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By Olivia Dimmer

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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 indicating he had not filed his taxes, 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

Right-to-work law now in effect

By William Axford

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.

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.

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Features and News
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 banned 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 something that allowed us about some of the things we do here at school.,”

“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 nutcases principals like Lydia Davenport in Madison City, Alabama.

At the risk of offending you, Happy Easter.

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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.”

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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.

‘My electorate deserves all my concentration’

By Tim Jagielo

Holly Village council member resigns to care for ailing wife

By Tim Jagielo
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Holly — The Village Council has another vacancy, after Tom Clark offered his written resignation to the council. Clark is resigning 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 six council members, and an informal review process will follow.

“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@hollyvil-lage.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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Encore careers in your golden years

Workers change careers as jobs, economy shifts

By William Axford
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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 and computer companies shifted production out of state, Goldsmith found her profession was not as economically viable as it once had been.

“She was going down, I wasn’t making a living anymore. It was 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, 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.’

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.”

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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.
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.

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SUSPICIOUS PRESCRIPTIONS LEAD TO ARRESTS
On March 25, and 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 officer 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.

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 seemed 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.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rogercampbell.ameritech.net.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
MICHIGAN motorists to pay more for car insurance beginning in July, increases $11 to $186 for each insured vehicle in the state. Legislation needs to step in and do something in order to lower costs and to protect the taxpayers of Michigan. Call your state Legislator now.

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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 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.

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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.

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ENTRANTS & WINNERS

AGE 3

WINNER

Madalene Reinfeelder (Fenton)
Ashston Slater (Fenton)
Brandon Perantoni (Rose Township)
Brittany Bailey (Fenton)
Carity Bracey (Flint)
Erim Walrath (Fenton)
Gavin Hitchings (Fenton)
Logan Christopher (Fenton)
Max Louis (Fenton)
William Waters (Fenton)

AGE 4

WINNER

Kaden Holbrock (Holly)
Alexzin Glover (Fenton)
Bailiee Roths (St. Clair Shores)
Dane McKee (Fenton)
Daniela Richmond (Fenton)
Delilah May Wittenkeller (Flint)
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)
Alexis LaSalle (Metamora)
Allison Heinonen (Linden)
Avery Jones (Fenton)
Brendan Day (Linden)
Brenna Tschorn (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 Wittruhn (Linden)
Lydia Clemens (Linden)
Marissa Fernandez (Fenton)
Samantha Gross (Holly)
Tobias Foren & Kevin Foren (Birch Run)
Wyatt MacIntosh (Linden)

AGE 6

WINNER

Gwen Grove (Linden)
Adrianna Lockwood (Linden)
Boston Curtis (Holly)
Brandon Caird (Fenton)
Brenna Hubbard (Linden)
Carson Hancock (Fenton)
Drew DeSmidt (Fenton)
Dustin Richards (Holly)
Emily Medford (Waterford)
Gavin Wascher (Fenton)
Giavanna Hayes (Holly)
Hailee Jolli (Fenton)
Haley Ranta (Fenton)
Haley Wasilewski (Linden)
Hannah Finkle (Fenton)

AGE 7

WINNER

Michelle Amberg (Fenton)
Aden Zack (Fenton)
Alivia Peters (Fenton)
Allison Mowery (Fenton)
Ana Hutchings (Linden)
Ava Stadel (Fenton)
Blaire Ubrozsky (Holly)
Braylon Liddle (Holly)
Breleigh Day (Linden)
Brooke Peterson (Linden)
Connor Davis (Fenton)
Dawson Wagner (Burton)
Elizabeth Heasl (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 Bouis (Linden)
Rosslyn Pitcole (Fenton)
Ryan Masel (Gaines)
Sara Hash (Fenton)
Stellah Strass (Linden)
Sydney Ternysh (Linden)
Tatum Stuemke (Holly)
Tori Bush (Farmington Hills)
Xander Foren (Birch Run)

AGE 8

WINNER

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

AGE 9

WINNER

Ethan Bright (Linden)
Alexis Wzgird (Fenton)
Angelina Vitarelli (Fenton)
Avvey Jabiro (Swartz Creek)
Brighton Layman (Holly)
Brooke Waters (Fenton)
Chloe Polzin (Fenton)
Danielle Miller (Linden)
Delaney Burrough (Fenton)
Emma Watson (Linden)
Ethan Short (Holly)
Felicity LaVigne (Holly)
Grace Woodward (Fenton)
Hannah Wasilewski (Linden)
Isabella Lee (Fenton)
Jacob Burrell (Fenton)
Jillian Carey (Fenton)
Kelly Wicknish (Linden)
Kendall Miller (Linden)
Lillian Wright (Swartz Creek)
Maddie Lee (Linden)
Megan Bradley (Linden)
Moirna Konopka (Holly)

AGE 10

WINNER

Grant Maxheimer (Linden)
Ahtagail Hope Rakowski (Holly)
Alex Bentley (Linden)
Asher Mann (Fenton)
Brie Sanford (Fenton)
Carly Miller (Linden)
Cassidy Vaughn (Fenton)
Emilee Greer (Holly)
Emily Hess (Holly)
Kiyaun Gaff (Fenton)
Lydia Johnson (Fenton)
Noely Hoffman (Holly)

AGE 9 (continued)

Mallory Ross (Linden)
Mason Wagner (Burton)
Mayee Curtis (Holly)
Rylee Ochs (Fenton)
Souheh Miller (Fenton)
Selena Monette (Holly)

AGE 11

WINNER

Andrew Parillo (Fenton)
Aiden Miller (Linden)
Alexandra Preiss (Fenton)
Alexs Geltier (Gaines)
Briana Dietz (Fenton)
Brionna Miller (Linden)
Christian Hungerford (Linden)
Emma Wise (Linden)
Evelyn Riley (Fenton)
Grace Fromm (Holly)
Hayden Kruse (Fenton)
Hope Pacheco (Holly)
Katarina Joyce Bennett (Byron)
Keegan Watson (Linden)
Leah Forrester (Fenton)
Lexie Medford (Waterford)
Logan Bushon (Linden)

AGE 10 (continued)

Mason Wagner (Linden)
Gracee Carney (Fenton)
Justin Boul (Holly)
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 11

WINNER

Taylor Parker (Holly)
Cinnie Lee (Fenton)
Hannah Polzin (Fenton)
Jaden Rose Williams (Linden)
Maggie Kelley (Linden)
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Douglass promoted to co-coach with Linden football team

Hopkins, Douglass will assume same duties during 2013

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789
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.”

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 dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789

In many ways Brenna Meicher and the rest of her Lake Fenton 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 defender 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
Miguel Cabrera, Prince Fielder, Victor Martinez and Austin Jackson make up the start of what should be a formidable lineup. Cabrera, Fielder and Martinez are all star players who are capable of putting up big numbers and bringing the Tigers back into the running.

Not much has changed since this time last year, as 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.

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 chanced down the Brandon defender 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 freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are freshmen. So far I think (the freshmen) are doing pretty good. A lot of them are fra...”
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LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS
Coach: Lenny Glassstetter
Returning All T-C players: Jordan Newman, Sydney Scott, Miranda Quick, Denise Carlson.
Lost All T-C players: 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 Glassstetter 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.”
Projection: Lake Fenton (10-0, 1-7-3 a year ago) is going to be good again. The GAC better watch out.

HOLLY BRONCHOS
Coach: Mike Steibel
Returning All T-C players: None. Lost All T-C players: Kayla Skopek.
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 junior and one is a freshman. 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 Fraser, Megan Kennedy, 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 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
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 Marshall, Makenzie Murphy and Brennan Sullivan return at midfield, while Kaleigh Keyanowy, 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.

LINCOLN EAGLES
Coach: Kevin Fiebennitz
Returning All T-C players: Samantha Thornton, Lonnie Carter.
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 Fiebennitz 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.

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.
For more information, contact the Fenton Athletic Department at (810) 591-2608.
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 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.
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.
Attorney Report: David Lattie gave an oral report.
Assessor – No report.
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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. I think 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.

“I was 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.” 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 see 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.”

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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 want to be many things during 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 in a movie theater, I would!”

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.”
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 a bachelor’s degree in Computer Information Systems from the University of Michigan-Flint. She is employed at Mott Community College in Early Childhood Education and is working toward her associate degree from Mott Community College in Early Childhood Education. Her fiancé earned a bachelor’s degree in Teaching in Early Childhood Education at the University of Michigan-Flint. He is employed at Rynearson Dental Care. Her fiancé’s parents are Bob and Cindy Johnson of Kimball.

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 grandparents 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

I WAS SO shocked when I saw the sign posted up at a local store window that said, ‘now hiring.’ What are they talking about? They have many employees working part time, why not let them work full time. Pay is only $8.50 per hour. My goodness, it feels like we’re back in the 1970s. Shame on the corporation.

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Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School Assistant Principal Eric Rettenmund (bottom left) dons a pink tutu along with teachers Kurt Herbstreit (pink shirt), Tom Cavic (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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- What is his/her track record of success?
- What percentage of the lawyer’s caseload is dedicated to handling your type of legal problem?
- What are the fees and how are they structured?
- Does lawyer carry malpractice insurance and if so, how much?
- Who else would be working on your case and what are their rates?
- What additional costs may be involved besides lawyer fees (postage, filing fees, copies, etc.)?
- How often will you be billed?
- Can lawyer provide references from other clients?
- Does lawyer have a written fee agreement or representation agreement?
- How will you be informed of developments in your case?

Questions to ask yourself:

- Is the lawyer’s experience and background compatible with your legal needs?
- Did he/she provide prompt and courteous responses to your questions?
- Is this someone with whom you would be comfortable working?
- Are you confident he/she possesses the skills and experience to handle your case?
- Are you comfortable with the fees and how they are structured?

LEGALLY SPEAKING
How to choose the right lawyer for the right circumstance!

Applied and denied?

Get professional legal advice when applying for Social Security Disability

By Sally Rummel
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If you have applied for Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income and have been denied, now is the time to enlist the professional legal services of Robert M. Crites & Associates — with more than 25 years of experience in this specialized field.

“The average, 70 percent of SSD and SSI claims are denied at application,” said Crites. “If you suffer from a medical, psychological or psychiatric impairment and have initiated or been denied for benefits, contact us right away. We know the law and the documentation necessary to meet their requirements.”

The good news for you, as a client, is that you pay no attorney fees unless you win the case. “We estimate that we win the judgment about 80 percent of the time,” said Crites.

If you have not yet applied, you can also call Crites’ office in Flint or Swartz Creek (see hours below) to get a packet of helpful information, including phone contacts, websites, office locations, etc.

“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.

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About three to four months after you file for disability, you’ll receive a written decision in the mail. Less than a third who apply for SSD in Michigan are initially approved. However, significantly more are granted benefits at a later stage of the disability appeals process.

You have 60 days to submit a “Request for Reconsideration” form to the SSA, at which time a different examiner at the Disability Determination Services office reviews your case. “This is when we really get things started,” said Crites. “We’ll get all of your file information from SSA and figure out what gaps there might have been in the information originally filed. We’ll prepare a brief, which is a 10- to 20-page summary of all your medical history.”

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.”

Crites’ office also handles Social Security Benefits for children who are disabled or whose ability to function normally is impaired. These benefits would be paid to his/her parent or guardian on the child’s behalf. The amount could be, depending on the circumstances, as much as $500 or $600 per month.

In addition, his office handles Social Security claims by people over age 50, as well as workers’ compensation, estates and trusts.

Robert M. Crites & Associates is located at 1030 South Grand Traverse in Flint, phone (810) 767-5252. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. His Swartz Creek office is located at 9001 Miller Rd., open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

“Call for a free consultation,” he said.
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.

“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 Pala- abora, 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. I was just unbelievable.

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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SPICE of life

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

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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 Judy 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.”

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.

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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 easily be 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 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

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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.

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 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 at 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 at the Lasco Ford locations at 2525 Owen Rd. and 3145 Copper Ave., in Fenton and 5470 Al Rd. 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.”

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Grains of Paradise: An alternative option to your standard black pepper, use this Spice Island or peppercorn 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.

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

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Avoid high speeds — driving 62 mph vs. 75 mph will reduce fuel consumption by about 15 percent.

Don’t accelerate or brake hard — slow, steady acceleration and braking will increase fuel economy by as much as 20 percent.

Keep tires properly inflated — keep tire air pressure at the level recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. A single tire under inflated by 2 PSI increases fuel consumption by one percent.

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.

Keep windows closed — open windows, especially at high-speeds, increase drag and result in decreased fuel economy of up to 10 percent.

Service vehicle regularly — proper maintenance avoids poor fuel economy related to dirty air filters, old spark plugs or low fluid levels.

Use cruise control — main-taining a constant speed over long distances often saves gas.

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.

The 2013 Malibu is the most popular leased car at Vic Canever Chevrolet.
Wash your car ‘like the pros’

At-home car wash has some advantages over automatic washes

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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 carwash 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.

Here’s what you need for the job:

• Grime-removing soap
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• Hose
• Large wish-bone sponges or hand mitts
• Chamois or terrycloth towels, or rubber squeegee, if you prefer
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• Windshield cleaner
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**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.

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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.


Agnes Nicolai, Agnes Nicolai - age 95, died March 21, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Helen Marie (Kann) Roche, Helen Marie (Kann) Roche - died peacefully on Sunday 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.temrowskifamilyfuneral-home.com.


Donna Jean (Morgan) Gibson, Donna Jean (Morgan) Gibson - age 76, of Fenton, died Sunday, March 24, 2013 at Fenton Health Care. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 12, 2013, 3 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Rev. Don Newville 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 Viola and Leota Morgan. She graduated from Linden High School in 1954. On June 5, 1954 she married Howard Gib- son of New Lenton. They were inseparable for 58 years. Donna retired from GM Proving Grounds in Milford where she was an execu- tive secretary. She was a member of the Fenton United Methodist Church. Donna was a fiercely de- voted, loving 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 flow- ers in her yard. Surviving are husband Howard of Fenton; children, Gail Gibson-Rogers of Mem- phis, TN; Melani (Gibson) Johnson of Cantonment, FL; Hollie (Gibson) Poyner (Darin) of Fenton; grandchil- dren Cameron Poyner, of Fen- ton, 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 (Fred), Marianna Sigalosse, all of Perry. PM. Preceded in death by parents, and grandson, Zachary Johnson. Donna will be greatly missed. Her generousity, 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.


Kenneth Benjamin Stiles, 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 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 Theresa (Makryski) Smolewski. He was a graduate of Lawrence Technological University as an engineer. He was married to Danielle (Amorelli) Smolewski on February 23, 2009. He worked Falcon Tool, and then served as Vice Presi- dent of Ingersoll Cutting Tools. He was a member of St. John the Evange- list Catholic Church. He enjoyed baseball and played until he was 56. He enjoyed fishing and boating. Surviving are: wife Danielle, children, Kenneth Smolewski of Tucson AZ, Robert (Brenda) Smolewski of Belleville MI, Pamela Stiles of Leonid, MI; step-children, Neil (Valerie) Maison, Brad (Laja) Maison, Danielle (Jeff) Taylor, Greg Maison, Yvette (Kenneth) Augustine, brother, John (Jeanne) Smolewski of Lin- den; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years Fran- ces, parents, and brother Milton Smolewski. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Barrett’s esophagus is a change in the kind of cells that line the lowermost part of the esophagus, the part that attaches to the stomach. That change brings with it a chance of further, cancer changes. The risk is quite small, about 0.5 percent per year. Barrett’s esophagus can turn into cancer.

A biopsy is done to look for signs that raise the risk for cancer, or the doctor would have recommended immediate treatment. About 70 percent of these cell changes into cancer cells. They most definitely control heartburn. If they show low-grade changes, the likelihood of cancer is not as great as it would be if they show high-grade changes. The length of the area involved with these changes is another factor in determining the cancer risk. You must not have had signs that raise the risk for cancer, or the doctor would have recommended immediate treatment. About the only thing you need to do is comply with the suggested follow-up scope exams so the doctor can see if any procedures are needed to eradicate these new cells. You don’t have to sit around and worry. You have not received a death sentence.

DEAR AMY: My wife and I are in our late 20s. We have a widower neighbor in his 60s who has been extremely generous to us since we moved in four years ago. This year, however, he gave my wife a Valentine’s Day gift of a short, sheer nightgown that leaves nothing to the imagination. He said it was “a gift we would both appreciate.” However, I feel the gift crossed the line and wonder if he is expressing a romantic interest in her. He sees nothing wrong with it and thinks I am being overly jealous. She doesn’t want to ruin our relationship with him, and won’t let me address my concern with him. Am I being unreasonable? — Good Neighbor

DEAR GOOD NEIGHBOR: I don’t think you are being unreasonable, but you might reframe your concern by dialing it more toward the “bewildered” part of the spectrum. I agree that this is in poor taste but think you should start by giving your neighbor the benefit of the doubt. He may hand you an opening when he asks if you “enjoyed” this gift. You can say, “Stan, I’ve got to admit, I am confused by your gift. I don’t like the idea of men other than me giving my wife negligees; honestly, it makes me uncomfortable.”

DEAR AMY: My 30-year-old daughter and her boyfriend are kindred spirits. They both enjoy the recycled “grunge” look. Neither bathe regularly and often they have a noticeable waft that wanders by after they do. They are college educated and quite capable. They are applying for any job they can find, including fast food places. I wonder if either of them has a clue that their lack of hygiene may have more to do with their not getting jobs than the economy does. Should I say something? — Concerned

DEAR CONCERNED: You can ask them how it’s going and what, typically, they do to prepare for an in-person meeting. They have very little time during the course of an interview in which to impress upon a potential employer that they are right for a job. Offer them this logical shorthand: Wherever they are trying for a job, they should look at current employees for clues about what that manager prefers when it comes to hiring people.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have had heartburn for many years. I take Prilosec for it, and it works fine for me. My doctor scheduled me for a gastroscopy exam. I haven’t had one for quite a while. The doctor who did the scope said this and my family doctor to say that I can’t have Barrett’s esophagus. I have Barrett’s esophagus, which can turn into cancer. Naturally, this has me worried. Will you elaborate on Barrett’s esophagus and what I have to look forward to? Neither of my doctors has suggested a change in medicines. Do you? — T.M.

ANSWER: Barrett’s esophagus is a change in the kind of cells around the lowermost part of the esophagus. The kind of cells that have evolved. If they show low-grade changes, the likelihood of cancer is not as great as it would be if they show high-grade changes. The length of the area involved with these changes is another factor in determining the cancer risk. You must not have had signs that raise the risk for cancer, or the doctor would have recommended immediate treatment. About the only thing you need to do is comply with the suggested follow-up scope exams so the doctor can see if any procedures are needed to eradicate these new cells. You don’t have to sit around and worry. You have not received a death sentence.
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Employment Wanted
CPR CERTIFIED: gentleman would like to help care for your loved one. Experienced, with local references. Linden, Fenton, Holly area. Call Roy, 810-735-5910.

Garage Sales
Fenton
FENTON RUMMAGE sale. Friday, April 5th, 9-3pm.
Saturday, April 6th, 9-2pm.
At Trinity Lutheran Church, 806 Main Street, corner of Orchard. Many great bargains! Sponsored by Ladies Guild.

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Long Term:Skilled Nursing Care Facility

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE HARTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP 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

Elections 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.

Elections 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.

Elections 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: Tyrone Township Hall 10408 Center Road Fenton, Michigan Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Keith L. Kremer, Tyrone Township Clerk

During this wonderful time of celebration with family and friends, let us remember the reason we celebrate Easter Sunday.
It is all about the message of the cross. About His death and resurrection.
May your Easter Sunday be filled with joy and the truth of the Easter message…

HE IS RISEN!
ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
March 13, 2013
Superintendent Gambiela called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9680 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambiela, Kemp, Shengle-Sieder
Board Members Absent and Excused: Miller, Tremblay
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 Brenn and Joseph R. Michael to Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors.
Adjourned: By motion at 8:27 p.m.

Paul Gambiela
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 Klemm, Treasurer Maria Bunting-Smith, Trustees: Cari Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, and David Walker.
Absent: Trustees 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 #193087.
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. 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 apparatus 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 ORDINANCE:

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, hereafter 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 apparatus for the purpose of transmitting 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 or otherwise by the highways 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 and its officers 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 premises herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the City and save it free and harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. CREATION OF PARTNERSHIP. 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, to which Commission or its successor 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, in 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 as 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, 1987 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 apparatus on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, 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 date 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 35th day of March 2013.

Ayes: [signature]
[signature]
Lynn Henry, City Clerk

Accompanying this ordinance is 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 35th day of March 2013, which said franchise is entitled as follows:

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By: [signature]
Catherine M. Reynolds, Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Dated: March 25, 2013.
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