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#### CITY ZONING

**“Shame on you,** Fenton City Council. An 8-0 vote to allow a multi-family residential zoning ordinance to include a skilled nursing facility on a residential street. You were condescending and dismissive of residents’ concerns. What a disappointment.”



#### GLOBAL WARMING

**“Funny that I** haven’t heard anything from the global warming crowd now that the weather has been normal for an entire season.”



#### PROFANE STUDENTS

**“The language I** heard last week in the halls at AGS shocked me to the core. Most of it was from girls. F-bombs were flying everywhere. This from sixth- and seventh-graders?”

#### THE PRESIDENT

**“Those of you** who berate our president seem to forget that, whether you voted for him or not, he is your and my president. I voted for Romney but still respect Obama as our leader.”

#### HOT LINE of the week

**“THE GARBAGE** that spews from the mouth of professional race-hustler Jesse Jackson makes me question his sanity. What about Kwame, Conyers, Coleman and all the other elected black leaders that have stolen Detroit blind for decades.”



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## NEW LAW: Young drivers using cell phones face \$200 fine

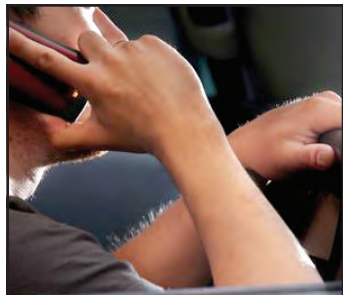
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Kelsey’s Law, which was named for a Sault Ste. Marie teen who perished in a car crash caused by her cell phone use, will now take effect on young drivers.

This law officially took effect on March 28 and makes it illegal for teen drivers with a level 1 or 2 license to talk on a cell phone while driving. A civil citation will be issued for this offense, carrying a fine of up to \$200.

According to Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department, this law is categorized as primary enforcement, meaning that an officer can pull over any young drivers that they believe to be violating this new law.

See **KELSEY’S LAW** on 20A



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TORONTO.COM**  
Young drivers with level 1 or 2 license are no longer allowed to talk on a cell phone while driving. Texting and driving for all ages has been banned in Michigan since 2010.

## Exotic animals in the classroom



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**  
Mark Rosenthal holds a 43-pound female sloth named Seven. Rosenthal also brought a fox, porcupine, tarantula and other exotic animals to North Road Elementary on Tuesday.  
See story and photos on page 11A

## St. John’s new priest scheduled to take over parish reins June 26

►Area’s 3,100 Catholic families welcome Father Ezop

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Father Dwight Ezop doesn’t officially begin his duties as parish priest at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton until June 26, but he is already becoming familiar with the flock during weekly visits here.

See **PRIEST** on 20A



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED**  
Fr. Dwight Ezop is pictured at his current parish, St. Jude Catholic Church in DeWitt.

## Citizens Bank being sold?

►Deal expected to be done second quarter of this year

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On Friday, March 23, the Federal Reserve Board announced its approval of the application filed by FirstMerit Corporation, based in Akron, Ohio, to acquire Citizens Republic Bancorp, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens Bank, both based in Flint.

See **CITIZENS BANK** on 19A

## Local residents ‘star’ in new ‘Oz the Great and Powerful’ movie



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | COURTESY PHOTO**  
Spencer Frost, 23, of Linden stands before an Oz’ display at a theater in Lansing where he saw the movie for the first time. He applied to have a role in the film on a whim.

By Olivia Dimmer  
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Playing the role as a munchkin in a multi-million dollar production of “Oz the Great and Powerful” was not something that Linden resident Spencer Frost had ever imagined doing.

But after sending in his application on a whim at a Little People of America convention a few summers ago, he got a call back letting him know he landed a role. This was Frost’s first experience in filmmaking. “A bunch of us put our names in and got our headshots taken and a

few of us heard back in a few weeks,” Frost said. “I never expected anything to come of it. I just thought ‘what the heck?’ It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

The filming of “Oz the Great and Powerful” took place at Raleigh Michigan Studios in Pontiac, allowing for many  
See **OZ** on 20A

#### Summary

►Local residents have their own small roles in the recent movie “Oz the Great and Powerful,” which grossed \$79.1 million in box office sales its opening weekend.



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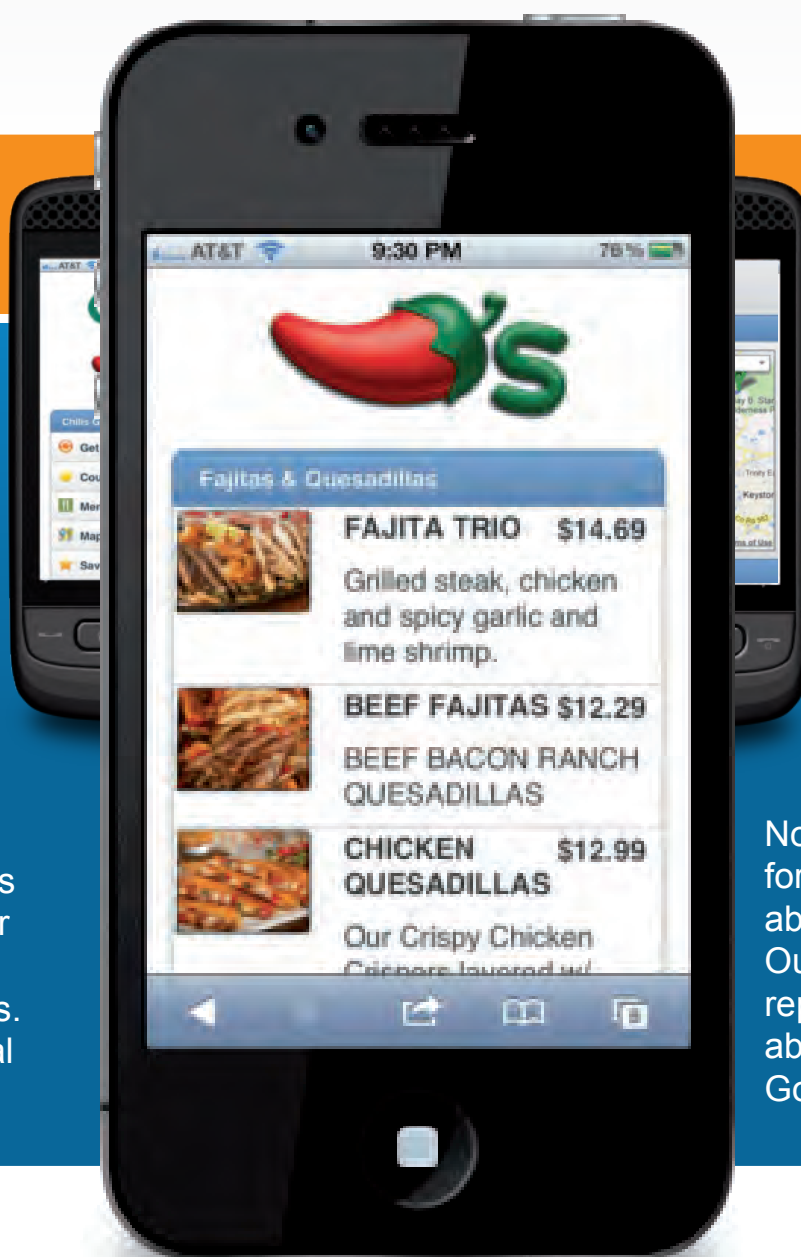
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## Police & Fire report

### IDENTITY THEFT — AGAIN

After 3 pm, on March 25, Fenton Police received an identity theft complaint from a 45-year-old Fenton man. He advised police that on March 22, he received a letter from the IRS, indicated his 2012 return was rejected. It was rejected because they felt it was a suspicious return, and they wanted to confirm its validity. The man had not filed his taxes, and the IRS indicated they would investigate his case.

### ILLEGAL FISHING

Officers were called to Fenton millpond after 4 p.m. on March 27, for illegal fishing. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a 41 year old Fenton male. He indicated he was doing catch-and-release fishing with his two sons. While speaking with him, officers learned of two warrants for his arrest, one in Fenton, and one with the Michigan State Police out of Flint. He was arrested. He posted bond and was released after being given new court dates to appear.

See **POLICE** on 8A

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# Protecting lives with a vest and a sign

► Crossing guards are trained, paid, coordinated by police department

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**Fenton** — Crossing Guard Betty Mancinetti is bundled up for the brisk weather with a red coat and fluorescent vest. She watches the traffic light carefully, which is difficult to see in the direct morning sunlight.

Children and their parents trickle through her intersection at Forest Drive and North Road, as Wednesday classes will soon begin.

Crossing guards are assigned to North Road, Tomek-Eastern, and State Road elementary schools, and on Donaldson Drive near Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School at the beginning and end of the day. Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department is in charge of the crossing guards in Fenton.

Mancinetti is one of about 1,200 crossing guards in Michigan, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

**“Some of them, I feel like they got their license in a Cracker Jack box.”**

**BETTY MANCINETTI**  
crossing guard



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Betty Mancinetti of Fenton guides pedestrians Wednesday morning across North Road, before the start of the school day at North Road Elementary. Because of the sunlight, it can be difficult for pedestrians and motorists to see the traffic light.

Fenton uses three, with one alternate. They are city employees, on the police payroll.

Because there is no crossing light, and the traffic lights are difficult to see, adults and kids are both aided by Mancinetti. “I have been very aware of drivers,” she said, mentioning

that many drivers, especially parents, are in a rush, and turn when it’s not their time.

“Some of them, I feel like they got their license in a Cracker Jack box,” she said. “It’s awfully dangerous.”

See **CROSSING GUARDS** on 10A

# Right-to-work law now in effect

► Controversial law still drawing protest four months after being signed

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As of Thursday this week, the right to work (RTW) law has fully taken effect. Lawmakers steamrolled the legislation through the capitol during December’s lame duck session, drawing the ire of thousands of protestors.

Under the law, workers do not have to join or pay dues to a union that is associated with their employer. Federal law states unions must represent all employees within

a business, whether or not workers pay dues.

Protestors believe RTW encourages ‘freeloaders’ who receive all the benefits of a union without having to pay for them; supporters claim workers have a right to opt out of a union and that RTW is attractive to companies, potentially boosting jobs within the state.

How RTW will shape the tri-county area remains to be seen. Teachers and other workers with the Fenton Area Public Schools and Holly Area Schools will have to negotiate for new contracts by the end of this year. Linden school officials recently finalized new contracts with teachers within their district.

See **RIGHT-TO-WORK** on 11A



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Protestors converged on Lansing in mid-December to protest the passing of Right-To-Work legislation.



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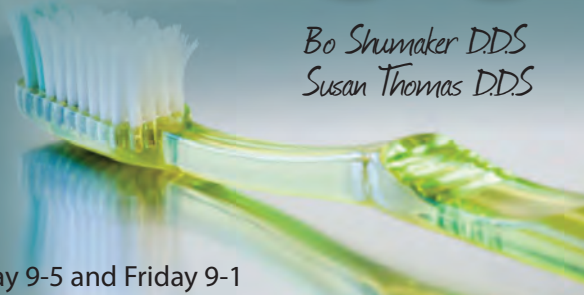
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# We are getting wackier with each passing year

America, and its traditions and heritage, is slowly being dismantled by the special interest nutcakes on the left as you and I sit on the sidelines watching everything, but doing nothing.

Here's the latest attack on sanity, according to columnist Todd Starnes.

Boys and girls at an elementary school in Alabama will still get to hunt for Easter eggs — but they can't call them 'Easter Eggs' because the principal banished the word for the sake of, and I quote, "religious diversity."

"We had in the past a parent to question us about some of the things we do here at school," said Heritage Elementary School principal Lydia Davenport. "So we're just trying to make sure we respect and honor

everybody's differences."

Television station WHNT reported that teachers were informed that no activities related to or centered around any religious holiday would be allowed — in the interest of religious diversity.

"Kids love the bunny but we just want to make sure we don't say 'the Easter Bunny' so that we don't infringe on the rights of others because people relate the Easter bunny to religion," she told the television station.

"I don't get upset about too many things, but this upsets

me," one parent wrote to the television station. "Kids need to enjoy being kids."

Davenport reconsidered the ban after meeting with district leaders — but she still won't allow teachers to use the word

'Easter. "We compromised by allowing teachers to use other different kinds of shapes besides eggs in the classroom," she told the television station.

But the good news, according to Madison City School Board member Phil Schmidt, is that students are going to be allowed to have eggs. "The principal was trying to be extremely cautious about having anything religious in the school — probably more cautious than she needed to be," he told Fox News. "In this world of schools, it's probably better to be cautious than reckless."

Schmidt said Madison is a very religious community and when it comes to beliefs, they are diverse and tolerant. At the same time, he said, "it's important to

put things in perspective."

You can chalk this lunacy up with the Texas school that is making female students wear burkas to school, and teaching our youth to call the 911 terrorists "freedom fighters." Or the government officials who insist the murder of 13 fellow soldiers by Nadil Hasan was not a terrorist attack. Or our idiotic Homeland Security head, Janet Napolitano, who decreed that further terrorist attacks will be referred to as "man-caused disasters."

Or nutcake principals like Lydia Davenport in

Madison City, Alabama.

At the risk of offending you, Happy Easter.

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**THIS IS TO** the middle-aged man in the parking lot on Monday. If you're going to get a refill on your alcohol, dispose of it in the proper way.

**SO YOUR SON** comes out of the closet and you change your mind? You only change it now because you are affected — too little, too late.

**IT IS OFTEN** said that things that happen in Europe will end up here. I believe in Italy they are now taxing people's savings. Look out!

**THE BEST THINGS** parents can do for their kids is teach them the way of life, Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule.

**BEWARE DOG OWNERS** that live around the Tipsico Lake Road area. A person shot our beagle and we had to have her put down. Why a cruel person would do that I don't know.

**TWO HUNDRED TO** pay-to-play for girls track and then a fundraiser? Why weren't parents given the choice to purchase the sweats and bag rather than sell 17 overpriced items in this economy?

**GAY PEOPLE ARE** not called husband and wife, but partners for life. If

the money all goes in one pot, they should have equal rights.

**THE PRESIDENT DOES** submit a budget, but it has always been voted down in the Senate. That's government. Maybe you need to go back to school.

**JUST LIKE TOMEK**, the wellness center will bring increased traffic from outside of this community. As it is, people do 50 mph down Tomek to pick their kids up from class. The wellness center will just make it worse. Commercial belongs out on Silver Lake or Owen Road.

**FOR MORE YEARS** than I can remember, the Linden\Argentine community has looked forward to the Community Good Friday Services hosted by the Linden Ministerial Association. Although our pastors are new to the community, I wish they would recognize this was a highlight for the community. Hope it returns in 2014.

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**PLEASE STOP WITH** the percentage

spin. Debt accumulation in trillions of dollars — Reagan 1.66 in eight years, W-Bush 5.94 in eight years, Obama 4.12 in four years. Your man wins — we all lose — your kids and grandkids lose too by the way.

**I WAS RECENTLY** informed we had a mayor. Is this true? I find this hard to believe.

**TO THE PERSON** who stole my novelty Winnie the Pooh lawn ornaments, I really want them back.

**SHOUT OUT TO** the person who left those adorable Winnie the Pooh lawn decorations out by the curb, they look super cute in my garden.

**TO THE PERSON** complaining about the tree decoration by the French Laundry, my family enjoys seeing the decorations and cannot wait to see how the tree will be decorated for the next holiday. Whoever does it please keep doing it, it brings a smile to my kids' faces.

**I ACTUALLY AGREE** with the King. You're outraged over sugar? Imagine the government forcing you to carry a child you can't care for. It seems everyone is more upset over the threat to their Big Gulp than a woman's right to her own body and reproductive decision.

**RIGHT-TO-WORK** is now here. Those of you who supported this heinous legislation will soon pay the price. As a teacher, I will no longer put the extra effort into educating your children.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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## If you could change careers, what would you do?

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"I don't know what I would exactly do, but something that allowed me to travel. I'm about to retire here soon."

— Janice Daugh Holly



"I wouldn't, I like what I'm doing. I'm a published author of the book 'Wilkinshire' and a guest teacher at Fenton High School."

— Brenda Hasse Fenton



"I'm getting to the end of my career in public service but I think I would like to go into medical service like nursing care."

— Rebecca Dewitt Laingsburg



"I don't think I would, I'm very happy and working for a great company that challenges me. I manage a Buckle in L.A."

— Christine Jamieson Valencia, Calif.



"I think I would become an interior decorator, it's a passion of mine. I do a lot of DIY projects."

— Kenda Carbarby Fenton



"I'm a teacher now but I think I would get more into the creative fields like design or photography."

— Zac Cady Fenton



## Regulators release The State Bank from 2009 consent agreement

► Move recognizes return to profitability for area's oldest financial institution

Fentura Financial Inc. announced this week that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the State of Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services — the regulators of The State Bank — have released the bank from their Dec. 29, 2009 Consent Agreement.

"The lifting of the consent is recognition of the progress made by our team to strengthen capital, earnings and asset quality," said Ronald Justice, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Further evidence of the strengthening of these three areas

was provided by the return to profitability announced in our press release dated March 15, 2013.

"I am proud of our team and all of their efforts to successfully execute the bank's business plan in order to position the company for a prosperous future."

Fentura Financial, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered here in Fenton. Its subsidiary bank, The State Bank, is also headquartered in Fenton with offices serving Fenton, Linden, Holly, Grand Blanc and Brighton.

The Brighton area is served by Livingston Community Bank, a division of The State Bank. More information about The State Bank is available at [www.thestatebank.com](http://www.thestatebank.com).

## 'My electorate deserves all my concentration'

► Holly Village council member resigns to care for ailing wife

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**Holly** — The Village Council has another vacancy, after Tom Clark offered his written resignation to the council.

Clark is resigning a year-and-a-half before his term ends to take care of his wife. "My electorate deserves all my concentration," said Clark in his letter, which was read somberly by President Jason Hughes. Clark was not present at the meeting.

Hughes said the seriousness of his wife's medical condition is distracting him from council work. She recently has required more of Clark's attention, as her primary caretaker. "It's enough to where I can't concentrate on the job, to do the job right," Clark said.

Clark decided to withhold her name, and condition, keeping to the statement he submitted. "It stays personal," he said.

Council member Jackie Campbell's eyes glassed over slightly as she asked the community to pray for Clark's family. "He grew up in this community," she said.

**"Right now, he really needs our support."**

**Jackie Campbell**  
Holly Village council member

"Right now, he really needs our support. We all want, we all need some prayers sometimes," said Campbell.

Elected in 2010, Clark said his term has been spent "stomping out the fires" set by the last council. "All we did was try to fix what had been broken," he said.

Raising the speed on Maple Street from 25 to 30 was one of the goals he achieved.

Clark and Village Manager Jerry Walker were named in a sexual harassment lawsuit, filed by former police chief Elena Danishevskaya. The complaint was investigated, and declared unfounded.

Though council has 60 days to fill the spot, Hughes said he'd rather vote on a new member at the April 9 meeting, because the council is entering budget season. He believes that the new council member will progressively fall behind as the workshops and discussions continue.

Anyone interested may email a letter of interest to Hughes, at [jhughes@hollyvillage.org](mailto:jhughes@hollyvillage.org), or drop a letter off at the Holly Village office at 202 South Saginaw St. Each letter of interest will be made available to the six council members, and an informal review process will follow.



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### Oven Cleaning Advice

When you invite friends and family over, you usually spend a significant amount of time in the kitchen. To keep your oven working properly when you need it most, avoid running the self-cleaning cycle too close to a big party or holiday. It can cause aggravation, as well as cost you time and money. Plan ahead by running your oven's self-cleaning cycle one week before a big dinner. Ovens have a tendency to fail during or right after a self-cleaning cycle, leaving you, your dishes and your family out of luck. When problems arise, let appliance expert's, like Mr. Appliance, help you and your family through your biggest meals.

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# Encore careers in your golden years

## ►Workers change careers as jobs, economy shifts

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Lori Goldsmith, of Holly, has every intention of keeping her journeyman's license updated, even if she spends more time showing off a house rather than rewiring it. Up until two years ago, Goldsmith worked as an electrician, bringing light and power to factories and plants in Detroit. But as the economy continued

to sour and executives at car companies shifted production out of state, Goldsmith found her profession was not as economically viable as it once had been.

"With the economy going down, I wasn't making a living anymore. It was



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Lori Goldsmith, of Holly, shows a home in downtown Holly in this January file photo. She switched to real estate in 2010, as her job as an electrician was becoming less profitable.

a hard decision I had to make," Goldsmith said, who still does side work as an electrician. "I have lots of pride in that one license."

Goldsmith now works as a real estate agent for RE/MAX Select and said she loves her new profession. With a combination of self and professional training, building clientele and working with sales people, Goldsmith is seeing continued success in her new career. The electrician turned real estate agent's position isn't unique; as the economy continues to shift from manufacturing based to more service industry jobs, people in once secure positions now have to venture out for new careers.

Switching careers later in life has become so common that it's now known as 'encore careers,' professions that baby boomers are embarking upon midway through their lives.

"As many as 31 million people between ages 44 and 70 want encore careers that combine personal meaning, continued income and social impact," wrote researchers with the MetLife Foundation in a study called 'Bridging the Gap: Making it Easier to Finance Encore Transitions.'

According to the report, it takes about 18 months for the average person switching careers at 50 or older. Finances and picking a new career are the biggest obstacles for baby boomers and older generations. Forty percent of people surveyed said they haven't switched because they haven't decided on which career they want and 27 percent said they don't have the finances to do so. Lack of an adequate support system and minimal free time also interfere with older workers seeking a new profession.

Higher education institutions and companies are easing the process of transitioning from one career to the next. Mott Community College has a workforce education center, where working adults can take classes for specific certifications. According to Reuters, Intel offers a \$25,000 stipend for employees nearing retirement to explore "new careers with a social purpose." Such programs are aimed to curb concerns of an aging workforce and the pressure mounted on funding Social Security.

Goldsmith credits the support of her coworkers and constant, up-to-date training as part of her success. With the Internet and the access of information at any hour of the day, Realtors and many other professionals have to continue to learn new skills.

"You have to change with the times, it's really important to not get sedentary," Goldsmith said. "It's always important to give it your all. You have to follow through."

**“You have to change with the times.”**

**Lori Goldsmith**  
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# Who's going to walk a mile – or 10 – in his shoes?

►Retiring Fenton mail carrier Jimmy Hajec wore out plenty of shoes, but never his welcome

By Sally Rummel

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Forty-two years ago, President Nixon had a face-to-face meeting with Elvis Presley in the Oval Room of The White House. It was also the year that Jimmy Hajec began his career for the United States Postal Service (USPS) in Fenton.

The year was 1971 and there have been seven presidents since then, and miles of pavement under Hajec's feet. He estimates he has worn out about 80 pairs of shoes logging more than 120,000 miles in the past 42 years.

On Friday, he donned his uniform for the last time, celebrating at a retirement party in the morning with his co-workers, before heading out on his final mail route.

"I'm definitely going to miss it, especially the people," said Hajec, who walks about 10 miles a day on his route. His latest route includes 537 customers on South LeRoy, East Street, South Holly Road, Union Street, Wakeman Street and Mill Pond Manor.

"Some of the older people are my favorites," said Hajec. He's also a dog-lover, saying he's only been bitten a couple of times. "We usually become friends once they get to know me." He's been known to carry treats around in his pockets for his furry friends.

Dave Blankertz, a long-time postal customer of Hajec's on Wakeman Street, tied a red balloon on his mailbox to honor Hajec on Friday. It was an organized effort by Hajec's friends at the post office to honor him one last time. "He's friendly to everyone," said Blankertz. "He's a great mail man."

Working at the post office must be in the Hajec family genes. His two brothers, John and Walter, also had 42- and 32-year careers at the Fenton post office, and Jimmy's daughter Stephanie worked there for four summers and one winter as a college student. That



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(Above) Fenton USPS Supervisor Mike Butler presents veteran letter carrier Jim Hajec with his 40-year plaque Friday morning, the day before his last delivery for the postal service. Co-workers and family gathered at the processing center to recognize Hajec.

adds up to a Hajec family total of 120 years.

"It's pretty amazing," said Tammy Bird, bulk mail clerk at the Fenton post office, who has worked with Hajec for the past 20 years. "He's a hard worker and dedicated. We're definitely going to miss him."

Who will be following in Hajec's shoes? "They'll put his route up for bids," said Bird.

For now, Hajec's concentrating on his future, which includes several retirement gatherings over the weekend, then lots of plans to go up north with his wife, Lauri, this summer. As for next

winter, he's not sure yet. "My girls are still here so I can't be away too long," said Hajec, of his daughters, Brianne, 33 and Stephanie, 30. "Plus, I have two granddogs."

**“I’m definitely going to miss it, especially the people.”**

**Jimmy Hajec**  
Retiring mail carrier in Fenton



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Retiring letter carrier Jim Hajec receives applause Friday morning from co-workers, including Sherry Sava (background) who worked with him 18 years. "It's kind of like the end of an era," she said.

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Brothers John, Walt, and Jim Hajec have a combined 112 years experience with the postal service. For 48 years, there has been a Hajec working at the Fenton post office.



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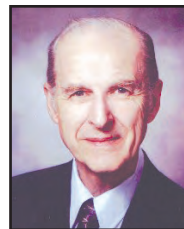
On March 25, at 2:24 pm, officers were called to a grocery store at the 1300 block of N. Leroy, referencing several individuals trying to pass questionable prescriptions to obtain narcotics. An officer of-ficer made contact with five males, out of the City of Flint. Three had tried to fill prescriptions. When they were refused by the pharmacy, two males left, and two others walked in, trying to fill prescriptions originating from the same doctor. The pharmacy workers were suspicious and called police. Of the five men, three had outstanding warrants, including marijuana cultivation, friend of court, and ticket infractions. The vehicle was impounded and the men lodged at the Flint city jail. The doctor who signed the prescriptions is under investigation.

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## Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



### Easter's happy headline

The week beginning on Palm Sunday and ending with the crucifixion of Christ focuses on the darkest period of history. Yet, throughout this passionate period, a light shines through the darkness: the hope of the resurrection.

These seven sacred days reveal the seriousness of sin and the price required to redeem us. Martin Luther called our tendency to do wrong so deep and horrible a corruption of nature that, 'no reason can comprehend it.' And Augustine wrote: 'We are capable of every sin that we have seen our neighbor commit unless God's grace restrains us.'

Old Testament prophets foresaw and wrote about the coming painful passion of the coming deliverer. David penned the most mysterious of the seven last words of Christ on the cross centuries before they were spoken (Psalm 22). Isaiah saw the suffering Savior being wounded and bruised to pay for our transgressions (Isaiah 53). Zechariah wrote about his pierced body and wounded hands (Zechariah 12:10; 13:6).

While Handel was composing his great 'Messiah,' a friend came to visit him just as he was working on the music for 'He was despised.' Handel sobbed as he worked because his heart was broken as he thought about the shame and suffering of Christ described in the text before him.

The disciples were devastated by the events of Passion Week. Peter was the first to fall, denying his Lord three times before leaving the scene in tears

but ultimately they all fled for their lives, abandoning the one who loved them in their darkest hour.

Earlier, Jesus had been challenged by critics who demanded a sign to prove His authority to teach and work miracles. 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up,' He had replied (John 2:19). Thinking He was speaking of the temple in Jerusalem, they reminded Him it had taken 46 years to build and that rebuilding it in three days would be impossible. But He had been speaking of the resurrection of His body after the crucifixion, a promise He repeated to His disciples.

Interestingly, while the enemies of Christ remembered His promise of resurrection, His disciples seem to have forgotten it. His accusers would later ask Pilate for a Roman guard to be set at the tomb because He had said He would rise again (Matthew 27:63).

Matthew Henry, the noted Bible commentator, explained this strange turn of events by writing 'hate is keener sighted than love.' Considering how much more likely our enemies are to attack us than some of our friends to defend us, he may have been right.

The passion of Christ and all that was part of His cruel condemnation and crucifixion created an atmosphere of darkness, but then came Sunday.

Three days after Jesus was placed in Joseph's tomb the stone that sealed Him in was touched by an angel and rolled away, allowing light to enter that dark place. This demonstration of authenticity transformed the disciples into dynamic people of faith.

God still meets those He loves during their dark times.

The happy headline of Easter announces 'Christ Arose!'

And right on time, in response to your faith, He'll roll away the stone that's troubling you today.

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Betty Mancinetti knows how much time her walkers need to cross the intersection.

## CROSSING GUARDS

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Mancinetti leaps out into the intersection to help an adult and two children cross North Road. She has each side of the intersection timed. For this crossing, they have 24 seconds, for the east/west crossing, 27 seconds.

Timing wasn't part of her training, it's just what she's picked up over the seven years she's been helping kids and adults cross the road. She is trained with an annual video by the Fenton Police Department. Police also provide the vest and stop sign, and training in the classroom, and the field.

"I like for them to be able to interact

with the kids, and that they enjoy doing it," said Slater. He said a crossing guard that builds rapport with kids is effective at detecting safety issues with the kids. Crossing guards are also a positive face for the Fenton Police Department.

"I really appreciate their dedication," said Slater. "If its pouring rain, they're out there, if it's 10 below, they are out there, they just are dedicated."

If she is unable to make it to her post, she calls the police department, so an officer can fill in if the alternate crossing guard is not available. She is responsible for that intersection from 7:40 to 8:50 a.m. each day. It gets much busier in warmer weather.

It's likely her efforts saves lives, and injury. "It's real hectic at pick-up and drop-off time at the schools, and they are absolutely necessary to ensure the safe crossing of students," said Slater. He said they also provide also another set of eyes for police, to be aware of suspicious persons or vehicles.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median wage for a crossing guard in 2011 was \$23,440, or \$11.23 an hour. Crossing guards in Fenton are paid \$7.75 an hour.

For Mancinetti, being a crossing guard is about staying busy, and staying helpful. "I just want to be useful," she said.

Slater said two of the guards are retirees.

## News briefs

### May 1 deadline for John S. Beagle scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the John S. Beagle Scholarship established by the Genesee County Bar Foundation to assist students from Genesee County with financial support while in their second or third level of law school. It is through the generosity of the late John S. Beagle and his family that the scholarship has been established. Beagle was a distinguished member of the Genesee County Bar Foundation and Genesee County Bar Association. He recognized the struggles of those less fortunate and thought that economics should not be a barrier to attending law school. A minimum scholarship of \$5,000 will be distributed. The application deadline is May 1. To learn more go to [www.gcbalaw.org/page.cfm?pageid=66](http://www.gcbalaw.org/page.cfm?pageid=66) or call the Foundation at (810) 232-6000.

### Holly Village needs committee members

The Village of Holly has several openings to fill on various committees and commissions. The Parks Commission and Planning Commission both have an opening for one member. The village also needs an alternate member for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The new Historic District Study Commission needs all six positions filled, preferably with architectural experience. Inquire at the Village Office at 202 South Saginaw Street in downtown Holly.

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North Road Elementary first-graders line up to pet Cupid, a Great Dane owned by Mark Rosenthal (right) of Animal Magic, as they leave the classroom.

# Animal Magic

►Elementary school brings in exotic animal educator for 'Reading Around the World' activity

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — A sloth, an African porcupine, a fennec fox and a tarantula visited with North Road Elementary School first-graders on Tuesday afternoon.

Mark Rosenthal with Animal Magic in Belleville brought his van with exotic animals to the school, where each grade level had their own special presentation, with the first graders going last.

He boasts 6,000 animals, some of which he takes to various schools and other venues to teach children and adults about exotic animals.

He brought out each with the flair of a street magician, coupled with simple, but surprising information for the kids. It wasn't a petting zoo — save for his Great Dane named Cupid.

Rosenthal enjoyed building the children's suspense, as they could barely contain their enthusiasm. "When I show her to you, you'll all know what it is — and you'll all be wrong," he said. "This is an animal you've never seen and never heard of."

From the box came not a regular 8-week-old porcupine, but a giant crested African



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Mark Rosenthal asks how many students would like his fennec fox Leilani as a pet. He made it clear these animals, although cute, do not make good pets.

porcupine, which will eventually weigh over 40 pounds. He encouraged participation, in a controlled manner, in an effort to keep the animals calm.

For the 43-pound two-toed sloth named "Seven" he intentionally offered her his finger to reveal the slim fangs she uses to feed. In normal sloth-like fashion, she slowly opened her mouth to bite and he easily avoided her. "She's not friendly," he said.

Of all the animals, the only one he'd recommend for a pet is the tarantula, which he said is completely harmless to people, which was the point of the presentation.

"I want them to say, 'I got to see them up close, but I don't want one for myself,'" he said.



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Mark Rosenthal holds a tarantula, which he said is one of the safest of the exotic animals he brought to the school.

## RIGHT-TO-WORK

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According to a budget report on the Lake Fenton Community School's website, teachers paid a total of \$78,771.66 during the 2011-2012 academic year, through payroll deductions which was then redistributed to the Michigan Education Association, the National Education Association and other unions. RTW allows teachers to opt out of paying dues, which could potentially reduce funding for the unions.

School officials could not be reached before press time due to the start of spring break vacation.

Some teacher's unions moved to renew contracts before RTW fully went into effect, a move that may sway legislators to cut state funding. According to the Detroit Free Press, several universities around the state have renewed their contracts earlier this month to last 8 to 10 years. The

University of Michigan may lose up to \$47 million and Wayne State University could lose up to \$27 million. The article also mentions legislators could cut "technology and performance grants for K-12 schools; and withhold some revenue-sharing funds for communities."

How RTW will impact Michigan economically may take some time. In a December article, Economics Professor for the University of Michigan-Flint Chris Douglas told the Times, "(RTW) is going to put some strain on unions, but it's not going to change unemployment."

According to the Grand Rapids Press, Gov. Snyder told the Michigan Press Association in January that RTW most jobs in the state "aren't going to be in a situation where right to work is even relevant."

Michigan is the 24<sup>th</sup> state to have RTW laws. According to the Associated Press, union membership in the state is currently at 16.6 percent.

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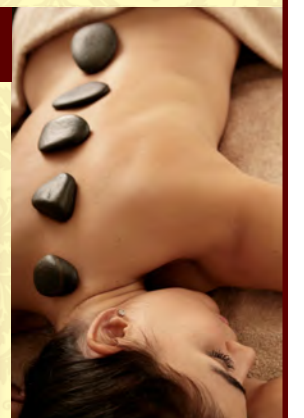
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 Erin Walrath (Fenton)  
 Gavin Hitchings (Fenton)  
 Logan Christopher (Fenton)  
 Logan McDowell (Fenton)  
 Lucas Christopher (Fenton)  
 Max Louis (Fenton)  
 William Waters (Fenton)

**AGE 4****WINNER****Kaden Holbrock (Holly)**

Alekzin Glover (Fenton)  
 Bailee Roths (St. Clair Shores)  
 Dane McKee (Fenton)  
 Daniela Richmond (Holly)  
 Delilah May Wittenkeller  
 (Fenton)  
 Emma Lutz (Holly)  
 Gracee Carney (Fenton)  
 Jillian Bowles (Fenton)  
 Kaitlyn Bowles (Fenton)  
 Lily Herstein (Fenton)  
 Lyra Woodward (Holly)  
 Mara McLennan (Linden)  
 Samantha Mogord (Linden)

**AGE 5****WINNER****Addison Browne (Linden)**

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 Allison Heinonen (Linden)  
 Avery Jones (Fenton)  
 Brendan Day (Linden)  
 Brennan Maccombs (Holly)  
 Brooke Waters (Fenton)  
 Callie Wolf (Fenton)  
 Dylan Pampreen (Fenton)  
 Ella Stadel (Fenton)  
 Evie Metcalfe (Fenton)  
 Jase Post (5) &  
 Kara Post (4) (Linden)  
 Jayden Kenney (Fenton)  
 Joseph Casper (Linden)  
 Kennedy Walrath (Fenton)  
 Lily Hitchings (Fenton)  
 Lily Underwood (Fenton)  
 Logan Witthuhn (Linden)  
 Lydia Clemens (Linden)  
 Marissa Fernandez (Fenton)  
 Samantha Gross (Holly)  
 Tobias Foren & Kevin Foren  
 (Birch Run)  
 Wyatt MacIntosh (Linden)

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 Brandon Cairnduff (Fenton)  
 Brenna Hubbard (Linden)  
 Carson Hancock (Fenton)  
 Drew DeSmidt (Fenton)  
 Dustin Richards (Holly)  
 Emily Medford (Waterford)  
 Gavin Wascher (Fenton)  
 Giavanna Hayes (Holly)  
 Hailee Jollie (Fenton)  
 Haley Ranta (Fenton)  
 Haley Wasilewski (Linden)  
 Hannah Finkle (Fenton)

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 Justin Perantoni  
 (Rose Township)  
 Kamryn Bruz (Holly)  
 Katelynne Scott (Fenton)  
 Kaylee Kaluza (Linden)  
 Kaylyn Coombs (Fenton)  
 Landen Watson (Linden)  
 Lauren Skank (Fenton)  
 Luca Matznick (Fenton)  
 Matthew Hildreth (Linden)  
 Olivia Hughes (Holly)  
 Riley Beckemeyer (Fenton)  
 Riley Phillips (Holly)  
 Sophia Markley (Fenton)  
 Tori Zack (Fenton)

**AGE 7****WINNER****Michelle Amberg (Fenton)**

Aden Zack (Fenton)  
 Alivia Peters (Fenton)  
 Allison Mowery (Fenton)  
 Ana Hutchings (Linden)  
 Ava Stadel (Fenton)  
 Blair Ungvarsky (Holly)  
 Braylon Liddle (Holly)  
 Breleigh Day (Linden)  
 Brooke Peterson (Linden)  
 Connor Davis (Fenton)  
 Dawson Wagner (Burton)  
 Elizabeth Heslip (Lennon)  
 Evan Pampreen (Fenton)  
 Grant Bentley (Linden)  
 Kelsey McLennon (Linden)  
 Laycee Parson (Fenton)  
 Mackenzie Miller (Linden)  
 Madeline Thoma (Fenton)  
 Mary Katherine Houss (Fenton)  
 Miley Plummer (Milford/Holly)  
 Nick Pullen (Holly)  
 Rachel Connell (Holly)  
 Reagan Boulis (Linden)  
 Reagan Stack (Fenton)  
 Riley Boulis (Linden)  
 Rossalyn Pitcole (Fenton)  
 Ryan Maser (Gaines)  
 Sara Hash (Fenton)  
 Stellah Strauss (Linden)  
 Sydnee Terryah (Linden)  
 Tatum Stuemke (Holly)  
 Tori Bush (Farmington Hills)  
 Xander Foren (Birch Run)

**AGE 8****WINNER****Ethan Bright (Linden)**

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 Angelina Vitarelli (Fenton)  
 Avvey Jabiro (Swartz Creek)  
 Brighton Layman (Holly)  
 Britney Fairfield (Fenton)  
 Chloe Polzin (Fenton)  
 Darielle Miller (Linden)  
 Delaney Burrough (Fenton)  
 Emma Watson (Linden)  
 Ethan Short (Holly)  
 Felicity LaVigne (Holly)  
 Grace Woodruff (Fenton)  
 Hannah Wasilewski (Linden)  
 Isabella Lee (Fenton)  
 Jacob Burrell (Fenton)  
 Jillian Carey (Fenton)  
 Kelly Wiknich (Linden)  
 Kendall Miller (Linden)  
 Lillian Wright (Swartz Creek)  
 Maddie Lee (Linden)  
 Megan Bradley (Linden)  
 Moira Konopka (Holly)

**AGE 9****WINNER****Andrew Parillo (Fenton)**

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 Alexis Gettler (Gaines)  
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 Maycee Curtis (Holly)  
 Rylee Ochs (Fenton)  
 Sean Bowles (Fenton)  
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**A** Ex-Red Wing Gordie Howe celebrates his 84th birthday on Easter.

## David's DABBLINGS

On Tuesday, one of North America's greatest but little known rivalries occurred.

The United States men's soccer team traveled to Azteca, Mexico for a World Cup Qualifier. And for just the second time in qualifier history, the United States left Azteca with something other than a loss — they earned a 0-0 draw against Mexico. The U.S. has never beat Mexico in a qualifier at the 100,000-plus attendance stadium, and has only earned a tie one other time. Of course, during 2011, the U.S. earned a victory at Azteca, their first ever, but it came in a friendly. In this one, Mexico was supposed to be extra motivated.

That didn't happen. That result, coupled with a 1-0 victory against Costa Rica in blizzard conditions five days prior to the game in Mexico, has the stars and stripes looking pretty good, in third place with four of their final seven qualifiers on home soil. Even if most people aren't that concerned, the draw made my week. Hopefully, the good fortune will continue in June.

## Area prep soccer teams' seasons are previewed

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## HOW ABOUT THEM TIGERS?

Old school and new school writers discuss the Detroit Tigers.

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## Douglass promoted to co-coach with Linden football team

►Hopkins, Douglass will assume same duties during 2013

By David Troppens

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Nick Douglass has known Linden Denny Hopkins long before he ever started coaching at Linden High School.

"When I played in Fowlerville, he coached basketball," Douglass said. "I always knew that Linden had really good basketball teams. I didn't know at the time I'd meet

him and grow to have such a great relationship with him."

The relationship became even stronger on Friday as Douglass was named a varsity co-head coach alongside current head coach Hopkins for the 2013-14 school year.

"He's a very good coach and I have always completely trusted in Nick to do what is best for the kids," Hopkins said. "He's a great family man, which is nice."



Nick Douglass

"They've worked very well together for a long time and I assume they'll do the same roles," Linden athletic director Cathy North said. "I think they will complement each other very well like they have in the past."

North sent an e-mail to the sports staff announcing the move on Thursday afternoon, stating that "Denny and Nick will continue to work in the same roles as prior years."

Douglass, who coaches boys track during the spring, has been coaching in some capacity with Hopkins for about 10 years. He was Linden's Middle School coach for a year and then the freshman coach for three seasons. He's been on the varsity staff for the last six years.

"I don't see it changing, (our roles)" Hopkins said. "It's funny because there have been times when I've said something and he's said, 'I was thinking about doing the same thing.' It's pretty funny

See **DOUGLASS** on 17A

## Blue Devils' defense proves strong vs. Blackhawks, 1-0

►Newman scores game's only goal in second half setting up the victory

By David Troppens

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In many ways Brenna Meicher and the rest of her Lake Fenton girls varsity soccer team may have felt like the squad had two victories on Tuesday at Brandon High School.

The first, was just playing.

After the many postponed games due to poor weather over the last week, the Blue Devils became the first tri-county varsity girls soccer team to actually play a game on Tuesday.

And they did more than that. Led by a strong defensive effort, Lake Fenton defeated the Blackhawks 1-0 in what were cold but reasonable weather conditions.

"It's been hard," junior de-

fender Meicher said. "We've been in the gym most of the year. ... We are adjusting well. Most of the girls play travel, so that makes it easier."

"I am glad to be outside. I love being outside. I really don't care how bad it is outside."

Meicher was one of the defenders that helped lead the Blue Devils to the shutout. That's made all the more impressive because Meicher and fellow junior Sydney Bruder opened the game with two starting defenders in the back four. Those two freshmen were Alex Isaac and Alexis Cash, who played well in the first varsity games of their career.

And the few times when Brandon got off a shot — and See **BLUE DEVILS'** on 17A



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Lake Fenton's Kaitlyn Begley (left) tries to get by a Blackhawk defender in the Blue Devils' 1-0 victory against Brandon on Tuesday.



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that happened just 10 times — sophomore keeper Melissa Eggleston was strong between the pipes. She saved Brandon's four shots that were on target, including one with two minutes remaining on a ball that dribbled toward the net. About 30 seconds later, she caught a cross on one of four corners Brandon had in the final three minutes as well, helping stave off what was a late-game offensive rally by Brandon.

"We played really well defensively," Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glasstetter said. "We started two freshmen and two juniors (on defense) and they did a nice job. Brenna is like the quarterback of our defense and did a fine job. And Missy did a wonderful job in net."

However, with all the strong defensive work, the Blue Devils spent most of the first half, trying to create an offense. And while Brandon wasn't getting great scoring chances themselves, the Blue Devils struggled to create any great scoring chances as well. Lake Fenton had just two shots in the first half, and the teams went into halftime tied 0-0.

In the second half, the Blue Devils were more aggressive and used a strong passing game to become the more dangerous team, typically playing the game between the midfield and the Brandon defensive zone. Still, scoring chances were at a premium. However, the Blue Devils finally broke through with their first goal of the season when Denise Carlson sent a crossing pass to Jordan Newman, who then scored the game's only goal with 26:09 left in the contest.

"We started passing better and playing more aggressive in the second half," Glasstetter said. "We got the ball



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Lake Fenton's Miranda Quick (right) battles a Brandon player for the ball in the Blue Devils' 1-0 victory against the Blackhawks on Tuesday. It was the first game of the season for the Blue Devils.

outside and came right back in. I think that spread them out. They had two to three people going to the ball. That will leave a hole somewhere.

"Denise split the two defenders and Newman was there and put it in. It was a nice goal. Kaitlyn Begley and Miranda Quick played outstanding in the second half, in the middle."

The Blue Devils contained Brandon's offense for about the first 35 minutes of the second half before the Blackhawks started putting some heat on the Lake Fenton defense. However, each time Lake Fenton stood strong. In one instance, it looked like a Brandon player was headed for a possible breakaway when Meicher chased down the Brandon forward and earned a tackle. The ball went out of bounds and resulted in a corner, but it didn't result in a dangerous shot. And while Brandon had some pressure in the last five minutes, most of that pressure didn't result in a dangerous chance.

"We got it cleared," Meicher said. "It's me, a junior (Bruder) and three freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are used to playing a diamond instead of a flatback (defensive formation), so it's different for them. But they are adjusting. We have some really solid defenders this year. They are doing well."

Lake Fenton is off until an April 9 road contest at Swartz Creek. The team's first home game is April 11 at Durand.

Detroit Country Day 4, Fenton 2

The Tigers led 2-1 after Brennan Sullivan's corner kick was headed into the net by Hannah Evo, but Country Day scored three second-half goals, earning the win.

Country Day scored the game's first goal about 15 minutes into the game on a breakaway. However, Fenton tied it up at 1-all when Bailee Adams touched the ball to Maddie Dewan, who punched it in for a 1-1 tie about five minutes after DCD scored.

Country Day scored on two breakaways and a penalty kick in the second half.

DOUGLASS

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how often we are on the same page."

"Denny and I are both on the same page, looking to the future," Douglass said. "It's exciting. I don't want to call it a life-long dream, but it's definitely exciting."

The Linden varsity football coaching staff has enjoyed fine stability during Hopkins' career as varsity football coach.

Hopkins has had success with whatever varsity sport he's coached at Linden. He retired the varsity boys basketball position after the 2011-12 season, posting a 408-340 record since 1979-80 at the helm. He coached the varsity baseball team to a 401-254 record between 1979 and 1998.

But, of course, Hopkins currently is known for his football success. Since taking over the head coaching position in 1998, he's led Linden to a 108-45 record, making the state playoffs 13 times.

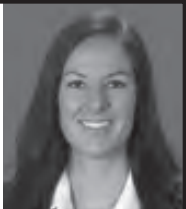
Hopkins said the continuity and trust among the coaching staff is a big key to the team's success.

"I think that's one of the reasons why we've been successful," Hopkins said. "All of the coaches on the staff have gotten along. There are no huge egos or anything like that. We're all here trying to do what is best for the kids."

Detroit Tigers Preview

DAVID	OLD SCHOOL VS. NEW SCHOOL	WILL
Miguel Cabrera, Prince Fielder, Victor Martinez and Austin Jackson make up the start of what should be a potent offense. It should be fun watching these bats. Grade: 7.5 (out of 10)	Offense	The Tigers will continue to have powerhouse hitters with Miguel Cabrera, Prince Fielder, Jhonny Peralta and others. However, the offense can't be relied upon alone, as evident in last year's World Series.
The Tigers' starting rotation is deep and among the best in baseball. However, the closer's role still remains a mystery. Let the closer role by committee games begin. Grade: 6.5 (out of 10)	Pitching	Much like the hitters, pitching should remain top-notch with the return of Justin Verlander. One major problem the Tigers saw in the postseason was closing. Phil Coke and the others are going to have to step up.
Remains the weakest part of the team. However, Torii Hunter helps the defense in the outfield. The infield defense remains as suspect as ever. Grade: 4.0 (out of 10)	Defense	Much like the closer spot, the Tigers' fielding needs work. Cabrera and Fielder can hit, but they are big guys and not the fastest on the field. The Tigers need faster outfielders and a better shortstop or they'll struggle.
Not much has changed since this time a year ago. As long as the Tigers don't see one or two of their star players go down, this team should destroy the AL Central. Prediction 96-66, first place	Prediction	I don't think they will make it to the World Series. While Verlander is as good as ever, he's peaked or close to it. The team are in a bit of transition. They need to start recruiting younger players so they can eventually replace their stars.
I like Jim Leyland and the job he's done since coming to the Tigers in 2006. Why people continue to beat him up puzzles me. ... If you get a chance, go to a Toledo Mud Hens game this year. It's a fun time.	Anything Goes	If the Tigers do make it to the World Series, they better win it. There's only so many times a team can win the American League but not snatch the championship title before fans label a team as "cursed."

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\*ADMISSION (PG13)

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\*THE CALL (R)

\*3D OZ: THE GREAT AND POWERFUL: REALD 3D (PG)

2D OZ: THE GREAT AND POWERFUL (PG)

\*3D JACK THE GIANT SLAYER: REALD 3D (PG13)

2D JACK THE GIANT SLAYER (PG13)

21 AND OVER (R)

SNITCH (PG13)

\*3D ESCAPE FROM PLANET EARTH: REALD 3D (PG)

SAFE HAVEN (PG13)

IDENTITY THIEF (R)

SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R)

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# 2013 TRI-COUNTY GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEWS

## LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

### Coach: Lenny Glasstetter

### Returning All T-C players:

Jordan Newman, Sidney Scott, Miranda Quick, Denise Carlson.

### Lost All T-C players:

Sierra Bruder.

**Summary:** The Blue Devils dominated the GAC a year ago, and return a lot of the players that made that domination possible this year. Newman scored 56 goals last year, while Carlson netted 13, so the offense is in good hands. In the midfield, Scott, Alyssa Kruger, Kaitlyn Begley and Melissa Williams all return, making it a solid unit. On defense, the Blue Devils have Brenna Meicher back, along with Sydney Bruder and Miranda Quick. The team also returns Melissa Eggleston in net, making them a quality team all around the pitch.

**Coach Glasstetter says:** "We are still young. Barring any injuries or sickness I think we will be competitive with anybody we play this year. We have a lot of good players back and a couple of good freshmen and sophomores."

**Projection:** Lake Fenton (10-0, 14-7 a year ago) is going to be good again. The GAC better watch out.



Lake Fenton's  
Denise Carlson

## LINDEN EAGLES

### Coach: Kevin Fiebernitz

### Returning All T-C players:

Samantha Thornton.

### Lost All T-C players:

Megan Harp, Lexi Downes, Jordan Sargent.

**Summary:** The Eagles return a lot of quality players from a squad that was very young a season ago. Defensively, Thornton is a senior who will spearhead that side of the pitch. She'll be teamed with Karrah Varner and Ashley Porter. In net will be freshman Bridgett Adams.

Much of the rest of the team is young. However, there is a great group of sophomores who earned varsity experience last season, so not all of those younger players are inexperienced.

**Coach Fiebernitz says:** "We are in good shape. Me and (assistant coach) Ryan (Ford) are excited to get this year kicked off. I think we will be solid. I believe (the Metro race) will be a three-team race with some wild cards thrown in there."

**Projection:** The Eagles are expected to be one of the contenders in the Metro League — along with Fenton and Lapeer West — this season.



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Two returning players for the 2013 girls soccer season are Fenton's Hannah Evo (left) and Linden's Ashley Porter (right). The Fenton Tigers and Linden Eagles are expected to contend for the Metro League title this spring.

## HOLLY BRONCHOS

### Coach: Mike Steibel

### Returning All T-C players:

None.

### Lost All T-C players:

Kayla Skopec.

**Summary:** The Bronchos graduated a large group of players from a year ago, so they will be a young team this season. Of the 18 players, only one is a senior. Seven are juniors. Autumn Brendel plays in the midfield and is a captain, while Ann Fetzer (defense) and Rachel St. John (forward) are two sophomores that played varsity as freshmen a year ago. Diana Frasier, Megan Ken-

nedy, Hayley Ruff, Maddie Huber and keeper Ellie Curtis make up a good chunk of the junior class.

**Coach Steibel says:** "Everyone has a positive attitude and we have some talent. They are going to have do a lot of growing in a short amount of time. Right now we don't seem to have any team issues. They seem to bond and help each other out."

**Projection:** The Bronchos finished in the bottom half of the league last year. Finishing anywhere in the top half this season would have to be considered a success.

## FENTON TIGERS

### Coach: Matt Sullivan

### Returning All T-C players:

Payton Maxheimer, Hannah Evo, Marissa Newblatt, Natalee Marshall.

### Lost All T-C players:

None.

**Summary:** The Tigers' roster is loaded with returning quality players. Included among that group are the team's top scorers from a year ago — Maxheimer and Evo. Natalee Marhsall, Makenzie Murphy and Brennan Sullivan return at midfield, while Kaleigh Keyandwy, Marissa Newblatt and Megan Cockin return on defense. About

the only position Fenton doesn't return tremendous experience is at keeper.

**Coach Sullivan says:** "Our athleticism and experience are the keys to our success this year. We are deep and should have a lot of competition for spots. We still need to find a way to score more goals."

**Projection:** The Tigers (5-1-2, 14-6-2) placed second in the Metro and appear to have a squad that can compete for a league title again this year. The squad is deep and talented.



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## Third-annual Run/Walk slated for May 18

The Fenton High School Athletic Department will host its third-annual 5K Run/Walk and its second-annual Tiger Trot on May 18 at Fenton High School.

The runs begin and end at the Fenton High School track. The route is reasonably flat and takes place within Fenton's city limits.

The cost for the 5K Run/Walk is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students before May 10. After May 10, the registration fee is \$30. The Tiger Trot costs \$10 through May 10 and \$12 after that date.

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## Tri-county fundraisers

### RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

The State Bank's Relay for Life of Fenton Team is hosting a Euchre Tournament on April 13 at the Fenton VFW Post 3243, 1148 North LeRoy St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and play begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be cash prizes and door prizes. Hot dogs, chips, soda, water and dessert will be provided — BYOB. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the American Cancer Society. Cost is \$20 per person, in advance and \$25 at the door.

### 'PIZZA, SODA AND SKATE NITE' AT ROLLHAVEN

The State Bank's Relay for Life of Fenton Team is holding an "Unlimited Pizza & Soda Skate Nite" at Rollhaven Skate and Fun Center at 5315 South Saginaw Road in Grand Blanc Township on Saturday, April 20 from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$12 per person, which includes skating, rental and all-you-can-eat pizza and soda. Non-skating parents' admission is \$6. The rink will donate \$2 from each admission to Relay for Life. A family rate of \$40 is also available, which includes admission for four people for this fundraiser.

## Calendar of events

### FREE FITNESS PROGRAM

A "Free" fitness program is beginning April 8 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Fenton United Methodist Family Center. From 9 to 9:30 a.m. the program includes general fitness (cardio, muscle pump, abs) and then from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the program includes PraiseMoves (a Christian alternative to Yoga). No childcare is available at this time. Guests are asked to bring a mat, towel and optional hand weights. Organizers are inviting those interested to lose weight, feel great and to come and renew their spirit, soul and body. The Family Center is located at 119 South LeRoy St., Fenton. For more information, call (810) 845-3277 or visit the Facebook page of Praise-Moves Michigan.



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## CITIZENS BANK

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This approval was necessary to proceed with the acquisition and if everything else goes as planned, Citizens Bank would be merged into FirstMerit's subsidiary bank, FirstMerit Bank.

FirstMerit, with consolidated assets of approximately \$14.9 billion, is the 76th largest insured depository organization in the United States, controlling approximately \$11.8 billion in consolidated deposits. It operates in Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Citizens Republic Bancorp, Inc., with total consolidated assets of \$9.6 billion, controls Citizens Bank, which controls approximately \$7.2 billion in deposits. It operates in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. Citizens Bank is the 62nd largest insured depository institution in Ohio, controlling deposits of approximately \$306.5 million.

Calling Thursday from Akron, Rob

### Summary

►FirstMerit Bank, based in Akron, Ohio completed another step in the process of acquiring Citizens Bank, with branches in Fenton, Linden and Holly.

Townsend, media relations officer for FirstMerit said they are still in the process of acquiring Citizens. They anticipate finalizing the acquisition in the second quarter of this year. Once the deal is closed, FirstMerit will begin the process of rebranding the Citizens branches.

Customers of Citizens will be receiving correspondence explaining the acquisition and Townsend said FirstMerit wants this to be a smooth and seamless transition. Branches will have the same people working in them.

Townsend said acquiring Citizens Bank was an attractive proposal to FirstMerit Bank since both banks are very community oriented and focus on customer service. "There's a lot of similarities between the two," he said.

To read the entire order issued by the Federal Reserve, go to [www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/orders/orders20130322a1.pdf](http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/orders/orders20130322a1.pdf).

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## Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting March 25, 2013

Call to Order @ 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Hallman, present, Graves, present, Cole present, Ciesielski, present, Absent: Schmidt.

Approved: Minutes of February 25, 2013 Board Meeting.

Approved: Budget adjustments.

Approved: Payment of bills.

Approved: Permit fee waived for Gaines Area Lions Club.

Reports: Police Department- A written report was submitted.

Approved: Acceptance of bid from Shebar Videotronics in the amount of \$1,555.50.

Fire Department- A written report was submitted.

Approved: Promotion of Jeremy Kurtz to the position of Lieutenant.

Accepted: Resignation of firefighter Brad Seeburger effective March 1, 2013.

Approved: Fire Department to proceed with the application for grants.

Reported: Building Department issued 6 permits that totaled \$ 1,741.00.

The Planning Commission – No report.

Assessor – No report.

Awarded: \$42,500.00 bid for the sale of 11169 Oakwood Dr., Byron, Michigan.

Awarded: Bid to Ed Vandeboss in the amount of \$2,300.00 for the clean up of 9445 Lakeview Dr.

Attorney Report: David Lattie gave an oral report.

Approved: Supervisor to propose to the Road Commission Argentine's experimental plan first, the second choice is to accept option 3 and if not approved, accept plan 1 as our third choice.

Approved: Purchase outdoor bench from Upbeat Site Furnishings.

Approved: Purchase of in wall secure payment drop box to accept the \$500.00 bid from Fortress Foundations LLC for installation.

Welcome: Supervisor Cole welcomed his newborn grand-daughter Haley Grace Cole.

Adjournment @ 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves, Clerk



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## OZ

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people with dwarfism like Frost to have a small onscreen role.

"I took a semester off of school and stayed with my godparents near the studio," Frost said. "We got to stay in a hotel paid for by the studio at one point, once we realized how long we would be staying there. Even though we were only onscreen for a small amount of time, the dance we learned and the filming took forever to learn because the choreography was so intricate."

Frost and his cast mates were all fitted for costumes that he simply describes as "interesting." Some wore frilly dresses or tuxedos while Frost wore a wooly red vest.

"It's weird and cool to see yourself on the screen when you're looking for an actor instead," Frost said. "I saw myself right when the munchkins enter in the movie."

The film also offered opportunity to other area actors — former Fenton resident and Fenton High School graduate Bryan Terry also participated as an extra in the film.

**“I never expected anything to come of it. I just thought ‘what the heck? It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.’”**

**Spencer Frost**

*Played a munchkin in  
“Oz the Great and Powerful”*

"My mom actually told me about the open casting call and I took the drive to Pontiac, got my mugshot taken, put in an application and heard back a while later," Terry said. "While I was on set they had us stand in the middle of a bunch of cameras and pose in all different ways so they could make digital copies of us to fill space in the movie. I learned about

the digital aspect of filmmaking and where that is headed."

While on set, Terry was also able to meet a famous actor. The company had instructed all extras not to talk to these celebrities, but for Terry the temptation was just too great.

"I met Zach Braff from Scrubs," Terry said. "I told him 'If I

didn't say hello my dad would kill me.' He was a really nice guy."

Both the actors describe their first filmmaking experience as surreal and express their gratitude for the opportunity.

"From the experience I learned that you just have to take every opportunity that comes your way," Frost said. "Although acting is not my career choice, I am so glad I took the chance and it worked out great."

## PRIEST

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He has been spending many Tuesdays at St. John's since his appointment, getting acquainted with the people of the parish. "I'm committed to making this transition as easy as possible," said Fr. Ezop, whose current ministry is at St. Jude Catholic Church in DeWitt — a parish serving 1,300 families, in comparison with St. John's 3,100 families.

Fr. David Harvey, who has served as parish priest at St. John's for 36 years, will become senior priest.

"I love being a priest and I love being a pastor," said Fr. Ezop. "I love celebrating the Mass, and getting invited to so many

different circumstances in life — some joyful, some sad and some extremely challenging. That's really 'holy ground.'"

He said his first responsibility at St. John's will be to find out the needs of the

parish and how to fill them. "I am here, first and foremost, to serve," said Fr. Ezop. "My goal is to understand the needs of the people, their vision and how I can support them."

Fr. Ezop, 47, grew up in Saginaw, where he attended public schools. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and then attended Mundelein Seminary at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill. He was ordained on June 14, 1997.

"I wanted to be many things in the course of my life, but I always knew in my heart I was called to be a priest," he said.

In his spare time, Fr. Ezop will likely be found

at a movie theater, enjoying a good sci-fi flick and a big box of popcorn. "Often on my day off, you'll find me at the movies," he said with a smile. "If I could live on movie theater popcorn, I would!"

**“I love being a priest and I love being a pastor.”**

**Father Dwight Ezop**

#### Summary

►Fr. Dwight Ezop does not begin his role as priest of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church until June 26, however, he regularly visits in an effort to get to know the congregation and its needs.

## KELSEY'S LAW

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"A person's number one job when they are behind the wheel is to operate that vehicle," Slater said. "Anything that can reduce the distractions, especially for younger more inexperienced drivers, I believe is a good thing."

Officers will have to use their own discretion in deciding if a driver using a cell phone looks young enough to be breaking Kelsey's Law. Under this law, the use of hands free devices is still legal and the use of which will yield no consequence from law enforcement.

"Inherently officers will have to make a decision based on what they

see," Slater said. "Even if we run the plates on a car, most of the time the car belongs to mom or dad and won't reflect the age of the driver. We are hoping that the \$200 fine will get the attention of the parents of any minors who violate this law."

This new law does not affect older drivers who have a level 3 license. Although it is not yet illegal to talk on cell phones while operating a vehicle, Slater advises against it.

"We live in a technological world and we see the younger age group has grown up with technology," Slater said. "But operating a vehicle is a huge responsibility for teens as well as adults. All drivers should keep their focus on the road."

**“A person’s number one job when they are behind the wheel is to operate that vehicle.”**

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## Social News

### ENGAGEMENT



**Ryan-Grenzicki**

The engagement of Danielle Ryan of Linden to Michael Grenzicki of Fenton has been announced by her parents, Tim and Dawn Ryan of Linden. His parents are Doug and Tammy Grenzicki of Fenton. The bride-elect earned an associates degree from Mott Community College in Early Childhood Education and is working toward her bachelor's degree in Teaching in Early Childhood Education at the University of Michigan-Flint. She is employed at Argentine Elementary Early Childhood Center in Linden. Her fiancé earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Michigan-Flint. He is employed by the State of Michigan (DTMB). An Oct. 12, 2013 wedding ceremony is planned at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton.

### ENGAGEMENT



**Johnson-Maksymowski**

The engagement of Tara Johnson of Fenton to Bobby Maksymowski of Fenton has been announced by her parents, Bill and Cathy Johnson of Fenton. His parents are Bob and Cindy Maksymowski of Fenton. The bride-elect earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Oakland University and is employed as an office manager at Rynearson Dental Care. Her fiancé studied earth science at the University of Michigan-Flint and is employed by the City of Fenton Fire Department. An Oct. 19, 2013 wedding ceremony is planned in Fenton.

### BIRTH

**Zachary Griffith Maurer**

Debbie Maurer and Marc Head of Holly have announced the birth of a son, Zachary Griffith Maurer. He was born on Feb. 18, 2013 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. His weight was 8 lbs., 8 oz. and he was 21.5 inches long. His grandparents are Robert and Patricia Maurer of Hamburg and John and Barbara Head of Kimball.

His great grandmothers are Mildred Laurino of Hamburg, and Katherine Head of Warren. His siblings are Jessica, 20, Jasmine, 18, Adam, 17, Ethan, 14 and Benjamin, 10.



### HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**RATHER THAN THE** post office ending Saturday delivery, I'd rather see them raise the rates of 'junk mail' substantially. Why add to our landfills?

## Pink-out at AGS



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELLO

Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School Assistant Principal Eric Rettenmund (bottom left) dons a pink tutu along with teachers Kurt Herbstreit (pink shirt), Tom Cavric (to his left), Todd Mills (morph suit), and Matt Wasson (far right). All male teachers wore pink tutus after female teachers raised \$300 for cancer aid, which ran in conjunction with the read-a-thon on Wednesday. Maya Nemer, 12, brought the idea to Wasson to implement. The activity ended up raising more than \$700.

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"It's a good idea to talk to an attorney before you apply," said Crites. "We can familiarize you with the five-step process that the Social Security Administration uses to determine your eligibility."

To be eligible for a monthly cash payment, you must live in Michigan and be unable to work due to illness or injury for at least a one-year period. You can file in person at a local Social Security Administration field office, including two in Flint at 1149 Robert T. Longway and 2021 West Carpenter Rd., phone (888) 318-7282 or (888) 320-0961. You can phone the SSA at (800) 772-1213 or apply online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

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Attorney Robert M. Crites has been practicing law in the Flint area since 1964. He welcomes people to contact his office with questions about Social Security Disability.

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If the reconsideration of your claim

results in a second denial of benefits, you can then request a disability hearing in front of an administrative law judge. In Genesee County, these hearings are held at the Flint Hearing Office of the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, 300 West St. Flint. "We prepare our clients for the hearing so they know exactly what to expect," said Crites. "We're highly motivated to win these cases."

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# Meet Linda Longstreth

By Sally Rummel

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Linda Longstreth (formerly Tottingham) spent 41 years as an educator/principal at Linden Community Schools, retiring in 2011. She just returned from a once-in-a-lifetime trip to South Africa to visit her family's foreign exchange student, Bart Das, of Capetown, South Africa.

He had lived with the Longstreth family during the 1968-69 school year at Holly High School. You've kept in touch all these years? It has been amazing. Bart hasn't missed either of my parents' birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day or Christmas in all of these 44 years. That's how appreciative he was of being able to visit the U.S. for the first time. He couldn't believe that even though our family had five kids, my parents still welcomed him. When my dad passed away in 1993, Bart still kept in touch with my mom. Now that my mom has dementia, he and I keep in touch via email. He has been asking

**"Bart and his wife, Tara, live on the side of a mountain, overlooking the ocean. I could watch the whales jump in front of his house. I don't know of anything that could top what I saw and experienced."**

**Linda Longstreth**  
Retired Linden  
educator/principal

Linda Longstreth (center) is pictured here with her South African hosts, Tara and Bart Das.

and asking us to come. With my mom now in her late 80s, she's too frail to make a trip like this, so I decided to go on my own. I was gone for 23 days.

**What was the highlight of your trip?** Absolutely, it was the

five-day safari to Palabora, where Bart and his family have a second home. We had to fly to get there, and then drove throughout the thousands of miles in the safari park for four days, then at night, traveled with a guide in an open Land Rover. From

Bart's house, we could hear lions roar and hippos grunt. A monkey actually came into the house. It was just unbelievable. I took over 2,000 pictures, many of them on safari.

**Tell me about South Africa.** First of all, it's a 24-hour plane ride to get there. They're going into their fall harvest season, so the first thing I got to do was help Bart harvest the grapes in his vineyard. That's his retirement job, once he sells the company he owns. I got in the bucket and stomped the grapes just like Lucille Ball did on 'I Love Lucy.'

South Africa's population is 85 percent of black African ancestry, living in awful poverty. Bart's family does everything they can to hire them for work in the vineyard, yard and cleaning the house. I'm not used to that — I'm used to doing it all myself. But his family is very conscious of doing what they can to improve their living standards. They also sponsor a couple of their worker's children so they can go to better schools.

**What language is spoken in South Africa?** It's mostly English and Dutch. The natives speak Afrikaans in different dialects that I couldn't understand.

**What was the temperature like?** It was hot, between 85 and 102 degrees every day. At night, it cooled down a little. Bart and his wife, Tara, live on the side of a mountain, overlooking the ocean. I could watch the whales jump in front of his house. I don't know of anything that could top what I saw and experienced. It was really hard to step back into 30 degrees when I got back to Michigan!



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Linda Longstreth shows several photos of whales jumping in front of her host's mountainside, oceanfront home in Capetown, South Africa.



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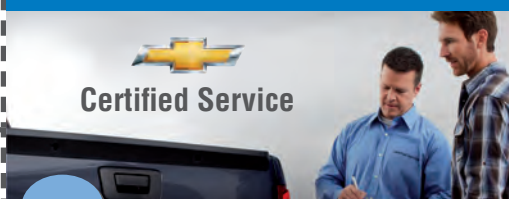
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## Summary

► The right dash of spice can turn an otherwise plain meal into something much more memorable.



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Experimentation is key to matching the right spices to your own personal tastes.

## A pinch here, a dash there can go a long way

By Ryan Tackabury

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Everyone has to eat, though not everyone makes for a talented chef. Not all meals are created equal, but sometimes one of the best ways to enhance a bland dish can also be one of the simplest — by adding the right pinch of spice.

“Spices are considered aromatics, and aromatics are what get your nose going as far as your senses,” said Jody Brunori, a chef at The Laundry in Fenton. We use spices in everything from the mild to the more pungent. It enhances the flavor, and is part of making a dish better by layering the flavors.”

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**Jody Brunori**  
Chef at The Laundry

For the uninformed, this still may sound difficult. What spices should you keep on hand? What spices go with what meal? While there are answers to these questions, a little experimentation to account for your own personal preferences always helps.

“Cumin is always a great spice to have. A really good paprika. I used to love curries. We like cayenne pepper and nutmeg. Nutmeg is great in sweet dishes as well as savory dishes,” said Brunori.

Once you have assembled a collection of spices, you do not have to worry about them spoiling. However, over time the quality

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## Stocking your SPICE CUPBOARD

There are hundreds of different spices out there in the world and all offer their own unique way to flavor your meals. That is a lot to manage — not to mention to afford. Fortunately, you can start small. Here are nine versatile spices you can use to add a new taste to your everyday meals.

**Aleppo Chile:** A mild spice with a fruit raisin flavor, it mixes best in dishes with tomato sauces, roasted vegetables, chicken, and nuts.



**Cardamom:** With a strong taste, this spice will be one of the more expensive to purchase — but you will only need to use a little for a dish. Use with white fish, and chocolate. According to Serious-eats.com, “It brightens dull flavors like long-cooked meat and bland grains, and can make you look at familiar foods, like chocolate chip cookies, in a whole new light.”



**Coriander:** To add a lemony citrus flavor, this is the spice you will want to use. Try adding to roasted cauliflower, chicken, butter cookies, lentils, squash, soups, and onions.



**Cumin:** With an earthy and nutty taste that is a little spicy, cumin can make for a good topping for lentils, stews and soups, green vegetables, and fish.



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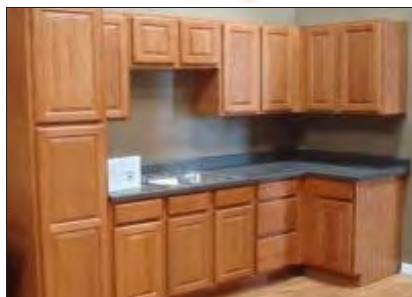
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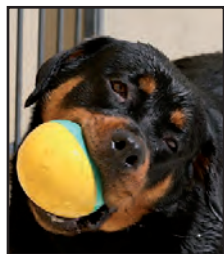
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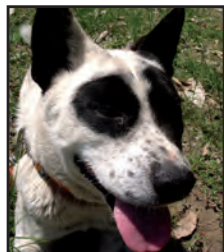
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## ROTTWEILER



Rottweilers can be improperly trained to be vicious, mean dogs that can take down a human. Rottweilers are sometimes used as police dogs because of the strong jaw and teeth that they have. In the olden days, they were used to carry wood and other large heavy goods to markets and houses.

## AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG



Australian Cattle Dogs are known for their intelligence, especially when it comes to being able to train them to herd in cattle. They have also been trained to be "biting" dogs. Australian Cattle Dogs are trained to bite cattle (not hard) to keep them moving. These dogs have been herding cattle since the 19th century and today they still do just that.

## POODLE



This breed of dog is absolutely brilliant. Poodles are used as hunting dogs as well as watch and rescue dogs. The Poodle is also used as a water dog. Poodles come in all sizes, but even the Toy Poodle can be used to hunt birds. Poodles love to be around people and are very protective. Though this breed only weighs up to 8 lbs., a mighty heart can come out of such a pretty looking dog.

## GOLDEN RETRIEVER

This breed can be easily trained to find and bring back waterfowl or game that has been shot. The dog's soft mouth allows it to bring back unharmed game to its owner. Aside from being a hunting dog, Golden Retrievers can be used as rescue dogs, drug sniffing dogs, and guide dogs. This breed is very patient, which makes it that much easier to train.



## LABRADOR RETRIEVER

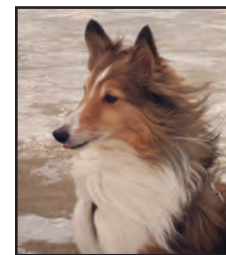
This is one of the most intelligent as well as one of the most popular breeds of dog in the world. The breed originates from Newfoundland and was trained to hunt waterfowl. As time has passed, Labs have been introduced to more and more jobs. Many of these dogs are used in the police force as bomb sniffing or drug sniffing dogs. Any dog that can be trained to do this is most definitely smart. These dogs are also used as rescue dogs. Many are trained to help the disabled, especially the blind. Labs can be trained to lead a human around while ignoring any type of distraction. The Labrador Retriever is a loving, obedient, and patient dog that can be trained to do almost anything.



## GERMAN SHEPHERD

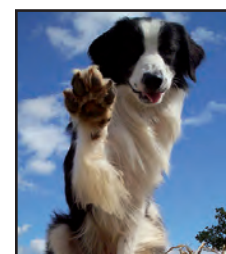
This is the one breed of dog that you can say actually looks tough and mean. Looks are most definitely deceiving because the German Shepherd is one of the most lovable breed of dog you will ever come across. Loving or not, these dogs can be trained to do things that humans can't. Today, these dogs are usually trained to be police dogs, rescue dogs, and some are even able to work with the military. These dogs are so bright that the Army and Marines have allowed them to be used in overseas activity. German Shepherds are very obedient dogs as well as protective. In the past, German Shepherds were used as herd dogs but today they are used in more "higher up positions," so to speak. The German Shepherd is one of the smartest dogs around.

## SHETLAND SHEEPDOG



The Shetland Sheepdog is a very smart dog. Some owners of this breed of dog claim that they are just as smart as a human is. Shelties originated out of Scotland. Sporting a furry two-layered coat and definitely not the toughest looking dog around, Shelties are used to herd sheep. Since the breed can be both big and small in size, some of these dogs are used to keep pests and smaller animals out of gardens.

## BORDER COLLIE



This dog lives to work, literally. The Border Collie is used as a herding dog and has since grown to be used as a sporting dog as well. The breed is known for its agility, speed, and obedience. It is also known for its ability to learn new tricks quickly. These dogs love being able to work next to your side. Collies are especially great at dog sport competitions. You will generally see them competing in Flyball and disc games.

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## 'Community Breakfast' planned for May 2

### ►Event coincides with National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2 and once again the Fenton Kiwanis Club and Fenton Area Clergy are teaming up to host a community breakfast.

This year the breakfast will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton at 503 South LeRoy St. The event starts

at 7 a.m. and concludes by 8 a.m.

William Donahue, pastor of the Fenton United Methodist Church, will be the speaker. Tickets are \$10 and are available from area churches, members of Fenton Kiwanis, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce office, the main branch of The State Bank and Comerica Bank.

Questions may be directed to Bob Burek at (810) 750-6978 or Dale Swihart (810) 629-7801.

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## Easter Worship Services

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**Maundy Thursday • March 28th, 6:30 pm**

**Good Friday Service • March 29th, 6:00 pm**

(Good Friday Service will be held at Linden Free Methodist Church)

**Easter Sunday, March 31st**

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**Thursday, March 28, 2013**

**7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

**Friday, March 29, 2013**

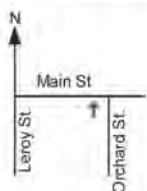
**12:00 Noon: Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

**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**



## Business briefs

### Agent earns statewide insurance honor

Dan Bates of Fenton and a local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance has earned one of the company's top awards for his outstanding record of sales and service in 2012. He



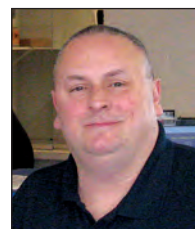
Dan Bates

earned membership in one of the top levels of the Multi-Line Sales Council (MLSC), an elite group of agents who excel in both property-casualty and life insurance sales. He received

the MLSC-Silver Award during the recent Farm Bureau Insurance annual convention. As a Farm Bureau Insurance agent since 1974, Bates has earned many of the company's top honors, including the 2007 Elton R. Smith Award for his outstanding contributions as an agent, business leader and community leader.

### Lasco Ford of Fenton welcomes new parts and service director

Mike Abrams is a new face at Lasco Ford, recently brought in to serve as parts and service director for all three locations. A native of Rochester, N.Y., Abrams has had a 30-year career in multi-franchise automotive operations. His position with Lasco Ford involves overseeing all service and parts personnel



Mike Abrams

at the Lasco Ford locations at 2525 Owen Rd. and 3145 Copper Ave. in Fenton and 5470 Ali Dr. in Grand Blanc. He and his wife, Robin, re-located to Fenton for this position. "We are pleased to have created a new position within our company, welcoming Mike Abrams as the Lasco Ford Parts and Service director," said Jay Lasco. "With Lasco now employing more than 180 people in three facilities, it was time to have a highly experienced person oversee all three locations to ensure we are meeting customers' expectations in Parts and Service. Lasco Ford strives every day to make sure we achieve 100 percent customer satisfaction. With Mike's support and expertise, we can be sure to do just that."

## CUPBOARD

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**Grains of Paradise:** An alternative option to your standard black pepper, use this Spice Island on dressings with curries and rich sauces, and anything else you would put ground pepper on.



**Paprika:** One of the most commonly used spices, paprika goes well with vegetables and all sorts of chicken breasts, tomato sauce, soups, and marinades.



**Nutmeg:** Providing a sweet taste, nutmeg works well with foods that use dairy products like cream



soups or macaroni and cheese. It also can be used with potatoes and dark meats.

### White Sesame Seeds:

With the aroma of roasted peanuts and vanilla, sesame seeds mix well with fruits and light-colored vegetables.



**Star Anise:** A licorice flavor, star anise can be used in small amounts in sauces and stews.



It can also add a new dimension on citrus-based dishes, or well-browned red meats.

## SPICE

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of spices can degrade, and won't bring you quite the exact taste as you may have intended.

According to StillTasty.com, whole spices will stay fresh for three to four years, ground spices for two to three years, and dried herbs for one to three years.

Prices on spices can vary, however, does the difference in price correlate with a difference in quality? The answer is not as clear cut — some name brand spices may have a stronger taste than generic spices. If you are able to tell the difference, it may be worth investing a little more for enhanced taste.

Once the basics are covered, you can do some taste tasting over time to see what you personally enjoy — even if it is not something that is considered typical.

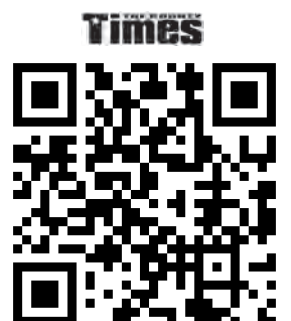
"Don't be afraid to experiment with different things, just kind of go with what you like, and if it works, fantastic," Brunori said. "You could be on to something that is absolutely wonderful."



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# Leasing more popular than ever

Financing options open up to make leasing affordable



The 2013 Malibu is the most popular leased car at Vic Canever Chevrolet.

**By Sally Rummel**  
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Leasing a car is back, and today's deals can make driving a new car more affordable than ever.

"There's been a really major shift in the popularity of leasing," said Matt Stevens, general sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. "We're actually seeing more leases than buys. It's up to about 60 percent of our new car business."

Customers coming out of an existing lease may find themselves paying less than \$200 per month on a new lease, according to Stevens. "Over two or three years, you might save between \$2,500 and \$4,000. That's a lot of money saved out of pocket."

So what has changed in the last couple of years, when leasing was all but impossible? "Most banks just didn't offer them when the economy was bad," said Stevens. "Now we offer three or four choices because banks are competitive with their options." In fact, GM now has returned to the financing game with GM Financing, which does a lot of the financing at Vic Canever Chevrolet.

**See LEASE on 7B**

**“There's been a really major shift in the popularity of leasing.”**

**Matt Stevens**  
General Sales Manager at  
Vic Canever Chevrolet

## Leasing tips...

### For more flexibility in a lease:

If you want to trade in a leased vehicle before the term is up, try websites like Swapalease.com and Leasetrader.com, to find other consumers to take the car and take over the lease payments.

### Research

Do your homework before buying or leasing a car so you understand exactly how both processes work.



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Proper maintenance and steady braking and acceleration save on fuel economy, along with avoiding air conditioner use and the defroster.

## Top 10 gas saving tips

Use these tips by Gas Buddy next time you get in your car

**By Sally Rummel**  
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- 1 Avoid high speeds** — driving 62 mph vs. 75 mph will reduce fuel consumption by about 15 percent.
- 2 Don't accelerate or brake hard** — slow, steady acceleration and braking will increase fuel economy by as much as 20 percent.
- 3 Keep tires properly inflated** — keep tire air pressure at the level recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. A single tire under inflated by 2 PSI increase fuel consumption by one percent.
- 4 Use A/C sparingly** — the air conditioner puts extra load on the engine, forcing about 20 percent more fuel use. The defrost position on most vehicles also uses the a/c.
- 5 Keep windows closed** — open windows, especially at highway speeds, increase drag and result in decreased fuel economy of up to 10 percent.
- 6 Service vehicle regularly** — proper maintenance avoids poor fuel economy related to dirty air filters, old spark plugs or low fluid levels.
- 7 Use cruise control** — maintaining a constant speed over long distances often saves gas.

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In the warmer months, the pros suggest washing your car at home with the right products — like proper car wash solution.

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## Wash your car 'like the pros'

► At-home car wash has some advantages over automatic washes

By Sally Rummel

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Washing your own car at home is much easier than you think, especially with warm weather approaching.

"It's a much better wash for your vehicle and will make it last longer," said Galon Christian, owner of Holly Automotive Supply in Holly. "It can get a lot more detailed than a mechanical wash. You can get out all the grime in every nook and cranny."

Christian recommends that you wash your car at home in the warm weather months at least once a month, using professional-grade products that make the job much easier and more effective. He carries Duragloss and Meguiar's products at his store, and is very pleased with their results.

Mike Pennington at Meguiar's recommends that you use a carwash solution for washing your car, rather than dishwashing detergent — even though 60 percent of home car washes use the latter. Detergent will get the car clean, but will strip any protective wax coatings — exposing the vehicle to possible nicks, scratches and stains. A carwash solution will preserve the car's finish.

After washing the car with the car wash solution, dry the surface with a rubber-blade squeegee, he recommends.

Christian recommends waxing your car every time you wash it, to absorb stains and small scratches before they get to the paint.

Clean the glass last, because it will have grime and dirt from the other steps. Christian personally likes Cycloglass cleaner, which works on other glass surfaces besides auto glass.

For a thorough wash the first time through, it might take a novice car washer about 1½ hours, but after a few practices, you should be able to complete the job in about a half-hour, said Christian.

"It's a much better wash for your vehicle and will make it last longer."

— Galon Christian  
Owner of Holly  
Automotive Supply

### Here's what you need for the job:

- Grime-removing soap
- Bucket
- Hose
- Large wish-bone sponges or hand mitts
- Chamois or terrycloth towels, or rubber squeegee, if you prefer
- Wax
- Windshield cleaner
- Tire cleaner

### Easy steps to a clean car:

1. **Run the hose** out to your driveway
2. **Fill a bucket** with warm water and a carwash solution.
3. **Use a grime** remover to get off all the residue on your vehicle
4. **Use tire cleaner** and scrub brush on your tires
5. **Clean your windshield** with glass cleaner designed for automotive use
6. **Dry all the surfaces** of the car with chamois, terry towels or squeegee
7. **Apply a coat of wax** to seal and protect your car's painted surfaces
8. **Optional:** Polish your car for a more aesthetic look



Washing a car at home takes longer, but poses no risk of damage from equipment at automatic car washes.

### Pros and cons of washing a car by hand

#### PROS

- Every part of the car's body gets cleaned and properly dried
- You can select the cleaning products used
- You won't damage your car with scratching from large brushes or accidentally tearing off the antennae

#### CONS

- Takes a longer time to wash
- It may be more difficult to wash the car's undercarriage
- More weather dependent

### Pros and cons of using an automatic car wash

#### PROS

- It's faster and easier for the car owner
- It can clean the undercarriage more thoroughly

#### CONS

- Risk of damage to the vehicle
- Spotty washing and drying
- Inability to pay close attention to trouble spots

### GAS

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**8 Avoid heavy loads** — remove the sand bags from your truck in the spring and pack lightly for long trips.

**9 Avoid long idles** — if you anticipate being stopped for more than one minute, shut off the car. Restarting the car uses less fuel than letting it idle for this time.

**10 Purchase a fuel efficient vehicle** — check out the vehicle's rated fuel efficiency when buying a new car. Most efficient? A small car with manual transmission.

Source: Gasbuddy.com



## LEASE

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What's big now in leasing are short term leases of two years. "Because these leases are short, you likely won't have any major expenses with the maintenance of your new vehicle," said Stevens. "Some leasing packages even offer maintenance."

Many lease options also waive down payments, offering zero down at signing and some have even waived the first month's payment, according to Stevens. "It's definitely been a big shift." Customers will also find that some lease programs offer a lower fixed purchase price at the end of the lease agreement.

At Vic Canever Chevrolet, the most popular lease deal is a 2013 Chevrolet Malibu, offered at 0 percent down.

## Did you know...?

...In the early 2000s, UPS employed new routing software to increase the efficiency of its delivery fleet and reduce fuel consumption.

By eliminating as many left-hand turns as possible, UPS has saved an estimated 10 million gallons of gas in the past eight years.

Why? Before making a left-hand turn on a busy two-way street, you usually wind up idling — getting 0 mpg. Right-hand turns keep you moving.



Source: Oprah.com

## Three things you should know before you lease

1. **Capitalized cost** — this is what the consumer and the dealer agree that the vehicle is worth right now. Mark Hoffman of Consumer Affairs says that you want to negotiate the number as low as possible, just as if you were buying the vehicle.

2. **Cost of financing** — the entity leasing the vehicle has to purchase it before they can lease it to the consumer. This is the cost of the money they are using.

3. **Residual value** — this is what both parties agree will be the value of the vehicle at the end of the lease. A high residual value will result in lower monthly payments but will make it more expensive to purchase the vehicle at the end of the lease. If you want to trade the vehicle before the lease is up, it reduces a lot of flexibility.



It's better for the lessee to keep the vehicle for the entire length of the lease.

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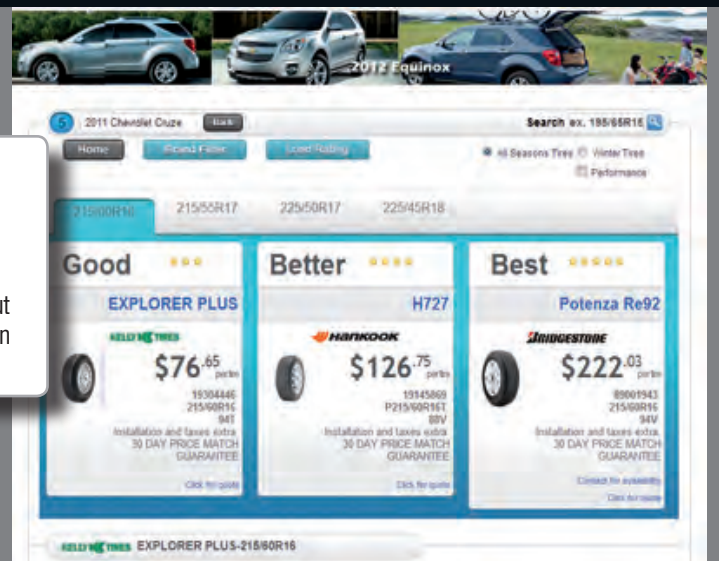
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**Q:** I have an '04 chevy 2500hd 6.0 gas motor. There is no oil pressure when the engine is cold. It warms up the oil pressure at around 40psi. Every so often I here a nasty loud valve tap. The truck has 356,000 miles. Do you have any ideas?

**A:** Thanks Jeff. This could be caused by many different things. The first step we take in this situation, is to take the oil filter off and cut it open. Then take the folded fabric out and hold it up in good lighting to see if there are any signs of metal shavings or glitter in it. If so, then you will need to replace or rebuild the engine. If not, then I would do an oil change on it and a manual oil pressure test to see if it still shows low oil pressure. If it is still low then you will need to remove the oil pan to check the rod and main bearings for clearance with a plastigauge. If the bearings are within spec, take the timing cover off and the oil pump apart and look at the oil pressure relief valve to make sure the spring is not broken and that the valve at the end of the spring has smooth travel. Also, check the oil pick up screen for being clogged, if all of this is ok, I would try a new oil pump and screen to see if this cures your problem. There are a few other not so common problems that it could be, (spun cam bearing, clogged oil passage) but you would need to disassemble the engine to check this. With so many miles it would not make sense to not just replace it at that point.

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**Helen Marie  
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Helen Marie (Kann)  
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March 3, 2013, only a month after her beloved husband Leonard. They were partners in life and business for 61 years. Helen's family will gather for a memorial service that will be held on Friday, April 5, 2013, 12:30 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Friends may visit beginning at 10 AM. Fr. David Harvey officiating. Interment of cremains will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Salvation Army. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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**Kenneth Benjamin  
Stiles**  
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Kenneth Benjamin Stiles  
- age 82, of Fenton, died



March 27, 2013 at Caretel Inns of Linden. Funeral services will be held 11:30 AM Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton, Fr. David Harvey officiating. Visitation was held 5-9 PM Friday and also will be held 10-11:30 AM Saturday. A Vigil service was at 7 PM Friday evening. Those desiring may make contributions to Caretel Inns of Linden, American Cancer Society, or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Fenton. Kenneth was born August 8, 1930 in Southfield, MI, the son of Benjamin and Theresia (Maikrzyk) Smelewski. He was a graduate of Lawrence Technological University as an engineer. He was married to Dianne (Amorello) Smelewski on February 23, 2009. He worked Falcon Tool, and then served as Vice President of Ingersoll Cutting Tools. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He enjoyed baseball and played until he was 56. He enjoyed fishing and boating. Surviving are: wife Dianne; children, Kenneth Smelewski of Tucson AZ, Robert (Brenda) Smelewski of Belleville, MI, Pamela Stiles of Leonard, MI; step-children, Neil (Valerie) Maison, Brad (Jill) Maison, Danielle (Jeff) Taylor, Greg Maison, Yvette (Kenneth) Augustine; brother, John (Jeanne) Smelewski of Linden; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years Frances; parents; and brother Milton Smelewski. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Donna Jean (Morgan)  
Gibson - age 76, of Fen-



ton, died Sunday, March 24, 2013 at Fenton Health Care. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013, 5 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Rev. Don Neuville officiating. Donna's family and friends may visit beginning at 3:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; Birmingham, AL Children's Hospital; Avalon Hospice or the Fenton United Methodist Church. Donna was born August 20, 1936, the daughter of Virgil and Leota Morgan. She graduated from Linden High School in 1954. On June 5, 1954 she married Howard Gibson in Milford. They were inseparable for 58 years. Donna retired from GM Proving Grounds in Milford where she was an executive secretary. She was a member of the Fenton United Methodist Church. Donna was a fiercely devoted, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved creating elaborate and detailed parties for the whole family! She had a "green thumb" and had a huge vegetable garden for years. She won the Fenton Beautification award for having such beautiful flowers in her yard. Surviving are husband Howard of Fenton; children Candi Gibson-Rogers of Memphis, TN, Melani (Gibson) Johnson of Cantonment, FL; Holli (Gibson) Poyner (Dan) of Fenton; grandchildren Daniel (Lara) Poyner, Cameron Poyner, of Fenton, Nicholas and Haley Johnson, of Cantonment, FL; great-grandson Zachary Johnson of Cantonment, FL; siblings Donald Morgan (Jane) of OK, Gary Morgan (Kathie), Betty Schmidt (Floyd), Marianna Sigafoose, all of Perry, MI. Preceded in death by parents, and grandson, Zachery Johnson. Donna will be greatly missed. Her generosity, kindness and warmth have touched all she met. She is now in re-union with her loved ones and her Lord and Savior in Heaven. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Ima Laguire,**  
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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE  
HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS SPECIAL ELECTION  
THAT IS TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2013**

Electors are hereby given notice that an Election will be held in voting precinct 4 of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

**Electors of the Hartland School District will be voting on the following proposal:**

HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS  
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL  
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE  
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW  
18 MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2013

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 East Highland Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, telephone: (810) 626-2100.

**Electors who wish to vote in the May School Election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2013.**

To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk's Office, or the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office. The Tyrone Township Clerk is available for the purpose of receiving registrations at the following location and times:

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**Keith L. Kremer,**  
Tyrone Township Clerk



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## ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

March 13, 2013

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

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder  
Board Members Absent and Excused: Miller, Trevethan  
Approved: Agenda.  
Approved: Consent Agenda.  
Date Set: Annual Rose Township Clean Up Day May 18, 2013 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.  
Adopted: Resolution FY 2013-12 Appointment members Barbara Breen and Joseph R. Michael to Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors.  
Adopted: Resolution 2013-13 FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendments.  
Adjourned: By motion at 8:27 p.m.



Paul Gambka  
Rose Township Supervisor



Debbie Miller, CMC  
Rose Township Clerk

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD MARCH 26, 2013

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremer, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, and David Walker. Absent: Trustee Chuck Schultz.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-4 as presented.
4. Reviewed the 2012-2013 budget; approved the transfer of the budget surplus from the general fund to the road, revolving and building funds. Any additional excess surplus will be allocated to the general fund balance.
5. Adopted the General Appropriation Measure Resolution #130307.
6. Approved the general liability insurance policy for 2013-2014.
7. Authorized the write off of uncollectible fire service account receivables as amended.
8. Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at [www.tyronetownship.us](http://www.tyronetownship.us). The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

## CITY OF LINDEN ORDINANCE NO. 342 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the CITY OF LINDEN, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of ten years.

### THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The CITY OF LINDEN, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants the right, power and authority to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances for the purpose of transmitting, transforming and distributing electricity on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the CITY OF LINDEN, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of ten years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's structures and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highways as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the Department of Public Works Supervisor or his designee.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the City free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the City on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the City and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said City, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said City for electric furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, in which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate electric rates and rules regulating such service in said City, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said City, acting by its City Council, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in said City.

SECTION 10. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of an electric ordinance adopted by the City on April 11, 1983 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the VILLAGE OF LINDEN, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby an electric franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the City Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said City and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the City Council of the CITY OF LINDEN, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 25th day of March, 2013.

Attest:

David Lossing, City Mayor

Lynn Henry, City Clerk

### ACCEPTANCE

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

The CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY hereby accepts the franchise granted to it by your City Council on the 25th day of March, 2013, which said franchise is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the CITY OF LINDEN, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of ten years.

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

By s/ Catherine M. Reynolds  
Catherine M. Reynolds, Vice President,  
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Dated: March 25, 2013.



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Week of March 31, 1990  
*As determined by Billboard magazine.*

1. **Forever Your Girl** - Paula Abdul
2. **Rhythm Nation 1814** - Janet Jackson
3. **Nick Of Time** - Bonnie Raitt
4. **Soul Provider** - Michael Bolton
5. **But Seriously** - Phil Collins
6. **Alannah Myles** - Alannah Myles
7. **Cosmic Thing** - B52's
8. **Cry Like A Rainsorm** - Linda Ronstadt
9. **Girl You Know It's True** - Milli Vanilli
10. **Pump** - Aerosmith

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

**SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

HERE ORATED URBAN AREA  
IRON BOURNE SELF AWARE  
POOL POCKETS STARTLING  
STARS BARBARA WILSON  
FERRY STARWARS MOVIES  
BORG SEE PEAL EENE  
INSECT LEGS KLEE EXPOS  
HEIDI REO TRAVE  
ALABAMA BRADY CHILDREN  
SABERS TEEM DOO BEARS  
SWISS SODA PACKS PAPUA  
ISLE BEAU ALOE BAREST  
GUITAR STRINGS TRUSTEE  
NITRAHAN MURRAY  
STYLE AGLU DOMINODOTS  
ARM ALIBI POD ESAT  
ICE HOCKEY TEAMS DEMUR  
LAP CISSAGO STUPOR  
ERIC CANAL GROUP SOFSIX  
UPCOUNTRY LARRUPRENE  
MESSINESS EMENDS YSER

**KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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E R A Q U A T R A I N S  
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F L E A E O N S O P H  
G A R Y O N D E R  
I D E A L V I E W S  
S U R V E Y W A D  
M O R E E P A E M I T  
S T O L E O N E  
Q U E S T I O N S I T S  
B L A K E P U P S E T  
S T R I P S T Y T R Y

**WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS**

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

**SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS**

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

**WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS**

Jumbles: DAILY VIXEN EMBARK RADIUM  
Answer: To the minstrels, Robin Hood was —  
A "BAND" LEADER

**SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS**

Jumbles: ACUTE KITTY NIPPLE MUSTER  
Answer: It can be yours at the end —  
"SINCERELY"

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**SundaySudoku**

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

**KING FEATURES**

**SuperCrossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Epitaph start  
5 Spoke from a soapbox  
11 Inner city, e.g.  
20 Crease remover  
21 "The — Supremacy" (2004 film)  
22 In touch with who one is  
23 Billiards targets  
25 Astonishing  
26 Gazes  
27 Opera house song  
29 "... there — Santa Claus"  
30 Twice DI  
31 Flaming  
32 George Lucas collection  
36 Tennis' Björn  
37 Attend (to)  
39 Norman Vincent —  
40 Boise-to-Billings dir.  
41 Some thorax attachments  
44 Swiss artist Paul  
46 Big fairs  
50 Literary 67-Across girl  
51 Vintage Olds

52 Lead-in for la la  
54 "Hello, Hadrian!"  
55 Mobile site, e.g.  
59 1970s sitcom  
63 Dueling swords  
64 Swarm (with)  
65 Alley —  
66 "I'm all —"  
67 From Zurich, e.g.  
68 61-Down purchases, e.g.  
71 — New Guinea (Pacific nation)  
72 Oahu, e.g.  
73 Water, to Fiji  
74 Salve plant  
75 Most plain  
76 Things to pick or pluck  
80 Fiduciary  
81 Thing to pick  
82 "Told ya!"  
83 Crawler with antennae  
84 Wall art  
86 Décor option  
88 Rights gp.  
90 Some pips  
95 Supply with guns  
97 Perp's out  
99 Seal school

100 Morales of "Mi Familia"  
101 Stanley Cup contenders  
106 Hesitate due to doubt  
107 Race unit  
108 "— for Cookie"  
109 Starchy pudding ingredient  
110 Lethargic state  
112 Waterway with many locks  
116 This puzzle's theme  
119 Toward a nation's interior  
120 Wallop  
121 Descartes or Lacoste  
122 Slob's quality  
123 Corrects, as a manuscript  
124 River of Belgium

**DOWN**

1 Rose's fruit  
2 Gully creator  
3 Audibly excited fans  
4 Make bigger  
5 Mitch Miller's instrument  
6 Legendary birds  
7 Diving shorebird  
8 Yummy tidbit  
9 Catches in a web  
10 Yearn for  
11 Letters on a battleship  
12 Person on a pension  
13 Fashion designer Bill  
14 Ski chalet style, often  
15 Rebellious Turner  
16 Puncturing tool  
17 "The Gift" director Sam  
18 Golf's Els  
19 Patronage  
24 Snoop  
28 Stopped sleeping  
31 Dept. of Justice org.  
32 Sown thing  
33 Metal mixture  
34 Ryan or Tatum  
35 Irritate  
37 Mushroom parts  
38 Tony winner Kazan  
42 Singes  
43 Jeered  
45 Spirit of a culture  
47 Protective wall  
48 Make trite  
49 Having feeling  
51 Rife  
53 Cleave  
55 Hands out  
56 Court case  
57 Competence  
58 Attack from all sides  
60 Stephen of "Bad Behaviour"  
61 Popular pop  
62 Loved ones  
64 Talk up  
68 Olympic figure skater Cohen  
69 Math class: Abbr.  
70 Kramer of "Seinfeld"  
71 São —  
73 Important time  
75 Trademark  
77 "No man is — to his valet"  
78 Come from behind to win  
79 Arctic people  
80 Quartet minus one  
85 Strike callers  
87 — -di-dah  
89 Las Vegas' — Palace  
90 Explanatory drawing  
91 Cook, as onion rings  
92 Slow absorptions  
93 Red Bull ingredient  
94 Title for a knight  
96 Actor Chuck or singer Lila  
98 Hound breed  
101 Small intestine division  
102 "— diem!"  
103 Heroic poems  
104 Kunta — ("Roots" role)  
105 Demi of film  
106 Quartet minus two  
110 K.P. veggie  
111 Baking qtzs.  
113 Canon camera option  
114 "— bono" ("To what purpose?")  
115 Fleur-de- —  
117 Capacious vase  
118 Gen — (post-'65 arrival)

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION



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## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FENTON OAKWOOD CEMETERY

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Oakwood Cemetery Board  
City of Fenton

## CITY OF LINDEN ORDINANCE NO. 341

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 9 SECTIONS 9.2.7; 9.3.2 and 9.3.4 OF THE CITY OF LINDEN ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 285); EFFECTIVE DATE; PUBLICATION**

### THE CITY OF LINDEN ORDAINS:

- A. The City of Linden hereby amends the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance No. 285 (Zoning Ordinance) as follows:

#### Section 9.2 General Conditions

##### Section 9.2.7 Measurement

1. Measuring Sign Area.
  - c. The area of a double faced freestanding or projecting sign shall be computed using only one (1) face of the sign provided that:
    - 1) the outline and dimensions of both faces are identical; and
    - 2) the faces are back to back so that only one (1) face is visible at any given time.

#### Section 9.3 Permitted signs in the Central Business District (CBD)

##### Section 9.3.2 Projecting Signs.

1. Projecting Signs may be allowed subject to the following requirements:
  - c. Projecting signs shall not exceed a display area of ten (10) square feet (see also Section 9.3.4, 1,c).

##### Section 9.3.4 Wall Signs

1. Wall signs may be allowed subject to the following conditions.
  - b. A maximum of two (2) wall signs are allowed per building. Only one (1) wall sign shall be allowed on the front façade of a building. A second wall sign shall be allowed on either the side or rear façade of a building. The maximum area of any wall signs shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the wall area that the sign is affixed to, or forty-five (45) square feet, whichever is less, provided that the total area of all exterior(wall and projecting) signs in combination shall not exceed sixty (60) square feet.
  - c. Where a wall sign is located on the same façade as a projecting sign, the combined area of both signs shall not exceed ten (10%) percent of the wall area that the signs are affixed to, or forty-five (45) square feet, whichever is less.

Existing provisions c through f shall be renumbered d through g.

- B. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication.

**ENACTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Linden City Council on the 25th day of March, 2012.**

THE CITY OF LINDEN

By \_\_\_\_\_  
David E. Lossing, Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

Misc.  
Wanted

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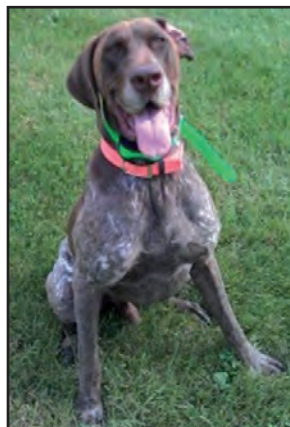
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Found

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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL .7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **THE FORECLOSING PARTY ANTICIPATES BIDDING LESS THAN THE FORECLOSING PARTY'S OPINION OF THE MARKET VALUE AT ABID OF \$41,000.00 MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Allison M. Smith, a married woman and William D. Smith, her husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Republic Bank DBA Home Banc Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2005 and recorded January 9, 2006 in Instrument # 200601090002324 Gene-see County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Spartan Equities High Yield Fund I, LLC, by assignment dated June 28, 2012 and recorded February 22, 2013 in Instrument # 20130220011846 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$126,951.99) including interest 6.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on April 24, 2013. Said premises are situated in Township of Vienna, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land in the Northeast quarter of Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 6 East, described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Section 16, thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds West along the East line of Section 16, a distance of 200 feet; thence West 172 feet; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East, 200 feet to the North line of Section 16; thence East 172 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 4015 W Farrand Rd, Clio MI 48420 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 3/24/2013 Spartan Equities High Yield Fund I, LLC, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-77691 Ad #47139 03/24, 03/31, 04/07, 04/14/2013

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