colorado

**Suspect caught while pawning several jewelry pieces, possibly stolen**

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The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office has announced that the man dubbed the “Funeral Bandit” has been apprehended. The suspect earned the nickname after as many as 16 grieving families attending funerals reported that their homes had been broken into while they were away from home. See **FUNERAL BANDIT** on 19

Linden woman dies in Sunday night car crash

**Vehicle slams into tree near Bennett Lake Road and Clairmont Drive**

An automobile crash Sunday night claimed the life of Susan Porter-Tyson, 46, of Linden.

At approximately 10 p.m., on Sunday, March 24 deputies with the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department were dispatched to a single-vehicle personal injury crash near the intersection of Bennett Lake Road and Clairmont Drive on the north side of Bennett Lake in Deerfield Township.

Upon arrival, deputies located a 2013 Ford Focus with one occupant inside, Porter-Tyson. See **CRASH** on 9

Summary

- Roads around the crash site in Deerfield Township were closed for nearly four hours late Sunday night as the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department investigated a fatal car crash. Alcohol does not appear to be involved.

Easter Egg Hunt

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Neighbors oppose new wellness center

**Concerned about increased traffic, property values**

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — Several citizens attended Fenton City’s public hearing on Monday to voice their displeasure about an amendment to the Pine Creek North planned unit development (PUD) that would allow for the construction of the Fenton Wellness Center north of Main Street and west of Eddy Lake Road, off Pinecreek Drive.

Despite concern expressed by several residents, Fenton City Council voted to grant preliminary approval. The $10-$12 million nursing facility would include 100 beds. The nursing center would be used by long-term patients, house residents, and provide physical therapy only to those who are under the care of the facility.

As this original site was zoned with the intent of being developed into condominiums, the proposed facility was designed to be indigenous to the community. A completed traffic study showed that traffic in the area
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BIDS FOR EATON WATER TOWER REJECTED
The Linden City Council rejected service bids for the Stan Eaton Water Tower due to an unclear understanding of the request for proposal. The council unanimously voted to reject the bids and to initiate a new round of requests for proposals.

Despite passionate, hour-long discussion, Sherman Middle School to remain closed

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Holly — Prudence over passion won at the Holly Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The board voted 4-3 to not re-open Sherman Middle School (SMS) to grades six, seven, and eight. Officials closed the school in 2011. Grades seven and eight were moved to the older Karl Richter Campus (KRC), and grade six stayed at their respective elementary schools.

Trustee Peter Deahl brought the discussion back to the board at the previous meeting, where he argued that closing SMS not only lost the district money, but also lost them 120 students. “It’s part of a larger strategy, where we can attract students, and become a destination district,” said Deahl, who acknowledged the school would not bring in 100 students immediately, but could raise the perception of the district.

Trustee Leon Sharpe argued to re-open the school, as part of the ensuing 70-minute discussion. “What is our plan, how are we going to move forward,” said Sharpe, if the building isn’t opened. “I can’t sell the building (KRC), perception is everything.”

Normally reserved board members made rare, stern discussion, with Trustee Linda Blair and Secretary Robin Carnes vehemently defending their decision to place students in a school that to some, is viewed as unfit, or even unsafe.

Summary

In a 4-3 vote, the initiative to re-open Sherman Middle School was defeated, with Treasurer Michael Newcomb and trustees Peter Deahl and Leon Sharpe voting to open the school. The school was closed in 2011 for financial reasons.

Congress says no to scrapping Saturday mail

Mail-carrying agency may continue to lose billions annually

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The United States Postal Service (USPS) may be forced to continue with Saturday delivery.

Last week, Congress passed a bill that would prevent the USPS from switching to five-day deliveries. The cash strapped agency lost $16 billion in 2012 and terminating Saturday deliveries could save the USPS $2 billion a year.

“We need to return to long term financial stability,” said David Partenheimer, manager of media relations with the USPS. “Establishing a new delivery schedule, which will generate approximately $2 billion in annual cost reductions, is an important element of a larger strategy to reduce a $20 billion budget gap by 2016, and to avoid the

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A parent of four children in the Holly school district argues to re-open Sherman Middle School at the Holly Board of Education meeting on Monday.

A new round of requests for the request for proposal. The board’s decision.

TIM JAGIELO

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Letter Carrier Jim Hajeck makes his rounds in Fenton last June. Congress may disrupt the United States Postal Service’s plan to switch to five-day deliveries.
Detroit being plundered by Republicans

In the wake of George Wallace of Alabama in 1963 appointing an emergency manager of his choice in Birmingham with broad powers to dismiss elected officials, renegotiate contracts, sell assets and become sole authority of the city’s pension funds a month after the voters rejected the emergency manager law in a statewide referendum? The state of Michigan is in crisis. The Great Recession added to the collapse of the auto industry. Wrong-headed trade policies hollowed out a proud manufacturing center. When the recession hit, revenues sank, costs rose. Conservatives took over the state government and cut funds to cities in revenue sharing. Detroit, Flint and other cities hit the wall financially. Conservative Republicans passed a harsh emergency manager law that empowered the Governor to appoint virtually a czar with powers to strip elected officials of their powers and their salaries, break contracts, sell off assets and act as a virtual dictator.

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WELL, THE UNDERPANTS are back on the trees again — one by the Laundry and one by Rounding. This makes Fenton look tacky.

OBAMA HAS NOT made a budget yet, even though it was due the first of February, but he sure is never late on his March Madness picks.

OBAMA HAS a food tester. OMG. He sure thinks he is really something.

HEY TIMES, WHO won the Oscar picks contest? [Editor’s note: The winners were announced in the Sunday, March 3 edition of the Times.]

I ALWAYS SAY that women should wear whatever makes them feel good about themselves, Michelle Obama told the magazine. That’s at the taxpayer’s expense.

DEMOCRATS HAVE a vested interest to keep the poor down and in need of government assistance. Why is it in many cases it is more economically advantageous to be on the public dole than to work? I wonder what would happen to the Democrat party if everybody became rich.

SOME OF OUR poorer people live in mobile homes, many of the parks are quite nice and the occupants keep up their homes. Why don’t they get a break? My son works very hard, would like to refinance, who does that for a mobile home?

EIGHTY-SEVEN PHYS Ed and music teachers lose their jobs in Lans ing, the teachers union strikes again. Thank goodness, ‘Right to work,’ starts soon.

OH MY GOD, the King is pro choice.

IT TAKES a special kind of idiot to think that contractors are replac ing ‘perfectly good roads.’ In two weeks I had 2 OEM rims and tires ruined by a crater at the edge of the road that was not visible at 5 a.m. due to curve in road and oncoming headlights.

FOURTEEN DAYS ago Obama promised to shut down GITMO. Now they are contemplating a $150 million renovation. This will cost taxpayers $180 million this year. This would keep the White House tours open for 40 years. They sure know how to spend our money.

IT IS ESTIMATED that six of every 10 doctors will leave the medical industry when Obamacare is fully implemented in 2014. If you think, the lines are long in Canada and Great Britain for major surgeries, our wealthiest will be going there because of their short lines.

IT APPEARS that our country is having more mass murders and suicides in the last four or five years. What is happening in our society that is causing this rash behavior? Can’t we just all get along?

See HOT LINE throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas
Nationally syndicated columnist

Unhappy Anniversary

Last week, politicians who helped craft the Affordable Care Act (ACA) celebrated in self-congratulatory style the third anniversary of that monstrous law which will soon extinguish health care as we know it.

The president’s promises about the ACA saving money and allowing you to keep your existing health plan are proven false, as many predicted.

The doctors’ group and Human Services maintains the law will make health care more affordable and accessible. The Wall Street Journal, reminding readers of that claim, reported last week that health insurers are privately warning brokers: ‘premiums for many individuals and small businesses could increase sharply next year.’

A 2013 survey of more than 600 physicians found that ‘Six in 10 physicians (62 percent) said it is likely many of their colleagues will retire earlier than planned in the next one to three years.’

One, who thinks he’s seen the future and doesn’t like it, is my physician, Dr. John Curry of Fairfax, Va. At my request, he sent me the following email:

Forty years ago, when I began practicing primary care medicine, medical decision-making and its funding were in the hands of patients and their physicians. The underlying principle was that the physician had to put his patients’ interests ahead of his own. It was also the reason I applied to medical school. It was the reason my wife’s brother, who practiced medicine in a small town in West Texas, prided himself on the fact that much of the time he ‘was paid in peas and pies.’ Ask yourself, is there any health insurance company or government agency that you can count upon to put your health above their interests? I am in my mid-70s and have both the capacity and willingness to care for patients for another decade. But I am retiring. I cannot stand it anymore.’

Neither I, nor the country, can afford to lose a doctor like John Curry, but we are and we will.

Take two aspirin, but don’t call in the morning because Dr. Curry, and many like him, won’t be there to answer the phone.

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What is your favorite spring break memory?

“Cabo, Mexico with my husband and children. It was beautiful. It was fun to go out into the town and see how the ‘rich and famous’ really live.” — Lynn Shegos, Fenton

“Driving to Fort Myers Beach in Florida with three kids and surviving it!” — Gilda Holvick Fenton

“Going with neighbors to Cancun to help them keep an eye on their teenagers on spring break. We had watched these kids grow up, so it was fun.” — Linda Finch, Fenton

“Going to the Florida Keys in college and not having a care in the world.” — Chris Reuliga Fenton

“With seven kids, I have lots of memories, but the best are when my wife packed us a picnic lunch and we’d spend the day fishing at Stony Creek Metropark.” — Jerry Handlon, Holly

“When I was a kid getting dressed up for Easter in a 10-inch snowfall, wearing new shoes my dad had bought for me. Happy Easter!” — Jim McKeever, Fenton

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street talk

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Nuss officially superintendent come July

Signs three-year contract at $133,500 per year

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — Davis Nuss is officially the next superintendent of Holly Area Schools. He signed his contract with the district on the stage of Holly High School after the Holly Board of Education meeting Monday night.

His contract is for three years, with a salary of $133,500, very close to current Superintendent Kent Barnes, which includes 10 holidays per year, and 12 sick days. He will officially start on June 30.

“I am ecstatic, I am thrilled, to hopefully serve the rest of my career here in Holly,” he said he’s excited, after 27 years of service in the district, and appreciates the students and community. His next highest priority is continuing to grow the district and the Young Fives program.

“We are the best option in the area, we just have to make that known,” he said. “Lots to do, great people to work with.”

After the vote to accept his contract was passed, the audience applauded and President Tony Mayhew said, “Welcome aboard.”

Currently, Nuss is the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Instruction and Technology. Before that, he was principal of Holly High School. Nuss was chosen from a field of 27 applicants in late February.

Assistant Superintendent David Nuss signs his contract with Holly Area Schools Monday night, with Tara Peters, administrative assistant to the board, and board Secretary Robin Carne.
Don’t leave a paper trail

Securely shredding documents with private information can help you avoid identity theft

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People who have seen the film Argo learned it pays to be thorough when shredding important documents that you don’t want to fall into the wrong hands. While you may not be trying to stow away wanted Americans from the Iranian government, there are plenty of reasons to make sure your personal information is kept private. No one wants to be a victim of identity theft, which 11.6 million Americans fell victim to in 2011 according to a survey by research firm Javelin Strategy & Research.

The cost of a paper shredder, as well as the features it comes with, can vary depending on what you need it to do. For the best deal, you will want to find a shredder that best suits your needs. When looking at a shredder to buy, you will want to note how many pages it can handle at a time. The box will often indicate how much capacity it can handle — if you are going to need to handle a large volume of documents at once, a higher capacity will save you a lot of time.

The most important feature to look for in the shred type — the way in which the machine cuts the paper. Strip-cut machines are the most simple, shredding pages into thin strips, and as seen in the film Argo — they are the less secure, as your documents can still be pieced back together. Cross-cut or confetti-cut meanwhile, will shred your documents into much smaller pieces. For those who want to feel the most secure, a micro-cut or high-security machine will turn pages into pieces of paper as small as 3 by 8 millimeters. Both The UPS Store and Goin’ Postal stores can help you dispose of large amounts of private information for cheap.

“It’s placed into a secure locked bin and picked up by a shredding company and shredded on site once full,” said Les Beare, owner of The UPS Store, which charges $1 per pound of documents to be eliminated. “The shredding trucks pulverize the paper, and turn them into a pulp. The finest shredding machines you can pick up in the store don’t even compare to this.”

If you have less than five pounds of paper you can have your documents shredded at the store at Goin’ Postal. With more than five pounds, it is taken care of by an outside service, which co-owner Lacy Valeriano said is also secure.

“You can drop off however many pounds you need shredded. It gets picked up by the same company that takes care of all the medical and court records in Flint,” she said.

Check with your local municipality too, as occasionally, a shredding company sets up shop for a day so that residents can shred personal documents, at no charge. Once you are finished shredding your documents, you can make the most out of them by recycling them. Finely shredded paper can be used as a fertilizer or in compost piles. If you need to send a package, shredded paper can make good packing material.

To shred or save?
Taking the time to shred important documents can help protect you from identity theft, but shredding the wrong thing can be a large mistake. Financial expert Dave Ramsey weighs in on what you should shred, and when:

1-3 MONTHS
• Utility bills
• Sales receipts for minor purchases
• ATM and bank deposit slips

1 YEAR
• Checkbook ledgers
• Paycheck stubs
• Monthly mortgage statements
• Expired insurance records

7 YEARS
• Bank Statements
• W-2 and 1099 Forms
• Receipts for tax purposes
• Canceled checks
• Medical bills/claims

INDEFINITELY
• Annual Tax Returns
• Deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale
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Stop Smoking

Council moves to fix well

- Project and pump work to cost city $43,528

By William Axford

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Linden - An ongoing water project within the city may get some closure. On Monday, Linden City Council unanimously voted to award a $43,530 contract with Peerless Midwest, Inc. to repair one of the city’s wells.

The topic was originally presented at a Sept. 10, 2012 council meeting when former City Manager Mark Tallman brought the issue before the council. The first round of bids were ultimately rejected due to lack of a warranty. Under the current contract with Peerless, there will be a six-year warranty on well materials, equipment and workmanship.

“It will help with our capacity to keep our water going,” said Deputy Director of Public Works Scott Fairbanks.

The base bid for the project was $38,830. The remaining $4,698 will be used for additional pump work.

The nearly 900-foot well, which was built in 2004 and has not been in operation, will serve as a secondary source of water for people within the city.

A $92,682 bid from Northern Pump & Well Company was rejected. When asked why the bid was twice as high, Fairbanks said Northern included plans to possibly drill a new well.

“We spent money to drill a well that you’re saying never did the job for us,” said Councilor Ray Culver. “We already spent it once. I don’t want to spend it twice and be back here a third time.”

Interim City Manager Scott Suter said the attached warranty to the work should ensure that the well is repaired and updated over the next six years. Fairbanks said engineers with Peerless should start work on the wells within the next few weeks.

The value of remembering TANSTAAFL

In this week’s edition of Michigan’s Lawyers Weekly, I read with interest a story titled ‘Man Pleads After Bilking Law Firm of $70 million.’

The story told of a scheme that involved a man named Emmanuel Ekha- tor who had recently pleaded guilty to being one of a number of conspirators who had contacted U.S. and Canadian law firms using email, claiming to be from outside North America and who were owed monies by United States entities and asking for legal representation to collect the money.

The law firms agreed to represent them and the U.S. entity, which allegedly owed the money agreed to pay the ‘client’s’ law firm by check. The ‘client’ instructed the law firm to deposit the check in the law firm’s trust account, take their fee and wire the remaining funds to accounts in Asia.

The problem in this was that the checks were all excellent counterfeits, which included a financial institution telephone number for verification. When the lawyers called the number, another conspirator answered the phone and said the check was good. Thereafter the funds were sent from the trust accounts and the checks were then dishonored.

The loss to those on the wrong end of this is reportedly $70 million.

On occasion, I receive similar email letters asking for my help in collecting money for someone writing from overseas. As I am writing this column, I am looking at the latest email, which purportedly is from an accounts officer of a company located in Tokyo, Japan. The letter isn’t particularly well written and the last sentence reads ‘looking forward to reading from you.’ My standard practice is to delete these missives.

The message here is clear, if something looks too good to be true it probably is. There is a lot of information on these schemes on the Internet including what is generally referred to as the ‘Nigerian Scam Letter.’

If you get one of these email letters please remember the old adage (and perhaps legal advice in its own right) – ‘TANSTAAFL’ or THERE AIN’T NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH.'
Walk fast, eat slow

Speed up exercise, slow down eating to lose weight

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Losing weight may be as simple as picking up your feet and putting down your fork. In other words, walking fast and eating slowly may be the two best things you can do for yourself as you work toward losing weight. If you start this plan this week, by mid-June you could lose from 12 to 24 pounds, depending on your current weight, your eating habits and your commitment to staying on track.

WALK FAST

Your goal over the next 12 weeks can be to walk faster, by incorporating three different walking intensities into your daily workout, according to Prevention magazine.

Brisk walk — do at least two brisk walks per week, aiming for 20 to 30 minutes in weeks 1 to 4 and 30 to 40 minutes in weeks 5 to 12, if you’re keeping a walking log. You should walk at a purposeful pace, as if you’re hurrying to an appointment, about 3 to 4 mph.

Speed walk — this walk adds fast-paced bouts of interval walking: Walk for four minutes briskly, followed by one minute fast and repeat four times to complete the workout. Slowly progress until you’re walking briskly for one minute, followed by one minute fast. Do three Speed walks (25 minutes each) per week in weeks 1 to 4 and two Speed walks (25 to 30 minutes each) per week in weeks 5 to 12.

Challenge walk — this walk will test your endurance as you walk as fast as you can for a longer period of time. Starting in week 5, do one per week. In weeks 5 to 8, walk as fast as you can for 10 minutes, then return to your starting point at a comfortable pace. In weeks 9 to 12, up your time at a fast clip to 15 minutes.

EAT SLOW

Instead of rushing through your meal and hardly tasting it, try to take your time when you eat, really savoring and enjoying your meals and snacks. People who eat slowly tend to consume fewer calories and weigh less than those who at quickly, research shows. Slower eaters also say they enjoy their food and feel more satisfied after a meal. It is believed that slower eating allows fullness and enjoyment to register in the brain before too much food is consumed.

To slow down your eating:

• Select high-fiber foods that take more time to chew. Examples: apples, pears, carrots, broccoli and air-popped popcorn.

• Eat with all of your senses, taking a full 20 minutes — the time required for the brain to interpret the safety signal.

• Focus on the meal and don’t multitask by watching TV or working at the computer.

• Put your fork down between bites. Chew and swallow before picking up your utensils again.

• Talk to your dinner mates. Slow your pace by making conversation with your family and friends.

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Argentine Elementary Early Childhood Center received a $500 grant from the ExxonMobil Education Alliance to help fund math and science activities and other hands-on experiences for students. “This is the second year we have received this grant,” said Denice Westervelt, early childhood director for Linden schools. One of the most exciting projects to result from this grant is a Math & Science Night for families at Argentine Elementary on Friday, April 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

**Crash**

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Preliminary investigation indicates Porter-Tyson was traveling westbound on Bennett Lake Road at a high rate of speed. Her car left the roadway and struck a tree. She was the only person in the car. When emergency responders arrived, Porter-Tyson was unresponsive and trapped inside the car. Rescue attempts were unable to revive her at the scene and she was pronounced deceased.

Porter-Tyson was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash and although alcohol and drugs do not appear to be a factor, a final determination will be made once toxicology reports are obtained, according to the sheriff’s department.

The area of Bennett Lake Road and Clairmont Drive was closed for approximately three-and-a-half hours while deputies investigated. Livingston County Sheriff’s Department’s Office was assisted at the scene by personnel from the Hartland/Deerfield Fire Authority and Livingston County EMS.

The case remains under investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Safety Bureau.

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Spring break 2013 is all about family travel

Mexico becoming a popular destination for kids and families

By Sally Rummel

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If you’re one of the millions of families traveling on spring break this year, you’re probably mostly packed and getting excited about your travel adventure.

Chances are you may have a high schooler or two traveling with you, in keeping with the trend of families traveling together for spring break instead of kids traveling on their own at age 17 or 18.

“The trend is families traveling together, with their kids staying with other kids in the same hotel or condo,” said Cherri Church, of Travel Brokers’ Fenton office. “It used to be that 17 and 18 year olds were often out of the country on their own. This is a much better alternative.”

This writer traveled to Costa del Sol in Spain way back in 1973, when schools actually had formal, sponsored spring break trips to exotic locales. Now spring break travel is independent from school for liability purposes, but school groups still do travel together.

“High school kids now travel more with their families,” said Church, who organizes many trips for high school kids and their families. “The 9/11 (terrorist attacks) changed a lot of things. I think this is so much better.”

The most popular high school and college destinations are Mexico — mostly in Cancun for excitement and partly on the beach — and Florida, including such spring break “hot spots” as Daytona Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Panama City.

Most of the college spring break crowd has already completed its travel during the busy college break season of early February through mid-March.

Cancun and the more relaxed family atmosphere of Riviera Maya in Mexico are beginning to be as popular as Orlando, Fla., and usually more affordable. “Travelers who may have gone to Florida in past years are now packing their bags for Mexico,” said John Schmitt, of Superior Travel’s Fenton office. “They’re more likely to stay in Riviera Maya or visit Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.”

When people really begin to put their trip to the budget test, they’re finding that a family trip to Orlando can be pricey, with airfare, hotels, meals and attractions adding up quickly. “Everything in Orlando costs you something, yet the big attraction at Panama City is the beach,” said Church. “That’s why high school and college kids are more likely to travel to beach destinations. Families still enjoy travel to Disney, plus a lot more cruising than ever before.”

All inclusive resorts and cruises continue to be popular because everything is already included in the price, according to Schmitt. “They provide a nice, consistent vacation,” he said.

For families and kids already thinking about next year, now is the time to begin planning for Spring Break 2014. When you use a travel agent, you don’t have to pay for your trip all at once: “You can make a minimum deposit, and then save up the rest of the money until the final payment is due, usually about 45 days before the trip.

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Residents approved to conduct goose removal on Marl Lake

By William Axford

Fenton Twp. — Marl Lake property owners said the goose population is exploding and township officials are doing little to help them.

Last Monday, Dick Sandell and Thomas Murphy approached the Fenton Township Board of Trustees for assistance. Sandell and Murphy said in the past, trustees allowed residents to have a professional conduct nest destruction and goose removal.

Health and safety were some of the arguments Sandell and Murphy presented to the trustees as reasons for removing the geese. Murphy said E. coli levels spike in the spring due to goose droppings and that the birds have been confrontational with residents.

“We’ve been doing this since ‘99. If we stop doing this, we’ll lose momentum,” Sandell said to the trustees. “I don’t understand the resistance (to goose removal).”

Township Clerk Robert Krug said goose removal is no longer a popular option since it involves moving the geese to another location, leaving another community to deal with the birds. Owning dogs, establishing barriers of long grass, fencing and not feeding the geese were some of the suggestions Krug read to Sandell and Murphy on how to control the goose population.

Sandell and Murphy estimated that at least 90 percent of residents on Marl Lake were in favor of goose control.

Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis viewed nest destruction as cruel, since it involves shaking goose eggs. Mathis agreed however that the goose population did have to be controlled in order to reduce health risks.

“The (Marl Lake Association) has come to us for many years,” Mathis said. “We’ve gotten many requests for this.”

The trustees unanimously voted to allow the association to contact a company to control the goose population, so long as the proper paper work is filed on time.

Geese population out of control

If we stop doing this, we’ll lose momentum.

Marl Lake property owner

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Cut down on plastic bags. Instead of taking new plastic bags every time you leave a store, put your purchases in a reusable bag or reuse the ones you already have.

Drive smarter. Don’t add extra weight, don’t speed, don’t drive aggressively and don’t overseas your air conditioner, all of which decrease fuel economy. Also, check the air pressure in your tires regularly. Poor air pressure can reduce your gas mileage.

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~or~ Fried Ocean Rockfish, Smoked Bacon Risotto and Lemon Coddle
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Resident Doug Gangwer said that he is familiar with the type of facility being built. “As a whole, I have no issue with the company at all,” he said. “My only concern is I didn’t purchase my house to be a part of this. I did my homework before I moved. I knew what I was getting into.”

With a lack of sidewalks throughout the area, another concern raised was the increase in traffic, and how that might affect students who currently walk to Tomek-Elementary school. Another concern raised was the impact on property values, and if the presence of a commercial building would discourage people from wanting to build on the remaining residential lots that still remain empty.

Fenton City Council members did not express agreement in the belief that the construction of the Fenton Wellness Center would lower property values.

“I spoke to a real estate person and he has said that, yes, he has heard of property values having some negative effect but he couldn’t show me any documentation of it. It was just his guess. I have spoken to others who have said it has had little or no effect, or even positive depending on the neighborhood,” said Councilman Bradley Jacob. “Coming out of this, I Really don’t see the issue I was expecting to find.”

While the majority of the people who live near the proposed Wellness site spoke out against the building, Mayor Sue Osborn did read a letter from one resident who spoke out in favor of the services provided by other MediLodge facilities.

Councilwoman Cheryl King said that there is a real need for the Wellness Center, and that there is a shortage of those types of facilities in Fenton.

After listening to the public feedback, the council members voted unanimously to grant preliminary approval. The amendment will next go back to the planning commission and Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Hissong’s office where the final language of the amendment would be drafted from, which include ways to address the public’s concerns in some way.

From there, the amendment will require final approval from the planning commission and the city council.
**Mr. Linden is crowned**

Linden High School senior wows crowd with free-style dance

By Olivia Dimmer
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March 14 was a big day for Linden High School (LHS) senior Connor O’Connell. His days of planning and anticipation came to fruition when he was crowned the winner of Mr. Linden, a mock beauty pageant held annually at LHS.

“I didn’t do Mr. Linden last year and I heard it was a lot of fun,” O’Connell said. “I thought I’d try it out my senior year. Before this, I never had any experience in performing besides football, which brought in big crowds. Soon I’ll be performing in the talent show as well.”

In addition to winning the overall title, O’Connell also won best in shorts. For his talent, he danced and lip-synched to “Beat it” by Michael Jackson. He was escorted by the high school boys basketball coach, Anthony Wright.

“It was a little nerve wracking before the show started,” O’Connell said. “But then we just went out and had fun, because that’s what it is all about. A lot of the other guys were really talented at performing, but I think mine was less of a talent and more of an entertaining dance. I just freestyled to the song.”

O’Connell also wanted to congratulate the other contestants, Cody Guy, Josh Ritchie, John Gosset, Kyle Dunn and runner-up Sam Hayes.

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**Summary**

Linden High School senior Connor O’Connell was crowned 2013 Mr. Linden a few weeks ago. He said it was a great bonding experience with his classmates.

O’Connell also wanted to congratulate the other contestants, Cody Guy, Josh Ritchie, John Gosset, Kyle Dunn and runner-up Sam Hayes.
Women’s group aims to help women vets

Day of Caring set for April 13

Women Supporting Women Vets (WSWVETS) is hosting its second-annual Day of Caring on Saturday, April 13 and the organization wants to help women heroes and their families. It is this group’s desire to reach as many women in the military and veterans as possible and have them attend this event.

The Day of Caring will be held at the Hartland Community Building, 9525 Highland Road (M-59), just west of U.S. 23. The event is free.

In 2011, a group of non-military women recognized the challenges faced by female veterans and those presently in the military and with the assistance of Ret. General Carol Ann Fausone, they put together their first Day of Caring last year.

The Day of Caring is designed to provide information on education, eligibility for benefits, VA housing and mental health programs. The event was also designed to offer the opportunity to share experiences with others who have ‘walked in their shoes.’ Last year’s event was labeled a huge success even though they were unable to reach many women veterans.

Registration at 8:30 a.m. and the program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Children must be 3 and above and potty trained. Reservations for child are required. Pre-registration for the event is recommended but not required, and space is limited.

This year’s Day of Caring will focus on mental health and developing resumes so the female veterans can secure careers in the private sector. A guest speaker will share her story and Dr. Erik Amberg PhD will address important issues.
Adopt-A-Pet raises $7,200 in 2012 from bottle returns

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton Twp. — On Monday Jane Zengerle of Gaines dropped off three empty 18-can packs of Miller Light beer to Fenton’s Adopt-A-Pet. She didn’t drink them all herself. She makes it known when she’ll be dropping cans or bottles off at the non-profit organization that cares for dogs and cats before finding them qualified homes.

“This is just a really worthy cause,” said the Fenton native. Her returnables come from family gatherings at home or at her cabin up north, or co-workers. Zengerle said this is the only group to which she gathers and donates returnables.

The program was supposed to be a month long project — but the bottle drive has been going since March 2008, bringing in $7,200 in 2012, according to Adopt-A-Pet Director Jody Maddock.

The law that makes this income possible is the Michigan Beverage Container Act, or the Michigan Bottle Bill, for short. Enacted in 1976, the deposit law was designed to promote recycling.

The deposit has been 10 cents since the law was implemented in 1976. Of the unredeemed deposits, 25 percent go back to retailers, and 75 percent go to an environmental trust fund.

Maddock said the drive fills a need at the organization, which supplies people don’t think to donate, like bleach and paper towels. “No one likes to take back their bottles, so we’ll gladly take them for them,” she said.

The cash they get will be used on the greatest need. The winter brings $1,300 heating bills, or suddenly, 12 dogs that test positive for heartworm can be taken in. “We have a budget of what we can spend,” said Maddock.

“That definitely wasn’t in our budget.”

On the floor is Snowcone, a small mixed breed who now chews happily on a bully stick, but needed extensive surgery because of a flea infestation. The $500 worth she needed is one area the bottle drive fills.

Maddock said the amount the organization draws weekly varies, and it can average about $800. After Easter for example, she’ll have to schedule extra volunteer runs to deposit the returnables.

The last heavy holiday was New Year’s Eve, bringing $243 for that time alone. February drew $515 as an off month, and Maddock said July 4 took in $365.

Word of mouth, North LeRoy Street traffic, and even Facebook posts keep the bottles coming. She’ll also get offers of a shed full of returnables. “You bet we’re gonna go pick it up for them,” she said.

The bottles are dropped off at the garage where they are sorted and placed into tabs.

Adopt-A-Pet President Ron Morey arrived at 9 a.m. on Tuesday to pick up the glass bottles. Four totes fit in his Pontiac Vibe, and he quickly inserted them into the machine at the VG’s on North LeRoy. He wears gloves to protect his hands from broken bottles. “I have gotten cut there,” he said.

The four plastic bins yielded $35.50. He then went back to bring the plastic and aluminum.
Most states assist ‘big business’ by utilizing the sales tax, that way everyone contributes. I don’t think Michigan has the brains to do that. And if you don’t like it, get in to politics and fix it. It’s a no brainer!

The electoral college needs to go away. The popular vote should be the deciding factor on the presidential elections. As the electoral college votes, they can change their vote even though you voted for the right guy and the wrong guy got elected.

Thank you to the honest person that turned in a gift card I accidentally dropped while shopping in a Fenton store a few weeks ago.

A person told us they are losing 20 percent of income due to sequester, but Obama is giving $500 million to Palestine? Also, he only won by 2 percent, a win nonetheless, but we all lose.

To the Obama sequester victim — in 2009 I lost my job, had no income. It took me a year to find a job, at a bit more than 20 percent less than my original job. Cuts happen and are needed. We all must adjust. No more taxes.

Whoever destroyed the Rock Church’s Easter sign, at Owen and Linden, you are forgiven.

Are the schools so desperate to increase their student count for financial benefit that they willingly take expelled trouble-making students from other districts and place them in our schools with no behavioral boundaries? Our kids are getting hurt.

Michigan democrats are proposing middle class tax relief. But, where are they going to get the money? If they can tell us how, vote for them. But, if they do not understand economics, or worse, are knowingly deceiving us, ask yourself, are these the people I want running our state?

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potential that the Postal Service may eventually become a significant burden on the American taxpayer.”

In February, top officials with the USPS unveiled a plan to end delivery of first-class mail to homes and businesses on Saturdays by Aug. 6. Ed Moore, who is the manager of communications for the Detroit region of USPS, said a majority of Americans who were polled supported switching to a five-day delivery system. Under the proposed plan, post offices would remain open on Saturdays and packages would still be received and delivered.

While the rise of email and other third-party delivery companies have contributed to the financial decline of the USPS, the agency attributes its financial turmoil to the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. The act, which was passed in 2006, requires the USPS to prefund retiree health benefits and is responsible for a massive part of the USPS’ debt.

“The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund operations,” Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said in an October 2012 press release. “Comprehensive reform of the laws governing the Postal Service is urgently needed in order for the Postal Service to fully implement its five-year business plan and return to long-term financial stability.”

Some government officials and agencies question the legality of the USPS plans to end Saturday deliveries. According to his website, Representative Gerry Connolly (D-Virginia) “concludes that USPS has no legal authority to cut first class mail delivery from six days to five days...”

President of the National Association of Letter Carriers Fredric Rolando said in a statement, “To cut a day of mail delivery would disrupt the nation’s only universal delivery network, place disproportionate harm on rural communities, senior citizens, small-business owners... it would only serve to accelerate a financial ‘death spiral’ for the Postal Service.”

The USPS shut down several processing plants across Michigan including plants in Flint, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Jackson.

The new congressional bill is awaiting President Barack Obama’s signature and could be enacted by press time.

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Carnes made the point that staff, and teachers make up a school, and make test scores. “That is more invaluable than a pretty room,” she said.

President Tony Mayhew said that the school district can’t have both SMS and keep current staff and programs. The administration has offered the cost of $650,000 to re-open the building, which includes a $150,000 fee to move, and $500,000 in ongoing costs.

While Sharpe has heard feedback urging the board to open the school, Vice President Sue Julian has been asked why they would consider opening a school when funds are so tight.

Treasurer Michael Newcomb, who voted against closing the building in 2011, was emotional as he discussed a new family moving into his neighborhood, who enrolled into HAS. “We can’t afford to lose even one more student,” he said.

Newcomb said that a growing Young Fives program was reason enough to open the school, because his feedback from local elementary schools is that they cannot take on more students.

Assistant Superintendent Steve Lenar said there is enough space to add at least one more classroom per building, but would require shuffling students as needed: within the buildings.

The audience also seemed evenly split, with applause being applied to arguments for, and against re-opening the shuttered school. At least three audience members lent their support to opening the school via public comment. Superintendent Kent Barnes and Mayhew made it clear that opening the school is likely in the future, should Young Fives continue to grow.

Sharpe made the motion to re-open the school and it was supported by Newcomb. As discussion wore on, it became clear that there wasn’t enough support on the board to open the school. Blair, Mayhew, Carne and Julian voted against the measure.

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FUNERAL BANDIT
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Locally, Elaine Kinsman’s home in the Hills of Tyrone was broken into on Feb. 14 while she attended visitation for her husband, Doug, who passed away on Feb. 12. Kinsman and the rest of her family went to the funeral home for visitation and were away from their homes from about 3:45 to just after 9 p.m. on Valentine’s Day.

Kinsman’s daughter, who lives in Hartland, had a similar experience when she arrived at her home.

Oakland County Sheriff Robert Bezotte said Tuesday that Kinsman’s home and that of her daughter’s were the first confirmed victims related to this incident.

Livingston County Sheriff Robert Bouchard said that his department has recovered some of the stolen property from the Kinsman break-in, however, they have not yet tied Griffin to the actual break-in or just receiving and concealing stolen property.

“Detectives are working with Oakland County detectives to tie everything together,” he said. “We are hoping Oakland County will extradite this suspect from Colorado.”

At 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Todd Lloyd Griffin, who turned 44 on Monday, was located in Colorado. Recent information led investigators to believe that Griffin was in that state. Local authorities in Colorado were advised of the circumstances and deputies took Griffin into custody without incident. They located him at a pawn-shop. At the time of Griffin’s arrest, he was in possession of numerous jewelry items.

Warrant requests on the known cases will be forthcoming and any information developed on other cases will be actively investigated for prosecution.

Bouchard said of the arrest, “I can’t think of a better birthday present to give this low-life who had been violating families in their time of grieving.”

For the past several weeks, the sheriff’s department had been investigating more than a dozen home invasions that occurred in Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Shiawassee, and Genesee counties.

On Thursday, March 21, deputies executed search warrants on a residence in Pontiac in an attempt to locate Griffin, who was wanted on an unrelated probation violation.

Instead of locating Griffin, deputies found large quantities of jewelry, electronics, and many valuable personal items in the home and garage.

Based on evidence from the residence, investigators linked the property recovered to multiple home invasions across Oakland County and surrounding communities. Many of the home invasion victims were allegedly targeted by Griffin during funerals for families in the family as well as estate sales that had been advertised.

Recovered property is being held at the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office in Pontiac.

“I can’t think of a better birthday present to give this lowlife who had been violating families in their time of grieving.”

Michael Bouchard
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Michigan and Michigan State return to NCAA tournament action on Friday. Here are a few details about the games.

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Holly’s second-year varsity baseball coach Benny Jackson didn’t know right off when the last year the Bronchos have won a league title of any sort, but he knows it’s been awhile. He’s reminded of that fact every indoor practice.

“I know it’s been over 40 years,” Jackson said. “The boys talk about it when we condition. We run by the banner in the gym every day. We see it every day. We want to make sure they know about it.”

The Bronchos, who finished second in the Metro League last year, seem to be the tri-county area’s best bet at winning a conference crown among the four teams.

But don’t be shocked if Linden shows some magic. Winners of 23 games a year ago, the pitching staff took a hit with graduation and injuries, but the Eagles still seem to have a solid squad.

“If we get solid enough pitching, which is a big question mark, and play good defense, I think we have a shot as well as anyone.”

Fenton appears to be in a rebuilding stage, but that’s been said before when the Tigers became contenders.

“We’ll see what the kids can do,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “We have competition at every infield position. And under first-year varsity coach Brad LaRowe, the Blue Devils will look to improve upon last year’s losing record.”

While the poor weather has kept teams from playing any games yet, they will start soon. If you want a larger preview of the season check elsewhere in this section to find our 2013 baseball season previews.

Tri-county baseball season is previewed

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Holly’s Brent Smiles (left) tags out a baserunner in a contest last year. The Bronchos expect to contend for the Metro League title this season.

Cook proud to be one of five in 2013 HOF class

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Natalie (Koan) Cook was in the middle of class one day at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School when she got some unexpected news.

“(Chuck) Pillar came over and told me while I was having class,” Cook said. “He told me in front of the kids. He got teary-eyed and then I started crying with kids standing one foot from me waiting to ask me a question about class.”

One can understand Cook’s emotions. After all, she had just found out she was one of five inductees of the 2013 Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation Athletic Hall of Fame.

Cook joins Amy Morrison, Don Madden, Marv Pushman and Jeff Merrill as athletes earning induction to the 2013 class. Also being inducted is the 1967 football team, which finished with a perfect 9-0 mark. Madden was a member of that team.

The Hall of Fame induction program and dinner will be June 13 at Fenton’s AGS Middle School. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner and the program starting at 7 p.m.

Cook got a chance to soak in the honor, the past three-sport athlete who graduated in 1990, was thrilled with the honor.

“Things go through your mind,” why you go in over someone else,” Cook said. “It was overwhelming at first, and I think it’s a great honor, especially when you know the other people who have been in it. You start analyzing yourself to see if you are really deserving, and then you think it’s OK.”

Cook is more than deserving. The three-sport athlete was a first-team All-State athlete in volleyball and softball. During her senior season, she was the team MVP on a volleyball squad that competed in the Class B state championship game. In 1989 the softball team advanced to the Class B state semifinals before bowing out of that tourney, earning her all-state honors.

She played four years of varsity girls basketball, earning second-team All-Metro honors twice. See **COOK** on 21

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Natalie (Koan) Cook sets a ball during a match during her playing days.

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Natalie (Koan) Cook sets a ball during a match during her playing days.
and helped lead the squad to the Division sisist record holder at Oakland University, the year in 1993-94. She’s the career as-
land University female student-athlete of Oakland University, and was named Oak-

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She also coached Fenton’s var-
ity volleyball team for three seasons from 1998 until 2000, leading the squad to three Metro League championships and three regional finals. Cook currently coaches at Birch Run High School, where her family resides.
Despite a career filled with highlights, Cook doesn’t cite a game or match as her highlight.
“The thing I remember most are the people,” Cook said. “I don’t think so much about a game here or there. Is there a favorite game? Absolutely. But until this happened I never thought much about the games as I do the people.”
Mostly she said she competed because it was fun.
Those were happy times. That’s why you do it,” Cook said. “I’ve taken a lot of coaching classes. They say the No. 1 thing if you ask second-graders or seniors in high school why they play sports is because it’s fun. I sit back and think, ‘Did I really play for fun?’ But then I look back and realize it was. Everything you did was fun. Even the bad days with the coach, everyday was fun because you were with your team.”
Cook continued her volleyball career at Oakland University, and was named Oak-

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS
Coach: Brad LaRowe
Lost All T-C players: None.
Returning All T-C players: Wyatt Wilson (C), Neil Allor (SS).
Summary: The Blue Devils have some nice pieces returning, notably Wilson and Allor. Wilson is a four-year starting catcher, while Allor patrols shortstop. The pitching staff has a lot of people who can toss the ball, but many must be refined a bit. Two key hurlers are Cody Alexander and Tyler Begley. Begley will play at first, while Robbie Alexander should play second. In the outfield, Daniel Resta, Tyler Donnelly and Jeff Heller should see ample playing time.
Coach LaRowe says: “We are going to be good defensively, that’s our strong point. ... We have great leadership on this team, and great team unity.”
Projection: It’s hard to place a prediction on the Blue Devils. Last year’s squad finished 13-18-1. Improving upon those numbers seems like a realistic goal.

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LINDEN EAGLES
Coach: Chad Logan
Lost All T-C players: Josh Bryant (rf), Patrick Leasek (P).
Returning All T-C players: Connor Davidson (OF).
Summary: The Tigers don’t return a ton of experienced talent, so they enter the season looking for some younger players to help support the by ex-

TRI-COUNTY TIMES • DAVID TROPPERS
Natalie (Koon) Cook is one of five athletes being inducted into the Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame in June.
2 NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. The squad ranks the only Oakland University volleyball team to ad-

FENTON TIGERS
Coach: Steve Buerkel
Lost All T-C players: Tyler Bened-
dict (P), Joel Perry (P/OF).
Returning All T-C players: Mitch Juhi (OF).
Summary: The Eagles’ pitching staff has taken a blow through gradua-
tion and key injuries, but Bryce Benedict should give them a good starting spot. Also, Jake Dunleavy and Mitchell Ryan return. Marshall Ryan and Austin Buerkel were two strong JV pitchers last year. Others can pitch as well. Travis Hull, Benedict and Mitch Ryan return to infield spots, as does three-year starting catcher Juhl.
Coach Buerkel says: “It’s a good group of kids and that goes a long way toward team success. I feel good about coaching this team, this group of young men. They work hard, show up to practice.”
Projection: The Eagles (23-13 overall last season) might be a team to watch out for. They should hit the ball, so if the team gets any pitching, they could be very good.

HOLLY BRONCHOS
Coach: Benny Jackson
Lost All T-C players: Blake Ordway (P).
Returning All T-C players: Chris Green (P), Alec Miller (INF), Joel Perry (P/OF).
Summary: The Bronchos return 11 players from a team that finished with a 22-10 record overall and in second place in the Metro League. Included on that list are two quality pitchers — Chris Green and lefty Joel Perry. Drew Eggleston, Justis Kerner and Lance Copley bring experience to the mound as well. Brent Smiles, Miller, Kerner, bring experience to the infield, while Perry does the same in center. In short, this should be a solid team.
Coach Jackson says: “We have great experience, great leadership and they want to win. They all are willing to put in the hard work. ... We’re pumped, ready to rock and roll.”
Projection: The Bronchos haven’t won a league title in baseball in over 40 years, and in many recent seasons they really didn’t have a chance to compete. That’s not the case this year. Holly should be among the Metro League favorites.

 Return to the main article.
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In a prior column you advocated drinking a daily amount of water that would satisfy one’s thirst, not a set amount of water as some people believe. I agree with you.

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