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The urban renewal project that saw the demolition of Fenton’s downtown may have had its roots in the ’60s, and taken place in the ’70s, but the consequences are just as evident more than 40 years later.

The landscape of the city had changed — that is certain, with more than 50 buildings that once housed downtown businesses demolished by the wrecking ball. A less tangible, but no less devastating, effect of the urban renewal project was the way the community was divided.

One of the last buildings still standing before it was eventually consumed by urban renewal was Clifford’s bar, owned by John Beagie. John’s son, Judge Duncan Beagie, was not a resident of Fenton at the time but recalls the attitudes of people from the perspective of an outsider.

See URBAN RENEWAL on 20A

Body of Davison woman found along U.S. 23

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The body of Jacqueline Key, 45, of Davison Township was found in a marshy and wooded area about 30 feet from the shoulder of northbound U.S. 23 in Fenton Township Tuesday around 5 p.m.

Undersheriff Chris Swanson of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department said their preliminary investigation revealed that Key had been staying temporarily with her mother, who lives in Fenton Township.

On Monday, Key reportedly borrowed her grandmother’s car to go to the store. Swanson said that was the last time Key’s family saw her.

Monday evening and night, Swanson said the sheriff’s department received two calls from passersby saying that an unknown woman was darting into U.S. 23.

See BODY on 10A

IT’S ORANGE BARREL SEASON

More construction coming

By Tim Jagiello
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Summertime brings the blue skies, yellow flowers, green grass in addition to the dreaded orange barrels that signal road construction. This necessary evil is coming to our area, along with the accompanying traffic delays, diversions and interruptions.

Fenton residents and business owners will take the thing out of a movie. It’s already been seen in other communities this summer as the Department of Public Works (DPW) connects a water feed for the Cornerstone project. The work

See BARREL on 15A

Local grads opting for military service

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Fenton — Austin Goraj sat in lobby of the Fenton police station Thursday morning, paperwork in hand, quiet but unafraid.

While the idea of having a background check conduct ed by an investigator would make some people nervous, the 17-year-old Fenton High School student welcomed it.

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RX NARCOTICS FOUND

At 10:55 a.m. on Friday, April 19, Fenton police initiated a traffic stop near Jennings and Owen roads. Police learned the driver, a 26-year-old 6-year-old male, was driving with a suspended license. As the vehicle was searched for impounding, police found prescription tablets concealed in notebook paper. The tablets, a controlled substance, belonged to an individual. The driver was arrested and processed for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. The case will be presented to the prosecutor's office.

Three Domestic Assaults, Five Arrests

From Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21, Fenton police responded to three separate domestic calls and arrested five individuals. Police responded to the first incident Friday afternoon when two women, one 18, the other 26, were arguing at an apartment. Police determined that each woman assaulted the other and arrested both, lodging them at the Genesee County Jail. Police responded to the second incident Saturday evening. This case involved a 73-year-old male and a juvenile. The 73-year-old was eventually arrested for striking the juvenile in the face. He was lodged at the county jail, pending his arraignment. Police responded to the third domestic call Sunday evening. This domestic case involved a 49-year-old man and a 46-year-old woman, who fled to a neighbor's house. Police determined that the man and woman assaulted each other. The man and woman, both of whom had been drinking, were arrested and lodged.

Area colt's lineage — Kentucky Derby winner

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Holly Twp. — In a stall at Red Riding Hood stables farms, Soul Fire, a 6-year-old Thoroughbred mare, lays resting in the hay near her newborn foal. Chrissy and George Kutlenios had just spent the last 15 minutes assisting the successful delivery of their fourth foal of the season.

“I am overjoyed, there’s a lot of anxiety making sure the baby is healthy, and he comes out OK,” said Chrissy, breathless and excited, her sleeves stained from the delivery.

Chrissy and George helped the male foal, called a “colt,” to stand for the first time on long, shaky legs, doting over the newborn’s every move.

To the family, this is the culmination of a very successful breeding plan that in 2011 led to six colts. The first yearling from the colt’s lineage — Kentucky Derby winner George and Chrissy Kutlenios introduce Thunder to his mother, Sophie. Elisabeth White of Fenton (right) came to help after the colt was born Tuesday night. Thunder took 15 minutes to deliver. This came after several weeks of careful watching and months of preparation.

HOMEOWNERS TOSS MANY RECYCLABLE ITEMS IN THE TRASH

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How do you get people excited about recycling? For Gary Hicks, the municipality services manager for Republic Services, that is his biggest problem.

Republic Services is the second largest provider of solid waste collection and recycling services in the country.

“I look at a piece of plastic or paper or card”
I have been watching professional football for over 40 years. In all those years, I have never seen a black football player kick an extra point or a field goal. Can anyone tell me why that is?

I don’t think any singular event in the history of Fenton has had more impact on the city, the community and the citizens than the urban renewal debacle.

Most motorists are annoyed at being held up by the agonizingly slow pace of children entering or leaving a stopped school bus. I enjoy it. I love their ‘don’t have a care in the world’ attitude. It makes me question the wisdom of a life of chronic rushing that is the staple of adulthood. Seems like there’s a lesson in there somewhere.

I bought one of those plastic bears full of honey the other day. Call me crazy, but... shouldn’t it be a plastic bee?

Never in the history of the world has a meaningless word like ‘diversity’ become so commonly abused and misused by so many ignorant people. According to Webster, the comically vacuous definition is, and I quote: ‘The state of being diverse.’

Do you think the pimply-faced North Korean ‘Supreme Leader’ Kim Jong would be ratcheting his sabers if Reagan were president? It is no coincidence that the Iranians released their American hostages just hours before Reagan’s inauguration after stringing Jimmy (‘Second worst president ever’) Carter along for 444 days.

Why do people say they ‘are head over heels’ about something? Isn’t that the way we are every day?

Two Muslim Chechnyan brothers, barely adults, kill and maim dozens of Americans with a double-barring at a highly policed event, pull off an armed robbery, kill one police-man and wound another, car-jack a vehicle, engage in a firefight with 20 heavily armed policemen while throwing hand grenades at them, then escape and is roaming resident neighborhoods while still heavily armed! And the government doesn’t think we ‘citizens’ should have weapons?

Too many newscasters today see themselves as ‘agents of social change’ as opposed to performing the politically neutral job description they were hired to do.

General Electric, one of the largest contributors to the Obama campaign, paid absolutely zero taxes in 2012 despite earning over $5 billion in profits (so much for the hypocritical ‘fair share’ mantra of the Obama campaign). And the wheels on the bus...

I suffer from Kleptomania. But when it gets real bad, I take something for it.

Someone please explain to me why, when someone dies, the already-taxed money he or she managed to save over a lifetime is again taxed by the government and then funneled turned over to the rightful heirs?

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Hot lines

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FBI AGENTS WERE gaining valuable information after 16 hours into an allowed 48-hour interrogation period when they were stopped by a Federal Judge acting on Eric Holder’s order. He read the Boston Bomber his rights to remain silent so he stopped talking. Twenty-four hours of interrogation were lost.

WHOEVER COMMENTED that Argentine residents keep their properties so nice it has not traveled near Seymour and Cole roads.

THE PREFIX ‘Bi-’ means two. For instance, bi-weekly means every 14 days. ‘Semi-‘ means twice within a time period, as in semi-monthly or twice each month. So, my dentist gives me semi-annual (every six months) tooth cleanings and bi-annual (every two years) mouth X-Rays.

FENTON’S SUPERINTENDENT WROTE a letter last week stating that it costs about $171,000 per day to run Fenton’s schools, and then he said that proves that Fenton schools is being fiscally responsible. Huh? How does this prove that they are being fiscally responsible — compared to what?

DID YOU NOTICE that it wasn’t artfully suave politicians or police with water balloons? It was good guys with guns that got the Boston Marathon bombers.

THAT’S RIGHT! ALL you Democrats just keep looking at the world with those binders on. You saw what you reap, more poverty, more unemployment, more welfare. I would be ashamed of myself if I didn’t hold a job to feed my family, except you accept poverty and welfare instead.

I’M SURE WHEN the Boston bomber dies in jail, the devil will be waiting to welcome him into hell for all eternity. Amen.

I FIND LIBERAL logic a head-scratcher. It is reported that the Boston bombers did not have gun permits. The younger brother was too young even to possess a rifle. Therefore, the liberal mind deduces ‘let’s enact more gun laws!’ Earth to liberals, criminals do not obey laws.

THE TIMES CHANGED my Hot line about cats running free. I had originally put the street name so people would know it was directed at them. The Times changed it to read downtown Fenton. How does this help?

THE ‘UNDERWEAR’ makes me smile. It shows Fenton has a sense of humor and a fun side, besides I only see them a few times a year for certain holidays. Lighten up.

See HOT LINE throughout Times.

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street talk

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“Fair and responsible free press”

How can America survive without a fair and responsible free press? It can and it won’t.

For openers, consider that within two hours of the Newtown massacre, ugly images of an AR-15 rifle were plastered across the screen every few minutes followed by hysterical pleadings to get these things out of our civilization. All of the “reports” implied and some even categorically lied that this was the weapon used and typified evil in our culture (the party line). CNN, The New York Times, MSNBC, and the Huffington Post, to name a few, were repping over each other to report the lies (Party Line).

The local police reported two handguns only (A Glock 9 and a Sig Sauer, both 9mm) were recovered from inside the school. No mention of any ‘assault weapon’ in the school. When the police gained entry into Lanza’s car, a rifle was reported, but was later correctly described as a shotgun. The frenzy goes on, truth notwithstanding. Supposedly, Lanza did the shooting, went to his car, locked up a long gun, and returned to the school and did himself in with one of his handguns.

Anyone buy this tripe?

Anyone buy this tripe?

And of course, there are millions of useful idiots willing to spread these and other lies. As long as the president and other second amendment haters are happy why bother with the truth?

We will not remain a free nation fed on ignorance and outright lies.

— Hayes Hoboth, Fowrville

What do you do to save money while grocery shopping?

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Spectacular skies expected for this weekend

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April showers will bring May flowers — but what brings about the April meteor showers? Weather permitting, this weekend will be a great time to spot meteors known as “fireballs.” These fireballs are meteors that shine more brightly than the planet Venus. During the springtime, meteor sightings pick up as much as 30 percent according to NASA.

Those who do spot the incredible sky spectacle can report their findings to the American Meteor Society (AMS), which keeps track of all meteors spotted in the sky. The next best chance to see such spectacular sky display will be coming up soon. Richard Walker of Longway Planetarium in Flint said a good meteor shower is headed our way on the night of May 4.

“There is not much moon in the sky that night and it’s a fairly decent meteor shower too. Under ideal conditions, you could possibly see maybe 40 to 50 an hour,” he said.

During a meteor shower, Earth runs into a trail of debris left by a comet. Walker said, “All that stuff stays in space, and there’s little tiny particles, most the size of a grain of sand that stay out there and orbit around the sun. We run into their orbit the same time every year. It’s fairly easy to predict when its going to happen.”

See METEOR on 8A

Meteor showers peaking now, could be a once in a lifetime sighting

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A photo of a Leonid meteor taken in November 2012. A Leonid meteor is one that is spotted in the sky near the constellation Leo.
Brad Koch of Rose Township places another 50-pound sand bag onto the barrier protecting Craig Sadler’s Tyrone Township home. Sadler (right) and friend James McCoy pass bags from one section of the barrier to another.

Longer rainy season leads to area flooding

► 5.5 inches of rain in April is way above normal average

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Tyrone Twp. — A man-made barrier of 500 sandbags and 150 yards of dirt is all that separates an overwhelmed retention pond and Craig Sadler’s house.

Sadler and friends Brad Koch of Rose Township and James McCoy of Fenton have spent 57 hours since Friday shoveling, hauling, and slugging it out against the interminable rain. Tuesday brought more rain, and more sandbags.

“It’s cost thousands of dollars,” said Sadler, who’s lawn is now a muddy boot for boots and heavy equipment, but his house seems safe, though 6 feet of water waits on the other side of the defensive berm.

Across Holly Road 3 inches of water flows, and a warning is set up for drivers to slow down through plowing through. Several properties now look like small ponds instead of grass yards.

In Grand Rapids, 1,000 people are displaced by flooding of the Grand River, according to Michigan Public Radio.

Rob Kesler, Fenton Township trustee and owner of Bone Dry Waterproofing, has been working 14-hour days, seven days per week to keep up with the demand due to flooded basements.

ABC-12 Chief Meteorologist J.R. Kirtek said the area has received 5.5 inches of rain so far this April — 3.8 inches above the normal average for the month, and higher than the statistically wettest month of the year, September. In short, much of Michigan has already received an extra month’s worth of rain.

Michigan has been pounded with constant rain, which Kirtek attributed to a stubborn, lingering storm track that has guided system after system through Michigan. “The good news, it looks like starting Friday we’ll have a decent stretch of weather,” he said.

As the ground was already saturated, the rain kept coming, raising the water table, and filling properties, rivers, and some cases, the road.

Fenton’s Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarniecki said Fenton’s drains are doing fine under the increased load. “We had a lot of catch basins we had to clean off,” he said, adding that though there was a high flow of water, it was spread out enough over the system to be able to handle it.

To prevent similar flooding that accumulated at the VG’s parking lot on LeRoy Street last summer, the DPW worked on that area specifically.

Outside the city, the Genesee County Drain Commission is responsible for water drainage.

Jim Gerth is the surface water director for Genesee County Drain Commission Office. He said the Fenton area, with the lakes and Shiawassee River, has few manmade drainage systems, so it is up to natural systems to function properly. Southern Genesee County also has soil that is lighter, and more absorbent, and the hills also provide drainage relief.

“The natural drainage is a factor of both the rainfall and the drain conditions,” he said.

Gerth and Kirtek said it will take a fair stretch of dry weather, sun and wind to clear the standing water, which has put the local drainage systems through their paces.

While nature takes its course, Gerth said residents can help by making sure drains are clear of debris, whether leaves or garbage. Making sure garbage is contained keeps it out of drains. “Basically if everyone took care of debris on their property, it would help.”

Kesler’s main business is sealing basements that have developed cracks for water to seep into. The heavy rainfall has highlighted the problems with basements in the area, keeping him very busy.

While cracks can let water in, Kesler said a failed sump pump can flood a basement. A sump pump in the basement floor monitors the level of the water at the drain tile with a floating ball. When the ball raises, the pump kicks on, drawing water up a PVC pipe and out of the house before it can reach the floor.

Kesler said that oftentimes, the float sticks, and doesn’t lock on as the tiles rise. This often happens while homeowners are at work.

He recommends checking the pump often, and replacing it if needed — they cost between $80 and $150.
Exit presentations now required for graduating seniors

Program challenges Fenton, Linden, Lake Fenton students

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“Who am I? Where am I going?” and “How am I going to get there?” are the three main questions that must be answered by seniors at Linden and Fenton high schools during their senior exit presentations. These formal presentations need to be between 10 and 15 minutes and are required for graduation.

“Our students have to complete a senior portfolio as well as an exit presentation,” Educational Development Plan (EDP) Coordinator Heather Pennell said. “We actually have a class that seniors can take to help guide them through the process.”

The senior portfolio at Linden High School (LHS) includes (among other things) a finalized EDP, an introduction to who the students are, a personal narrative piece of polished writing and a quote that defines who they are as well as an explanation to why they chose the quote. Seniors who don’t take the portfolio class have the opportunity to practice their presentations in front of middle school students.

Students at FHS are required to make a portfolio as well, including a personal philosophy paper, two letters of recommendation (one being from their parents), any piece of polished writing and a finalized EDP.

Fenton High School senior Josh Muheleck gives a practice senior exit presentation in his IB English class. All FHS seniors are required to give a formal presentation in front of a panel before graduating.

Graduation requirements for Michigan students:

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RECYCLING

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board and other than going into your trash there is a value to that,” Hicks said. “Levi’s is making blue jeans out of recycled water bottles now. They’re doing so many inventive things with those materials, why just landfill it when there is a value to it.”

Having the desire to recycle is one thing, but having a service that allows you to and the knowledge of what to and not to recycle is also important.

The agreement with each city, village and township is tailored to meet their specific requirements and details.

“The city of Fenton has a completely different trash service than Linden or Fenton Township. The variables are huge,” Hicks said.

Different aspects that can effect the cost include the number of homes in an area, how many miles of road it takes to reach all of those homes, and what types of trash they generate.

There are different types of recycling services that are provided as well. While curbside pickup is common in the area, Hicks said that Rose Township utilizes a drop-off recycling center that is available 24/7, but people have to take their recyclable materials to the site. Pickup schedules can also vary, being held once a week, every two weeks, or once every month.

What can you recycle? Commonly accepted recyclables include aluminum and metal cans, glass bottles, cardboard/box board, plastic bottles with a neck, newspaper and magazines, and many different types of plastics.

“Pots and pans are something that most people don’t know they can recycle. More plastics are now acceptable, including plastic numbers 1-7. That covers a huge gamut of recyclable material out there,” Hicks said.

Still, there are things that cannot be recycled that resident may not realize. Plastic-coated paper, wrapping paper, waxed paper, window glass, light bulbs, ceramics, and hardcover books are all better off left out of the recycling bin for now. Batteries contain toxic chemicals, and also should not be put in the recyclable bin.

Most plastic containers will have a number on the bottom surrounded by a recycling symbol. This number will indicate if the item can or cannot be recycled.

Hicks also offers a few other suggestions for those who are recycling.

If you are recycling a lot of loose paper, it is better to put them in a plastic bag, which will help keep the papers together and also stop the bag from blowing away. He also asks that people take a few seconds to clean out materials they are throwing into a recycle bin — as this step prevent a big mess and hassle for recycling workers.

What you CAN recycle in curbside bin

• Pots and pans
• Aluminum and metal cans
• Glass bottles
• Plastics numbered 1 through 7
• Plastic bottles with a neck (soda bottles, laundry product containers)
• Bundled newspapers and magazines
• Corrugated cardboard/boxboard (such as cereal and soda packaging and similar items)

What you CANNOT recycle in curbside bin

• Batteries
• Broken glass
• Light bulbs
• Used paper plates, napkins
• Ceramics
• Hardcover books
• Wrapping paper

Costs to recycle

Fenton City: $54 a year
Fenton Township: $120 a year for recycling and trash pickup (combined assessment).
Linden: $123.60 a year for recycling and trash pickup (combined assessment).
Holly Village: $178.20 (combined assessment).
Holly Township: Does not have curbside recycling pickup, but the township does have a recycling center free of charge to residents at the old fire hall.

SENIORS

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Reynolds said, “Presentations are done in the auditorium of Lake Fenton High School and seniors are allowed to sign up on given days to perform. “A graduation requirement is that they develop and present this within the given time frame. I have yet to have a student refuse.”

All of the high schools invite spectators from the community to volunteer their time to give positive feedback to the seniors who give their presentation. The panel members can be anyone from the community, but the schools try to match students to panel members who have jobs in their prospective areas of study.

“There’s a lot of self-discovery that happens with the presentations,” Pennell said. “They look to their life after high school. It’s very powerful listening to their journey, trials and think about what they are going to do once they leave here.”

METEOR

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According to the American Meteor Society, there are thousand of fireballs in the Earth’s atmosphere each day. However, many of these are not spotted, as they occur over oceans and other areas of the planet not inhabited by people. Daylight can also mask many such events, making them difficult to even notice.

One of the most distinguishing traits of a fireball is the trail left behind it. These trails can either be caused by ionized air molecules left behind in the meteor’s wake, or a small trail that makes them more easily spotted at night. The trails last for several seconds, or several minutes, and are one of the most breathtaking and exciting part of a meteor spotting. “The brighter a fireball event, the rarer an event it is. I will be worth keeping an eye — as spotting a blazing meteor zip through the night sky makes for an amazing show.”
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traffic. Two deputies were sent to the area between Lahrning and Thompson roads to investigate, but found nothing. The sheriff’s department suspect this might have been Key.

Tuesday, the sister of Key filed a missing person report with Davison Township police and the case was assigned to a detective. That detective placed a GPS track on Key’s phone and he learned Tuesday afternoon that her phone was located near Lahrning Road and U.S. 23.

Around 5 p.m. on Tuesday, the sheriff’s department, Davison Township police and the Michigan State Police K-9 unit responded to the area in search of Key. While officers canvassed the area, police learned that Key’s mother found the car that Key had borrowed from her grandmother. It was parked to the side of North Road, just a few feet south of Lahrning Road.

Swanson said Key’s body was found in the marshy area between the northbound lanes of U.S. 23 and Fenton Farms Golf Club. The area was taped off as a crime scene to allow investigators to take measurements and search for any evidence.

Traffic traveling through the area came to a near standstill as one of the northbound lanes was closed for several hours.

Key’s family was notified and all of her personal belongings were found beside her. There were no visible signs of trauma and Swanson said, “Nothing points to foul play.”

The Genesee County Medical Examiner was set to conduct an autopsy Wednesday. Swanson said the autopsy would reveal any physical trauma. A toxicology report, which takes about six weeks, would determine if there was anything in Key’s blood system. Her death remains an open investigation.

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Minutes after his birth, George and Chrissy Kutlenios welcome their fourth foal of the season, “Thunder,” from first-time mother Sophie who watches warily from behind.

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sadly yielded still-births. “A lot of preparation, a lot of everything,” she said. “It’s like an overwhelming feeling of ‘Oh my God, it’s perfect.’”

In all, two colts and two fillies (female foals) were born.

Chrissy had been almost sleepless for the last three weeks, an alarm set every hour to check and see if Sophie (Soul Fire’s nickname) was in labor. Chrissy could watch the stall by camera to see if she was pacing and antsy. She was making dinner around 7 p.m. Tuesday night when she saw the first signs of labor.

“Look at the size of this horse, I am so thrilled,” she said, introducing the colt to his mother with George.

The couple guesses the colt weighs in at a hefty 130 pounds, compared to the 1,200-pound mother.

This is the mare’s first foal, making her a “maiden.” There was a moment when she seemed agitated around the newborn as he tried to nurse, something they knew to watch for in a first-time mother. By the end of the first hour together, however, her protective instincts seemed to kick in as the two bonded.

A few feet away in the hall, the placenta from the birth was placed on a towel, to be examined by a veterinarian to ensure it was intact.

The colt was given a barn name — Thunder — an unofficial name that won’t be registered when he eventually races. And he will race. “It was actually kind of thundery when he was born, and how perfect is that,” said Chrissy.

Thunder’s lineage is that of winning the likes of the Kentucky Derby. Sophie’s father, Thunder Gulch, won the Kentucky Derby in 1995.

Sophie has brought in $200,000 in race winnings. Thunder will begin training as a race horse at age 2, after he is weaned off his mother’s milk, and trained to be lead, behave, and take a rider. He’ll begin racing at age 3.

The thrill is the win, it’s not the money,” she said. “The feeling of pride much overwhelms that you’re winning (money). We run it ethically. I run it from my heart.”

George and Chrissy also own the Holly Hotel, which is the business that fuels the breeding and racing business — where their passion lies.

On Wednesday, both colt and mother were given a clean bill of health by a veterinarian.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
TO THE MAN at Target last Sunday, April 21. I was the blonde in the small SUV. Do I know you, or did you just like what you seen?

HUNGRY CHILDREN, HOMELESS people, lost jobs, robberies and beatings and our government spends millions on what they think will be gun control. What a joke and a waste.

IF YOU THINK millionaires and billionaires give a hoot about your work ethic you’re nuts. If the stock market goes down on their business, you’re history.

THERE ARE SOME abandoned HUD homes and unfortunately, the teenagers know about them and get into them. Beware!

THEY HAVE PINPOINTED the exact pesticide that has been killing bees since 2004. You can get online to sign a petition to ask congress to ban it.

I’VE BEEN GOLFAng for more than 65 years. I’ve been watching the pro tour on TV. When they get to the ball, I noticed that nothing is moving. They should give a 30-second limit to hit the ball. It’s ridiculous.

GUN CONTROL BY the government is keeping law-abiding citizens from obtaining guns. The criminals will do whatever it takes to get guns. We need to stop this by bringing back the death penalty for domestic terrorism, robbery, rape and all of the other crimes.

YET AGAIN, HOLLY’S DPW office lights are left on for night/weekend. As a taxpayer, I am tired of paying for this.

OBAMA DID NOT invent the sequester, it was written into the Budget Control Act of 2011 by House Republicans. The BCA raised the debt ceiling to avoid a worldwide financial collapse, but it also created this new manufactured, self-inflicted crisis.

I WOULD LIKE to thank the Tri-County Times for not being a liberal bunch of whiners that 90 percent of the press is. Thank God for the TCT.

YOUR ARTICLE ON the Genesee County Animal Control was interesting. They claim to adopt out ‘healthy’ dogs but the truth is they adopt dogs that appear to be healthy. I know at least four dogs adopted in the last month that have been heartworm positive. Very expensive treatment for new owners.

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Kari Arend, University and Metro Regions spokesperson for the Fenton Area Public School (FAPS) Public Relations Committee met 7:30 a.m. Tuesday to spearhead efforts to communicate more efficiently with the public. The committee included school board trustee and commit tee chairman Drew Shapiro, Fenton Superintendent Timothy Jakignan, teachers and one member from the public. The committee discussed utilizing social media and local media outlets to better connect with residents within the school district.

The committee is set to meet each month, with meeting details listed on the FAPS website. Members of the community are encouraged to participate and contact the committee if they have ideas and/or concerns. For more information on the FAPS public relations committee, call the administration building at (810) 591-4700 or email Shapiro at Cteshapi ro@gmail.com.

NEW DROP BOX INSTALLED

For the convenience of its residents, Township has installed a new stainless steel drop box just outside its front door. Clerk Denise Graves said the drop box would allow residents to quickly drop off any kind of payment, absentee ballot, lot, etc. during or after regular office hours.

Prior to hav ing the drop box, residents could only send in payments through the post office or in person at the front counter. The township does not yet offer online payments. Regular office hours at the township hall are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To reach the office, call (810) 735-5050.

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ROAD PROJECTS ON I-75:
1. Northbound and southbound ramp to eastbound I-75 ramp upgrade. Cost is approximately $1 million.
2. I-75 Maple and Baldwin roads over I-75, partial beam replacement and repair work. Bid at approximately $825,000.
3. I-75/M-15 Repairs around bridge embankments of southbound I-75 ramp over Swartz Creek and M-15 over Flint River. Bid at approximately $315,000.
4. I-75 epoxy overlay on three bridges; northbound and southbound I-75 over CSX railroad near Holly Road, and I-75 over northbound U.S. 23. Bid at approximately $175,000.

ROAD PROJECTS ON I-69:
1. I-69 road sign upgrades from Genesee/Shiawassee county line to Lapeer/St. Clair county line. Bid at approximately $2.9 million.
2. I-69 mill and resurface from Shiawassee County line to Elms Road including ramps. Project not bid yet, estimated at $3.3 million.
3. Crack sealing project at various locations. Bid at approximately $265,000.

PROJECTS ON U.S. 23
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Richardson is the MDOT Bay Region spokesperson for the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) handles non-city and village roads, totaling 1,800 miles of roads, and 250-signalized intersections.

In Fenton Township at the northern border of the city of Fenton, North Fenton Road will be widened this summer for a center left turn lane between Bly Street and Butcher Road. Richard Hill, Design Department manager for the GCRC office said work will begin the first week of May, with another completion date of Oct. 25.

The 1.3-mile project will cost $2.9 million in state, county, and local funds and it will divert thru-traffic via Torrey Road. Local traffic to homes and businesses will be able to get through.

Other small chip and seal projects will also occur around the county including Fenton and Argentine townships, but Hill couldn’t pinpoint exactly where and when yet. Many of the projects will fill in existing cracks and ruts.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is responsible for I-75, I-69 U.S. 23 and M-24. Anita Richardson is the MDOT Bay Region spokesperson.

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Q: Who played in the first minor league night baseball game?

A: David’s DABBLINGS

Not many people expected Jose Valverde would be wearing the old English ‘D’ after what happened in last year’s postseason.

As the Tigers’ closer, he failed in every opportunity he was given, and lost the role by the time the World Series rolled around. He entered spring training looking for a team that may have some interest. That interest never really came.

That is not until the Tigers came calling again. With Detroit desperate for any sort of reasonable closer, they signed him to a minor league contract. It wasn’t long before he was back in Detroit.

Valverde did a fine job in his first appearance on Wednesday. He got the side out in order while tossing all fastballs.

I’m not upset that Valverde is back with the team. It was worth a shot. However, what bothers me is that the Tigers got to this point to begin with. The Tigers knew finding a closer was a priority in the offseason and failed to do so. Now, they are looking for any answer they can find. Will it work? Who knows. But it’s worth a shot.

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Three score two goals in Eagles’ 6-0 win vs. Holly

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Linden — The Linden varsity girls soccer team knew they had the talent to score a lot of goals. It finally happened on Thursday night.

Jessie Magalski, Katie Wilkows-ki and Samantha Thornton each scored two goals, leading the Eagles to a 6-0 Metro League victory against the Holly Bronchos at Linden High School.

“I thought we passed the ball well,” Magalski said. “In the beginning we had trouble finishing, but we did better toward the end. We worked as a team today, which was really good.”

The Eagles took the lead for good with about 24 minutes left.

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Fenton girls post two strong Metro wins

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Fenton varsity girls track coach Todd Mills thinks his squad can have a strong Metro League season. The Tigers are off to a good start if they want to make those thoughts come true.

The Tigers defeated Lapeer East 94-43 and Swartz Creek 103-34 in a double-dual at Fenton High School on Thursday.

“We are off to a strong start,” Mills said. “The weather has not been pleasant this year, but the ladies have been working really hard. We have run some fast times considering we haven’t had many good days for practice. ... I look forward to a strong season.”

The Tigers got off to the strong Metro start by earning 11 overall first-place performances at the meet.

Emily Bemis took part in four of those firsts. Bemis won the 800 (2:41.96) individually, and was on three of Fenton’s four winning relays. She teamed with Mackenzie Figueroa, Emily Kinser, and Jessica Taylor to win the 3,200 relay (11:12.08), while teaming with Kayla Stiles, Hanna Sage and Ellen Sage to capture the 800 relay (1:52.83) as well. She also teamed with Figueroa, Kinser and Taylor to win the 1,600 relay (4:27.49).

But while Bemis took part in four firsts, she wasn’t the team’s biggest individual event winner. That honor went to Danielle Hack, who won two individual overall firsts. Hack won the 1,600 (6:05.38) and the 3,200 (13:03).

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LF boys track opens GAC Red season with two wins vs. Durand, Montrose

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys track team finally competed in an outdoor meet.

And in the process, the defending GAC Red champions also earned their first two victories.

Lake Fenton edged out Durand 74-63 and also beat Montrose 107-29 at Durand High School on Tuesday.

“It was nice to run,” Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said. “Durand and Montrose has been out a few times. Being our first one, we were fortunate to get through it healthy and with a couple of wins. Hopefully this weather breaks shortly so we can get out and enjoy it.”

The weather has been brutal to the Blue Devils. They’ve already had two home events canceled this season, including the annual Blue Devil Relays.

The Blue Devils had five individuals and two relays take firsts among the three teams competing. Zac Zielinski won the 300 hurdles (44.59) and the high jump (5-10), and the 3,200 relay team of Sawyer Bemis, Chris Bemis, Matt Bemis and Caleb Fletcher won the 3,200 relay (8:56.76) as well. They also won the 1,600 relay (3:47.79) and the 800 relay (1:40.86).

Two key events against Durand were the distance relays earning overall firsts. The Blue Devils also won all four relays against Montrose.

The Tigers are off to a good start if they want to make those thoughts come true. The Blue Devils had four individuals capture overall firsts at the meet. Sydney Scott won the 300 hurdles (55.48), while Lyndsey Burrough captured the top spot in the 400 (1:11.13). Alyssa Kruger won the 100 hurdles (19.69), while Laura Carlson won the 3,200 (11:39.91).

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(Above) Cali Foguth gets the baton from teammate Madison Shegos during the 400 relay in the Tigers’ victories against Swartz Creek. (Left) Ellen Sage took firsts at 11am - 5pm

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Fenton girls track splits recent GAC dual meet

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The Lake Fenton varsity girls track team probably felt like they beat two of three opponents on Tuesday.

The Blue Devils beat Montrose 92-39, but lost to Durand 90-47 during a Genesee Area Conference Red dual meet on Tuesday. However, they probably felt like they beat Mother Nature was well, considering it was their first meet of the season.

“It felt great to finally get a meet in,” Lake Fenton coach Eric Meyers said. “We have been anxious to compete against somebody other than ourselves. We learned a lot about where we are now as a team and individually, and where we want to be.”

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Cavanaugh had singles and Sydney Jacques walked, loading the bases. Maia Satkow- ak followed with a two-run double, mak- ing it 1-0-4 lead. Senter walked and Da- vis walked as well, adding another run. A fielder’s choice grounder by Weaver plated another run, followed by Molly Sherman’s two-run single.

Kearsley did take an early 4-0 lead in the first with the aid of three Linden errors. However, Linden chipped away at the gap. In the second inning, Jacques singled and eventually scored on Senter’s single. The Kearsley lead was just 4-3. The Eagles tied it up at 4-4 in the third after Weaver tripled and scored on Sherman’s single.

“They did really well after the first inning,” Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. “They settled down and didn’t allow (the bad inning) affect them the entire game. They kept a positive attitude.”

In the first inning, Davis walked and Weaver and Sherman had singles, helping Davis and Weaver to score. The Eagles led 2-0, but only until Kearsley’s four-run first.

In the opening game, Grantner tossed a four-hitter, earning the complete-game vic- tory. She struck out five and walked three. The Hornets took the early lead plating a run with two walks and two singles in the second inning. However, Linden respond- ed with two in the bottom of the third. With one out, Jacques and Senter singled. Weav- er plated the first run with her double. The second scored on a error off of Satkowak’s bunted ball. Linden led 2-1.

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in the first half on Magalski’s first goal, off a Wilkowski assist.

Later in the half, Magalski returned the favor, assisting Wilkowski’s first goal. Linden led 2-0 entering the half.

With the Eagles controlling the bulk of the possession, the lead looked safe enter- ing the second half, but Linden made sure it was with four more goals. Wilkowski assisted Magalski’s second goal early in the second half.

“One shot it and the goalies saved it,” Magalski said describing the second goal. “It bounced off and I scored off a header.”

With 21:19 left in the contest, senior Samantha Thornton got into the act, scor- ing on a shot from about 35 yards out. The goal was assisted by Sarah Ford. Late in the game, the Eagles scored two goals within 54 seconds of each other. The first one was another rebound goal. This time Magalski assisted Wilkowski’s putback shot with 4:43 left. Then, with 3:49 left in the game, Thornton scored on another long-range shot from about 30 yards out.

Ever the perfectionist, Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz feels the Eagles could’ve played even better.

“We had the ability to show some fire- power,” Fiebernitz said. “We had six goals today and you are always happy about that, but it’s not pretty and that’s the thing. I think there are a lot of opportunities we could’ve polished off that we didn’t. I know we are going to get better, so there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We’ll get there.”

Linden is a young team and has struggled with the poor weather conditions because it’s made it tough for them to prepare for varsity action. Yet, the Bronchos (1-3-0) did have a few quality chances.

“We have five freshmen, five sopho- mores and just one senior, so we are going to be around for awhile,” coach Mike Stebel said.

“We are improving every game, every half. We have breakdowns and lose our for- mation and that’s when we get in trouble. But we’ll get it. They are all playing a for- mation they’ve never played before.”

Linden travels to Clio on Monday, while Holly travels to Fenton, also on Monday.
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“The first pitch I knew was going to be a fastball, so I was just sitting on it, looking to make contact with it,” Cook said. “No, I’ve never had a (walk-off hit to win the game). It felt good.”

In the second game, it was Mitchell Ryan’s turn to be the hitting hero. With the game tied at 1-1 and one out in the bottom of the seventh, Austin Buerkel walked and Trent Marks and Mitch Juhl followed with singles, loading the bases. An out later, Mitchell Ryan hit a hard shot to the third baseman. He was unable to collect the ball and throw him out, giving him an infiel single, and allowing Buerkel to score the game-winning run.

“We have to work on putting the ball in play more,” Ryan said. “We are striking out a lot. Good things happen when you do put the ball in play. Teams are going to make mistakes and we have to capitalize on those mistakes.”

Both games were entertaining and close contests. In the opening game, Linden’s Bryce Benedict tossed the entire eight innings, earning the victory. He struck out 12 batters, winning his third game in a row.

The Eagles took the lead in the third inning of the opening contest. Hunter Luchenbill was hit by a pitch and eventually scored on Mitch Juhl’s sacrifice fly. The Hornets eventually scored the tying run in the fifth inning of a walk and an eventual sacrifice fly as well. The game remained 1-1 until the bottom of the eighth. Linden had a chance to win it in the seventh, loading the bases, but a strike out and a fly out ended that threat. In the top of the eighth, Kearsley had back-to-back singles with one out, but Benedict got out of that threat with a flyout and a ground out.

“First game we had zero errors, what can you say about that,” Linden coach Steve Buerkel said. “It was a well played game. It could’ve gone either way. Both catchers did a good job, and got the big hit when we needed it.”

Kearsley led 3-2 in the second game, mainly due to errors resulting in unearned runs. However, the Eagles (2-2 in Metro play) tied it with a run in the fifth. Benedict and Austin Buerkel hit consecutive singles and Benedict scored on Trent Marks’ sacrifice fly that tied the score at 3-3.

It stayed that way until the Linden seventh. On the mound, Buerkel didn’t walk a batter and struck out three. He walked none.

“I thought Austin threw really well,” Steve Buerkel said. “He commanded his pitches and had good movement. He kept them off balance. They only had one or two good swings the whole game. I’m up-set how we allowed three unearned runs that game, but the bottom line is we came back and found a way to win.”

Offensively, Mitchell Ryan had three hits to pace the Eagles’ offense. “Mitchell has been our offensive leader by far this year,” Buerkel said. “He hit the ball hard off the kids’ chest. It would’ve been quite a play if he got him at first base.”

Austin Buerkel and Marks had two hits each during the games. Linden hosts Brandon for a doubleheader on Monday.

Linden’s Ryan Mitchell (background) tags a Kearsley baserunner during the Eagles’ doubleheader sweep against the Tigers on Thursday.

**FENTON**

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Four others earned individual overall first-place finishes at the meet. They were Stiles in the 100 (13.23), Hannah Sage in the 400 (1:08.48), Ellen Sage in the 200 (29.2) and Meredith Brown in the long jump (15-feet-11 1/4).

Finally, the Tigers had another relay capture an overall first. The team of Victoria Chaplin, Stiles, Tatyana Mitchell and Sydney Shegos earned a first in the 400 relay with a time of 54.90. Both performances were second-place finishes overall.

The Tigers showed their depth with six other individual overall second-place performances. They were earned by Hannah Sage in the 100 (13.24), Ellen Sage in the 400 (1:08.64), figueroe in the 300 hurdles (53.11), Kinser in the 800 (2:49.64), Torrey Christopher in the 3,200 (13:39.0) and Liria Dedivanaj in the discus (69.8).

“There are a lot of new kids this year on the team,” Mills said. “We are starting to get a few injuries since we haven’t had a lot of good practice days.”

The boys results were not released in time to make this publication.

Fenton returns to Flint Metro League action on Wednesday with a meet against Linden and Lapeer West at Lapeer West High School.

**SOCCER**

▶ Lake Fenton 8, Mt. Morris 0: The Blue Devils’ Jordan Newmain had four goals and an assist, leading Lake Fenton (3-0-4) to the easy win. Laila Abdallah had two goals, while Denise Carlson and Melissa Williams had a goal and an assist. Sidney Scott dished three assists, while Brenna Meicher and Miranda Quick had an assist each.

In net, Missy Eggleston and Meicher split time, sharing the shutout.

▶ Lapeer East 7-8, Holly 2-7: The Bronchos got an R8-double from Chris Greener in the opening game. Joel Perry and Alex Miller added a hit each. Perry also walked twice.

In the second game, Brent Smiles and Perry had three hits each. Smiles had a double, a triple and four R8, while Perry doubled. Drew Eggleston tossed the complete five-inning contest.

▶ Linden JV 5-5, Swartz Creek JV 2-1: Jake Marshall had two hits and Kevin Bates doubled in the first game. Tim Sines struck out 12 batters, earning the complete-game victory. In the second game, Marshall and Bailey Davis allowed just one Swartz Creek hit. Travis Petts had two hits, while Bates and Logan Steiert had a double each.

**BASEBALL**

▶ The Tigers improved to 4-5 in the Metro with the easy win. All four singles flights won their matches in straight sets, including Madison Ballard (No. 1) winning her match 6-0, 6-0. The other singles flight winners were Alison Peters (No. 2), Alison Strayer (No. 3) and Josie Foguth (No. 4). In doubles action, the Tigers’ winners were Lilly Dubois and Emily McIntosh at No. 1, Ashley Bearden and Hannah Horton at No. 2, and Sylee Kiran and Brooke Stevens at No. 4.

▶ Holly 7, Lapeer East 1: The Bronchos earned straight-set victories in all four doubles matches, earning the easy win.

Carly Postma and Sydney Ranehan (No. 1 doubles), and Leah Moller and Victoria Skubik (No. 2 doubles) each won 6-0, 6-0 matches. Holly’s other two winning doubles teams were Haley Crimmins and Daryl Spurgeon at No. 3 doubles and Katherine Skubik and Clare Young at No. 4 doubles.

In singles action, No. 1 player Natalie Clink won her match 6-0, 6-0 as well. The other winning Holly singles players were Alex Wright (No. 3) and Jenna Pepper (No. 4).

**BOYS GOLF**

▶ Kearsley 173, Linden 174: The Eagles were paced by Alec Bond and Devon Cota’s nine-hole 42s, while Dylan Elmer and Trevor Sandra carded 43s.

Linden JV 5-5, Swartz Creek JV 2-1: Jake Marshall had two hits and Kevin Bates doubled in the first game. Tim Sines struck out 12 batters, earning the complete-game victory.
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“I sat there at a much younger age, probably in my early 20s at the time. I didn’t get caught up in the passion at one side or the other, but I recall people who would come in, how strongly they felt,” Beagle said. “It’s unfortunate that they couldn’t find some common ground, or maybe find a compromise to tear down some of the buildings that were in bad shape and still preserve the small town character.”

Eventually, the arguments for and against urban renewal were no longer relevant. Once a direction was decided on, voted on, and carried out, the consequences of that decision were felt by every resident — regardless of their urban renewal stance. It was more than 20 years later before the city of Fenton was able to recognize the consequences, pick itself up and decide how to proceed to take the first step to address the situation.

Fenton’s first step forward in recovering from urban renewal took place in the ‘90s. “Our biggest hurdle was tearing down the Dancers store that sat right in the middle of Leroy Street to really start redevelopment,” said Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Chairman Craig Schmidt. “Without that it never would have happened.”

For Schmidt and the rest of the DDA, the future of Fenton’s downtown had been placed squarely in their hands. They were handed the unenviable and multifaceted task of redesigning, rebuilding and rejuvenating Fenton’s nonexistent downtown. Along the way, many lessons were learned.

“‘The biggest thing is now that it’s happened, a lot of it is hindsight and how you move forward. You can’t sell out your downtown and your community. Especially in a small community when people are moving there for that downtown atmosphere,’” he said.

Another lesson learned is the importance of proper planning. “It seems like they grabbed the money and didn’t have any planning at all,” Schmidt said. “If it takes us a little longer to get it going, that’s a good thing for the community because we are looking at every avenue, aspect, every financial statement before we just let these developers come in and grab this town.”

Some delays in the DDA’s current plans have already been seen, such as in 2011 when the Michigan Brewing Company was selected to renovate the old fire house to a restaurant. The Michigan Brewing Company eventually had to pull out due to financial reasons, and while it may have caused a delay, for the DDA, patience is a virtue.

“We don’t want to put in a business that is going to fail. Anything that we put in has to be almost fool-proof,” Schmidt said. “We’ve got everything riding on this downtown now — it’s already been destroyed once. We have to make sure we are doing it right,” he said.

The difficulty that now faces the DDA, as well as all of Fenton, is trying to re-establish that small town atmosphere without a true existing downtown area, and very limited space available to build on. “As we are moving forward our biggest challenge is trying to make things fit now, after the town has changed,” said Schmidt.

In retrospect, providing the people of Fenton with a textbook lesson on how to re-vitalize your downtown is likely the only positive aspect associated with the entire debacle. To this day the ill-fated project remains the biggest obstacle to any and all future development planning.

“We can go to places like Howell and Milford and Brighton where they did not lose their downtown — and they’re thriving. They’re so much further ahead than we are,” Schmidt said. “We’re left to try to acquire buildings and demolish buildings and try to get developers to come in. All they’re doing is filling storefronts. If that’s all we had to do, our job would be a lot easier.”

While still a work in progress, Schmidt believes that what the DDA has planned for downtown in the next five years will “bring a great old fashioned downtown feel back to Fenton.”

While Petits clothing store, Cliff’s Bar and Lutz Record store may now only be distant memories, the DDA is hoping that new names such as the Fire Hall Restaurant and the Cornerstone Building will be the anchor developments to the ongoing and successful redevelopment of a thriving and vibrant downtown Fenton.

Rather than tearing down the city’s old fire station, it will be re-purposed into a new restaurant while still preserving the building’s history. The Cornerstone Building, a four-story structure offering merchant space on the first floor and apartments above, is expected to inject new life in the form of businesses and residents into the area, creating a livelier and more pedestrian-friendly downtown.

Though the old buildings that contained so much of Fenton’s history may now only exist as photos and pieces of debris displayed in the Fenton Museum, there is now — thanks to the dedication and perseverance of the DDA — a clear and active plan for the future development of a downtown business district that Fenton can, once again, be proud of.

“Things in downtown are now going extremely well,” said Mayor Sue Osborn. “It’s been a long time coming.”
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Goraj is joining the U.S. Army in August and needs to have a thorough back-ground check in order to enlist.

Goraj plans to enlist as an infantryman, joining the ranks of an estimated 1.4 million people who are actively serving in the U.S. military.

“I want to get out there and make a difference,” said Goraj. “Joining the Army is something I’ve wanted to do since I was 11 years old. It’s not something that everyone gets to do in everyday life.”

Although Goraj has family members who have served in the Army and the Navy, the Fenton High School senior said he decided to join the military on his own volition. Patriotism, the opportunity to travel and money for future college courses are some of the benefits that solidified Goraj’s decision to join the army.

By the end of the summer, Goraj will travel to Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. where he will undergo Army basic combat training for nine weeks and then continue for advanced individual training.

Goraj is aware that his job as an infantryman may put him at the frontlines of a battle. The possibility of danger however doesn’t sway Goraj’s decision.

“I know I’m going to come out a better, disciplined person,” Goraj said. “Overall this is the best experience I could have chosen from my point of view. There’s not much more I could ask for.”

The views of the military being a second or third option to other job opportunities that don’t work out is changing. Staff Sgt. Daniel Stack said the U.S. Army is recruiting more qualified individuals who will improve the military. People with poor health, drug offenses or chronic legal trouble may not be considered for the military. Stack compared today’s enlistment process as more of a job interview rather than an application.

“The Army is trying to get a better quality of people. We can’t just take anybody anymore,” said Stack, who does recruiting at Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden high schools.

Despite the tougher standards to get into the Army, Stack said high schoolers in the tri-county area have a strong interest in joining the military. The opportunity to earn a steady paycheck and receive medical benefits also draws seniors to becoming soldiers, Stack said.

“A lot of kids just want to be independent, they want to get out on their own,” Stack said. “A lot of people also join because it will help them get into the criminal justice field or give them preferences for government jobs.”

For Lake Fenton High School senior Travis Nolkemter, joining the Marines is a chance for him to earn an education while working a full-time job. Nolkemter is aiming to be a combat engineer or a translator once he enlists.

“I’m going in for the challenge and I can’t really afford college at the moment,” Nolkemter said. “I love to travel and exploring. I respect anyone who makes the decision to go into the military.”

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Meet Sue Mann

Sixth-grade science teacher, mother, Lake Fenton Teacher of the Year

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When Sue Mann, 48, walks down the hallway at the end of a school day at Lake Fenton Middle School, she is bombarded by, “Hi Mrs. Mann!” “Bye Mrs. Mann!” and even has students come into her room just to hang out. Mann not only teaches but allows her students to problem-solve and work through the tasks they are given. Throughout the course of the class, they’re likely to hear: “No, I’m not going to tell you how — you have to figure it out on your own.”

This mantra of Mann’s seems to make her sixth-graders smile brighter when they finally figure out how to make their electric car move on its own using wires, light bulbs and the occasional help from a friend.

How did you get into teaching? I guess it’s something I’ve always wanted to do. I love spending time with kids. I really like the middle school age. You have to have a lot of energy to match theirs. I went to college to be a math teacher, but I have a minor in science. When the position became available at Lake Fenton for a science teacher, I took it. I taught five sixth-grade science classes and two Young Mann classes. I’ve been teaching for 18 years. I actually have kids of students that I had when I first started.

What is Young Einstein’s? Young Einstein is kind of like an extension course where we do activities and projects that don’t fit in the sixth-grade curriculum but are still very challenging for the kids. Its engineering based. They try to complete a task, design a solution and then test it. It’s not all Legos, either, we do pop bottle rockets. Once, we made a ping-pong ball zipline where they had to design a contraption that would ride down a string that went from the top of the door to the bottom of the zipline.

How would you describe your teaching style? Very active, inquiry based, which means the kids have to figure things out for themselves.

What is your biggest challenge when teaching? Getting all the kids focused at the same time. The most rewarding part, however, is when I have students that I taught years ago say they went into certain science fields. A lot of them are doctors. They went into those careers because they were so interested in science in middle school. They just kind of carried it on. That’s very rewarding, but also the everyday things are too. The kids in and they’re so excited. When the bell rings at the end of the hour, they can’t believe the hour’s up because they had such fun.

How did you come to be awarded the title of Lake Fenton’s Teacher of the Year? I was nominated by two of my colleagues who are also sixth-grade teachers — Kelly Rosebohm and Kate VanHouten. We’ve worked together for several years. They actually had to write a letter including a couple different reasons why they thought I deserved it. Those letters were then looked over by a committee and they made the decision. They honor me at a dinner and at the same dinner, they honor the person who was selected for lifetime achievement, Mr. Jerry Kramer.

Have you noticed anything different from the first class of sixth-graders you taught when you started to the ones you have now? Actually, yes! Obviously, there’s a lot of technology. They can do so many things with technology. Like when they built something today and wanted to show their parents, they got permission to get their phones out and record it. I’ve found that these kids are better problem solvers than the kids I’ve had in the past. I’m able to give them a task and they are able to solve problems. They work well in groups and play off each other. They’re surprisingly very different and I don’t know what to attribute that to. Some people complain that they’re not good problem solvers but I find the opposite to be true.

What advice would you give for a teacher that is just starting out? Have fun. Your number one focus is to get the kids to want to learn. If you can get the kids to want to learn, you will accomplish everything you need to do. It’s a very rewarding career for people who have patience.

“It’s (teaching) something I’ve always wanted to do. I love spending time with kids. I really like the middle school age. You have to have a lot of energy to match theirs.”

Sue Mann
Lake Fenton’s Teacher of the Year

As the spring semester winds down, Sue Mann is thinking about the students who made a huge impact on her life as a teacher.

“Some of my kids have been to the school since first grade,” Mann said. “That’s my first class. I’ve had them since first grade. I’ve taught them science.”

Though her students have gone on to other things, Mann said she remembers them, their families and their stories.

“Even if you think something is going to be impossible, it’s never impossible,” Mann said. “You just have to work at it.”

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Change the way you look at grocery shopping and save a lot of money at the checkout

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When Ellen Kissel’s weekly grocery bill hit more than $300 for her Deerfield Twp. family of five — including three hungry teenage sons — she knew she had to do something.

That was three years ago, and this coupon-saving mom has now slashed her weekly grocery bill to about $120, a savings of at least $180 a week. “We’re eating more food than we ever had before,” said Kissel, a librarian at Linden High School. “This is the first time I’ve been able to ‘out-buy’ the demand for food at our house.”

Kissel admits that her hungry household of two 19-year-olds, a 16-year-old and her brand-conscious husband, Blair had been hard to satisfy without “breaking the bank” on every trip to the grocery store. When gas prices skyrocketed, her husband’s long daily commute and her two older sons’ college commutes were also eating up more than $1,200 a month in gas — making for a very tight budget.

“I really didn’t have a clue as to how much groceries cost,” said Kissel. “I just bought what I thought we needed. When gas prices started going up, this really became an issue for our family finances.”

Kissel learned how to coupon by first going to Oprah.com and visiting links like CouponMom.com and TheGroceryGame.com, both of which have introductory videos. She also suggests taking a couponing class, which she happens to teach through Linden Community Education in the spring (already done) and fall. See COUPONING on 8B

Common misconceptions about using coupons:

“I don’t buy snack/convenience foods, and that’s what most coupons are for.”

Answer: Some of the biggest savings are on non-food items. Save money in one category, so you can afford to spend money on organic vegetables or whatever is your choice of “splurge.” Swap coupons with others, etc.

“I don’t have time to clip coupons.”

Answer: Use a clipping service like couponclip.com, or go online to tctimes.com to use their “warehouse” of national coupons. You actually save time, because you’re not grocery shopping so often and you’re much more “targeted” in your purchases.

“I don’t have room to store all that stuff.”

Answer: It really doesn’t take as much room as you think. Just use a dedicated space like a pantry, shelves in a basement and a small freezer to take advantage of specials on meats, cheese, butter, etc.
Bankruptcy isn’t the ‘end of the road’

It can be a fresh start for your financial future

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If you’re having trouble meeting all of your financial obligations, you’re not alone. This year, more than 1.5 million people will file for bankruptcy in the U.S., according to debt.org.

With Michigan’s recent economic challenges, including job losses and foreclosures, many people have chosen bankruptcy as a way to relieve some of their financial burdens and get a fresh start.

“Bankruptcy is designed to give you a fresh start to get your life and finances back together,” said Attorney Melissa DiGiamberdine of DiGiamberdine Law Offices in Flint.

“People come to me with all sorts of life scenarios that have brought them to this place, from medical bills to job loss or divorce. While filing bankruptcy is not to be taken lightly, it’s certainly nothing to be ashamed of or embarrassed about.”

There are two primary ways for which individuals or married couples can file for bankruptcy:

- **Chapter 7 Bankruptcies**: make up about 70 percent of non-business bankruptcy cases. Under this method, your debts are discharged and you are no longer responsible for repaying them. Some of your assets may be sold by a court-appointed bankruptcy trustee. The proceeds go toward paying the trustee, covering administrative fees and, if funds allow, repaying creditors as much as possible. You’re allowed to keep key assets like your home and vehicles, with laws varying from state to state. You retain your right to receive pension benefits, Social Security, unemployment, veterans’ benefits and welfare.

- **Chapter 13 Bankruptcies**: make up about 30 percent of non-business filings. This method allows repaying some of your debts to have the rest forgiven. This is an option for people who do not want to give up their property or do not qualify for Chapter 7 because their income is too high. People can only file for bankruptcy under Chapter 13 if their debts do not exceed a certain amount.

Under Chapter 13, you and your attorney design a three- to five-year repayment plan for your creditors. Once you successfully complete the plan, the remaining debts are erased.

While having your financial burden lightened and many debts erased, people need to know that bankruptcy isn’t a cure-all for all debt.

Bankruptcy does not erase:
- **alimony**
- **child support**
- **debts that arise after bankruptcy is filed**
- **some debts incurred in the six months prior to filing bankruptcy**
- **student loans (unless permanent disability or hardship can be proven)**
- **taxes**

Bankruptcy also does not protect those who co-signed your debts. When you declare bankruptcy, your co-signer still may be obligated to pay all or part of your loan.

Which bankruptcy method might work for you is totally a case-by-case basis. “It’s totally individualized,” said DiGiamberdine, who resides in Fenton. “That’s why it’s important for you to sit down with an experienced, competent attorney to discuss your options. Since you’ll be working with an attorney in this process for anywhere from six months to five years, you need to have someone you trust, with whom you can have a good relationship.”

DiGiamberdine encourages people to call her office to make an appointment for a free consultation or to ask a few initial questions.
Bomb sniffing comes with a risk of death, 21 dogs were killed between 2005 and June 2011.

Gerry Proctor, spokesperson for training missions at Lackland Air Force Base.

Bomb sniffing dogs

Think of bomb-sniffing as a one-way game of fetch. Training is really as easy as throwing a stick.

When can dogs start training to sniff bombs?

Dogs usually start training when they are between 1 and 3 years old. In this window, dogs are the most playful and willing to learn, which is essential for them to learn to work.

How do they recruit dogs?

A puppy’s life before training varies. Customs and Border Protection, for example, adopts its 1-to-3-year-olds from shelters and families, while also buying from breeders and breeding its own.

The military buys from breeders, too, but first screens the dogs almost like human recruits — with X-rays and exams, and by taking only dogs that are mild, like to search and won’t run at the sound of gunshot.

How long until they are fully trained to sniff bombs?

Dogs learn the basics of sniffing for bombs in between 2 and 4 months. They’ll undergo testing and retraining throughout their entire careers though to make sure their skills stay sharp.

How are they trained?

Each agency has its own training program and style. For example, at the TSA’s training facility, you’d spot pieces of airport terminals, airplanes, train and subway cars, plus a parking lot filled with cars. The dogs learn a sequence — sniff the area, find the bomb, sit and get a toy for good behavior — and must perform it in all of the mock surroundings.

Sit, Stay and Pay

Sounds easy, until you remember that the canine recruits know nothing at the beginning of training. Trainers must coax out each move. The military first teaches dogs to be interested in the smell of explosives. A trainer will hold the smell of an explosive near the dog’s nose. If the dog sniffs it, it gets a reward. That’s repeated many times. Next, the trainer learns to seek the smells. If an explosive is hidden, and the dog follows the scent, it’s rewarded again. This pattern continues until the “sit, stay and pay” routine is built, says Proctor, a spokesperson for the Military Working Dog School.

Do they like the work?

A fully trained military dog does its routine as if it were natural: It runs ahead of troops, sniffing and upon smelling a bomb, it sits. The troops stop advancing. The dog runs back to troops to get its treat, and an explosive ordnance disposal team disarms the bomb.

Cost of bomb sniffing dog?

Human handlers train alongside their dogs, learning to watch and lead their canines. The cost of training far exceeds a college tuition, although it covers a lot. TSA pays $218,000 in startup costs per dog during training, then $158,000 per year after that, says Greg Soule, a TSA spokesperson. The money covers the salary of the handler, training, certification, veterinary services, kenneling and dog food.

Where’s home?

At the end of the day, TSA dogs go home with their handlers to sleep. The handler cares for the dog 24 hours a day. These two spend more time together than with almost anyone else. Military dogs go home to kennels.

Retirement

If the dog gets very sick or ages out of its drive to play, it’s time to retire. Retirement age varies, but military dogs retire at age 8 or 9.

Breeds for bomb sniffing

The TSA and many other agencies mostly use these breeds for bomb-sniffing, according to Greg Soule with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA): German shepherd; a Belgian shepherd called a Malinois; Vizsla, also known as a Hungarian pointer; and Labrador retriever.

These four breeds represent more than just good noses. The TSA prizes them because they smell well; they’re calm in crowds and around strangers, and they like to play, says Soule. Playing is important because dogs understand their work as play; it’s a daily game of find-the-explosive.

None of these qualities is dispensable, explains Soule. TSA will turn down the finest smellers if it is aggressive because the public won’t tolerate a frightening or dangerous dog.

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Did you know?

Fired!

Just like humans, bomb-sniffing dogs can get canned. TSA dogs get the pink slip if they don’t meet the agency’s bomb-sniffing standards, then fail a remedial training. But it’s not so bad: The handler gets another working dog, and a worthy dog/lover adopts the retired dog, who can then live like a regular pet.

Killed in action

Bomb sniffing comes with a risk of death. Luckily, the casualty rate for dogs is lower than you might expect. In all branches of the U.S. military, among all disciplines not limited to bomb-sniffing, 21 dogs were killed between 2005 and June 2011, says Gerry Proctor, the military safeguards its dogs by teaching them to run back to their handlers immediately after finding a bomb.
Carl Moraw joins The State Bank

Carl Moraw joins The State Bank as vice president in the Residential Lending department. Moraw has more than 23 years of prior banking experience as a community bank president, commercial lender and residential market sales manager. Moraw is a graduate of Bowling Green State University where he received both his BSBA and MBA. He and his wife, Gretchen, have raised their two daughters in Clarkston. In his free time, Moraw enjoys golf, fishing, hunting and attending his children’s sporting events. Moraw is committed to helping his clients with their home purchase or refinance needs and making their mortgage process seamless. With The Bank’s wide array of products, local operations and excellent service, Moraw is very excited about helping clients obtain the best mortgage loan for their individual needs. The State Bank is a full-service independent community bank with offices in Fenton, Linden, Holly, Grand Blanc and Brighton.

Sarah Duncan joins Fentura Financial Partners

Sarah Duncan has recently joined Fentura Financial Partners, a division of Fentura Financial, Inc. of Fenton as a financial planning officer. In her new position, Duncan will assist customers with financial planning, retirement income savings plans, investments, education expense goals and life insurance. She has worked in the industry for the last 12 years, primarily in the Ann Arbor market. Duncan is a graduate of Central Michigan University and he will be working out of the Livingston Community Bank Office in Downtown Brighton. Fentura Financial, Inc. is the holding company for The State Bank, Davison State Bank and West Michigan Community Bank.

The State Bank promotes Lisa Wood

Lisa Wood has been promoted to business banking manager of The State Bank. Wood has worked in the Grand Blanc market for the past seven years as the branch manager and Community Development manager. In her new role, Wood will work closely with our business clients on electronic banking services, merchant services, cash management and remote deposit capture. She is an active member of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce and looks forward to expanding her client relationships to the other communities that The State Bank serves. The State Bank is a full-service independent community bank with offices in Fenton, Linden, Holly, Grand Blanc and Brighton.

Carl Moraw

Sarah Duncan

65th Anniversary
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HOLLY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY
LOCATION:
North Oakland County Fire Authority Headquarters
5051 Grange Hall Rd.
SATURDAY, May 4, 2013
8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Clean-up days are provided for Holly Township residents to remove refuse from their properties and recycle household materials. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the clean-up of Township roads.

Dumpsters and/or Garbage Trucks will be located in the parking lot. You must bring refuse to the dumpster and/or truck. THERE WILL BE NO ROADSIDE PICKUP. NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING AND NO ON SITE SHOVELING ALLOWED. You must be in line by 4 p.m.

Someone will be present to verify residency and/or property owners.

All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter. There is a $2.00 per item charge for regular tires and a $5.00 per item charge for tractor tires. All appliances will be taken.

Please click here for acceptable recycling material guidelines.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Jesse Lambert, Holly Township Supervisor from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at (248) 634-9331 Ext. 304.
Ryan Kulinec, branch manager of Ross Mortgage in Fenton, shakes hands with Ross Mortgage Regional Vice President Ken Tanosian in the Fenton office.

Ross Mortgage Corporation
Michigan-based company opens doors to its newest location

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Ross Mortgage, a private full-service lender, has opened its doors in Fenton. “We’re family owned with a business history spanning over six decades in Michigan and proud of it,” said Ryan Kulinec, manager of the Fenton branch, one of 17 Michigan offices. Other locations are in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Florida.

Ross Mortgage is pleased to be a part of the upswing in the housing industry in 2013, bringing stabilization and solid financing back into the mortgage business. “What is old has become new again,” said Kulinec. “Conventional fixed rate mortgages and other solid mortgage programs are helping today’s buyers begin or continue their home ownership with a strong financial footing.”

As a full-service mortgage company, Ross Mortgage also handles government programs like FHA loans, FHA 203K rehabilitation loans and Rural Housing Program loans, as well as refinancing of all products. “We’re also one of the few Rural Housing lenders that can roll necessary repairs into the loan,” said Kulinec.

Interestingly, all of Fenton is open to Rural Housing Program loans, providing zero down payments, low interest rates with “not too many hoops to go through,” according to Kulinec.

Ross Mortgage understands how daunting the mortgage process can be, especially for first-time homebuyers. “Our goal is to make our customers comfortable with our very efficient, streamlined process,” said Kulinec.

While most mortgage companies offer similar products, what sets Ross Mortgage apart is its private lender status, as well as its business philosophy. “We’re not beholden to stockholders, we’re beholden to our customers,” said Ken Tanosian, regional vice president of Ross Mortgage.

They’re pleased to be members of the Fenton Regional Chamber. “We want to be involved with local projects and events,” said Kulinec. “We also plan to hire local talent for our office.”

Ross Mortgage is located at 17460 Silver Pkwy., in Fenton, behind Lucky’s Steakhouse. For more information, call (810) 354-7500.

NOTICE
HOLLY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING (TRUTH IN BUDGETING)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budgets for fiscal year July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442 on May 15, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget and the proposed millage rates are available for public inspection at Holly Township Clerk’s Office 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442 or by contacting the Clerk at 248-634-9331 ext. 301.

The Holly Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aid and services to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) day notice to the Clerk’s Office prior to the hearing by writing, calling or emailing the Clerk.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
APRIL 22, 2013

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday April 22, 2013 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $656,639.39.
4. Received the first quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Robert Atkinson.
5. Adopted Ordinance No. 755, an amendment to Business Licensing Ordinance No. 550 to clarify language regarding permit applications, fees and inspections.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 756, an amendment to Sewer System Ordinance No. 615 to add provisions for the granting of waivers from the requirements of the ordinance and procedures for appealing decisions made in the implementation of the ordinance.
7. Approved revisions to the Fenton Township Schedule of Fees.
8. Adopted amendments to the 2013 Fenton Township Budget.
9. Approved the advertising for sale of tax reverted properties through a sealed bid auction, subject to final review and approval of the notice and procedure by the Township Attorney and board officers.
10. Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Of- ganic and took the following actions.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

Staying on top every day

Time is priceless. A dying queen is said to have cried, ‘Millions in money for an inch of time.’

Each of us is allotted a certain amount of time. How then shall we make the best use of it? How can we stop wasting time in depression, discouragement, or negativism?

First, listen to Jesus: ‘Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me’ (John 14:1). Our Lord is saying that we have the power to do something about our troubled hearts, our fears, our depression, our negativism.

The fact that we have the ability to reject down times may come as a surprise to some who have been seeking some deep spiritual secret that would keep them always on top, but our Lord’s words are clear: ‘Let not your heart be troubled.’ We will do well then to accept the responsibility of our moods and actions and determine to correct them.

Second, be thankful for the good things that are happening to you right now. The moment you begin thanking God for His blessings, however small they may seem in your present frame of mind, you are on your way out of the valley.

When I awake in the morning, knowing that my family members are well and have lived through the night, I can count enough blessings to keep me positive all day.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray daily, ‘Give us this day our daily bread.’ If there is food on the table, it is a day for praise—not for pouting.

Third, seize each pleasant moment and squeeze out every ounce of joy it contains.

This good occasion will never return. There may be many other good times ahead but none quite like this one. Cherish it!

The Psalmist declared: ‘This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it’ (Psalm 118:24). Lowell Thomas found such inspiration from this Bible verse that he had it framed and placed on the wall of his broadcasting studio so he could read it often.

Drink deeply from the present. Look for beauty that surrounds you but that you have been too busy or preoccupied to see. Listen for sounds that you have been missing. Hold someone you love and be glad you are alive.

In his book, ‘How to Win Over Worry,’ John Edmund Hagga says: ‘Give every moment your all. Give your entire attention to the work at hand, the person with whom you are talking or dealing. The Lord grants unto us time only in the quantity we can use it — one moment at a time.’

John Ruskin kept a piece of stone on his desk containing just one word: ‘TODAY.’

Think of the time you have left in life as money in the bank. Each moment the balance is reduced, and you are the spender.

Spend wisely.

Finally, remember that each moment of time has eternal value. We are stewards of seconds. Each tick of the clock contains opportunities for serving the Lord in which we can lay up eternal rewards.

Life is too short to waste any portion of it feeling down. There just isn’t time.

Look up…and stay on top today…and every day.

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

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
TYRONE TOWNSHIP

Election Day is Tuesday May 7, 2013. Voters may cast absentee ballots in Fenton or Tyrone Township.

Election of the Tyrone Township Clerk will be held at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Polling location:

Hartland School District Voters
Tyrone Township Hall
10408 Center Road, Fenton

The above polling location provides voting access for individuals with disabilities and contains voting instructions in alternative formats, including audio and Braille.

Applications for absent voter ballots are available for the May 7, 2013 Special School Election and may be obtained at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Requests for absent voter ballots must be in writing.

Keith L. Kremer,
Tyrone Township Clerk
Annual White Cane Week May 2-5
Fenton Lions Club is gearing up for its annual White Cane Drive, running from Thursday, May 2 through Sunday, May 5. Look for Lions from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at VG’s Grocery stores on North Lefroy Street and Silverway and at Walmart. Fenton Lions Club serves the local community through its many projects, with special emphasis on services for the blind and visually impaired. It also sponsors Project Graduation and provides scholarships for Fenton and Lake Fenton students. All donations go directly to their projects.

Aglow International-Holly
Aglow International-Holly will meet on Wednesday, May 8 at 315 South Broad St. Holly. Fellowship and snacks begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a meeting at 10 a.m. Gloria Wyatt, vice president of Leadership Development for Southwest Michigan Aglow, will share her perspective of learning to live “Heaven to earth.” Aglow International also asks that you join them at the capital in Lansing on National Day of Prayer on May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (248) 841-5126.

CITY OF FENTON
301 SOUTH LEROY STREET
FENTON, MICHIGAN 48430-2196

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, will hold a public hearing at its regular council meeting on the 28th Day of May at 7:30 p.m., in the City Hall, located at 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196, to consider a proposed amendment of the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority (“LDFA”) Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The purpose of the proposed amendment, adopted by the LDFA at its regular meeting on August 17, 2011, is to authorize the LDFA to enter into an agreement with the City that will provide for sharing of a portion of the captured assessed value between the LDFA and the City of Fenton. The text of the amendment reads as follows:

Tax Increment Financing Plan adopted by the City Council of the City on December 27, 2011, as amended by City Council on September 24, 1990, April 24, 2006, April 19, 2007, May 1, 2008, March 22, 2010, September 27, 2010 and December 13, 2010 and October 24, 2011 is hereby further amended in the following respects:

a. Exhibit B attached to the Tax Increment Financing Plan is amended to provide the following additional provision: “The LDFA shall exclude 10.6226 mills from its capture of millage levied by the City of Fenton for fiscal year 2013 pursuant to an Agreement to share captured assessed value between the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority and the City of Fenton to be effective May 28, 2013.”

The fiscal and economic implications of the proposed amendment are limited to the temporary shifting of tax revenue generated by the 10.6226 mills, in an amount not to exceed $182,000.00, from the LDFA to the City of Fenton.

The district is composed substantially of the US-23 Industrial Park, Fenway Plaza industrial park and certain additional industrial zoned property adjacent to the east of these parks. The district is generally bounded by US 23 on the west, Owen Road on the south, Silver Lake Road on the north and Pontchartrain Boulevard extended on the east.

Maps, plats and a description of the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan are available for public inspection at the LDFA office in the City Hall. No persons are expected to be displaced by the plan. All aspects of the plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF FENTON, COUNTY OF GENESEE, MICHIGAN

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FENTON

Approved by the Local Development Finance Authority of the City of Fenton for submission to the City Council of the City of Fenton on November 17, 1988.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Fenton on December 27, 1988, subsequent to a public hearing on December 27, 1988.


The LDFA shall exclude 10.6226 mills from its capture of millage levied by the City of Fenton for fiscal year 2013 pursuant to an Agreement to share captured assessed value between the City of Fenton Local Development Finance Authority and the City of Fenton to be effective as of May 28, 2013.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Annual Redetermination of Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Response Services

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY
Oakland County, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Township Board of the Township of Holly will conduct a public hearing at the Township Hall at 102 Civic Center Drive, Holly, Michigan 48442, on May 15, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter on the estimated costs and expenses, and the distribution of the levy for Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Response Services as determined pursuant to MCL 41.801(4).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Response Services within which the cost of fire protection services, including but not limited to construction of facilities, operational cost of fire protection, maintenance and improvement of equipment facilities, and the cost of ambulance services and related emergency medical response services within the Special Assessment District for the fiscal year 2013-2014 is approximately $436,000.00. The amount of the special assessment is based upon the special benefit to real property from the nature and level of fire protection services and emergency medical response services to be provided to the Township by the North Oakland County Fire Authority.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the total amount proposed to be specifically assessed in the Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Fire Protection Services and Emergency Medical Response Services and the millage rate proposed are:

TOTAL: $419,133.00
MILLAGE RATE: 2.9015

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed budget and of the proposed special assessment roll may be inspected at the office of the Township Clerk at 102 Civic Drive, Holly, Michigan 48442, on regular business days and may also be inspected at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that at the public hearing, the Township Board will hear and review said special assessment roll and any comments or objections thereto which might be made or filed with the Board at or prior to the time of said public hearing, and will consider any revisions, amendments, or changes to said proposed special assessment roll and the amount of special assessments to be levied against benefited property.

Appearance and protest at this public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest or his or her agent may appear in person at this hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter received at or before the public hearing, and if such a letter is filed, then the personal appearance of the person protesting is not required.

The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at this hearing as set forth above may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the proposed special assessment roll is confirmed, or is modified and confirmed, the special assessment will be collected in the same manner as property taxes as provided for by law.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing, or to protest the proposed special assessment roll and/or special assessment.

Holly Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities requiring such aid or service at the time of the hearing. The meeting is open to the public.

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk

COUNPOING

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The biggest change when learning how to coupon is your mindset.

“Your weekly grocery shopping isn’t tied to what you’re having for dinner anymore. Now you’re planning your menus around what items are at the best price. To get the best price means you’ll have to wait until the item is on sale at the grocery store and you have a coupon for that item which you can double.”

That means Kissel can often get free toothpaste when it’s on sale for $1.99 and she has a coupon for $1.00 off. In fact, non-food items like toiletries, even batteries, are some of the best ways to save money at the grocery store.

She can also get fantastic deals like a recent haul with 20 huge boxes of Kellogg’s cereal she got for just 18 cents apiece, by waiting for their lowest price, then doubling the coupon. While that sounds like a lot of cereal, just think about the massive eating habits of three teenage boys, she said.

Her goal at the grocery store is to buy a three-month supply — not a weekly supply — of everything that’s on sale, using coupons she can double. She has to have a large enough stash to last through the three-month cycle of most coupons. That means one recent buying trip included 60 8-oz. bags of cheese, eight jars of mayonnaise and 72 cans of cat food — all purchased at the lowest possible price in a quantity to last until it goes on sale again.

If it’s not on sale and I don’t have a coupon, I’ll do everything I can to find an alternative,” she said.

Another coupon mom shares tips to save money

Terese Allen, mother of four, says:

“I hated grocery shopping with a passion. Nothing upset me more than paying $400 for food that barely lasted a week. I no longer shop by brand. I buy what’s on sale and ONLY if I have a coupon for it. Shopping this way has made me the best mom ever. The kids not only have everything they want to eat, my adult children save a fortune ‘shopping’ in my pantry and we always have plenty of items to donate. I save an average of 48 percent on my grocery bill. That savings has been huge for my family and has inspired me from a lot of unnecessary stress.”

Here’s some advice Kessel offers to get you started:

• Take a class or watch a video on CouponMom.com or TheGroceryGane.com.
• Buy a Sunday newspaper for every member of the family, as a rule of thumb, so you have enough coupons to buy sale items in quantity. You can also buy coupons from a coupon-clipping service like CouponCappers.com.
• As you’re learning, go to the store with a friend to make it fun. You can share coupons, while the other provides gas for the trip.
• Take all of your coupons to the store with you, so you can take advantage of unadvertised specials that you didn’t know about in advance.
• Match national coupons with store sales prices at a site like CouponMom.com.
Local company makes ‘epic’ strides in hi-tech training

Mike Parker and Melinda Keway of Epic Machine, Inc. show a former student, Josh Quick, working on the Academy’s brand new CNC training equipment.

Epic Machine, Inc. in Fenton opens Epic CNC Training Academy

By Sally Rummel

A local manufacturing company is taking “epic” steps today to ensure the future of a viable technically trained workforce for tomorrow.

Mike Parker, owner of Epic Machine, Inc. in Fenton, has launched Epic CNC Training Academy, an eight-week series of professional training that provides real world on-the-job learning in a manufacturing setting.

This new program was recognized by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce during a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at Epic Machine, Inc. on Wednesday, March 27.

See TRAINING on 12B

Fenton Freedom Festival just nine weeks away

New events, plus familiar favorites, highlight this year’s July 4th schedule

By Sally Rummel

There are new events and activities to create more excitement. “The Fenton Freedom Festival is our traditional family festival,” said Pat Lockwood, festival chairman since its beginning over 22 years ago. “All of our civic groups return year after year with events that have modernized.”

See FESTIVAL on 15B

Entrepreneurs hear plans to improve communities

Gov. Snyder looking for more input from business owners across the state

By William Axford

Fenton — Business owners in the tri-county area heard firsthand what Gov. Rick Snyder is doing to support entrepreneurs across the state.

Brian Larkin, associate director of the Governor’s Office of Urban and Metropolitan Initiatives, spoke with numerous business owners in the tri-county area at the latest Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Chamber Rally Breakfast.

Summary

Epic Machine, Inc. in Fenton has launched a new training academy to provide skilled workers for new hi-tech manufacturing.

See ENTREPRENEURS on 14B
Taste in Fenton

The 13th annual Taste in Fenton will take place on Saturday, August 10th. The event features food from local eateries, entertainment and a 5K and 10K Run/Walk.

Covered Pets Up

Parking restrictions will be in effect in Tennis/Basketball Fitness Center, Pool, Putting Court, Green.

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Save the Date:

A day at the Capitol ...

Recently the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Political Action Team and I attended ‘A Day at the Capital’ sponsored by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-eight Chambers from Michigan were represented and I was very proud we had the most representation from one Chamber. The day’s agenda began with an early morning trip to Lansing and thanks to Matt Stevens at Vic Canever Chevrolet, our whole committee was able to ride together in one vehicle.

Topics included:

- Michigan’s improving economic rankings over the past three years versus the prior decade
- State Chamber’s lobbying efforts and current goals for the coming year.
- Right to Work legislation trends.
- Chamber’s support of Gov. Rick Snyder’s roads initiative.

Gov. Snyder attended the event, addressed the audience and answered questions. Each Chamber was given the opportunity to introduce themselves. Gov. Snyder focused his message on ‘Do what’s right, not what’s easy.’

Recently he attended an event that highlighted Michigan college graduates as keynote speakers. The graduates shared their individual stories relating to what they are facing today trying to get a job in their degree profession. They talked about the difficulties and feedback they are receiving from businesses. The governor stressed how important it is to listen to these young people and help support their efforts so that we can keep them here in our state.

After lunch, Richard Studley, Michigan Chamber of Commerce CEO, proposed that each Chamber in attendance would be invited to participate in a ‘roundtable’ discussion to prepare the agenda for next year’s A Day at the Capital event. He asked for feedback regarding the idea of focusing the first part of the agenda on a specific piece of legislation. The Chamber could then in the afternoon rally and collaboratively present at the Capitol to our legislators.

All Chamber representatives were very receptive.

It was a very productive and informative event. Our committee is looking forward to participating in next year’s event and other similar opportunities to help assist economic growth in our business community and the State as a whole.

Wishing you continued business success.

Shelly Day, IOM executive director

Original sculptures coming downtown

This year, April was indeed the cruelest month as winter seriously overstay its welcome. Despite the lingering cold weather, spring flowers are thankfully showing their colors.

And this year, in addition to tulips, forsythia and redbuds, the bright colors and creative shapes of public art will also spring forth in downtown Fenton.

On May 17, six full size sculptures will be placed throughout the downtown area, thanks to funding from Fenton’s Downtown Development Authority (DDA). (The DDA is funded by tax dollars provided by many of the businesses in the city of Fenton.)

These six sculptures, created mostly by Michigan artists, will be on exhibit for a full year, and will supplement the various pieces of permanent public art already on display in Fenton. Examples include the Children’s Tower, displayed in front of the Mass Transit Authority building in the industrial park or Gregg Bugala’s Fenton Cycling Club mural on the side of CycleFit.

In addition to using public art to promote Fenton individually, the sculpture exhibit will also be presented to AAA Michigan travel magazine and promoted in concert with other sculpture exhibits in Brighton, Frankenmuth and Khoitville Township (Saginaw) as a public art tour destination along the U.S. 23/1-75 corridor.

Public art benefits a community not just aesthetically but also economically. The economic function of public art is to increase the value of private property. Places which actively invest in arts and culture are more attractive to individuals and business, and the benefits of art in a community far outweigh the cost. Cities throughout the world have realized this fact and are vigorously investing both public and private funds in public art.

Here in Fenton, the business community and the city should be jointly proud of their efforts to enhance the arts. Later this month, take time to walk through Fenton’s sculpture exhibit and, as you enjoy the bright colors and unique shapes remember, art is also good for business.

John Strayer chairman
Bob Harris, Sr. to serve as Grand Marshal

He and his family will ride in the Fenton Freedom Festival Grand Parade on July 4

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Pat Lockwood believes she has one of the most rewarding volunteer jobs in the world. It is her duty to call the person who is named the Grand Marshal for the Fenton Freedom Festival, following a January festival committee meeting to review the nominations.

In the case of Bob Harris, Sr., it was a unanimous nomination. “I had the honor of calling Bob to tell him he would be our Grand Marshal this year and he was just overwhelmed,” said Lockwood. “He was truly humbled.”

Harris, who will be 90 years old on Sept. 6, was a 1941 graduate of Fenton High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps officer candidate program in 1942, assigned to the University of Michigan unit, where he completed four semesters and enjoyed playing on their 1943-44 football teams. Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1945, he returned to Fenton for a short time as a civilian, then accepted a regular commission in the Marines. He retired in 1965 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He founded Harris Financial Company in Fenton in 1980, returning home after many years serving as president at several community colleges in New Jersey and Illinois. He was also a founder of the Fenton Rotary Club, along with the late Earl Sutton of Linden and Jack Hamady of the Flint Rotary Club — holding many offices, including president.

“I have watched him in Rotary share generously of his time and financial resources,” said Fenton Rotary President Pr. Dale Swihart, in a letter of support to the festival committee. “I think he would be a great choice.”

Harris has been active in the Fenton High School Alumni Association, serving two terms as FHSSAA president. He was inducted into the group’s Hall of Fame in 2003.

Most recently, Harris has been spending his time on his third book about the history of the Village of Fenton. The first two books, “The Village Players: A Narrative History 1937-1941” and “The Village Players at War: A Narrative History 1942-1945,” have sold more than 400 copies. He’s in the process of completing “The Village Players in the Post War: A Narrative History 1946-1950.”

Jim Hall of Hall Chrysler Dodge Jeep & Dodge of Fenton is donating a white Corvette for Harris to ride in, along with his wife, Marie, and daughter, Patricia Badalucci, who wrote the Freedom Festival committee a letter of consideration for her father. Son Bob will be the driver.

“I met Bob seven years ago and consider him one of my very good friends,” said Hall, in a letter to Lockwood supporting Harris’s nomination. “He has done so much to help others his entire life. I feel lucky to be his friend. I think it would be a good tribute to have the community thank him for all he has selflessly given to all of us.”

Harris said he couldn’t possibly be more pleased to have been bestowed this honor. “I want my wife, Marie, to start practicing her queen’s wave,” he said, with a chuckle.

2013 - 2014 Information guide is here

A total of 17,000 Fenton Chamber information guides have been distributed to residents through the Tri-County Times and an additional 3,000 copies have been mailed to each Chamber member and given out through local businesses and events. To pick up a copy of the Fenton Chamber information guide please stop in at the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce office at: 114 N. LeRoy, Fenton. Or call (810) 629-5447.

Bob Harris

2012 Golf Scramble Winners

Bangkok Peppers Too will be defending its 2012 first-place “traveling” trophy at the 2013 Golf Scramble on May 31.

2013 CHEVROLET CAMARO SS

Drawing will be held during Taste in Fenton on August 10, 2013.

STOP IN TO GET YOUR TICKET TO WIN THE CAMARO SS CONVERTIBLE AT FREEWAY SPORTS CENTER NOW THROUGH MAY 3RD.

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2013 CHEVROLET CAMARO SS

Drawings will be held during Taste in Fenton on August 10, 2013.
A ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorates the opening of Epic CNC Training Academy, where high-tech skills are taught over an eight-week period.

**TRAINING**

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On a larger scale, Parker’s unique, innovative approach to closing the gap between hi-tech jobs and available talent for those jobs gained the attention of Gov. Rick Snyder. Parker was invited to join other employers, educators and business development professionals at Snyder’s Economic Summit in Detroit that kicked off March 18. “I felt very honored to be included in this very important discussion,” said Parker.

At Epic CNC Training Academy, students will work for 40 hours per week in a manufacturing setting, receiving one-on-one training on CNC (computer numerical control) equipment by professional CNC operators and programmers at Epic Machine. Upon completion of the training, students will receive certification, a performance evaluation, and hopefully, a job, according to Melinda Keway, director of the Academy and quality control supervisor.

The cost per student is $9,600, which is about one-third less per hour than other local colleges, according to Parker. “There are many very intelligent and driven students that are not college bound for a variety of reasons,” he said. “This is an alternative trade setting that will allow people to earn a sustainable wage to care for their families.”

Mike Parker
Owner of Epic Machine, Inc. in Fenton

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Forty new members have joined the Chamber for 2013. Chamber members can take advantage of offerings on our website, which includes your own web page, job postings, hot deals, community calendar and more. Contact me for more information on these benefits.

Our motto is ‘Where Community and Commerce Connect.’ Become a member and connect with your community.

In this issue, our Chamber Business & Community Information Guide was inserted into the Tri-County Times and distributed to more than 17,000 homes. The Chamber distributes 3,000 copies to visitors and potential chamber members throughout the year. The Guide can be used as a mini phone book, perfect for the glove box or desk drawer for quick reference.

Members supporting members provides businesses the opportunity to build lasting relationships while also supporting our Shop Local campaign with the Tri-County Times.

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tapping other government officials on the
shoulder for the job, Larkin said Snyder is
looking to people outside of Lansing to
fulfill the role of turning the state around.
“The rationale behind this is there’s a
lot of know-how in our communities,”
Larkin said. “We have to be
a place that is attracting new
talent and that is retaining
the individuals we have. We
need places where they want
to live, work and play.”

When it comes to
improving the business climate
in cities and municipalities
across the state, Larkin said
his office examines multiple
facets of a community. The
school system, roads, houses
and healthcare are factors that
can help businesses thrive.

Larkin used the revival of the Midtown
neighborhood in Detroit as a model for
rebuilding communities in Michigan. He
spoke of how Wayne State University,
Henry Ford Hospital and Detroit Medi-
cal Center worked together to increase
affordability for housing and public safety.
The effort of the three entities created a
stable living environment, encouraging
people to live in a neighborhood that had
been mostly abandoned. As Midtown
retained more residents, more businesses
were able to expand and improve the area
economically.

This is one of many processes Larkin
is looking to implement into Genesee
County. He believes that between Hurley
Hospital, U of M-Flint and Mott Com-
munity College, the same model
can be used in Flint
and possibly increase the local
economy.

“With less state resources, businesses are
becoming the backbone of
our state.”

Brian Larkin
Associate director with the
Governor’s Office of Urban
and Metropolitan Initiatives

“Stay Connected To Your Community”

Students from Fenton and Linden schools
were the winners of the bikes at the
Expo. Pictured with the students are Shelly
Day, executive director of the Chamber,
representatives from Al Bourdeau Insurance
Agency and Linda Hathaway, Expo
chairperson.
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Raffle Continued from Page 9b
Silver Lake Ski Show. Other familiar features will include the American Legion Pancake Breakfast and prayer service, the Grand Parade stepping out at 10 a.m., the Fenton Rotary Rubber Ducky Regatta, ChickenBarbecue, kids’ games and more.

“Parade Chairman Scott Gommer is looking for volunteers to make the event a success,” said Lockwood. “Anyone wishing to volunteer in any way to help with the festival or offer suggestions may call me at (810) 629-6555.”

Goodwill seeks supporters of recycling, salvaging

During the month of June, collect donations at your business. Encourage your patrons to get involved and to support you. Only Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to win and the business with the most collections will go to display the trophy for the entire year.

For more information about the contest attend the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Networking May 16 or call Matt Stevens, who is coordinating this with Keith Green. “With the tickets gone, they’re gone. We’re hoping that this will get people interested in telling their friends about the raffle to get their names on the ticket as the ticket seller.”

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**26 A LOOK AT THE TOP 10 SONGS**

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**26 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

CITY OF FENTON 2013-2014 BUDGET

The City of Fenton will hold a public hearing on the 2012-2013 Interim Budget and the proposed 2013-2014 Fiscal Budget on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:30 PM as part of the regular meeting agenda in the City of Fenton Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at City Hall, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject at this hearing.

Please contact the City Clerk’s office if accommodations are needed due to a disability.

Jennifer Naismith
City Clerk

**26 PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS**

King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday’s issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

**26 SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS**

1. Requests at
2. Liquid-like vessel in which to clean things
3. Mac source
4. Swears with an el mal
5. Dose of medicine
6. Horse sound
7. Most valuable Scorable square, reducing
8. Fish store favorite
9. Peter of film
10. Speed
11. To that place
12. Impersonal little kids, enlarged
13. Celebritis tidas
14. Spinner, in Quebec
15. Military order
16. Very quickly, enlarged
17. "Clown" co-star, Joe
18. William of the 19th century
19. Dog
20. Bingo
21. Time-stamps
22. Jails
23. Rats
24. Barber (Nabisco cookie)
25. Razz
26. Painter, reduced
27. Paul-Selva common
28. Lucky
29. Got to be ready
30. 100 Winter with months
31. Walk around for work, reduced
32. In proportion
33. Thumb-down
34. See 109
35. White reader
36. 117, apparently
37. Enlarged
38. The Checker and the Heathen, novel
39. Charles Dickens
40. Five from the Mind, (R) Bred group
41. Charles
42. Napoleon to George
43. Earmarks
44. 127
45. Has three pointed antlers
46. Down
47. Tell the "Judge"
48. 2 Fit
49. 3 and 2 az
50. 4 Ford or "smack"
51. "Smack"
52. 7 Delicious Laredo in the West
53. 100 "What words to the last"
54. 6 Jo in the board
55. 37 We Mrs.
56. 2 My - city in Illinois
57. 37 Follow Me (Rigging poem)
58. 48 Final bowling frames
59. 50 Bit of hypno
60. 65 Upper parts
61. 101 Sewn and padded
62. 25 100 "Buttons on"
63. 41 "Dis-" or "diss-"
64. 30 Western Amherst
65. 24 "Go to it"
66. 42 100 "Put it up"
67. 30 100 "Put it up"
68. 7 The other one in the game
69. 12 "Life is what you make it"
70. 31 100 "Put it up"
71. 20 100 "Put it up"
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**26 WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS**

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

**26 WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS**

Jumbles: SHOWY ELITE PAILLID MULISH
Answer: What the traffic reporter said when the police chase tied up the roads — "IT'S A HOLD UP!"
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

At their meeting of April 22, 2013 the Fenton Township Board adopted the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance No. 755, an amendment to Business Licensing Ordinance No. 550 to clarify language regarding permit applications, fees and inspections.

2. Ordinance No. 756, an amendment to Sewer System Ordinance No. 615 to add provisions for the granting of waivers from the requirements of the ordinance and procedures for appealing decisions made in the implementation of the ordinance.

Complete copies of the adopted ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauk Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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SHER-Lock STORAGE, LLC DAVID R. FLETCHER & REED #114

MI 48422 will dispose of the following units on 5:22-1-13:

1. Bldg 8, Unit 48, 20' x 10'
2. Bldg 8, Unit 64, 20' x 10'
3. Bldg 8, Unit 9, 20' x 10'
4. Bldg 8, Unit 47, 20' x 10'
5. Bldg 8, Unit 42, 20' x 10'
6. Bldg 8, Unit 31, 20' x 10'

Contact our office before 5-22-13 to pay in full. 248-328-0870.

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HOUSEHOLD FOR SALE

2001 TIGER RIVER SPV: 6.6 65,660 miles. 4,165,769, 6-speed automatic. Air conditioning, automatic transmission, cruise control, front and rear power windows, power steering, power tachometer, power windows, power brakes, power steering, tilt wheel, keyless entry, remote trunk release, alloy wheels, CD player, CD changer, steering wheel controls, AM/FM stereo, clock, trunk light, second row head restraints, sunroof, front air conditioning, rear air conditioning, tilt steering wheel, textured vinyl upholstery, airbag, power locks, power mirrors. $6,000.00

ANTIOCH, PARLO TABLE, gate leg table. Ethan Allen antique reproduction, oak, 31" square, $60.00

1993 FORD F-150 TRUCK, 4x4, 241,000 miles, 5.0L v8, 4-speed automatic, air conditioning, AM/FM radio, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, keyless entry, alloy wheels, $1,500.00

2008 CHEVROLET EXPRESS 1500, 15 passenger, 43,000 miles, 4.3L v6, 4-speed automatic, air conditioning, CD player, power windows, power steering, keyless entry, tilt steering wheel, alloy wheels, $9,500.00

WANTED: B VENT, 6X6, 24" high, $75.00

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INFORMATION TO BID

DESTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING

The City of Fenton, Michigan Downtown Development Authority will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430 for demolition of a commercial building for the City of Fenton between Monday, May 13, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Office hours. Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the conference room of the Fenton City Hall, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked “DESTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING BID – CITY OF FENTON.”

Bids are being solicited only from responsible and established bidders known to be experienced and regularly engaged in the work of demolition, particularly demolition of commercial buildings and removal of demolition debris to appropriate disposal sites. Satisfactory evidence that the bidder has the necessary capital, equipment and personnel to do the work may be required.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Fenton City Offices, 301 South Leroy Street and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Sealed proposals must be submitted on the bid forms furnished by the City. All materials for this bid can also be found at www.ciyoffenton.org/rp.

The Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid, or portion thereof, which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

N. Bradley Hissong
Zoning/Building Administrator

Michael Burns
Executive Director
City of Fenton Downtown Development Authority

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Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on May 13, 2013 by the Tyron Township Board of Appeals at the Tyron Township Hall, 10406 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Ref. Tyron Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Sections 20.02 (Schedule of Regulations)

A variance a request by Jason and Jilly Linton for a 1-foot west side yard setback variance and 8-foot east side yard setback variance in order to build a new house and attach an addition on 10826 Waverly Road. The existing house will be demolished and the proposed new house would be built in the same footprint.

Additional information, legal descriptions and location maps are available at the Tyron Township Clerk’s Office, 10406 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary services or information should contact the Tyron Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyron Township Zoning Board of Appeals
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams


Mary Tracy, Mary Tracy - age 87, died April 25, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Amuel Mason Kirk, Jr. 1930-2013 Amuel Mason Kirk, Jr. - age 82, of Gladwin, formerly of Fenton, died Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at his residence. Funeral services were held 2 PM Friday, April 26, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Thursday and 1 PM until service Friday. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Mr. Kirk was born December 14, 1930 in Pollard, AR, the son of Amuel Mason and Clara (Kimpatrick) Kirk. Sr. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving during the Korean War and owned and operated the family business Kirk’s Sales and Service in Fenton. Mr. Kirk enjoyed golfing, fishing and cooking. Surviving are: wife, Kathleen of Gladwin; four children, Cynthia (Mike) Harless of Mead, NE, Suzanne (Terry) Erickson of Coidalge, AZ, Kimberly McNair of Grassten, MN, Kevin (Penny) Kirk of Fenton; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, Stephen and parents. Friends may share an online condoleace on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Barbara Rourke, Barbara Rourke - age 80, died April 21, 2103. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Mrs. Virgene M. Taylor 1922-2013 Mrs. Virgene M. Taylor was born Virgene Marcia Suyler on September 7, 1922, in Detroit, to Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Suyler of Royal Oak, Michigan, and died on Friday, April 19, 2013, at Evangelical Homes of Michigan, in Saline. Her family moved to Fenton in 1932, and she graduated from Fenton High School in 1940. Upon a move to Port Huron in 1949, she met and married Leroy E. Taylor, the music director at Port Huron’s First Methodist Church. The Suylers and Taylors moved back to Fenton in 1953 where Virgene lived until moving to Linden in 1994, to live with Ann Arbor in 2005 where she was a loving care-giver and a significant influence in her grandson’s life. She was a long-time member of Fenton United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir, and was active in both Wesley Fellowship and the Peace Circle. She worked as a secretary at Fenton Industrial in the 1940’s, then at a bank in Port Huron in the early 1950’s, then at St. Jude’s Episcopal Church, Fenton, in the 1970’s, then at Fenton School Board’s administrative offices in the 1980’s. She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Suyter, in infancy, another sister, Dorothy Suyter, in 1966, her mother, Alene M. Suyter, in 1968, and her father, E. R. Suyter, in 1972. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Leroy E. Taylor, of Saline, Michigan; son and daughter-in-law, Edwin R. Taylor and Faith A. Ferry, of Herefield, Connecticut; daughter and son-in-law, Martha M. Farmer and Terence I. Farmer, of Ann Arbor; grandson, Clayton S. Farmer, of Ann Arbor; along with three step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service is being planned by her musical family on May 3, 2013 at 1 PM at Brecon Village, in Saline, Michigan, with the Reverend Melissa Rogers officiating. A service of committal will be held at Fairview Cemetery, in Linden, Michigan, that same morning, May 3, 2013 at 10AM, with Virgene’s cousin, the Reverend Bruce H. Cooke, officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Peace Circle at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan, 48430 or the Alzheimer Association. Share memories at www.tenrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: You have no idea how painful spinal stenosis is. Only oxycodeone works. My doctor is afraid that I will become addicted. I am 75. I would rather die an addict than a person in constant pain. A surgeon told me it was too dangerous to operate unless I am in constant pain. Can you help? — B.A.

ANSWER: Spinal stenosis is one of the most frequent causes of back pain. The spinal cord is an extension of the brain. It runs from the neck to the lower back. It’s only as thick as your little finger. An eraser dropped from 12 inches onto it would smash it beyond repair. It, therefore, needs protection. Nature has encased it in the back bones (vertebrae) through a tunnel that runs the length of the spinal column. Narrowing of the tunnel is called spinal stenosis. The narrowed part compresses the spinal cord and is quite painful. The narrowing comes from bone spurs, arthritis changes or thickening of back ligaments. Physical therapy, through strengthening back muscles and stretching thickened back ligaments, often lessens pain. Pain medicines can be used liberally. Injection of cortisone into the spinal canal (epidural) is another way to ease pain and compression. M.F.’s suggestion of surgery bears consideration, especially his comments on microsurgery, where a hair’s width incision allows the surgeon to spread back muscles and other tissues so the surgeon can home in on the area of involved stenosis. A hollow cylinder is inserted through the spread back tissues, and special instruments allow visualization of the area with the ability to remove the compression.

DEAR AMY: My daughter had a child out of wedlock four years ago. My wife and I have supported them both emotionally and financially and by baby-sitting the child. Now my daughter is engaged to a very good guy. She wants to have a wedding that will cost approximately $10,000, and she wants me to pay for it. Considering the history, I feel this is a bit much and not fair to my wife and me. Am I wrong? — Upset Dad

DEAR DAD: Estimates vary, but the average wedding these days costs somewhere around $30,000. Does this mean you must pay for your daughter’s lower-cost celebration? Absolutely not. In being there, emotionally and financially, during this important and challenging time, you have done the “heavy lifting” of parenting. I hope she has expressed her gratitude. Even the most generous parents have to draw the line somewhere. This is your line, then draw it and stand firm.

DEAR AMY: My eldest daughter is a year away from becoming a doctor of psychology. We funded her undergraduate studies at a top Canadian university, and I have always encouraged her in her pursuits of higher education. I have no issue with her taking her husband’s name in her private life, but I feel she’s had our family’s surname 28 years and should keep it. She hasn’t made a decision; she is already known professionally and has published using our family name. What are your thoughts? — Very Proud Dad

DEAR VERY PROUD: I think your smart, accomplished psychologist daughter will find a way to detach, with love. The great job you did raising your daughter and your generosity in funding her education does not mean that you get to control what name she uses professionally as long as she acts reasonably. Her published work is a reflection of her accomplishments, not your reflected glory. I do know this: Pressuring her may actually influence her to act in opposition to you, simply to maintain her own personal independence and assert her well-earned adulthood (that’s an armchair psychologist in me talking).

GANGSTER SQUAD
Los Angeles, 1949. Ruthless, Brooklyn-born mob king Mickey Cohen (Sean Penn) runs the show in this town, reaping the ill-gotten gains from the drugs, the guns, the prostitutes and—if he has his way—every bell placed west of Chicago. And he does it all with the protection of not even his own paid goons, but also the police and the politicians who are under his control. It’s enough to intimidate even the bravest, street-hardened cop except, perhaps, for the small, secret crew of LAPD outsiders led by Sgt. John O’Mara (Josh Brolin) and Jerry Wooters (Ryan Gosling), who come together to try to tear Cohen’s world apart. R, 1 hr. 50 min.

PROMISED LAND
Promised Land is the new contemporary drama directed by Gus Van Sant (Good Will Hunting, Milk). Matt Damon plays Steve Butler, an ace corporate salesman who is sent along with his partner, Sue Thomason (Frances McDormand), to close a key oil company’s offer, for drilling rights to their properties, a rural town in his company’s expanse (Rosemarie DeWitt). Promised Land explores America at the crossroads where big business and the strength of small-town community converge. R, 1 hr. 46 min.

SLOW COOKER COLA PULLED PORK
INGREDIENTS
• 3-4 pounds pork shoulder (boneless or bone-in)
• 1 yellow onion, sliced
• 2-3 tablespoons chili powder
• 3-4 tablespoons brown sugar
• 2 1/2 cups regular cola

BLACKENING SEASONING INGREDIENTS
• 1 t. paprika
• 3 t. garlic salt
• 1/2 t. ground cayenne pepper

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Peel garlic cloves and slice each in half. Using a sharp knife, create punctures in the pork shoulder and place a garlic clove half in each opening. Rub pork shoulder with 2-3 tablespoons of spice rub, until coated on all sides. Place inside of slow cooker.
2. Peel the yellow onion and slice into rounds. Place onions evenly around and on top of the pork shoulder. Slowly pour the cola on top, close the lid, and set the slow cooker to “low.”
3. Allow pork to cook for 4 or more hours (I allowed mine to cook for 8). To shred the pork, use the tines of a fork to separate. After 8 hours of cook time, the fork tines pulled right through. If you are using pork shoulder with the bone in, the pork should easily pull away from the bone at that point. However, leave the bone in the slow cooker even after you pull the meat off: flavor! Continue running the fork tines through the pork until you get to the desired texture. Set the slow cooker to “keep warm” and allow it to remain hot until ready to serve.
4. To serve, remove the bone and discard (if using bone-in pork shoulder). Serve pork by itself, place it on a bun/roll, etc! Adding a dollop of barbecue sauce is also tasty. Enjoy!
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