Urban Renewal

The walls came tumbling down

► The demolition of Fenton’s downtown ends — the disastrous renewal begins

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When you walk into the A.J. Phillips Fenton museum today, one of the first things you will see is a photo of the Maccabee building hanging on the wall. On the corner of Caroline and Huron, the walls came tumbling down because people would actually have to look at their bills, know how much things cost, and only use the medical services they really need.

Urban Renewal

► After reading this wonderful series about the Urban Renewal Project, it makes me grateful that Craig Schmidt has led the DDA into the restoration of our hometown. Great job to both you and the DDA.

Politics

► Democrats led the charge this week to take away the weapons of the citizens. Wake up people, they are attempting to enslave you the very people they supposedly represent.

Hot Line of the Week

“My family has lived in Fenton 10 years and had no idea that there used to be a wonderful downtown. What a great article and accompanying photos. Thank you for educating all of us ‘newbies’ that weren’t born here.”

More than 222,000 vets in Michigan VA health system

► U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs offers education, cash, medical, other assistance

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For most, the chemical defoliant “Agent Orange” is a thing of history. The toxic herbicide was used in the Vietnam War to kill plants and clear the landscape to ease visibility.

Retired Marine General “Hawk” Hawkins, 67, of Gaines Township will never forget Agent Orange — he lives with the growing affects of his exposure every day. “I’ll never be cured of my diseases suffered in my body from Agent Orange contamination,” he said.

Life and death at the Genesee County Animal Control

► There is... a back log, but at no time will a veteran go unheard.

Gerald “Hawk” Hawkins
VFW member

Genesee County Animal Control Kennel Officer Jordan Shaw takes “Chelsea” the cat away, as owner Christina McKinney (left) watches from her wheelchair. McKinney said it was “heartbreaking” giving up her cats, but did so because a family member is allergic.

“We see the worst animal abuse cases’

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Flint — The cycle of life is evident and ongoing at the Genesee County Animal Shelter, where there is both beauty and sadness.

Last Thursday, a pair of cats are brought in by a reluctant owner while a puppy is adopted out to a Burton couple. A dog that was neglected in Fenton regains his health, while the bodies of 10 dogs killed on the roads and highways are added to the pile in the garage, headed to the landfill.

While euthanizations are usually a daily occurrence, there is beauty in the process.

Fenton school board wants to hear your voice

► New PR committee to begin monthly public meetings

By Sharon Stone
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Drew Shapiro, a trustee on the Fenton Board of Education since January, has taken on another role for the school district. He, along with other school members Daniel Carter and Tamara Valley, have formed a public relations committee with Shapiro as chairperson.
After years of dealing with hip and knee pain, Flint resident Calvin Whirl decided that something needed to be done. "The pain kept going to my knees, and the only pain in my hip was when I was sleeping," explains Whirl. "My wife kept telling me my hips were the problem, but I didn't listen."

The 59-year-old retiree had always been active, serving 20 years as a referee with the Michigan High School Athletic Association. With the burning pain getting worse, he went to two different orthopedic surgeons in Michigan who told him that his knees were bad. Still not convinced, he met with Dr. Seann Willson, orthopedic surgeon with Hurley Medical Center. "Dr. Willson knew immediately that my hips needed to be replaced," says Whirl. "She told me my hips were bone on bone, the worst they can be."

With support and encouragement from his wife, Whirl had his right hip replaced on January 17, 2012. Three months later, on April 17, 2012, he had the left hip replaced as well.

"I've never looked back," explains Whirl. "I'm so glad I came to Hurley. The Hurley Center for Joint Replacement provided exceptional patient- and family-centered care. I continued my recovery at the Hurley Family Rehabilitation Center on South Linden Road in Flint. The entire therapy staff was great – they pushed me to not only heal, but to succeed."

"Hurley really is the best place for outstanding orthopedic care," adds Whirl. "Dr. Willson attended to my every need. I'm just sorry I didn't listen to my wife, and waited so long to have the surgery. I feel like a completely new person. Six months after my surgeries, I was pain-free, head to toe, for the first time in 15 years. Today, there's no stopping me. And, it's all because of Hurley."

Is Joint Replacement Right For You?

Is joint pain controlling your life? Are you not able to do the things you used to do? Have you been considering joint replacement surgery but think you have to wait to have it done? Think again. Joint replacement surgery could give you the relief you're looking for.

Read the following statements. If one or more apply to you, you may need joint replacement surgery:

• My joint pain is not controlled by simple medicines such as anti-inflammatory drugs or non-prescription pain relievers.
• I am having trouble sleeping at night because of joint pain.
• I can no longer do my usual activities.
• I have trouble climbing stairs or getting in and out of a car.
• Joint pain is making it hard for me to work.
• It is hard to sit comfortably for more than 30 minutes.
• Pain and/or stiffness is making it hard for me to put on shoes and socks.

Consult your doctor to discuss whether joint replacement surgery is right for you.
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013

**Police & Fire Report**

**INTOXICATED DAVIDSON MAN**

At 12:30 a.m., on Sunday, April 14, a Holly police officer spotted a 2011 Chevy Impala in the ditch on the south side of Grange Hall Road, near the railroad tracks. The car was running and the driver was inside, but trying to exit. Suspecting that the male driver, later identified as a 33-year-old Davidson man, had been drinking, he was asked to do field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test, which registered at .0 percent. The man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and taken to the police station for processing. Prior to landing in the ditch, the man’s car struck mailboxes along the road. Unopened beer found in the car was confiscated.

**ROCK THROWN AT HOME**

On April 7, Holly police responded to a 52-year-old Holly man’s home on East Maple Street to investigate a malicious destruction of property complaint. The resident reported that around 11 p.m., the previous day, someone had thrown a large rock at the front of his home. Police observed a broken window and a large, fist-sized rock on the ground under the window. Police have no suspects. See POLICE on 10A

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES**

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The main symptom of Colony Collapse Disorder is simply a dead or dying colony. Often, this occurs without any apparent cause or explanation.

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**TRI-COUNTY TIMES**

**FEATURES & NEWS**

**Drop outs finding high school diploma necessary for job**

Tougher standards, weak economy are biggest motivator for obtaining GED

By William Axford

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Fenton Township — Tony dropped out of high school decades ago and worked full time. On Tuesday night, Tony was back in the classroom, watching an instructional video and filling out forms. Surrounded by teenagers and young adults, Tony was preparing for the General Educational Development (GED) test he is scheduled to take a few days later.

“The classes are a little harder for me,” said Tony, who didn’t want to reveal his last name or age. “I’ve been out of school for 30 years.”

Generally, the term GED evokes stereotypes of burnouts, slackers and people who simply don’t value education. And while some people certainly do fulfill this archetype, GED program director Kimberly Fischer said people who come back to finish their high school education come from diverse backgrounds.

Some are young women who left school because they were pregnant and now want to inspire their children to obtain a diploma. Some are social misfits who couldn’t adjust to the social pressures of high school. Others, like Tony, have been laid off in a downturned economy after decades of employment and can’t move ahead without high school credentials.

“There’s a lot of people in their 20s bouncing around from job to job who are realizing they can’t move up without high school credentials,” Fischer said, who oversees the only GED program in Fenton Township, contacts Kimberly Fischer at (810) 591-9465.

See DROP OUTS on 22A

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Weird world of words

Like most people, I see and read lots of words every day on computer screens, in newspapers, on TV, signs, menus, billboards, bumper stickers, bills, commercial vehicles — pretty much everywhere you look you will see words.

Most of the words I see affect me in differing ways. Some, like “willowy,” are pleasant and conjure up a vision of a graceful, long-legged girl. Some, like “bloated,” are disgusting and remind me of painful epi

odes...um..., intestinal distress.

Some, like “burr, cuckoo, croak, hiccup, meow, ping-pong, zip” and “sizzle” sound exactly like the even or activity they describe. Some, like “bimonthly,” are ambiguous as to their meaning (twice a month or every other month — hmmm).

Some words are virtu

ally unknown, like “sororal,” which is the opposite of fraternal, or “cloward,” the term for a group of cats.

Other words are notable for odd reasons — such as words that exist only in plural form, like “bino
culars,” for
ceps, gallows, glasses, priers, scissors, saws, tongues, etc.

There are a few words that I simply cannot tolerate, and so, avoid them whenever possible. A perfect example of a word that should be replaced because nearly everyone is disgusted by it, is ‘crotch.’ I am proud to say that I have never uttered the word ‘crotch’ in public — not even in reference to a tree.

Another disgusting word is ‘bul

bous.’ Many people (me not among them) think that bulbous is a noun. Truth be told, bulbous is an adjective. Example: ‘The enormous pores in Grampa’s bulbous nose could hold enough mustard to supply a New York City deli for a month.’ I don’t mind ‘bulb.’ I can tolerate the versatile and handy ‘ous.’ It’s only when you couple them that the result resembles the genetically-unfortunate child of two beautiful parents who each inexplicably (one of my favorite words) provided their worst physical features and traits to their butt-ugly spawn.

But, I digress.

Another awful word is ‘jowls.’ Web

ster’s repugnantly defines ‘jowls’ as 1) a fold of flesh hanging from the jaw, as of a very fat person, or 2) the meat of the cheek of a hog, or 3) the dewlap of cattle. ‘Jowls’ is also unique in the sense that the facial contours re

quired to pronounce it actually produce jowls on the unfortunate speaker — a phenomenon known as ‘Nixonitis.’

Even ‘word’ is weird. Shouldn’t it rhyme with ‘lord,’ ‘cord’ or ‘ford,’ not tord or bind?

And who came up with phlitrum (space between nose and upper lip), glabella (flat space above the nose, between the eyebrows) and tragus (the little hump in your ear, above the lobe)?

If I were King, all body part names would be royally restricted to one syllable. If ‘brain’ and ‘heart’ can be one syllable, so can any other part.

And what the devil is a dewlap?

Never mind. I don’t want to know.

And that’s my final word.

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PLEASE BE A good neighbor and tie up your recycled junk. It’s all over the neighborhood.

AWESOME STORY ON the sad his
tory of Fenton’s downtown. It’s important to note that, as always, politicians were the cause of this. Some things never change.

WHAT TYPE OF duck is the black one with the bow tie that hangs out by the community center and fire hall? How beautiful.

IT SADDENS ME that my once belov

ed Republican party has given into the temptations of Satan and has rejected the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They have perverted his teachings to make greed a virtue and compassion a sin. I pray for your souls.

IN 2010 OBAMA slashed Homeland Security’s budget for domestic terrorism by 45 percent, from $20 million to $11 million. The sequester, while Obama’s idea, has not made the U.S. less safe. Obama has made it less safe.

WHEN ASKED A reasonably simple question about past Fenton Urban Renewal, who respon
d in politician, no-answer, style? Cheryl King. Look at her conscience. I have personally asked everyone about this. We need someone better than this representative.

IN A WORLD that so desperately needs more compassion, saying you would intro

duce your Smith and Wesson to some

one who allegedly stole your newspaper speaks for itself.

A FEW BAD apines calling themselves businessmen are spoiling it for the rest of us. Your public rants are probably discour

aging new businesses coming to Linden. Your attitude is an insult to the other busi

nesses that do it properly.

THE ONLY REASON gas prices were $1.82 when President Obama took office was because President Bush flooded the market with military gas reserves. That is the only reason. Obama had nothing to do with it. It was Bush’s last hurrah for the American public.

THE TIMES IS awesome. Thank you for constantly informing us about our commu

nity, its residents and our little town.

SEVERAL FAMILIES in downtown Fenton allow their cats to roam the neighborhood all day and night. Some of these cats are beautiful, who will want to live in the neighborhood. Any suggestions to fix this problem?

NO HEADWAY MADE on sane gun control. No wonder, the weapons industry bought the NRA, which bought Congress. The crazy greed heads are still in the driver’s seat. And we all are no safer.

TO ALL YOU conservatives: Which one of the Republican/Snyder Michi

gan tax increases are you enjoying the most? Pension increases, or lost child, tuition, charitable deductions? Looking forward to the proposed Snyder/GOP gas tax increases?

WHILE THE CORNERSTONE Project looks impressive, who’s going to want a loft on the truck route from 75 to 23, alongside a railroad track and in front of the fire station, not to mention a median filled with weeds and ruts.

COME PADLE WITH Us’ is a great campaign: Wouldn’t canoe or kayak rentals be nice.

A MIDDLE SCHOOL teacher told her class about carbon monoxide poison

ing, closed garages, cars running and just going to sleep peacefully, etc. Do our eighth-graders need to learn how to do this, especially from a teacher? It was too much information.

THE PRESIDENT HAS nothing to do with gas prices and no, I did not blame Bush for them when he is in office. I leave that to the uneducated.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

If you could go anywhere, where would you take your senior photos?

streetTALK

Linden High School seniors

— Josey Hrbek, 18
— Quinn Baumgartner, 18
— Kelsy Gilmer, 17
— Alex Gentry, 18
— Haley Green, 18
— Heather Keeble, 18

“On the California coast, because I went there my sophomore year and it’s the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen.”

“The Arc De Triomphe in France. Triumph, victory, I conquered the high school experience.”

“Probably different locations around northern Michigan. I’ve traveled there a lot and there are a lot of places for pretty pictures.”

“Jamaica. I went there when I was really young and I’ve always wanted to go back.”

“Probably Arizona. I just like the scenery there.”

“I would like to go to Alaska, just because there is so much out there to see.”

Mar 16
Township residents to be surveyed on services, needs

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Officials in Tyrone and Hartland townships are negotiating a new contract with the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department, despite set backs from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners.

The expiration of the previous contract between the townships and the sheriff’s department has brought concern amongst some residents, since the towns, the county and the sheriff’s department have had a contract for decades.

Tyrone Township Clerk Keith Kremer said residents in Tyrone and Hartland would continue to get services from the county sheriff’s department, regardless if a new contract is approved. However, Kremer and township trustees are concerned that they may not be receiving services they are already paying for.

“We’re willing to pay for extra services but we don’t want to pay twice,” Kremer said. “Out of the 23 officers, there’s about four or five deputies on the road at once to cover the county. If that’s the case, we should be seeing a deputy here about once a day.”

Under the previous contract, the townships paid the sheriff’s department $300,000 for one 24-hour officer to cover both municipalities. Kremer said negotiations for a new contract have been ongoing for more than a year. When the township received a new bid from the county’s financiers however, Kremer said the price for services would increase by 40 percent. The possible increase in price caused township trustees to reexamine what services would be provided under the contract and if it was worth paying for.

“Other townships don’t pay anything,” Kremer said. “We have no beef with the sheriff’s department and the services they provide. We just want to make sure we’re getting what we paid for.”

Livingston County Undersheriff Mike Murphy said he has not had a chance to look at the current contract negotiation with Tyrone and Hartland in-depth. What he has seen of it however, Murphy said, “It doesn’t look very promising that we’ll be accepting that proposal.”

Ronald VanHouten, who chairs the Public Safety Committee in Livingston County, has a similar reaction as Murphy. See SHERIFF on 20A

“Families without insurance need to be surveyed on services, needs”
School board gives high grade to its leader

Wright is ‘effective to highly effective’ based on self goals and board criteria

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During a recent meeting, the Lake Fenton Board of Education gave Superintendent Wayne Wright high marks on his annual evaluation. With a unanimous vote, school board members graded his job performance “effective to highly effective,” based on his goals and separate criteria that the school board uses.

School board president Sandra Daley said in the past, the school board has graded its superintendent’s performance with criteria established by the Michigan Association of School Boards. However, last year, Daley, trustee Larry Godlewski and Vice President Kristi Oceansek formed an ad-hoc committee to develop a new evaluation, which was then adopted by the board.

This newer evaluation mirrors the self-evaluation that board members also use. It evaluates performance on strategic planning, community relations and staff relations.

Daley said the superintendent submitted his five goals, which were adopted by the board. In December, he presented his mid-term report and then in January he reported where he was at, goal wise, to the board. Daley said these reports gave board members a checklist for measuring progress. By the end of March, they referred to the reports for their final evaluation.

The five goals that Wright bases his own evaluation for this year include:

• Maintaining or improving achievement data with the MEAP, MME, and the state’s AYP results.
• Maintaining a safe and healthy environment for staff and students. Administrators are to log in to the district’s website any referrals or suspensions and the superintendent maintains a log of any bullying incidents. Bullying incidents are submitted to the district website and Wright is directed to monitor this area and make the necessary contacts to address the incidents.
• Improve district technology and resources, such as a wireless network and upgrade the district’s server to be more efficient.
• To manage the district’s budgetary actual expenses to not exceed actual revenue by $200,000 or an average of $100,000 per year.
• Successfully negotiate contracts with the food services department and aids/Support staff. This area is still under negotiation.

Last July, the school board approved a three-year contract extension to Wright’s contract, which includes a base pay of $128,800. His total compensation package is approximately $178,000, which is average for the state of Michigan.

“Overall, we are happy with Wayne,” said Daley, adding that it is a challenge to keep a school district afloat during the current economic conditions.

Following the board’s decision, Wright said, “I have been very pleased with the Board and staff at Lake Fenton.

“We are fortunate to have great students and parents who support the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first three years at Lake Fenton.”
Red Cross offering life-saving courses

> Organization seeks to have people prepared for any emergency

Each year, nearly five million people learn how to prepare themselves, their households and their businesses for emergencies. The American Red Cross in Genesee County is offering several different courses where people can join the ranks of those ready and prepared to save a life.

Courses being offered in May include “First Aid” and “CPR/AED.” In these classes, instructors teach how to perform CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation), how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator), what to do if someone is choking and how to prevent and respond to other emergencies until advanced medical help arrives.

People taking these courses will also learn how to control bleeding as well as how to care for seizures and other sudden illnesses.

Another course, “Babysitter’s Training” will give 11 to 15-year-olds the skills and confidence to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. Caregiving skills take prospective young sitters from feeding to diapering and playtime to bedtime routines. Participants also learn how to handle emergencies such as injuries, illnesses and household accidents.

All classes are held at the Genesee-Lapeer Chapter, located at 1401 South Grand Traverse St., in Flint. Visit redcross.org/training or call 1-800-RED-CROSS for details, costs and to register for a class.

**Summary**

> Check out redcross.org/training to inquire about life-saving courses that are available in May.

Red Cross classes will be held in May, and will include First Aid, and CPR/AED. All classes will be held at the Flint location.

**VOICE**

Continued from Front Page in school. As of now, the committee intends to meet monthly, with its first public meeting set for Wednesday, April 24 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the administration building.

Based on the results of the recent survey the school paid to have done, school officials were reminded that they needed to do a better job of communicating with the community. Shapiro hopes this PR committee can establish better open lines of communication with parents, and community members to maintain its status as an elite school district.

Shapiro and the other board members learned through the survey that most of the survey respondents get their information about the school district, including proposed bonds, from the Tri-County Times and the majority who get their information from the Times had a favorable view of the school district.

In addition to these new PR meetings, Shapiro said this committee intends to share details from meetings to Times readers on a regular basis.

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said. Even Hawkins’ children see tingles of the chemical in their own lives.

When the affects to his circulatory and nervous systems started, and diabetes affected his vision, he looked to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for help after age 65.

The VA serves veterans who are discharged from the military, and also members of the National Guard and their families. The organization is divided into the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration and National Cemetery Administration.

In fiscal year 2012, there were 222,086 veterans enrolled in VA Healthcare in Michigan according to Derek Atkinson, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System public affairs officer. Since 1999, Hawkins has also helped more than 150 veterans to seek assistance through the Curtis-Wolverten VFW post in Fenton. “We are now veterans helping veterans,” he said. He said any veterans, whether of foreign or domestic service, can receive guidance from the VFW.

The reason veterans need assistance with the VA is because many, like Hawkins, received no guidance after their service. Hawkins didn’t think he needed help until medical problems began. “There’s a lot of questions that aren’t being answered because they don’t know how to ask the right questions,” he said. “People have gotta reach out.”

The VFW, along with the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans, provide the vital link between veterans and the VA.

Community colleges, like Mott Community College (MCC) have a Veteran’s Affairs office, which councils veterans with education assistance the VA can provide.

Chad Blunt assists innumerable veterans at the MCC office. A veteran himself, he said the Montgomery GI Bill is being phased out, while Chapter 31 Vocational Rehab, and the Post 9/11 GI Bill are a couple that are available today.

As a veteran, his bachelor’s in nursing degree was paid by the GI Bill. Blunt also has disabled status because of his knees, which were both operated on while in the service.

“There’s so much you can do on it so it’s overwhelming to some veterans,” said Blunt, who urges veterans to seek out help. Filling out the information online is easy, he said, with some directions from a field service officer.

One of the student veterans Blunt helped was Robert Stanton 28, of Davison. He served in the Navy, was discharged in August 2012 and has service-related medical issues. “The hardest part was figuring out where to go, and what to do,” he said. “I didn’t know I was eligible for health care for five years.”

Stanton had to reach out to the VA to learn what was available to him.

Once his benefits were sorted out, he appreciated being able to pursue school full-time, and he feels that not enough veterans use the VA system.

VFW State Service Officer Paul Pirlot said there are more than 100,000 veterans and their family members in Michigan working through the system. He said the most distributed assistance is compensation, both medical and monetary.

At this time, an applicant should expect to wait nine months, though they are looking to bring that average down. “There are a lot of variables,” he said, with each case.

“There is without saying, a back log, but at no time will a veteran go unheard,” said Hawkins. It took him three years to get through the system, with meetings and trips. “They get frustrated and I understand their frustration,” he said. “For disability claims, it’s worse — Hawkins said the current wait is 273 days for disability compensation.
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This believing immigrant’s test for finding the right church may not satisfy everyone, but I am challenged every time I remember his keen perception of the climate of love among those early believers following the resurrection. A return to that kind of affection for one another would bring new life to any congregation.

Still, experience has taught me that there are people who could attend such an awakened, loving church and not be content. If you are one of these temple tourists, you will someday have to face the fact that there are neither perfect churches...nor perfect pastors.

Some who are moderately content with their church specialize in finding faults in church leadership. They seem to feel it their calling to keep pastors moving from church to church.

While speaking at a conference in a church near Chicago, I was approached by a young couple who shook me by saying, “We’d like to have a spiritual awakening in our church but we’re afraid if we do the pastor will be encouraged and stay. We’re hoping he’ll leave.”

How will this kind of attitude hold up in judgment? Not well, I suspect.

A.B. Simpson, the respected author and founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination, wrote: “I would rather play with forked lightning, or take in my hands live wires with their fiery current, than to speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling at others to the hurt of their own souls.”

A major news magazine once referred to the seeming necessity of pastors moving to other churches every few years as the game of musical pulpits.

Thankfully, there are exceptions. Some churches are filled with loving people who carry on dynamic ministries in their own communities. Negativism is almost non-existent. Members know their church isn’t perfect but forgiveness flows freely among them. They have changed their focus from faults to forgiveness and discovered the secret of lasting joy: trusting God and loving people.

Stop searching for a perfect church and give yourself to making yours the caring, loving congregation it ought to be. This simple formula will increase the effectiveness of your imperfect pastor and you’ll not find yourself hoping he’ll go away.

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

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BICYCLIST FALLS, INJURES ARM

At 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, Fenton police responded to Slate Road to investigate a report of a bicyclist that had crashed. Lt. Jason Slater said a 57-year-old Fenton woman was riding her bike toward town and as she picked up speed traveling down a slope in the road, her baseball cap began to fall off. While reaching to grab her hat, she lost control of her bicycle and fell to the ground, causing injury to her arm. She was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for medical treatment.

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Senior photos through the years

Digital photography, changing tastes and styles mark differences

By Tim Jagiello
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Today, you won’t see big hair, or soft focus senior photos. Gone are the double exposure prints, which are now usually the brunt of the joke, gracing Internet memes.

What graduating students want today is uniqueness, and a lot of personality. “Seniors are more interested in personal photographs,” said visual photographer Paul D’Aigle, who operated Imaginiq Studios out of Dibbbleville. He has seen his business shift from the studio, to location shoots instead.

It’s lifestyle over tradition with today’s senior photos, and the busy season for photographers is about to begin. “They all want to be unique, they all want to be unique together,” he said.

What everyone wants, and has stayed consistent through the years, are good, well-lit images that flatter the subject. Students then and now want to look like adults.

D’Aigle still has the job of properly positioning his subjects. The right facial expression, placement of the arms and tilt of the face are all important. Seniors are positioned in a way that makes it look like they were caught candidly in that moment, while traditional rules of correct lighting still apply.

Debbie Trombly, owner of Caught in the Act Photography of Fenton, said that another change in senior photos is the price. Today, you get fewer prints and photos for more money. Many photographers charge to upwards of $400 for a disc of the images. This is partially due to the popularity of semi-professional digital single lens reflex cameras (DSLRs), which produce quality images in the hands of an amateur.

Trombly also doesn’t sell clients a disc. She would rather allow low-resolution images to be downloaded and used on Facebook, than allow digital copies to be recreated in a standard print.

Social media has taken the place of ordering 300 wallets as was done in the past. And printing tends to be more interesting to parents than their children. Trombly thinks this is unfortunate. “This is gonna be a lost age, hard drives crash, external drives crash — a hard copy can be reproduced,” she said. “It’s a scary thing because I’m all about memories.”

Visual Poetry owner Jen Kniviilva of Fenton said that layering clothing and accessorizing is huge right now. “We promote textures and colors and have just as much fun with accessories as we do the outfit itself,” she said.

After the shoot, the “photoshopping” of the photos is nearly as important as how they were taken. The program Photoshopy by Adobe has been around since 1990, when prints from film were scanned and manipulated. With digital photography, images are most commonly edited in Photoshop once the final images are chosen.

“When it comes to editing, I keep the images pretty natural and make it a point to not fall into the trendy techniques that become outdated in a matter of years,” said Kniviilva. “This is an important time in a person’s life and I want the results to be timeless.”

Senior photo tips

• Shop around. Imaginiq photographer Paul D’Aigle suggests looking at a photographer’s website on a computer with a full screen, to see the details of the photos. It’s just as important for you, the photographer, as it is to like their work.

• Debbie Trombly, owner of Caught in the Act Photography of Fenton said that many photographers will work out a package for families that fit financial. Expect to spend at least $300, and as always, get what you pay for.

• A busy studio may not be a good choice. This means less attention for the client, and you also may not get the photographer you saw in the site.

• Parents and children are never at odds over what will be worn during the shoot. It is often up to the photographer to bridge that gap and find compromise.

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Weather wins out in battle of rivals

Rain calls LF vs. Fenton game one out short of complete contest

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — What started out as a beautiful day with some occasional sunshine, turned into what prep sports teams have come to expect this spring.

Thursday, however, became a day of drizzle, then rain, then lighting and thunder, followed by pounding rainstorms.

In short, what began as one of the most promising days of the sports season ended much like most have this year — with little getting done.

The tri-county area’s event that came closest to a varsity See WEATHER on 18A

LF soccer improves to 2-0, beats Perry

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The Blue Devils got four goals from Jordan Newman, helping spark the victory. However, Alyssa Kruenger scored the first goal, off of the first of three assists by Sidney Scott, just 1:20 into the contest. At the 24-minute mark, Newman scored her first goal on Scott’s second assist. However, Perry’s Lyndsay Crum cut the gap in half just a minute later. Lake Fenton took a 2-1 lead into the break.

The Blue Devils adjusted fine enough, earning a 5-1 victory against Perry at Lake Fenton High School.

The Blue Devils played even better in the second half, with Newman scoring five minutes, 20 minutes and 30 minutes into the half. Scott assisted one of the goals while Kaitlyn Begley assisted another. In net, Missy Eggleston earned the win, making three saves.

“In the first half we didn’t play really well because of our passing. In the second half, we really opened it up. I’m not surprised at all,” said Newman.

Lake Fenton’s Alexis Cash clears a ball during a recent game. The Blue Devils defeated Perry 5-1 on Tuesday.

Tigers can’t beat Mother Nature vs. Detroit Country Day

By Amy Morrison

Morrison among five athletes going into Fenton’s HOF

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FENTON GRADUATE AMY MORRISON

Cowboy having a ball playing at Ball State

By Torrey Christopher

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Softball has always been in Sammy Cowger’s blood.

Just as her older sisters did, she played softball during her childhood. But it was her personal love for sport that helped her succeed throughout her high school career and gain her a spot on the Ball State University squad.

“I started playing softball because my older sisters did,” Cowger said. “Once I started playing I fell in love with the game and that’s why I continued to play.”

Now she’s a freshman on the Cardinals’ Mid-American

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Morrison included in 2013 Fenton’s HOF class

Three-sport athlete continues to expand her athletic experiences

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decision was what would’ve been Lake Fenton’s first official game of the season. The Blue Devils hosted the Fenton Tigers, falling behind 8-1 with two out in the bottom of the fifth inning, leaving the game one out away from being an official contest.

The Blue Devils allowed Mother Nature to make the final decision by putting together a rally in the bottom of the fifth. Taylor Sheyachich reached base on an error, and scored on Sydney Sheyachich’s single. On the single, an error allowed the run to score, with Sheyachich getting out at third base. An out later, the Blue Devils continued to hit, with Kayla Ward getting a single and Shelby Beckman earning a walk. At the time, the game was being played during a reasonably passable light rain. However, lighting struck and never stopped, resulting in the postponement of the twinbill until Friday.

The weather has everyone going wacko. The Blue Devils finally got outside this week but still haven’t completed a game.

“It’s been pretty tough,” said Lake Fenton softball coach Amos Rinks. “I’ve been coaching since 1988 and I have never been in the gym (for practices) for three weeks, ever. (Two years ago) we were still able to get outside and do stuff. It seemed like it was the week we couldn’t get out. But this is unprecedented for me. It’s been tough, and it’s tough on their spirits too. When you are in the gym it’s not the same.”

Fenton has been reasonably fortunate. The Tigers have four games under their belts and are 2-2. However, they have only practiced outside one time.

“Yesterday was our first outdoor practice,” Fenton coach Stefanie Roberts said.

“We’ve actually played four games with no practice outside. But the cool thing is everyone is in the same boat. It’s not like other people have been able to do that and we haven’t. It works out OK. Everyone is kind of struggling that way.”

The Tigers opened the contest with three runs in the first inning. Ellie Cowger singled, stole second and moved to third on a single by Sarah Halstead. Marina Cleis was hit by a pitch, loading the bases. Katie Cairnduff hit a sacrifice fly and Doria Carpenter hit an RBI-ground out. Emma Brant provided an RBI-single, and the Tigers led 3-0.

Lake Fenton put two runners on base in the bottom of the first but they failed to score. Kayla Ward singled, and an out later so did Alexis Melton. However, Ward was forced out at third for a second out. The inning ended with a ground out.

Fenton opened the second inning with a Macie Kelleher single, eventually scoring on Cowger’s single, which was booted, allowing Keller to score. Cowger scored on Halstead’s run-producing double. Fenton led 5-0.

It grew to 7-0 in the third inning. Don Carpenter walked and Brant singled. Regina Siekaerski drove in both runners with a double. In the fourth, Marina Cleis opened the inning with the biggest hit — a solo home run.

Lake Fenton had two runners reach in the fourth, but one got picked off and the other was stranded at second base. The Blue Devils put another rally together in the fifth, but were unable to finish the stanza due to the lightening. Both coaches were encouraged.

“We were hitting consistently,” Roberts said. “That is the reason we lost the two games we’ve lost — because our offense is inconsistent. They did a very nice job today.”

“All in all I’m not disappointed with the way we played,” Rinks said.

“I was a little concerned the way they were hitting the ball so hard on us. “We came out yesterday and our arms were a little sore and the girls were a little tired. Maybe we tried to do too much in a short period of time. But the girls were excited (to be out).”

Baseball
Detroit Country Day at Fenton

As was the case for many events on Wednesday, the Tigers started their contest against Detroit Country Day, but didn’t get too far into the contest before rains canceled it.

The Tigers were leading 1-0 when the rains suspended play.

Fenton scored in the first inning on a Connor Davidson single, eventually scoring on an error.

In the one inning Mike Ryan was pitchable, he struck out three batters.

It marked the first time the weather has crushed the Tigers this year. They’ve played five contests.

“I’m not frustrated. I know a lot of others are,” Fenton coach Chad Logan said. “We’ve played five games and had a scrimmage. We’ve probably been luckier weather-wise than anybody else.”

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Meet her senior season and defended her state championship, with a jump of 12-0. She also placed third in the state in the pole vault during her freshman season.

“I liked them all, but I liked track the most,” Morrison said.

“I enjoyed the pole vault. I’d go to Go Odrich to get some time with my coach and some time on the runway. I really enjoyed it.”

Morrison continued her athletic career at Clemson University, competing in the pole vault. She placed as high as third in the Atlantic Coast Conference’s Outdoor Meet in 2011, and ranks seventh all-time in Clemson history with a jump of 12-feet-9 1/2-inches.

That wasn’t all she did, either. She was an accomplished water skier during her prep career as well.

“I have a pretty competitive nature. If I’m going to do something, I’m going to do it and love doing it. I love trying new things. Some of my friends I made out here are planning on going white water rafting, hiking and backpacking. It’s a big part of my life, just doing different things.”

Lately, her “thing” has been the Xterra triathlons. And she’s even going to be able to do a little workout when she attends the Hall of Fame banquet.

“There’s an Xterra in Brighton that same week, so I’m planning on doing that one,” Morrison said.

“The banquet is on the 16th and the Xterra is on the 10th. It works out beautifully.”

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Fenton graduate and two-time pole vault state champion Amy Morrison is one of five athletes being inducted into Fenton’s Athletic Hall of Fame on June 13. Morrison, a 2007 graduate, also competed for the girls swimming and diving team and the volleyball squad.
**URBAN RENEWAL**

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Walnut, the building housed several different types of stores, including a hat shop and a dentist's office. While it did not survive urban renewal, the Macabee building did not go down without a fight.

In their attempts to knock the building down frustrated demolition crews used a five ton wrecking ball, which despite repeated attempts, simply bounced off the side of the building according to Fenton Museum Curator Ken Seger.

“These were supposed to be deficient buildings, everything was supposed to be junk. Well, they couldn’t even tear it down. That gives you an idea of what the urban renewal project was all about.”

Eventually, the building did give in, and like more than 50 other buildings that once populated Fenton’s downtown, it was reduced to rubble by the demolition equipment.

On the other end of the museum, mounted on the wall is an old photo of a densely packed downtown Fenton that stretches as far as the eye can see.

“Everything in that picture is gone now,” Seger says sadly.

In addition to photos and objects from other bygone eras of Fenton’s history, the museum contains many relics of the period just prior to urban renewal, including panels that Seger salvaged from the side of the Rowena Theater after it was torn down.

The Rowena was just one of many buildings that were lost. Hardware stores such as McGuire’s and Gambles, pharmacies like Fenton Drug, Hovey’s Pharmacy and Herrlich’s Drug Store — which all had soda fountains where teens would gather to drink Coca Cola for 12¢, — Pellett’s clothing store, restaurants such as the original Andrico’s and Mickey’s Diner and the Pink Poodle, whose building in Dibberville still stands. There were bars with unique names such as the Harmony Lee, Cliffs and the Virginia Bar, in addition to dozens of other specialty stores like Lutz Record Store, The Jaynie Shop, Donut Land, Stevens Furniture and an arcade-parlor, The Silver Cue. All were part of the many businesses of downtown Fenton that fell victim to the urban renewal project.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Chairman Craig Schmidt recalled one store in particular. “There was a fun store called Western Auto that sold a lot of bicycles and things like that. A lot of things for kids — that was fun,” he said. Another, Becker’s Department store, sold clothing for men and women.

Few of the buildings that were labeled as deficient were actually owned by the businesses that occupied them. Those who did own were compensated financially. Others who were leasing buildings scheduled to be demolished had few options at their disposal.

“There were so many family businesses that were told, “Thanks for being in business for 30 years, see you later,”” Schmidt said. “You take those 50 businesses and you put them out of town, they are never coming back.”

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Seger recalls the plans that were in store for Fenton once the demolition had finished — plans that had fallen short. “They had a mockup of what the business district was going to look like when it got done. It was an enclosed mall — you don’t see no enclosed mall down there now do you? It was diabolically different than what they said they were going to do.”

The most infamous mistake, and ultimately the most visible evidence of the ineptness of the entire project that eviscerated downtown Fenton, took the form of the new Dancers Department Store, which was situated smack dab in the middle of the former main downtown thoroughfare, North LeRoy Street.

The unusual building placement was the most contentious issue of the entire project. The plan was to construct new roads that would circle around what would become the enclosed mall area of downtown Fenton. Instead, most — if not all — people found it unusual, confusing, difficult to navigate, and visually unattractive.

“It was called a ring road,” said Seger. “It seemed very strange to everyone that downtown Fenton was going to look like this.”

The Rowena was just one building. The million dollars they got from the federal government and said it was a good thing to do is a case study for a lot of college students, because it was the worst thing to do to our downtown, he said.

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Part three next week: The aftermath of urban renewal — the rebuilding of downtown Fenton.
BEES
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are not. The USDA's Colony Collapse Disorder progress report states “In the years since CCD began to be reported, winter losses have been averaging around 33 percent, of which approximately one-third was attributed to CCD. The overall proportion of winter losses is still high, and the continued economic viability of pollination by honey bees remains threatened.”

Without bees, which are responsible for a large portion of pollination among plants, farms and orchards will yield less crops, meaning a scarcity and thus higher cost in fruits, nuts and vegetables that rely on bees for pollination. A shortage of bees can also result in a shortage of honey and an inability for farmers to produce the food supply needed.

On a global scale, CCD has affected countries such as Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Ireland. The Northern Ireland Assembly has reported a decline in bee population over 50 percent.

Dick Beauchamp keeps beehives as a hobby and has heard what damages CCD can do.

“I’ve heard of a beekeeper that had around 2,000 hives and lost 90 percent — beekeeping was his livelihood, and losing that much is also losing a tremendous amount of money,” Beauchamp said. “We attribute CCD to a few different things, mainly pesticides in plants.”

The pesticides that Beauchamp mentions are neonicotinoids, a class of pesticides related to nicotine. When honeybees come into contact with a plant that has been treated with this pesticide, they become disoriented and cannot return to the hive. If they do manage to return to the hive, they contaminate the food source there and the whole hive will become disoriented. This can lead to a loss of the entire colony.

“These pesticides are in the products people are eating, too,” Beauchamp said. “The chemical companies are disputing the effects, but research from the other side says differently. This is an issue that is very much still in debate.”

SHERIFF
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stating the current contract bid presented by Tyrone and Hartland, “Doesn’t look logical.”

“They had a car there 24/7, no one else has anything like that in the county,” VanHouten said. He attributed the 40 percent increase proposed by the county to police unions and added, “It’s a normal thing because of police contracts. Police need a raise in the future. We knew what the cost was and we told them (Tyrone and Hartland).”

Survey to go out this summer
At the board of trustees meeting on Tuesday, officials voted to send out a survey to residents with this summer’s tax bill. Trustees are interested in feedback from residents on topics including public safety, fire safety, road improvements and other services the township can provide.

The idea for the survey was proposed earlier this month at an April 2 meeting where Kremer estimated it would cost $5,000 to $6,000 to have it done. Township officials are currently reviewing questions to include in the survey. Part of the survey will include what services residents are will to pay for and how much.

“Everyone wants something but unless there are funds, we can’t get it,” Kremer said. “We’re interested in feedback from the community.”

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Animal control is responsible for dealing with aggressive animals, and rabies. It is not responsible for any wildlife, unless for example a skunk bites a person, which would then cause animal control to get involved. When officers are not impounding stray aggressive animals, they'll investigate dog licenses and animal abuse. Dead dogs or cats even on roads aren't technically their responsibility, but they do pick them up.

Last Wednesday, the barking of live dogs reverberated through the Monday morning.

Rodabaugh said that around 20 strays are brought in by owners, who for many possible reasons, decide to have their dog euthanized. Tears are shed, he said, when an animal has to be put down. “Euthanization is something that happens,” he said. “Every shelter is trying to reduce euthanizations.”

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Continued from Page 3A in the tri-county area. “It’s more important than ever to have these credentials because more jobs need college degrees. You can’t get into college anymore without high school credentials.”

Fischer said laws regarding GEDs are set to change by next year. Community colleges and certificate programs will require all students to have high school credentials. With the new electronic version of the GED program being implemented in January, students will have to complete the program this year or forfeit any credits they have already earned and retake the entire GED program.

The new deadlines motivated Ryan Griffin, 20, of Fenton to take his GED test, after avoiding a scheduled test three times.

“It’ll give me hope, but not immediate hope,” said Griffin, who came to class after work and still dressed in his McDonald’s uniform. Griffin doesn’t know what career he wants to pursue but he plans to use his GED to get into college. “As far as my future, it will do great for me.”

Each student had their own end goals for when they obtained their GED. Justin Reid, 18, plans to join the U.S. Marines this fall in order to support his daughter. Robert Graham, 19, couldn’t stand the structure of public schooling. Graham is set on attempting a music career but wants the security of a GED in case he needs to shift career goals.

The GED test costs $180 and requires one mandatory class prior to the test. Students also have the option of taking preparation classes, which cost an additional $75.

Fischer said the stigma regarding GEDs being less valuable than a diploma will probably always exist. However, as high school standards are continually revamped, so too are the standards for obtaining a GED. Students who have children, jobs and have been out of the public school for decades may have a hard time adjusting and relearning.

“Life starts to happen. They fall in love and they have children. Their car breaks down, the baby gets sick or the boss changes shifts,” Fischer said. “But you gotta hand it to them — it’s not an easy row to hoe.”

The students are aware of the difficulties and even more aware of the payoff.

“This is a great option. It allows me to take care of my family,” Reid said.
Meet Doug Tebo

Oakwood Cemetery Board chairman, history and genealogy enthusiast and fan of yard sales

By Olivia Dimmer

Sunday, April 21, 2013

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What do you do on the board? The grass always got mowed and leaves got raked but it looked to me like there had been a lot of neglect of trimming the bushes and trimming the trees. Plus, the tornado went through in 2007 and we spent about $100,000 just cutting up trees in the cemetery. We lost 55 big oak trees. We have projects each year, 13 this year. We’re trying to clean the cemetery up, restore the monuments that have sunken or are leaning, we’ve taken down and trimmed trees and removed a hedge row.

What inspired you to take so many years to do these things for the Oakwood Cemetery? I just decided that if I was on the board I was going to do things the way I thought they should be done. I have a buddy here, Harry Vittle, 84. Harry and I have looked for fallen relatives and even living ones they never knew they had. Although Tebo is not ethnic and has never witnessed any paranormal activity in his dealings with the cemetery, he can most likely point you in the direction of almost any buried person you’re looking for.

Do you have any interest in genealogy and ancestry as well? My son does. He’s an archivist for the University of Michigan. It just about runs in the family. My wife’s mother was the one who got my son interested in it. He’s also a grave registration officer for the Sons of Union Veterans. We are constantly involved in that kind of stuff.

Do you have any other interesting rededication stories? In 2009, we took down the old shed in the cemetery. It was in pretty bad shape. It would cost far more money to repair it than to tear it down and build a new one. We had the fire department use it for a training run — burn it down and put the fire out. A few days after the ashes cooled the DPW guys dug up the foundation and we found three headstones. We had to determine who they were. For about three months, Harry and I had a ball chasing these guys down.

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Do you have any other interesting facts about the cemetery? We average 40 burials a year. There are 163 civil war veterans. We have the Donaldson family buried there, where the father is a Revolutionary War soldier, his son is a War of 1812 veteran and his grandson is a Civil War veteran. They’re buried within eight graves of each other in Old Prospect Hill. We have some famous individuals buried up there. For instance, Dexter Horton, he founded the Square D company and invented the safety switch that encases high voltage switches. Every home has one of those. We had a lady that grew up just north of town by the name of Bessy Severance. She was one of the first nurses to graduate from the University of Toledo School of Nursing. She was a Spanish-American war nurse. She had never been recognized as a veteran before we found out about her, so now we have a flag on her grave. Also, my son Matthew started Adopt-A-Vet where he ordered a flag holder for veterans’ graves with the donations we got.

Did this honoring of fallen veterans teach you or your son any valuable lessons? I think I have great respect for the sacrifices these men and women have put forth. This respect has kept my son going. He’s into it big time and Dad follows.

What do you do when you’re not doing something for the cemetery? I like crossword puzzles and my wife likes to read. We take drives down county roads and look for yard sales.
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Moles are nearly blind, but utilize their other senses to navigate underground. Sonic devices have been long thought of as one way to scare moles off, though their success rates vary.

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The lengthening of the days, the newly budding plants, the warm sunlight and the wonderful spring smell — there are many things to look forward to outdoors now that winter is behind us.

Despite this anticipated time of year, one little creature is intent on ruining the wonderful spring experience for you, and will fight you at every opportunity it gets. That animal is of course, the mole.

“They absolutely destroy your yard,” said Becca Southerland of McKay’s Hardware in Holly.

A rather stubborn animal, moles never stop working, not even in the winter to hibernate. With the snow melted away, and as we expect the weather to turn warmer, you may notice that your lawn has not fared well these past few months. While you have stayed cozy inside, the mole has continued his dastardly work outside.

Greg Sander, the manager of Ace Village Hardware in Linden, said that if you have moles, you actually have two problems. “Basically, the moles cut through just below the surface, because they are going after the grubs that are eating the roots of the grass. So there’s two problems, the grubs eating the grass roots, and the moles digging to find them.”

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**Top 9 MLB Ballparks**

**By Scott Burns, www.bleacherreport.com**

1. **AT&T Park**
   PacBell Park, SBC Park and finally AT&T Park have been its names, but McCovey Cove, the “Splash Hits” and the breathtaking views of San Francisco Bay make AT&T the best park in America.
   The field seats are great. But if you want a view of McCovey Cove, the Bay and the Oakland Coliseum, I would advise sitting in the second deck looking out toward right field. Other attractions in the park include the Giant Coca-Cola bottle slide, the 26-feet high by 30-feet wide baseball glove and the little Giants field.
   If you can’t get in, venture to the south side right-field wall and get a peek through one of the four portholes.
   The only complaint here is parking. You better get here early enough to get a spot or you can hop on the fan-friendly Muni transit system.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** Orlando’s (named after Giants great Orlando Cepeda) Cha-Cha Bowl, an order of Gilroy garlic fries and a Speakeasy Prohibition Ale.

2. **Oriole Park at Camden Yards**
   Oriole Park at Camden Yards sets the standard for the modern-day retro park. Nobody blends the classic elegance with a modern twist like Camden Yards. It was constructed over an old railroad station and sits in the downtown area. The striking feature of Oriole Park is the right-field wall with the B&O Warehouse in the background, sitting right on Eutaw Street.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** Boog’s pit-beef sandwich and a Dogfish Head 60-Minute IPA.

3. **PNC Park**
   The Roberto Clemente Bridge is the trademark landmark that can be seen in the distance from PNC Park. The most distant seat is only 88 feet from the field. Fans are treated to beautiful views of the Pittsburgh skyline and the Allegheny River, where fans wait in boats for a stray ball. The right-field wall rises 21 feet in honor of the late Clemente, who was a fixture in right field until his untimely passing.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** A Primanti Brothers sandwich with an Iron City beer.

4. **Wrigley Field**
   Wrigley Field is arguably the most iconic of all stadia. The ivy still grows on the outfield walls and the scoreboard is still hand-operated.
   The outside of the stadium is adorned with statues saluting Ernie Banks, Billy Williams, Ron Santo and Carew, along with the famous red marquee; “Wrigley Field, Home of the Chicago Cubs.”
   Yes, the Cubs have not won the World Series in more than 100 years, but this ballpark is a true slice of America.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** Chicago-style hot dog and an Old Style beer.

5. **Fenway Park**
   Besides the addition of the seats to the back of the Green Monster, this stadium has remained in the same style and shape since it was built. The hand-operated scoreboard is a true classic. So is the red-painted seat in the right-field bleachers that signifies the landing spot of the longest home run (by Ted Williams in 1946).
   **Can’t miss food choice:** A Fenway Frank and a Harpoon IPA.

6. **Target Field**
   Once you enter through the center-field gates and get to your seats, the figurines of “Minnie” and “Paul,” the original logo of the Twin Cities, dominate.
   Don’t worry about the weather here because when it starts to get cold, the left-field sanctuary has cozy fire pits with brilliant views of the Minneapolis skyline.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** A Murray’s steak sandwich and a Kil- lebrew root beer.

7. **Yankee Stadium**
   *Yes, it is the new Yankee Stadium and not the House that Ruth Built, but it still has that Yankee charm and history associated with the team that has won the most World Series.*
   This is a re-creation of the old stadium. It has all of the bells and whistles to make Yankees fans happy.
   Monument Park was relocated from the old stadium, so you can still pay homage to Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** Lobel’s prime beef sandwich and a Mojito (named after Mariano Rivera) at Tommy Bahama’s bar.

8. **Citizens Bank Park**
   The Liberty Bell comes to life after every home run in this lively ballpark.
   The most famous area is Ashburn Alley, where you can get a close look at the bullpen, eat Philly-type concessions, enjoy significant moments in Phillies history and get close to the playing field.
   There are four 10-foot tall bronze sculptures of Phillies legends Richie Ashburn, Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton and Robin Roberts.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** A Tony Luke’s cheese steak with a Flying Fish Extra Pale Ale.

9. **Safeco Field**
   This is a beautiful ballpark located in the Sodo area of Seattle. It offers sunset views of both the Puget Sound and Seattle skyline. The retractable roof is a necessity for a stadium in Seattle. Although there is not one defining feature, it has a clean and crisp feel to it with no bad sight-lines.
   **Can’t miss food choice:** The Ivar Dog and a chocolate shake from Kidd Valley.
FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT GENESSEE COUNTY’S AUTISM GROUP

On Sunday, April 28, Michael G. Monroe, a well-known wildlife artist from Brighton will be at Caravan’s Hallmark Shop from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to visit with community members and he will be giving children’s art lessons at 4:30 p.m. for $10. Space is limited for the lessons so anyone desiring to have their child take an art lesson is asked to call the shop in advance to register the child at (810) 629-4212. Activities during the fundraising event include face painting, a “Guessing Jar” of Beanie Babies, a “Find It Table,” coloring activities and balloon art. Every child will receive a Balloon Bag. All proceeds from the event benefit Genesee County’s Autism Group. A $1 donation will be made for every book sold. Donations are appreciated at the door, as well. To see more of Monroe’s work, visit his website at michaelglenmonroe.com. Caravan’s Hallmark Shop is located at 18015 Silver Parkway in Fenton.

LAKE FENTON RUNNER SEeks FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TAKE PART IN AUSTRALIA TOURNAMENT

Lake Fenton High School cross-country runner Winston Ray, 16, has the opportunity to represent the Fenton area in Australia, at the Down Under Sport Tournament this summer. The organization hosts a variety of international tournaments, designed to foster goodwill, and bridge the gap between countries. Ray was selected to run in the cross-country round of the tournament representing the East Central Conference Cross Country Team. Each member runner needs to raise $5,000 for the trip, with a deadline of June 1. Through family and friends he has raised $1,000. A golf outing fundraiser is set for Sunday, June 2, at The Jewel of Grand Blanc golf course. Contact Jenny Ray at (810) 691-0899 for more information.

Fenton Football Golf Scramble on May 18

The Fenton Football Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, May 18 at the Coyote Preserve Golf Club in Fenton. The scramble has a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, with 18 holes of play and cart. Golfers will have pizza on the course and a buffet will follow. There will be a 50/50, raffles, skins game, on-course games and prizes, and first-place team award. All proceeds benefit the Fenton schools football program. Golf sponsorships include “Touchdown” ($1,000) which covers the cost of two teams and two Tee signs, “Field Goal” ($500), which covers the cost of one team and one Tee sign, “Team” ($300), which covers the cost of one team or $75 per player, and “Hole Sponsor” ($100), which pays for a T ee sign. Donations for raffles and goodie bags are also being accepted. For more information, call Angie at (810) 348-0210.

Neillor for Neighbor Fundraiser

Neighbor for Neighbor invites the community to purchase one of kind items and delicious homemade baked goods at their spring fundraiser, “Treasuries and Treats.” Neighbor for Neighbor is an all-volunteer, non-profit charitable organization that provides food, clothing and financial assistance to families in crisis from Springfield, Holly, Groveland, Rose and parts of Independence and White Lake townships since 1983. The semi-annual rummage and bake sale is set for Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at their food pantry and offices in the Hart Community Center on the grounds of Mill Pond Park in downtown Davison. During this event, the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Department will hold its “Community Garage & Sidewalk Sale,” making this Davison’s biggest garage sale. For details, call (248) 634-0900.
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There are many solutions touted to relieve you of your mole problem, though the success rate of these many methods is questionable. With old wives’ tales aplenty, from using broken glass, human hair, or car exhaust — there are a lot of failed strategies you can save your time employing against digging devils. The only certainty is the uncertainty in ridding your yard of the unwelcome guests.

“It’s a lot of trial and error. As like our mosquitoes and bugs, after so many years of using different chemicals, the moles become immune. It’s a touch and go kind of thing,” Southerland said.

Vibration devices are one commonly utilized tactic, they are well liked because they seem to be a humane solution to dealing with a mole problem. Tiny devices planted in the soil are supposed to create sound waves to drive the animals away. They can be purchased in the $20 to $60 range. While it sounds like a nice, simple solution, if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Vibration devices have a low success rate, and may have little impact on you mole problem — if at all.

A more advanced solution is smoke fumigation, which is done by purchasing smoke cartridges and placing them throughout the mole’s tunnels that likely run throughout your yard. While the cartridges may produce a neat visual effect, their success rate is equally dismal to that of the vibration devices.

Sometimes, messy problems just don’t have a clean solution. If you are serious about doing away with your mole problem, it may be time to roll up your sleeves and get down to business. Mole traps set nearby and inside a mole’s tunnels have been proven to be the most effective way in liberating your backyard from its underground oppressors.

The most satisfying result of this method is that you will know if your mission was a success or not — you will have the proof. The worst part of course, is dealing with the dead animal produced by your trap.

Other types of solutions involve chemicals and poisons that come in small pellet form. Southerland said she has heard of a lot of people having success with them. “Mostly people buy the gopher pellets. A lot of people use these, I can’t keep them on my shelf.”

With most things, prevention will save you a lot of hassle. Instead of asking yourself how to rid of the moles, ask why they are relentlessly pestering you in the first place.

It is common for people to overwater their yards which can lead to a mole infestation. When overwatered, the yards become easier to dig through and to find worms and grubs to snack on. Wet soil is like sending an invitation for moles to freeload in your lawn.

If you haven’t been lucky enough to stop them from setting up camp in your yard, it will take a lot of time, patience, and a little luck to send them on their way.
Arts festival showcases talents of area students

Ruby Zima Film and Arts Festival set for April 27, features visual, performing arts

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From watercolor paintings to sculptures to famous scenes from “A Streetcar Named Desire” being performed, the Ruby Zima Film and Arts Festival showcases all aspects of art at every grade level in Fenton, Linden and Lake Fenton school districts.

The festival takes place on Saturday, April 27 at Fenton High School. It begins at 10 a.m., with guest speaker Steve Coffey, a graduate of the FHS TV Production program, and ends with cash prizes being awarded at 4 p.m.

Admission is $2 for students, $5 for adults and $10 for a family of four.

This event was made possible by a grant from the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation (FAPSEF) and the Sarah E. Warner Endowment for the Arts, who will present a female artist with the Sarah E. Warner Award for Leadership during the award ceremony. Additional sponsors include The State Bank and Weather Seal.

The Festival was named for the former FHS dramatic arts and English teacher with a grant from the Sarah E. Warner Endowment for the Arts.

There will be three winners in each of the categories: visual arts, film and performance arts. First place winners will win $250, second place will receive $125 and those finishing in third place will be awarded $50. Many entries are returning from last year’s competition to present their artwork in hopes for another award.

“I entered last year and won first-place for my watercolor and pen painting,” FHS sophomore Ally Barnett said. “I am planning on entering a new watercolor piece of a pond with lily pads and flowers; it is a recreation of a landscape image.”

Paintings, drawings and sculptures will be displayed throughout the hallways of FHS, where as musical performances shown in the Ruby Zima Auditorium and acting will be done in the band room. There are 32 elementary school performance submissions and 16 middle school and high school auditions.

“The performance aspects are as big as last year and we have had to limit for available showing times,” said Joe Kreyza, who is in charge of the Performance Arts side of the festival. “The performance aspects of the festival will be larger than film this year.”

Video entries will be played in the Black Box Theatre and are divided into four categories: Public Service Announcements, General Video, Educational Video and Short film.

“We had some incredible entries last year, but this year I think people really recognize what this festival is all about,” Fenton High School video productions teacher Rich Ashley said. “I know Linden, Lake Fenton and our students are really planning to step it up. I have already seen a few entries just from my students and they are exceptional.”

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Steve Coffey, a graduate of Fenton High School’s TV Production program, will be the guest speaker at the Ruby Zima Film and Arts Festival.

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And found an empty space.
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God's garden must be beautiful.

He knew that you were weary,
He saw your tired face.
And saw your tired face.
And lifted you to rest.
So he closed your weary
eyelids, and whispered
peace be thine.

And lifted you to rest.

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College grad wonders when real life will start

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DEAR AMY: It’s that time of year when I almost dread checking my mail for fear of receiving yet one more high school graduation announcement! This year for the first time we received two college graduation announcements. Is this the new trend? Do we need to send a gift for this event like we did for their high school graduation? Please don’t misunderstand, we are proud of these individuals, but an announcement seems like a gift request. Will a card suffice? — Dreads Mail

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COGNITIVE CARE ASSISTANT, needed. Must possess current, active license to practice as an RN in Michigan. 

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NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR: Caretel Inns of Linden, a Short Term Rehab/Skilled Nursing Facility, has an immediate Full Time opportunity for an experienced Administration Clerk. Experience and knowledge of Medicare and other third party insurance is preferred. You will be responsible for meeting with potential and new residents and their families to inform them of facility services, charges, policies and procedures; managing the admissions process including the completion of all pertinent forms; coordinating with the nursing staff regarding scheduled admissions; and maintaining all required records regarding census, insurance coverage, admissions, authorizations, etc.

ADMISSIONS CLERK: Caretel Inns of Linden, a Long Term/Skilled Nursing Care Facility, has an immediate opportunity for a full-time Admissions Clerk. Duties include: • Managing Wound Care • Management Administration • Charting and documentation • Participating in state audits • Drug administration • Day to day nursing

The position is located in Bay City, MI but must be open to on-going consulting with facility leadership on compliance, auditing and investigations. Must be an RN with a current Michigan license with director level experience. Knowledge of state and federal regulations related to nursing homes. If interested, please email your resume to hrcaretelamerica@gmail.com.

Maintenance Assistant Needed at Caretel Inns of Linden

Responsibilities:

- Responsible to: Maintenance Supervisor, Director of Health Care Services and General Manager
- Performs minor carpentry and painting
- Installs windows and doors.
- Prepares lawns, seeding, transplanting beds, fertilization, and care for gardens. 
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If interested, please email your resume to david.hamilton@caretelinns.com

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TURN YOUR SCRAP STEEL into cash. Scrap and vehicles accepted! Certified scales. We will pay $5 over scale price with this ad. WE NOW OFFER MISCELLANEOUS SCRAP PICK UP SERVICE. We also carry a full range of new and used automotive parts. Bridge Lake Auto and Truck Parts Inc., 9406 Dixie Hwy., Fenton, MI. 810-242-6250. Monday-Friday, 9-5:30pm., Saturday, 9-2pm. www.bridgelakeautoparts.com. See us on facebook.

DELTA 12 ½ inch planer – like new, with stand, extra blade, used only a couple of times. $175. Call Craig, 810-240-8315.

CALSPA HOT TUB, 31 jets, seats 6 with lounge, colorful lights, waterfall. Many extras included. $80 each. 810-433-1379.

BUNTON 61” zero turn mower and 48” Bobcat walk behind mower with sulky. Both in good condition. Call 810-624-9654.

SMART, BEAUTIFUL, 13 year old, buckskin paint gelding. Busy body. $1,000 or best. 810-735-5861.

DUST in the Wind

1. Night Fever - Bee Gees
2. If I Can’t Have You - Yvonne Elliman
3. Can’t Smile Without You - Barry Manillow
4. Lay Down Sally - Eric Clapton
5. The Closer I Get to You - Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway
6. Dust in the Wind - Kansas
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Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the May 7, 2013 Special School Election will be conducted on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Keith L. Kemer, Tyrone Township Clerk
THIS WEEK’S OPEN HOUSES

**SWARTZ CREEK**
5202 Oakview Drive
(Miller to Wrinson to Oakview)
Affordable 3 bedroom ranch
in great neighborhood,
close to shopping.
Abundance of space in kitchen cabinets,
matching built-in buffet in dining area.
Full basement plus inground pool.
$76,900
Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481

**FENTON**
5120 Russet Ridge Lane
Beautiful 1.5 Story home on 5 acres
(all fenced!) Sunlit gourmet gathering kitchen
w/Island, hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms
including a private 1st floor MBR.
Great Room w/FP & RA.
FR opens to wrap around deck and patio.
1st floor laundry.
Finished basement.
Well maintained home with Andersen Windows.
new carpet & fresh paint.
$295,000
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272

**ROSE TOWNSHIP**
13400 Milford
Opportunity in Rose Township.
Large ranch on over an acre
in the country yet close to both Fenton and Holly.
Three bedroom home w/FP in Family Room.
Some updates needed but a great investment.
Hurry, no short sale hassles here!
$89,900
Call Patrik Welty at 810-750-2300

**DURAND**
1375 Shadyside Street
Remodeled 2012 sq. ft. house
w/4 bedrooms, 2 Baths, 1st floor laundry,
double pane windows, basement and storage shed.
Upstairs has kitchen, living room and bath w/2 bedrooms
which could be separate living quarters.
Large deck and backyard.
Excellent investment for rental or
large family home. Priced to sell quickly.
$49,999
Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481

**FENTON**
13738 Pomeron Drive
Neat, Clean And Gorgeous!
Move In Condition Ranch With Beautiful Lot.
All Appliances Included, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths,
2 Car Deep Garage & Covered Carport For Boat/Camper/Storage.
All Neutral Colors, Crown Molding.
Home Is A Block Away From All Sports Lake Ponemah Public Boat Launch.
Enjoy the lake without the high taxes.
Not A Thing To Do But Move In!
$122,500
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272

**FENTON**
1075 S. Lemen
(S. Lemen St. E. of St. Lemen)
Great location!
WALKING DISTANCE TO EVERYTHING!
1.5 Story home on corner
w/FP in Master, 3 bedrooms, w/Master on 1st floor,
2 full bathrooms, central air, 1872 sq. ft.,
full basement, decks and 2 car detached garage.
$125,000
Call Mark Goldsworthy 810-955-3736

**OWOSSO TOWNSHIP**
3300 W. M-21
Excellent opportunity
zoned General Commercial C-2.
Highly traveled M-21 just west of Owosso.
Good location for convenience store
or restaurant on corner lot.
Previously used as a gas station.
$150,000
Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481

**FENTON**
3206 Owen Road
Commercial property next to US 23.
Start your own business in light industrial,
manufacturing or general office in this high traffic
area. 2.34 acres w/ a 27,056 sq. ft. building w/loading dock well, cranes,
440 volts, masonry & steel frame building, gas
forced air & radiant heat, central air, rubber
roof. 16 ft. sewer & city water.
$550,000
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

**HOLLY**
3204 Pelican Drive
Remodeled 1200 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 2 bath,
FP, finished lower level, deck.
Hurry, won’t last long at this price!
$139,900
Call Cam Gonzalez at 810-348-4076

**WOODYTOWN TOWNSHIP**
993 Plum Tree Lane
(Open Rd. to W. Shiloh/W shot to Maple Tree to Plum Tree)
3 BR, 3 BA home has a completely finished
lower level family room.
Gleaming hardwood flooring in foyer,
kitchen & dining area. Great room w/FP log
fireplace and built-in shelving, detailed crown molding.
$179,900
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

**FENTON**
13111 Torrey Road
Sparkling Shore Frontage
on Lake Fenton on popular Crane’s Cove.
Unique cottage w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths,
cathedral ceiling in kitchen, heated sun room,
1st floor laundry, 750 sq. ft., +375 in finished
living and family rooms, 1st floor bedrooms,
Unique cottage w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths,
on Lake Fenton on popular Crane’s Cove.
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272

**FENTON**
13860 Black Bear Trail
Amazing opportunity for this secluded
LAKEFRONT custom home on over 5 acres.
This is a pre-approved Bank of America short sale that can close quickly.
If you like peace and quiet this is the home
for you at about half what it cost to build!
Fenton Schools.
Hurry.
$206,700
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

**LEGACY REALTY PROFESSIONALS, INC.**
810-629-1511

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312 N. Saginaw Street
Beautiful 1.5 Story home on corner
w/FP in Master, 3 bedrooms, w/Master on 1st floor,
2 full bathrooms, central air, 1872 sq. ft.,
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