Alleged ‘funeral bandit’ has long history as cunning con man

Posed as soda distributor and school janitor in other schemes

By Ryan Tackabury
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It is a story that would seem more likely to be read in the pages of a movie script than a newspaper – but in this case, the truth really is stranger than fiction.

Before earning the nickname of the ‘funeral bandit’ after more than 16 families reported home-break-ins while attending funerals, Todd Lloyd Griffin was involved in a series of cunning acts of thievery and deception that earned him two felony convictions.

“He fell on our radar the day after Christmas in 2007,” said Lake Orion Police Chief Jerry Narsh. “We got a call he was trying to transform $851 into larger denominations at a bank just before quitting time which I think raised some attention.”

See FUNERAL BANDIT on 11A

Most dangerous intersections in Fenton

Five locations account for 63 crashes over one year period

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On Wednesday, there was a crash at the intersection of Owen Road and Eleanor Street. Owen Road is the most crash-prone road in Fenton, accounting for an inordinately high percentage of the auto accidents that occur in Fenton.

These intersections all have two things in common — a high volume of traffic, and what police call “turning movements” — a left or right turn into traffic.

The most crash-prone intersection in Fenton is the ramp area from north bound US-23, onto and from Owen Road. Fenton Police chief Rick Aro said 15 accidents occurred at that area between April 6, 2012, and April 3, 2013. Seven occurred at the intersection of Owen Road and North Road intersection at the US-23 exit.

Summary

Owen Road has the dubious honor of being the most crash-prone area in Fenton, followed by the Torrey and North Road intersection at the US-23 exit.

Hungry kids and fewer volunteers at soup kitchen

Volunteers from this area served more than 170,000 meals in 2012

By Sally Rummel
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Flint — At 11:30 a.m. on the dot, clients of the Catholic Charities North End Soup Kitchen (NESK) file in, to be served by volunteers from Fenton, Linden and Mundy Township.

Following two hours of preparation, volunteers and employees serve turkey and gravy, salad, and a dessert to around 60 people.

See SOUP KITCHEN on 14A

Harsh penalties for minors caught with alcohol

Warmer weather, graduation parties keep law enforcement alert to underage drinking

By William Axford
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Two months from now, a slew of high school seniors will receive their diplomas and embark on their path to adulthood. And while surviving the public school system is cause for celebration, being a minor caught with alcohol can be a sobering experience.

Various fines and court costs, mandatory substance abuse classes, and subjugation to random alcohol and drug tests are some of the consequences minors face.

In Michigan, possession of alcohol laws for minors are as strict as any in the country. Michigan law has the nation’s harshest laws on possession of alcohol for minors.

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Several crashes occur on Owen road each year, usually related to either a turn onto Silver Parkway or the on/off ramps from US-23. This crash on Owen road occurred May 2012.
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**NEWS AND FEATURES**

**Man’s grille stolen from truck**

On April 3, a 70-year-old man reported to Fenton police that the front-end grille to his vehicle had been stolen. The man said the incident occurred at an apartment complex near U.S. 23. Police surmise the theft occurred between 11 p.m. on April 2 and 10 a.m. on April 3 and are currently investigating the theft.

**Catalytic converters stolen from three vans**

Fenton police received two separate complaints of catalytic converter thefts between March 29 and April 4. One business reported having converters cut out from a 1995 and 2000 company Chevy vans on the 3200 block of Owen Road. A second business reported having a converter cut from their 2004 Chevy van at the 100 block of Mill Street. Police currently have no suspects in the theses.

**Police & Fire report**

**Don’t be blindsided by vision problems**

**Problems after 40? Most easily corrected**

By Ryan Tackabury

Even if you have had perfect vision your entire life, at some point, more than likely around your 40th birthday, you may start to notice a change.

Maybe the newspaper print seems a little blurrier than normal, your eyes feel suddenly much drier, or you have difficulty seeing while driving out at night.

As you grow older, so do your eyes — and after 40 is when many people start to notice significant changes. These changes typically aren’t for the better, and you will want to stay on top of them.

The biggest issue facing people today after 40 is the reduced ability of the eye’s focusing ability, which is called presbyopia. Around this time the eye’s lens begins to grow stiff, causing its inability to continue focusing properly. When you find yourself holding that newspaper or magazine further and further away to read it — that is a good indication it’s time to head to the optometrist.

By Ryan Tackabury

Remax Platinum Realtor John Wentworth sells one to two homes worth about $1 million each year. This home on Lake Fenton is offered for $1.5 million. Wentworth said the seller intended to build and sell the home, but it sat empty during the housing crisis. It was just listed last week.

**The (really, really big) house on the lake**

**Lavish 12,178 square foot Lake Fenton home perplexes passers-by**

By Ryan Tackabury

When driving on North Long Lake Road in Fenton Township, it is difficult not to notice one house in particular that seems to jump out to passers-by.

It’s the really large house that dwarfs neighboring homes as it catches your eye when driving on N. Long Lake road alongside the north end of Lake Fenton. You know, the one with seemingly dozens and dozens of windows. The house is located at 11481 Bay Shore Dr., and the current asking price is $1,499,999.

Construction of the house began in 2008 but was not completed until 2010. It has been vacant ever since. Now, realtor John Wentworth is searching for the right family to put in the home.

Though not the biggest, at 12,178 square feet and with seven bedrooms and seven and a half bathrooms, the home allows you to see the lake from virtually every room in the house.

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And so, after college, I traveled as much as possible. I lived in two other states and one other country. Daydreaming on — when I see that there’s lots of things that could be done better. For instance, our roads and streets. By any measurement they are awful. Our downtown area needs to be completely renovated. Our sidewalks are a lawyers dream. And our water rates are criminally high. But all this is minor league stuff — stuff that can be fixed and improved relatively easily. Let’s talk at the asset side. I love Dibbleville because of its diverse range of locally-owned businesses and restaurants housed in architecturally interesting buildings. It’s an appealing environment that encourages walking rather than driving.

Our business bedrock is the perfect combination of both national retailers and locally owned and operated establishments that provide goods, services and, most importantly, jobs for our residents. Our hills, lakes and natural resources provide the backdrop for an abundance of upscale homes. And our geographic location is perfect, with easy access to U.S. 23 and I-75, allowing convenient connections to all points north and south. But digress. The primary component of a great place to live is us — you and me and the other 30-40,000 residents that consider ourselves “Fentonites.”

Because in Fenton, most kids in this area are tuckied in bed each night by both a mommyn and a daddy. Neighbors have respect and affection for each other. Our streets are eminently safe, as evidenced by the hundreds of bikers, runners, joggers, dog-walkers and parents with strollers we see daily. We are safe in our homes, with an almost non-existent crime rate.

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Our community newspaper, the one you are reading right now, is a best-class product that is at the core of Fenton’s commercial resilience and success. To the 70 percent of you that support it with a subscription, we say thank you. To those that don’t, we hope you will join us. Remember, it’s your community and your newspaper.

I love Fenton. It’s a place where each one of us can find the satisfaction and warmth which comes from being a member of a safe and serene community. This is what man has sought since the dawn of civilization. And it’s still what we seek today.

It’s true. There’s no place like home. And Fenton is my home.

Compiled by Olivas Dimmer, intern

What type of advertising influences your buying?

“I like when they have good deals and sales going on — when I see that I’m more likely to buy.”
— Nikkie Forsgren, Fenton

“I use word-of-mouth advertising the most. Like if a friend recommends a good restaurant.”
— Rhonda Meseah, Howell

“I’ll buy things that I know have health benefits like grapefruit and flax seed.”
— Lynese Haloare, Fenton

“Because of the economy I think prices are a big selling point for everybody, not just me.”
— Debbie LoVanway, Fenton

“I don’t think I’m swayed by any advertising, I know what I want and I buy that.”
— Mike Jacques, Linden

“I match up my buying list to coupons I see in the newspaper. Coupons influence my buying especially if it’s just been introduced.”
— Vicky Yingst, Fenton

“I don’t really notice advertising. I buy what I need.”
— John Nelson, Howell

“At the store I notice the posters.”
— Rhonda Meseah, Howell

“Advertisements in the newspaper are the most important, like drug ads.”
— Lynese Haloare, Fenton

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Linden board, teachers agree on new contract

Agreement reflects “high levels of trust on all sides” says Superintendent

By Sally Rummel
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Teachers at Linden Community Schools and the Linden School Board have negotiated a two-year contract that will take effect in July. The contract, which was ratified overwhelmingly by members of the Linden Education Association (LEA), reduces the number of furlough days in the contract’s first year from four to two. Furlough days are days without pay. Pay steps, which were frozen, will be brought back.

In the second year of the contract, there will be no furlough days and pay steps will be frozen until the completion of the school district’s annual audit. If the audit shows its fund equity falls below three percent, then contract negotiations will be reopened for wage increases. The contract also states that teachers would also receive half of a step increase that would not be retroactive. If the fund equity is above three percent, teachers would receive variations of a step increase.

“Years ago, our Board wanted to protect the long-term solvency of our district, had an agenda to bring the fund equity up to 15 percent,” said Linden Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo. “At the time, this would have taken deep cuts from all of our employees. As we negotiated initial cuts, group after group took concessions and helped to turn our financial cliff into a manageable reduction.

Ed Koledo
Superintendent of Linden Community Schools

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Meg Walton said that the contract was favorably received by the LEA membership.

The contract, which was ratified overwhelmingly by the LEA membership, was approved by the Linden School Board have negotiated the contract with the Linden School Teachers Association (LEA), responding just as they had promoted with a plan to protect the district financially. After group after group took concessions and helped to turn our financial cliff into a manageable reduction.

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Linden Education Association President Meg Walton said that the contract was favorably received by the LEA membership. See CONTRACT on 11A

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All 4,000 parcels in Argentine Township to be assessed

Every property to be physically measured and photographed by appraisal firm

By Tim Jagielo
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Residents in Argentine Township will soon be receiving door-to-door visitors, starting now through the fall. The township has hired assessors with Landmark Appraisal Group to physically comb over all 4,000 parcels in the township, in order to provide residents with a new, accurate tax card.

They’ll be knocking on doors, asking questions and taking measurements of structures. Supervisor Bob Cole said this is the first time it has been done in 17 years, and was mandated by The State of Michigan.

He said the appraisal will cost about $150,000, with $50,000 being spent this fiscal year. The cost of the appraisals will come from the township’s general fund.

The appraisals started last Thursday, beginning in the north east corner of the township near the Village of Gaines. Properties will be measured, including decks, garages and any other structures. Representatives from the firm will be asking property owners various questions about their property, such as whether they have a concrete floor in their garage, or if they have a swimming pool. Each appraisal should take 30 to 60 minutes, depending on the scope of the property. “That way we’ll have a correct recording,” said Cole.

A photo will also be taken of each home to go with the assessment record.

It might sound intrusive, but this is the only way the township can capture accurate records, and to make sure the residents are paying the correct amount of taxes. “They’ll pay what is their fair share,” said Cole. If a resident bars an assessor, they will have to stand outside of the residence and guess the value of the property.

Cole said that if a resident disputes their valuation, or feels there was an error, a meeting can be set up to discuss the problem with the assessor. “We want to make this as transparent as we can,” said Cole. Anyone with questions can call the township office at 810-735-5050, or email at supervisor-cole@argentinetownship.com.

Summary

▶ Every parcel in Argentine Township will be appraised beginning this week.

▶ Basic questions to determine the value of the property will be asked, along with measuring structures, and taking photographs. It is mandated by the State of Michigan.

Calendar of events

Keepers of the Shiawassee April meeting

Join fellow Shiawassee River lovers as more events and projects are planned to enrich the communities in the river’s path. The meeting is Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m., at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center at 150 S. LeRoy Street in Fenton.

Pasta dinner benefit for Roger Harburn

Roger Harburn is in chronic kidney failure after fighting insulin-dependent diabetes for 25 years, and is in need of a kidney transplant. His family is comprised of wife Tina, and children Alex, 15, Katie, 11, and Mattie, 8. A benefit is being held to help the family with costly medical expenses.

The event is Saturday April 13, at the Captain’s Quarters Lounge banquet room at 6011 E. Atherton Road in Burton. The even runs form 1 to 6 p.m. The costs $7 per person, or $20 for a family of four or more. There will be food, a 50/50 raffle and prizes. Donations can also be sent to 5320 Durwood Dr., Swartz Creek, MI., 48473, or made online at www.giveforward.com/rogerharburn.

Linden Boy scout food drive

Linden Boy Scout Troop 111 is holding a food drive. Flyers will be sent to area homes on Saturday April 13, making residents aware of the food drive. The food will be picked up from the homes on the following Saturday, April 20. The items will be taken to the Linden Presbyterian Church to be distributed locally. Contact Cindy Fowler for more details at 810-433-0726.
Concerned parent donates $6,000 project to school

Local business owner replaces crosswalk and 500 square feet of concrete at West Shore Elementary

By Sally Rummel

Fenton — Joel Stalo of Fenton was concerned about the condition of the concrete in front of West Shore Elementary when he dropped off his kids, Xander, 5, and Joslynn, 6, at school.

As owner of Michigan Pavers & Walls, he decided to do something about it by spearheading a repair project during spring break — at no cost to the school.

The project included the repair of 500 square feet of concrete in front of the school and the tearing out of a 7 ft. by 25 ft. crosswalk, replacing it with brick pavers. “Inside the pavers, we carved out the words, ‘West Shore,’” said Stalo.

He completed the work Tuesday and Wednesday of spring break, planning to have the area ready when kids returned to school on Monday, April 8.

Joel Stalo, left, is hard at work with his crew on spring break, repairing concrete and replacing some areas with brick pavers in front of West Shore Elementary.

In addition to Stalo’s own donation of labor and materials, he got donations of concrete from Livingston County and brick pavers from Unilock of Michigan. He estimates it would have cost the school between $5,500 and $6,000 to have this area repaired and replaced, had the project not been 100 percent donated.

“This is where my kids go to school every day,” said Stalo. “It’s an important area of safety for all kids.”

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Enjoy the season of miracles
The season of miracles has finally arrived. Spring is no longer ‘just around the corner.’ And while words seem inadequate to describe the wonder of this favorite time of the year, Solomon’s poetic picture of the occasion may come the closest to expressing how we feel. ‘Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in the land’ (Song of Solomon 2:10-12).

Doubts will under the barrage of beauty that bursts forth every spring. Fears flee in face of the proof that God is alive and faith soars at the sights and sounds of new life.

The first verse of John W. Peterson’s great song ‘I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES’ must have been inspired by his delight in the Designer’s spring extravaganza:

‘Creation shows the power of God, there’s glory all around.
And those who see must stand in awe for miracles abound.’

Having grown up on a grain and dairy farm, my early thoughts of spring, though pleasant, were mostly utilitarian: green pastures appeared for the livestock, fish were running in the creek and time was taken up with lots of plowing and planting.

Then, at nineteen, I married a pretty Dutch girl who brought her heritage of tulips, flowering trees, roses and other spring beauties into my life, adding a wider dimension to my faith and birthed a new appreciation of God’s loving design and care for us all. She’s still my beauty maker and in cooperation with her Lord keeps amazing me with her ability to showcase His magnificent plan.

Jesus spoke often of birds and flowers to lead His hearers to faith and enable them to overcome worries about everyday problems. I’ve found His teachings about these spring things such encouragements that I quote them every morning.

Why should we allow financial fears to rob us of the joy of living? The One who sees a sparrow fall and provides for the birds to feed on His bounty loves us and will somehow make a way for you and me.

Those who were worrying about having enough to wear found comfort in the Lord’s comparison of our need for clothing to that of flowers that are dressed each spring with garments far more beautiful than those available in any store. ‘Consider the lilies of the field,’ He said. ‘They toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these,’ (Matthew 6:28-29).

To quote John W. Peterson again: ‘I’ve seen the lily push its way up through the stubborn sod; I believe in miracles for I believe in God.’

The miracles of spring give grounds for great faith in praying. No matter how strong the winds of trouble seem, our Lord’s ‘Peace! Be still!’ can quiet them for us and replace their destructive forces with a peaceful calm.

Enjoy the season of miracles.
Spring things remind us that God is good.
And nothing we face today will be beyond His power to control.

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Fenton likely facing deficits over the next five years

City losing $650,000 in annual property taxes, in addition to increased operating expenses

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — A worst case scenario, five-year budget forecast predicts that the trend for the city of Fenton over the next several years is instability and a potentially serious financial problem.

The major problems, according to the budget forecast conducted by Stauder, Barch and Associates, the city’s financial consultants, arise from a lack of revenue growth and the phasing out of the personal property tax. Together, these two events are projected to cause the city’s expenses to exceed its revenues starting in the upcoming fiscal year.

These deficits are projected for every year of the five-year forecast.

The loss of the personal property tax will cost the city approximately $650,000 annually. Meanwhile, healthcare and benefit costs for city employees is expected to increase 10 percent a year.

According to City Manager Lynn Markland, over the last five years the city has lost almost $1.5 million in revenue. Cuts have been made by reducing city employees and changing employee health care and benefit plans. Councilman Les Bland said that if the projections come to fruition, the city would be in dire straits. “To come up with a million dollars in additional revenue in taxes, it’s not going to happen.”

Markland said that the city has already worked to cut nearly $1 million in the last five years in spending, or roughly 25 percent of the budget. “I know you can’t get another million dollars out of it again, it would be practically impossible to get the same quality of services we are getting today.”

The budget forecast suggested requesting a charter millage increase to pay for the increasing operating costs the city faces, and to help to replace the lost revenue sources.

The city will have to continue to find ways to cut expenses, according to Markland. “We can’t continue in this financial situation we are in today without making hard decisions,” he said.

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Lynn Markland
Fenton City Manager

City losing $650,000 in annual property taxes, in addition to increased operating expenses
BIG HOUSE
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baths, it is one of the largest on Lake Fenton. The basement is currently
unfinished, but if completed the house
would have a whopping 17,000 square
feet of living space.
Additionally, the home boasts two
master suites, accompanied by two full
kitchens. With his and her offices, an
in-ground pool and hot tub, and a four
car garage, the home has plenty of space
for both work and play.
“It’s filled with marble, mahogany,
and granite. There is a ton of custom
wood work done.”
“The whole thing is unique,” Went-
tworth said. “The size and location is
what makes it stand out. It has a 360
degree view of the lake. The way it was
built you can pretty much see the lake
from any room in the house.”
In addition, the property it sits on
has 134 feet of Lake Fenton frontage.
“It’s a lot of house for the money. It
represents a good value as
far as the price per square
foot. It definitely takes the
right person, I would think
it would be a big family. But
you never know,”
Typically only one or two
of these million dollar homes
sell a year, according to Wen-
tworth. Last year Wentworth
sold two above the one million dollar
mark on Lake Fenton. This year he has
two to sell again, this house
and one on Lake Ponemah,
which he said he fully ex-
pects to sell.
And yes, Wentworth had
heard the rumors also. De-
spite those rumors, Went-
tworth insists that Kid Rock
has no intention of buying
the house.
Summary
One of the largest
homes on Lake
Fenton has sat
unoccupied since
it was built in 2008.
It has 134 feet of
lakefront, and a
plethora of other
high-end features.
FUNERAL BANDIT
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Narsh said that after the bank refused to exchange Griffin’s one dollar bills, he became irate and was asked to leave. Griffin hung around the parking lot, which prompted bank employees to call the police.

What police found in Griffin’s car was a perplexing sight — several Coca-Cola and Pepsi uniforms, numerous vending machine parts such as coin changing tubes, and more than one hundred barrel keys and remote operating keys for accessing vending machines.

Police also found cocaine and other controlled substances on Griffin’s person.

An investigation conducted by the police department was quickly able to determine the serialized remote control keys were stolen from a Kroger store in Ohio.

Griffin would use the keys to siphon money from a multitude of different vending machines.

“The idea of taking the identity to appear legitimate and at the same time he displayed a tendency to steal the cow — he didn’t drain the cow dry, he just kind of took milk from each cow along the way and fell off the radar that way,” Narsh said.

Through their investigation, police learned that Griffin had followed soda distributors to steal their uniforms and keys from their trucks, and learned what to say and do to pose as one of them.

Stealing from vending machines was just one of Griffin’s plots.

Once again posing as something he wasn’t — this time a janitor — Griffin used his disguise to steal lap tops, speakers, camcorders and other devices from Clarkston Community Schools.

Though he managed to walk out with the stolen items several different times, Griffin was eventually caught by the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department.

For his actions in Lake Orion and Clarkston, Griffin was convicted of larceny in a building, breaking and entering a coin operated device and larceny over $1,000.

“It was very brazen and very bold to do those things,” Narsh said. “It’s unfortunate that those talents and those abilities are being used against people instead of for society.”

Jerry Narsh
Lake Orion Police Chief

Griffin was arrested in Colorado on Mar. 25 without incident after being located in a pawnshop.

Obviously it’s an allegation at this point and he will have his day in court, but it would appear that the same level of tenacity and creativity was being used unfortunately (in the Clarkston school thefts), and creating victims in his wake once again,” Narsh said.

HOT LINE

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I WISH THE PERSON who turned the purse in the purse had found the envelope containing $900 that I left in the bank drive-thru cylinder. I can only pray it went to help their family, not for booze and drugs.

MEAN PEOPLE SHOULDN’T submit Hot lines? The truth speaks for itself, it has nothing to do with being ‘mean’. But I will admit that your poem was good.

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I HAVE A FRIEND who just spent a month in New Orleans, Las Vegas or a Cruise for $1500 or less, for 2 people!

CONTACT

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“Our contract is reflective of the dis-

trict,” said Walton. “Our goal has been to main-
tain helpful to the district in being aware of its financial condition, while working together to maintain our excel-

lent educational programs. Our contract is reflective of Linden. We can take care of things locally and work together.”

Koledo agrees that this new con-

tract represents a partnership for the financial health of the district. “Our Board is comfortable with a much smaller fund balance limit (three per-

cent) because we have contingencies in place to protect it.”

Koledo added that the contract represents extremely high levels of trust on all sides and will be used as a model in bargaining with all Linden school employees.

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Another problem you may come to face at this time is a burning, scratchy feeling in your eyes. Several autoimmune diseases can cause this problem, as well as a case of dry eyes. Women are more likely to encounter this problem than men.

“Dry eyes are common just with our dry Michigan weather, but also more common after age 40, because your body makes less tears,” said Gerianne Mulanix, a Doctor of Optometry at the Michigan Eye Institute in Fenton. “When you blink, tears are distributed around the eyes keeping them moist — when this process does not work correctly, the eyes become itchy and painful. Remedies include artificial tears, gels and ointments — but you will want to talk with an optometrist to discern the underlying cause.”

Have you noticed an increase in floaters — those little specs in your field of vision, as you have gotten older? That is perfectly normal. The gel-like substance that fill your eye shrinks as you grow older, releasing cells and debris that cast the annoying shadows that are known as floaters. While seeing them does not signal anything wrong, if there is a sudden drastic change in what you see, it is time to call your eye doctor immediately.

Increased difficulty in night time driving could be the result of a cataract. A cataract is caused by proteins within the eye’s lens clumping together, which can cloud your vision. As you age, the likelihood of developing a cataract becomes higher. The solution is often surgery, which not only has a high success rate, but is one of the safest and most common surgeries performed in the country.

As is typically the case when it comes to your health, the old adage is true — an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Not all problems with your vision will be able to be fixed one hundred percent, and so the best time to do something about these problems is now, before they ever come up. “One of the important things we recommend to our patients over all is a healthy diet with antioxidants and lots of leafy green vegetables,” said Mulanix. Foods rich in vitamin C and vitamin E have also been shown to help your vision.

Obviously no smoking, that can increase the progression of cataracts and macular degeneration,” she adds. “We also really recommend protecting your eyes from UV light, with sunglasses or coating on regular glasses. Exposure can increase the chances cataracts and macular degeneration as well.” Ultimately, when the time comes, you are also going to want to seek out the help of the professionals. “We usually recommend a comprehensive dilated exam every two years,” Mulanix said of those who have reached the lucky 40 year old number. “We start to screen for the diseases that become more prevalent with age.”

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“A record number of 170,400 meals were served at our three soup kitchen locations and our three sack lunch programs in 2012,” said Jon Manse, director of the NESK and its other locations. “We’re just coming into our busiest season of year and it’s the hardest time to get volunteers.”

Catholic Charities of Genesee and Shiawassee counties operate all three locations, including the North End Soup Kitchen at 735 E. Stewart Ave., Flint; the South Flint Soup Kitchen at the Lincoln Park United Methodist Church at 3410 Fenton Rd., Flint and Holy Angels Soup Kitchen at the City of Hope, at 517 East Fifth St., Flint. Volunteer hours for all three locations are handled through the North End Soup Kitchen by calling (810) 785-6911.

One might think that Thanksgiving and Christmas are the busiest times at the soup kitchens because of so much publicity that time of year, but Manse says that summer is the busiest season. “We’re consistently busy in the summer,” said Manse. “Kids are out of school and don’t have the safety net of school lunches to help feed families. August through October are very busy, too, getting ready for back to school.”

Local churches, schools, large employers like GM, organizations, families and individuals all take turns helping to fill the busy slots of seven-day-a-week food service at the soup kitchens, but with a daily effort requiring 30 to 50 volunteers all the time, it’s a scheduling challenge. “We’re here every day of the week, Monday through Saturday twice a day for lunch and dinner and Sunday once a day for a main meal,” said Manse.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton has been helping out at the NESK since it opened in 1982. “It’s amazing to think that when the soup kitchen opened, people thought that it would close because there wasn’t enough need,” said Maureen Ottney, outreach worker at St. John’s. “Since then, other soup kitchens have opened because the need is so great.”

A crew of adult volunteers from St. John’s travels by van to the NESK the first Wednesday of every month to prepare and serve the noon meal. David Berent and his wife, Christina, have been volunteering for four years, not only on the first Wednesday of the month to serve lunch, but also on the third Wednesday of the month to serve dinner with another group of volunteers. “We enjoy it,” said Berent. “We feel blessed that we’re able to do this. Sometimes I feel like we get more out of it by serving than the people who get served. We’re doing God’s work here on earth. We always feel guilty when we go to Florida for a month and aren’t here to help. The soup kitchen is always looking for more volunteers.”

In addition to adult volunteers, seventh graders from St. John’s School volunteer four times a year, twice in the fall and twice in the spring. Teacher Terese Adams heads up this student volunteer effort. “We bring the entire class, usually about 20 to 22 kids,” said Adams. “This is the service part of our religious education. We’re supposed to love one another, and not just speak those words, but show our faith in action.”

She says that the kids really feel needed when they volunteer, and are excited to go back again. Some of the kids then start volunteering with their families on their own. “For many of these kids, it’s their first experience seeing people who are less fortunate than they are. They begin to understand and are grateful for what they have.”

Associate Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.
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exit, or entrance onto Owen Road. Aro said three were rear-end collisions that occurred when one driver tried to stop at a light and the motorists behind them rear-ended their vehicle. The other four were angle-type crashes, where a driver was struck while making a turn, usually by someone trying to beat a yellow light. Aro suggests being a defensive driver, and not to assume the other motorists will follow the rules. “Be aware of your surroundings, drive defensively,” he said.

The second worst intersection is Owen Road and Silver Parkway. In the same period, there were 14 crashes with four rear-ends, three angle-type crashes and multiple side-swipes. “Those are typically occurring in the double right turn lane or double left turn lane,” said Aro. Drivers don’t stay in their lane while making the turn. Inexperienced, or unfamiliar drivers can have trouble at these busy, complicated intersections. These accounted for 11 of the 14 accidents. Aro said the others are weather related.

The intersection of North and Torrey roads is the third worst, also with 14 crashes. The combination of exit and entrance ramps for US-23, an already busy intersection, and several business entries and exits add up to a very crash-prone area. Aro said most accidents occur at the busy 5 p.m. hour. Drivers exiting US-23 at Torrey Road who want to turn left would have discussed a light at that intersection. He said the police have discussed a light at the ramp with Genesee County, but it hasn’t yielded results yet.

At number four is the southbound ramp areas of US-23 and Owen Road. Twelve accidents occurred at this intersection in the same period. Aro said the others are weather related.

The other seven happened on the highway near Owen for similar reasons as the northbound side. Donaldson Drive and Owen Road is number five on the most dangerous intersection list. With a large amount of inexperienced drivers turning onto Donaldson Drive, five rear end crashes, and three angle crashes have occurred there in the last year. The same advice applies: slow down and be patient.

Aro said the jury is still out as to whether the new lights on Owen road will improve safety. In the meantime he suggests “defensive driving, driving at an appropriate speed for the conditions, and paying attention.”

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The rest of the worst...

Number 6: Silver Parkway and Silver Lake Road – nine crashes.

Number 7: West Shiawasse Avenue and Rounds Drive – eight crashes.

Number 8: South LeRoy Street and West Shiawasse – eight crashes.

Number 9: North LeRoy and South Long Lake Road – eight crashes.

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Don Pluta has known Mason Cleaver a long time.

“I’ve known Mason since he was born,” Pluta said. “I actu-
ally coached Mason’s father (Guy Cleaver) when he was in high
school and we ended up coaching together.”

So it shouldn’t come as a shock that Mason Cleaver eventually
became one of the first second generation wrestlers that Pluta has
coached while he’s been the varsity
mentor at Holly High School.

And while Cleaver was about
5 years old, he was introduced to the Holly wrestling room a bit
younger than most.

“My dad would bring me to the wrestling room and I’d be 5 or
6 and he wrestling kids who were 7 or 8. I got beat up a lit-
tle bit, but I always came back and liked it. There were times I
didn’t like it because it was gru-
elling.”

Persistence has paid off for
Cleaver. Just over a decade later,
he’s capping his prep wrestling
career as the 2012-13 Tri-County
Wrestler of the Year.

It may have been Pluta’s rela-
tionship with Cleaver’s father,
Guy, that has kept Hol-
ly’s legendary coach
in his position as
long as he’s
been around.

“There were rumors when Ma-
son was in elementary school that I
was thinking about giving up
coaching,” Pluta said. “His dad
told me, ‘Promise me you will be
coaching until Mason and Colton
(Mason’s younger brother) come
out.’ Although that’s not the rea-
son why I’m coaching now, I told
him I would.”

And Pluta has seen Cleaver de-
velop into an outstanding wrestler,
a four-time state placer in fact. He’s
just one of four wrestlers in Holly
history that can post those creden-
tials on his r e s u m é ,
with the others being Matt Turner,
Josh Houldsworth and fellow se-
nior teammate Anthony Gonzales.

“I like it. It’s pretty sweet I can
say that about myself,” Cleaver
did about being a four-time state
placer. “I’ve worked hard for it.”

Cleaver’s hard work led him
to a strong senior season. He
finished the year with a 55-3 re-
cord, as Metro League champion
and one victory away from hav-
ing a chance to compete in his
second straight state champion-
ship match. He lost to Chelsea’s
Steve Bleise 6-3 during his sec-
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Linden honors 10 student-athletes preparing for collegiate careers

Group excited about performing at the next level

By David Troppens
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A ball was not hit, caught kicked or thrown in varsity sports action at Linden High School on Monday. But it didn’t matter. It still was one of the best athletic dates of the 2012-13 school year.

That’s because Linden High School hosted its signing party, featuring 10 student-athletes who are prepared to play collegiate athletics next year.

Among the list of athletes in attendance were cross country performers Graham Elliott and Roger Phillips; football players Taylor Anderson, Shaye Brown and Eddie Walterhouse; golfer Julie Guckian, soccer players Samantha Thornton and Karrah Varner; and volleyball players Ashley Klavitter and Callie Murphy.

Out of the group, perhaps, Anderson is going to be the busiest. He’s headed to Alma College to play two sports — football and basketball.

“I can’t wait to see what it’s like to play two sports in college,” Anderson said. “I’m ready for it.”

The wide receiver and sprint runner was looking at Albion College, Trine University and Adrian College as well. “Alma gave me the best offers and the coaching staff was really friendly,” Anderson said. “I wanted to do both. I’ve always loved football, but, honestly, track has been my best sport for awhile.”

Guckian’s name has been a household name in the tri-county prep area ever since she hit the Linden girls golf team her freshman year. She’s a three-time All-Metro performer and has finished in the top 10 at the state meet three times, including placing fourth in the fall.

“It means a lot. All of the hard work and dedication paid off,” Guckian said. “Obviously it’s going to be a lot more hard work and dedication. I’m really excited to go and compete with a good group of girls, and have a lot of fun over the next few years.”

Guckian was looking at Oakland University, Ferris State University and Hope College as well.

“I really liked the campus at Grand Valley,” Guckian said. “Everything fell into place there.”

Two runners who helped the Linden boys cross country team to a second-place finish at the state meet made their decisions as well. Elliott is headed to Lawrence Tech to join a squad that will be only in its second season.

“I was excited about the opportunity to start in a fresh program, and being able to help sculpt it,” Elliott said. “Elliott finished All-State by placing 16th overall at the state meet.

“(Competing at the collegiate level) means a lot to me,” Elliott said. “I am able to take my running to the next level and have it take me places.”

Roger Phillips won the 2012 Tri-County Cross Country Runner of the Year award by earning all-state status at the state meet, placing sixth. He’s headed to Mott Community College.

“It’s a good opportunity to get faster and stronger,” Phillips said. “My goal is to eventually make it to the Olympics, and (competing in college) helps a lot.”

Karrah Varner is best known for playing soccer, and that’s what she’s going to Graceland University to play. However, if the school ever opens a women’s wrestling team, she may be able to do that as well, considering she was a four-year wrestler at Linden.

“It definitely keeps me in shape,” Varner said about wrestling. “It’s probably one of the hardest things I’ve ever done.”

Varner is a three-year varsity soccer performer. She’s also run cross country.

“I think it’s really cool. I’ve always dreamed about playing soccer in college,”Varner said. “Now my dream is coming true. It’s really awesome to see I can do it, and all of my hard work has paid off.”

See LINDEN on 22A
2012-13 All Tri-County Wrestling Team

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Comment: The four-time state placer, along with teammate Anthony Gonzales, may have witnessed the finest four seasons in Holly wrestling team history, and Cleaver had a big part in that success. Cleaver finished his career with 209 wins, and placed second at the state meet during his junior year. He was the highest placer of any wrestler from the tri-county schools, earning him this honor.

The rest of the first team

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Note: This team is selected based on the wrestler who had the highest placing at the state meet in a particular weight class. If there is no state qualifier, then we check regional and then district results. If there is no placer at the district level, we make the selection based on the wrestlers who did wrestle at that weight class at districts. Two “wild-card” spots can be given to wrestlers who competed at state but didn’t get their weight class position. If there are no additional state qualifiers for the wild card spots, the possible spots remain empty. The wild cards this season were Holly’s Anthony Gonzales and Lake Fenton’s James DeMember.

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decision victory against Sparta’s Joel Rees in his final match of his prep career.
“I didn’t get the goal I wanted to get (an individual state championship), but I got third place. I’m happy how I came back after losing.”

Cleaver came even closer to a state title during his junior season. He defeated each of his first three foes at the state meet in the 125-pound class, earning a spot in the finals after beating Coopersville’s Alex Melin 8-6 in the semifinals. However, he ran into St. Johns’ Jacob Schmitt in the finals, losing an 11-1 major decision.

Cleaver lists his victory against Melin as the greatest win of his prep career.

“Getting that win in that match my junior year was something I’ve never done before,” Cleaver said. “And getting to the state finals was sweet.”

Cleaver knew beating Schmitt was going to take his best match of his career just to give him a shot because he’s seen Schmitt wrestle many times during his career. He’s spent a large portion of his prep wrestling career going to St. John High School on Sundays for extra practices against some of the toughest wrestlers in the state.

This type of dedication that allowed Cleaver to become as strong as he has. It also hasn’t hurt having two-time state champion Gonzales in his wrestling room to wrestle as a mentor.

“It means the world to me,” Murphy said. “Ever since I was a little kid I told my parents someday I was going to play in college. Now I have my chance. It’s a really exciting feeling.”

Shes hung around the Linden volleyball program years before being in the high school.

“Without (Linden varsity volleyball coach Cori) Mason, I don’t know if I’d love volleyball as much as I do,” Murphy said. “She pushed me into believing in myself. Even if I had a bad day in practice, she’d be the one to say, ‘Colleges are looking at you Callie. You have to keep pushing.'”

Klavitter moved to Linden from Arizona before her junior year and quickly made an impact on the team. She’s headed to Macomb Community College.

“They contacted me,” Klavitter said about MCC. “I went to see them and I liked it. It’s really exciting. High school is pretty extreme, but college is so much better.”

Brown is headed to Northern Michigan to play college football, while Eddie Walterhouse is playing football at Michigan Tech. Thornton is playing soccer at Slippery Rock University. Each had a detailed story about their signings in a past edition.
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Wed... May 1... 4:00PM... at Lapeer West/Linden
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Mon... May 6... 9:00AM... at Holly/Kearsley
Fri... May 10... 2:00PM... at Davison
Sat... May 11... 10:00AM... Fenton 9-10 meet
Fri... May 17... 3:00PM... Regionals at Brandon
Mon... May 20... TBD... JV FNL Meet at Linden
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Thurs... Apr 11... 4:00PM... at Clio
Sat... Apr 13... 9:00AM... at Quad at Fenton
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Sat... Apr 20... 9:00AM... at Romeo
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testing are some of the consequences mi-
ors can expect to face if caught purchas-
ing, possessing or consuming alcohol. With graduation parties set to dominate this summer and the warmer weather increasing outside activ-
ity, law enforcement will be watching for minors involved with alcohol.
“We’re vigilant with it. If we’re dealing with minors and have suspi-
cions they’re consuming alcohol, we will request a preliminary breath test (PBT),” said Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton po-
lice. Slater said penalties intensify if minors are caught with alcohol behind the wheel as Michigan has zero tolerance for underage drinking and driving.
But it’s not just minors with alcohol officers are looking for, Attorney Jay Clothier, who has represented minors who have been ticketed for having alcohol, said law enforcement officials and prosecutors are generally interested in who supplied the alcohol rather than the minors who have it.
“If you have a party for your 18-year-old and then minors help themselves to a keg of alcohol won’t have an easy time. Clothier estimates an individual could spend around $1,000 or more, depending on if they hire a lawyer. The more frequent a minor is caught with alcohol, the more severe the penal-
ties become (see sidebar for law).
A Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) class cost $50. A weekend sub-
stance abuse camp such as Accepting Responsibility is Mandatory (A.R.M.) can cost $200 to $375. Weekly alcohol and drug testing can cost $6 to $12, mul-
tiple times a week.
Slater does not know how many cita-
tions the Fenton police write on average to minors caught with alcohol. Slater said the citations come in spurts, usually originating from a loud party or from routine traffic stops. According to the state police, there were 15,626 arrests for liquor violations and 407 arrests for drunkenness in 2011. In 2010, 16,746 people were arrested for liquor violations and 359 were arrested for drunkenness.
Ryan Gerhardt, a probation officer with the 67th District court, deals with about three minors a month with alcohol related offenses. Gerhardt said that while being charged with an underage drink-
ing offense does not qualify someone as an alcoholic, it is a chance for the court system to expose minors to the potential dangers of alcohol abuse.
“We’re here to try to help educate and treat it before it becomes a problem,” Gerhardt said. “Getting a minor in pos-
session could wake you up to the severity of alcoholism.”
Successfully completing probation and court orders could get the offense expanded from one’s back-
ground. When living in a community with minimal public trans-
portation, such as the Fenton area, having a clean driving record generally equates to freedom for teenagers. And no matter how tempting it is, sharing alcoholic experiences online is not recommended, especially if you are underage and already within the court system.
“Law enforcement and prosecutors look at Facebook pages,” Clothier said. “You may think it’s cute to post a picture of your graduation party. Judges, proba-
tion officers and prosecutors won’t think it’s cute.”

Penalties for minors caught with alcohol
First offense: A misdemeanor offense punishable with payment of fines up to $100, court costs and possible community service. Person convicted may have to participate in counseling or substance abuse pre-
vention program. May be sentenced to community service.
Second offense: Same as penalties from the first offense, may have to pay fines up to $200. Driving privileges are suspended for 90 days. A $125 reinstatement fee must be paid back to the secretary of state. Minor could serve up to 30 days in jail for failure to follow court orders.
Third offense: Same as penal-
ties from second offense, in addition to paying fines up to $500 and serv-
ing up to 60 days in jail.
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Meet Bradley Jacob

Fenton City Councilman, carpenter, lover of the outdoors

By Olivia Dimmer

Fenton City Councilman Bradley Jacob is a man of few words, but he knows how to use those few words to help the city of Fenton become a better place for families and business. In the little spare time Jacob has between his day job and his involvement in civic groups, he enjoys reading, hiking and taking in the lakes and rivers of the area.

How did you come to join Fenton City Council? I got started by being in a few civic groups around town. But really, before that I was taking social work classes. In an intro class, we were discussing how to make changes because of the difficulty social workers have with policies. So we talked about what line of work you go in to change policies. One of my friends sarcastically said I should run for office and that got me thinking. I thought, ‘Why not be involved with all these groups?’ I think we need more people with calloused hands who can understand policy too. Everyday people, who look at things rationally. I wish more people would stand up to be on boards and anything within the city.

Were you born in Fenton? No, I was born in Clia. I grew up there. I’ve been here for almost a decade now. I moved here because that’s where life brought me.

What do you do for a living? I’m a carpenter. I’ve been one for 20 years. I was working my way through college and needed a job. I ended up working for a local construction company and that led to about 15 years in a carpenters’ union.

What other interests do you have? I like all kinds of music. There isn’t anything I won’t listen to. It used to be higher on my priority list, but not so much now that I’m older. I spend a lot of my spare time reading or on the Shiawassee River. Even in the winter, we canoe and kayak. I’ve always been into that. I also hike mountains — the highest I’ve talked is Mt. Whitney. It’s in California and the highest elevation in the lower 48 states. That was during a week long trip to California in the Sierra Nevadas. I love traveling all over Michigan and one of my favorite places to hike is the Porcupine Mountains. The local trails are great too. I like to read research journals. I don’t read any fiction. I read a lot of news and enjoy philosophy books and those types of things. I don’t watch TV, I don’t have one. I like to garden. I grow my own food as much as I can, it’s like a personal goal for me. That way I know what’s in it. I think I was born on the end of a way of life that was going away — of people growing their own food, canning, self-sufficient. I probably have residual energy from that era.

What things are you working on with Fenton City Council? We have a group of people working on getting a disc golf course here in town. I would like to see that grow and succeed. We are looking to Silver Lake Park. I think our priorities need to stay on economic development. We are also working on finding a permanent solution for the Streetscape project that’s coming up is really important to me.

the city is a place that people want to do business, bring their families to. I like to make sure the streets are repaired — the city council is economic development. In his spare time he reads non-fiction and enjoys the outdoors.
By William Axford
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Women entrepreneurs are creating a resurgence in downtown Holly. From pilates to hand-carved furniture to fashionable clothing and jewelry, the shops on Saginaw Street and Battle Alley are transforming the quaint town into a highly distinctive destination spot.

"It’s a transformation that Hope Ponsart, Executive Director and Main Street Manager of the Holly Downtown Development Authority, has been a part of since 2010. “Holly’s not just antique stores anymore,” Ponsart said. “It’s funny, they’ve become more anchor stores. Right now, there’s an eclectic mix of stores downtown.”

The new shops are changing Holly’s reputation from a place of local hauntings and businesses housing specialty shops, events are drawing people to downtown in ever-increasing numbers.

Hope Ponsart, main street manager of the Holly DDA, has worked with village, township and DDA officials to streamline the process of opening up a business in Holly, which has lead to a resurgence in stable and unique businesses.

Griselda Colucci of Fenton opened Pilates Ballet Barre Workout in downtown Holly last month, after having to drive 45 minutes to take a pilates class. Colucci is one of many women who operate a business in Holly.

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(Top, from left) Holly Jablonski, Hope Ponsart and Juanita Yager gathered and spoke about their respective endeavors as business owners. (Bottom) Rossell owns Holly Hills Primitives, a home decor store that features hand-carved furniture made by her husband.

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As a registered nurse, Eileen Fatell knew that the pain she was experiencing in her knees was the sign of something more serious than the everyday aches and pains of growing older. One night in 2012, she awoke with severe pain in her right knee and could hardly stand when attempting to get out of bed.

“I knew I had to do something,” explains Fatell. “I was born bow-legged but was always very active as a child, running and playing basketball, and I continued that throughout my adult life. So I went in to see my orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Ajay Srivastava, and was scheduled to have my right knee replaced in January of 2012.”

“I ask many, many questions being a registered nurse. I wanted to make the decision to go to the right place for surgery. I wanted the best doctor with the best, most qualified care and staff. I was considering going out of state. I thought, ‘Why go anywhere else? Hurley has the best orthopedic care. Period. I went to Hurley for physical therapy before the surgery, and I knew I chose the right place.”

During the surgery, Dr. Srivastava was also able to straighten Fatell’s leg, so she is no longer bow-legged. After recovering from the first surgery, the 60-year-old Davison resident had her left knee replaced that October.

“Today, the sky’s the limit. I can walk now with no pain,” adds Fatell. “I exercise all the time, and I want my knees to be the best they can be. My quality of life is outstanding, and it’s all because of Hurley.”

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**BIGGEST MONEY MELTDOWNS**

Bad shots cost players serious dough.

**The Cost: $747,000**

**The Victim:** Sean O’Hair, 2007 Players Championship

**The Shot:** Down two strokes heading to the island green 17th on Sunday, O’Hair boldly went after the pin only to find the water... twice. The result? A quick bogey 7 and a drop from 2nd to 11th place.

**Money Quote:** “I’ll make plenty of money in my career. I want the crystal.”

**The Cost: $723,750**

**The Victim:** Phil Mickelson, 2006 U.S. Open

**The Shot:** After struggling with the big stick all week, Lefty decided to pull out his driver yet again on the 18th tee at Winged Foot. Needing only a par to win, Mickelson proceeded to bank his drive off a hospitality tent en route to a double-bogey 6.

**Money Quote:** “I am such an idiot.”

**The Cost: $443,700**

**The Victim:** Lorena Ochoa, 2005 U.S. Women’s Open

**The Shot:** Needing a birdie to win on the 18th hole at Cherry Hills, one of the greatest of all time hit one of the worst shots in the history of pro golf, taking a divot off the tee box before bouncing her drive into the water.

**Money Quote:** “It is hard to realize right now. I just gave it away.”

**The Cost: $7,500,000**

**The Victim:** Jean Van de Velde, 1999 British Open

**The Shot:** How do you choose just one? The mad Frenchman made so many bad decisions on 18 at Carnoustie that his name has practically become synonymous with a rare combination of heroic incompetence and old-fashioned bad luck.

**Money Quote:** “I went for it and all the glory. Now I have to pay the price.”

**The Cost: $7,500,000**

**The Victim:** Scott Hoch, 1989 Masters

**The Shot:** After squaring two earlier chances to finish off Nick Faldo, Hoch had a two-footer to win the green jacket in a sudden-death playoff. The putt never even touched the cup, and Faldo finished off the hapless Hoch on the next hole.

**Money Quote:** “Well, I’m glad I don’t carry a gun with me.”

**Women Members are Great for Augusta**

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**JOHNNY MILLER ON THE 2013 MASTERS**

**BUBBA CAN DO IT AGAIN...**

Defending champion Bubba Watson is a ballstriking savant. He shapes shots in an advanced way, a lot like Chi Chi Rodriguez used to. The Masters is Bubba’s best chance to win multiple majors, for a few reasons. He’s a good putter, his misses aren’t penalized as much as they are at the other majors, and with those amazing hands he can shape shots to make almost any hole suit his eye — and even Jack couldn’t do that. If he’s on at Augusta, Bubba just might repeat.

**...BUT PHIL IS MY MASTERS FAVORITE**

It’s close, but in my book Phil Mickelson is the pre-tournament favorite, with Tiger a close second. Phil loves his new driver, as he showed with his win in Phoenix this year. He still has the game to win majors. Phil can hit pressure shots when he needs to at Augusta. To rate Phil’s and Bubba’s miracle Masters swings, I give the nod to Bubba.

**TIGER’S GOT THE MAGIC BACK**

Amazingly, it’s been eight years since Tiger won the Masters. In 2012 he reminded me of an aging Olympic athlete who looks like he should win gold but is off in small, subtle ways. When you get older, it’s harder to control the little muscles in your wrists and hands. Well, this year Tiger is much sharper on the greens, his chipping is great, and he’s swinging better than he has in five years. It will come down to putting. Augusta’s greens demand that you do three things perfectly: Tiger is starting to look like Superman on the greens again.

**RORY’S NEW STICKS WILL STALL HIM**

Rory’s switch to Nike clubs might cost him in the majors this year. They could be great clubs, but it takes time to adjust to a whole new set — especially when he had so much momentum late in 2012 with his old ones. I wish Rory the best, but it might take three months to a year before he’s fully comfortable with his new gear. You have to have confidence to win the Masters, so he’ll need some good finishes leading up to Augusta.

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With arrival of spring comes prom festivities

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Holly Area Chamber of Commerce Opens new office on Broad Street

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The Holly Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have its own business home, since its recent re-location to 304 South Broad St., next to Holly Water Tower Antiques Mall.

“We haven’t had our own physical location for quite a few years,” said President Nicole Arnold, who recently succeeded Sandra Kleven to head the 125-member chamber. Kleven had served as president for more than five years, stepping down to pursue the opening of her own business in downtown Holly.

Handling day-to-day operations is office administrator Marlo Davidson, who has also served as a past chamber president. “She has a wealth of knowledge about the chamber, as well as lots of connections in town,” said Arnold.

This new office will serve as a focal point of operations for conducting chamber business, including special events and meetings. “We’re considering adding additional networking events,” said Arnold. Currently, the chamber holds a networking breakfast the last Friday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at Villagers Restaurant in Holly.

Other special events include the annual Sights, Sounds and Tastes of Holly on Aug. 3, an annual golf outing on July 27 and a new golf outing in partnership with Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA), coming up May 17 at Heather Highlands Golf Club in Holly.

The office will serve as a future gathering place for small group meetings, as well as a possible “co-shared working environment” for interested chamber members who may need office space.

Arnold is excited about her new post, hoping to help “grow Holly” into its new phase of retail development and promotion. “We’re a community as part of the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce, she said. “Being a member here is definitely an important part of growing your business, then join with other chamber members to spread the word about the great things going on in Holly.”

For more information, call the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce at (248) 215-7099 or visit www.hollychamber.com.
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artifacts. Holly Hills Primitives owner Dawn Rossell sells furniture created by her husband. Sophisticated clothing and jewelry can be found at Morgan’s Boutique and Marta’s Loft. Microbrew beers from all over the country fill the tapestries at Blackthorn Pub. Avia Family Dining is renovating a storefront downtown and a microbrewery is in the works for the upcoming months.

In addition to the shops, officials in Holly are creating foot traffic by hosting events, closing down Saginaw Street and allowing patrons the freedom to explore downtown without the worry of crossing traffic. Classic cars fill the street on Wednesdays during the warmer weather. Movies play in Battle Alley during the evening. Ponsart said Ladies Night Out, an event with live entertainment and appearances from nearly every business in town, has drawn more than 1,000 people downtown, including people from as far as Detroit.

“That’s the hidden secret of Holly,” said Morgan’s Boutique owner Nicole Kilpatrick. “It’s a quaint little town that people are embracing.”

In an era of hyper-connectivity and instant communication, Holly business owners are finding customers are enthused by stores that have a family atmosphere. Kilpatrick said despite the constant work that comes with owning a business (she described it as a ‘marriage’), operating her own store allows her to easily transition between assisting customers and attending to her children. Being able to shift between family and business is a feature that appeals to many business owners downtown.

“You have to be passionate about what you do. That’s the only way you’ll survive,” said Rossell.

In the past, stores have come and gone in downtown Holly as often as the seasons changed. Juanita Yager, who has owned the Holly Doughnut Shop for the past 34 years, said the last decade or so seemed stationary. But as more businesses fill the main street and contribute to the atmosphere of Holly, Yager is seeing more variety and growth.

Kilpatrick attributes part of the growth to the landlords, who are working with business owners on renting and expansions. Ponsart said village, township and DDA officials have worked together to streamline the process of opening a business so potential entrepreneurs aren’t bogged down by unknown fees and restrictive ordinances.

“Sometimes I felt like ‘Horton Hears a Who,’ like I was carrying around a dandelion and saying ‘We’re here! We’re here!’” Ponsart said of developing Holly during the past few years. “People are noticing that we are here.”
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials


Ray G. Willoughby, Ray G. Willoughby - age 90, died April 2, 2013. He is the beloved husband of the late Arleta Willoughby for 58 years. Surviving are his sons, Dan (Cindy) and Don (Linette) both from Linden; sister, Virginia Reeder Miller of OH; 5 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Visitation will be Monday 4-9 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Contributions may be made to the Paralyzed Veteran’s or to the Salvation Army. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.


JoAnn D. Buchinger, JoAnn D. Buchinger - age 78, of Holly, died Wednesday, April 3, 2013. She was born in Tuscola County on April 25, 1934 the daughter of Ernest and Dorothy Buchinger. She was a member of the Holy Church of the Nazarene. She was a former employee of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club. Surviving are 2 children, Gary (Lisa) Wissmuller of Holly and Cindy (Russell) Defosse of Walled Lake; 4 grandchildren, Paul Wissmuller, Michelle Chute, Jamie Dodd, and Mario Messina; 8 great-grandchildren, Madison Wissmuller, Logan Wissmuller, Liam Wissmuller, Brendan Wacasey, Kyle Chute, Emily Chute, Zachary Dodd, and Skylar Dodd; brother, James Buchinger; and sister, Betty Hines. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter Judy Wissmuller. Memorial services will be held at 1 PM Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Holy Church of the Nazarene, 961 E. Maple St., Holly, MI 48442. Memorial donations may be given to the family www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.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, 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. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


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Silent treatment treatment locks family into quiet war

DEAR AMY: My husband and I are on “silent treatment” for close to three months now! It all started when we got into an argument and he made a statement: “The only reason I’m with you is because my daughter needs a mom.” Every single time, even though he is at fault, he expects me to break the silence and bring us back to normal. I am really, really hurt. I want to talk about it and resolve it; however, I don’t want to raise the white flag and initiate the conversation. What do you think I should do? — Hurt Wife

DEAR HURT: As long as you see every issue in your household as being your husband’s fault and responsibility, you will never find resolution. If you see initiating a conversation as a form of surrender, you will never find peace. Your marriage needs an emergency intervention. Because you wrote to me, you’re going to have to initiate this intervention by seeing a counselor or mediator who can help you two come to terms.

DEAR AMY: My boyfriend and I have been together for almost a year. We get along amazingly. He gave me a promise ring, and we will be moving in together in a month. However, he lies to me continuously about his ex. I have had to assist him in getting rid of anything having to do with her. He lies about getting rid of reminders of their relationship — like pictures of her. He has lied to my face three times now regarding her. How can I get him to stop lying? Threatening to break up with him only seems to help temporarily. — Wasted Time

DEAR WASTED: I have a surefire, guaranteed way to get your boyfriend to stop lying to you about his ex-girlfriend: Stop asking. Stop demanding: Stop “assisting.” Just stop. Everybody has a past. Erasing evidence of this past does not erase the past. You need to figure out why this causes you so much anxiety, work on your own reactions and find a way to cope with things as they are.

The SWEENEY

Dear-up the streets of London, THE SWEENEY is a stylish, exhilarating action thriller proving sometimes you have to act like a criminal to catch a criminal. Armed and dangerous, the Sweeney Flying Squad are old school crime fighters enforcing the law. Led by legendary detective Jack Regan (Ray Winstone) and his loyal partner, they have their own unique way of operating and always get results. With a bank heist in progress and his old enemy making a reappearance on the London crime scene, Regan will do whatever it takes to get the job done, even defying orders from his no-nonsense boss (Damian Lewis). R, 1 hr. 52 min.

THE BAYTOWN OUTLAWS

After her ex-husband Carlos (Billy Bob Thornton) shoots Celeste (Eva Longoria) three times in the gut, it’s time to play dirty. In the fight for her godson, Rob, she hires three outlaws and redneck brothers to bring him back to her. But nothing can be that simple in the South. What begins as a small rescue mission rises to a Southern battle royale. This odd team must shoot their way through gorgeous female assassins, Native American hunters, federal agents, and a whole lot of metal coming after them, while protecting Celeste’s innocent child. R, 1 hr. 38 min.

Hickory-Smoked Pork Loin

INGREDIENTS

• 1 lb. boneless pork top loin roast (double loin, tied)
• 3 T. packed brown sugar
• ⅓ t. finely shredded orange peel
• ½ t. ground coriander
• ⅓ t. paprika
• ⅓ t. salt
• ⅓ t. ground ginger
• ⅓ t. pepper
• 3 cups hickory or oak wood chips

DIRECTIONS

1. Trim fat from meat. Place meat in a shallow dish. For rub, in a small bowl, stir together brown sugar, orange peel, coriander, paprika, salt, ginger, and pepper. Sprinkle rub evenly over all sides of meat; rub in with your fingers. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours or up to 4 hours.

2. At least 1 hour before grilling, soak wood chips in enough water to cover.

3. Drain wood chips. In a grill with a cover, arrange medium-hot coals around a drip pan. Test for medium heat above pan. Insert an oven-going meat thermometer into center of roast. Sprinkle half of the drained wood chips over the coals. Place roast on grill rack over pan. Cover and grill for 1-1/2 to 2 hours or until thermometer registers 155 degree F. Add more coals and remaining wood chips as needed.

4. Remove meat from grill; cover with foil and let stand for 15 minutes before slicing. (The temperature of the meat will rise about 5 degree F during standing.) Makes 8 to 10 servings.
Looking for team members to join our growing landscaping maintenance team. A positive attitude and the ability to deliver excellent quality work are a must. Our core values are pride in our work, working as a team, and being part of the entrepreneurial team with new ideas to improve efficiency, quality and work of our services.

Key members needed:
- Landscape/maintenance lead
- Certified lawn spray tech.
- Horticulture division leader
- Must comply with our drug free/smoke free workplace requirements.
- Must have a minimum of 1 year experience in the green industry.
- Willing to work with your schedule to make transition (weekend work) to efficiencies and company systems.
- Looking for an applicant who has worked with a national company to bring insight and experience.
- Must have 3A, 3B, 6 certifications.
- Must have 5 years lawn maintenance experience as a crew leader.
- Excellent salary pay with commission incentive.
- Part time day shift.
- Large selection of pond supplies.
- Full or part-time needed.
- Apply in person...

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Full time evening and part time all shifts.

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CAREGIVER!!!

Our 6 bed AFC home for the aged is looking for a warm, loving person to continue our family. You will live in our home for 1 or 2 hour shifts, sleeping at night. The wage starts at $134 per shift and the knowledge that what you do touches lives.

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Golf League

two team openings available. Established league plays at Coyatee Preserve, Wednesdays, 4:15-5 p.m., tee off time, 4:30 p.m. league, maximum 16 handicap preferred. League starts April 11th through September 12th. Call John at 810-577-6369.

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Long Term/Skilled Nursing Care Facility

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to every friend, family member, neighbor, stranger, and who else may have missed for all the support, prayers and kind words during our search for Diesel. He will be greatly missed by his family and sister Riley. He will never be forgotten and Forever In Our Hearts. Diesel’s Family

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Services now hiring tree climber/pruner and spray technician. Minimum 3 years experience. Fax resume to 810-208-0007.

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Corporate Nurse

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Must be an RN with a current license and director level knowledge. Experience of state and federal regulations related to nursing homes.

Area travel is required.

Must have experience with MDS 3.0 Software.

Budget experience is also required.

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UNIT MANAGER:

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Must possess current, active license to practice as an RN in Michigan.

Graduate of an accredited school of nursing.

Bachelors Degree in Nursing is desired, but not necessary.

1-3 years of management experience with LTC / SNF experience.

Remote option must be in accordance with current federal, state and local standards, guidelines, and regulations that govern our facility.

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HOOLY TOWNSHIP OAKHILL CEMETARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to anyone wishing to save decorations from Oakhill Cemetery should do so by removing those items from the cemetery by April 30, 2013. After that date all decorations will be removed and disposed of by Holly Township.

Karin S. Winchester, Holly Township Clerk

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CITY OF LINDEN
MOWING AND TRIMMING OF CITY PROPERTIES

The City of Linden will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 132 E. Broad St., PO Box 507, Linden, MI 48451, for mowing and trimming of City properties at the Linden City Hall on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the main office of the Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad St. PO Box 507, Linden, Michigan. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked “MOWING AND TRIMMING CITY PROPERTIES – CITY OF LINDEN.”

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at City Hall, 132 E. Broad St. PO Box 507, Linden, Michigan. Bids shall be submitted by that time.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

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Roll Call:

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 20, 2013
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Approved:

Consent Agenda.

Presentation:

Watershed Conservation – Nick Longbucco.

Postponed:

Recording Equipment.

Approved:

2013 Dust Control Program – R.C.O.C.

Approved:

FY 2013 Tri-Party Program - Reserve.

Approved:

Proposed Ordinance Amendments to Accessory Structures - Forward to Planning Commission.

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Building Department Request - Purchase File Cabinets.

Postponed:

Building Department - Software Upgrade Proposal.

Approved:

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The Lake Fenton Community Schools are taking bids for Network Switches

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ATTENTION BACK PAIN SUFFERERS! Have you hurt your back at work? Did your employer direct you to? Are you over the age of 55? If you answered YES to these three questions, I would like to speak with you about YOUR BACK PAIN.

Today! I am looking for people that meet the above criteria. If this is you and you are interested in helping me conduct a research project about people who hurt their lower back at work, I am looking for people that meet the above criteria. If this is you and you are interested in helping me conduct this project, please contact me at 810-874-5339.

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TOP 10 ALBUMS

Week of April 4, 1992

1. Wayne’s World - Soundtrack
2. Ropin’ The Wind - Garth Brooks
3. Nevermind - Nirvana
4. No Fences - Garth Brooks
5. Metallica - Metallica
6. As Ugly As They Wanna Be - Ugly Kid Joe
7. Achtung Baby - U2
8. Unforgettable - Natalie Cole
9. Dangerous - Michael Jackson
10. Time, Love And Tenderness - Michael Bolton

Puzzle Answer Keys

SuperCrossword

ANSWERS

ACROSS
1 Blouse, e.g.
2 Mountain
3 Part of Mac’s
4 Modern
5 Woods
6 Of the 123
7 List-including
8 Skilled public
9 Fatherly
10 Series of church
11 Start of a kid
12 Ball outfit
13 Male wig
14 Faniful
15 Alert to
16 Squad cars, briefly
17 Rude, port
18 Run to
19 Plus 150
20 Catch sight
21 Puck
22 From St. Paul
23 With de-
24 Across, fully
25 Gulpable type
26 Riddle, part
27 Benet of the original Pink
28 Crooner, “King”
29 Coke
30 Franklin
31 Hoopla
32 And the like
33 Rent partner
34 Riddle, part
35 Miss – mail
36 Cast off, or
37 Shops
38 – keen do
39 Mortal ail
40 Miss your
41 Chicago, rick
42 Riddle, part
43 38 or –
44 Brown (Whoop)
45 Goldberg’s
46 Sisters
47 Shop
48 Go “Shoog”
49 Shearer and
50 Gemmary’s IC

SUNDAY SUDOKU

ANSWERS

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

Wednesday Jumble Answers

Jumbles: GOOSE OCCUR MARTIN INCOME Answer: What she used to buy the ripest apple – COMMON “CENTS”

Sunday Jumble Answers

Jumbles: SMOKY DERBY FAULTY BYGONE Answer: Occasionally a family does this to make ends meet – ENDS MEAT

King Features

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

ANSWERS

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