Super dad!

Holly man became father, mentor and now grandpa to local kids who needed a home and positive role model

By Sally Rummel
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Hollie Spear of Holly Township has only one biological son, Addison, but at least 10 or 12 who call him Dad.

“My husband is the quintessential father,” said his wife, Jennifer. “He’s been a father to so many kids over the years. As our son started high school, many of his friends had no fathers or came from broken homes with absent fathers. We became the house where most of them spent their time, and several lived with us when they had issues at home or no homes to go to.

“We had, and still have, an open door policy.”

Spear, 51, a recently retired Oakland County deputy, finally has the time to care for more kids, yet

See DAD on 8A

“To this day, they still come back to us, with their wives and children. They call my husband, Dad, and their kids call him Grandpa, too.”

Jennifer Spear

‘There’s no other job like being a trooper’

State police recruits prepare for career on the road with 22 weeks of paramilitary training

By Tim Jagielo
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This is part two of a two-part series on MSP recruit school. Delta Twp. — At 7:30 a.m., troopers fanned out onto the recruit floors for inspection.

This is an intense 13-minute whirlwind of direct scrutiny of each recruit’s uniform, appearance, general knowledge and the appearance of their room that is endured every morning. Not passing results in verbal warnings and possible physical “incentive training.”

Recruits in the 125th Michigan State Police (MSP) Trooper Academy still have a long way to go.

See TROOPER on 30A

North LeRoy project smooth, still in first phase

A worker with Eastlund Concrete Construction shovels concrete for the approach for Darts Drive near Sagebrush Cantina Wednesday afternoon. The project is still in Phase I, in the southbound lane of North LeRoy Street.

Schedule extended couple weeks due to weather

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — Patrons of Sagebrush Cantina ate and drank to the sound of road construction on Wednesday which included pouring concrete, diesel engines and pounding mallets.

The North LeRoy Street/North Fenton Road expansion project is six weeks in, and on schedule, according to on-site Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) Supervisor Mary

See NORTH LEROY on 15A

Government seeking to lower drunk driving BAC

Considering lowering limit from .08 to .05

By William Axford

Is a .08 blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level too lenient for drivers who have been drinking? The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) thinks so and proposed last month that the federal government lower the BAC level to .05 for every state in America.

According to the government agency, 10,000 people die each year in alcohol-related crashes.

See BAC on 9A

“It’s getting a little ridiculous when you can’t have one drink and have to wonder if you’re OK to drive.”

Kelly Barker, Bartender
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TEENS BUSTED FOR SMOKING POT IN VEHICLE

At 11:30 p.m. on Friday, June 7, Fenton police responded to the 800 block of Oakwood Circle after a caller reported seeing two white males smoking marijuana inside a silver station wagon. Police located the vehicle and spoke with a 19-year-old East Lansing resident and a 19-year-old Fenton Township resident. The officer detected the odor of burnt marijuana and recovered 3 grams from the teens. They were arrested for possession of marijuana and have a July 15 court date. The Fenton Township teen was also ticketed for Under 21 possession as he was in possession of a half-pint of vodka.

‘THIS IS NOT HOWELL?’

A 46-year-old Howell man was arrested by Holly police for operating a vehicle while intoxicated at 11:20 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. A Holly police officer initiated a traffic stop after observing the man’s Chevy Equinox swerving, travelling too

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Couple with local roots launching ‘Ask Dr. Nandi’ medical talk show across the U.S.

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We’ve all watched Dr. Oz, Dr. Phil, and The Doctors, as they entertain, explain and often embarrass their TV viewers with a titillating view of the practice of medicine. One Detroit metro area doctor with local family roots in Fenton is hoping to change all that with his own medical TV show, now in the process of national syndication.

Currently in production for its second season, Ask Dr. Nandi is a Detroit-based medical talk show featuring Dr. Partha Nandi, a gastroenterologist at Beaumont Health System in metro Detroit. The doctor, a graduate of Ohio State University, is married to Kali (Koester) Nandi, R.N., a 1992 graduate of Fenton High School. They live in Sterling Heights with their 10-year-old daughter, 1-year-old son and they have another child due in October.

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Move over, Dr. Oz

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It's time for a revolution

The Times, as it does every year, recently printed the list of Top 10 graduates from each of the area high schools. Each listing contained a photo of the student, their cumulative four-year GPA, a list of accomplishments, their plans for the future, and who their parents are.

Of all the info, what I found most compelling was the fact that the overwhelming majority of Top 10 students came from two-parent households.

This information confirms what common sense already tells us — that children, raised in traditional two-parent households, have immeasurable social and educational advantages over kids raised in single-parent households. Most of these single parents (84 percent to be exact) are moms, not dads. That doesn’t mean moms are bad — it just means they’re not dads. And households without dads are why America is mired in a broken culture of fathers and mothers with broken vows and children with broken hearts.

America’s teen pregnancy rate is the highest in the Western world. Our daughters are looking and behaving more like hookers at younger and younger ages with each passing generation. Teen-aged boys are addicted to pornography at ever-younger ages each year.

And it’s getting worse, not better.

So, how do we — as parents — fix this? How can we combat the forces of evil such as the television and entertainment industry, the Internet, and society in general that profits from our ambivalence toward our precious children? Just think how society could be transformed overnight if every dad of a pre-teen girl sat down with his daughter, took her hands in his, looked her in the eyes and said, “Sweetheart, I love you more than life. You are a priceless treasure to me. I would die to protect your honor. I will always be here for you,” and then shared with her the virtues of modesty, chastity and purity that are the foundation for respecting one’s self, as well as others.

Imagine how young boys and young men would be affected if their dads regularly had frank discussions about the addictive and harmful nature of pornography, drugs and alcohol, admitted to their own battles, and made a pact with their sons to live clean and honorable lives and to respect the women and girls in their lives.

What if dads everywhere started turning off the television and then turned to their children to reclaim their lives from the perveted entertainment industry? Imagine what would happen if absent and failed-fathers across the nation called the sons and daughters they’ve abandoned and begged for forgiveness, and vowed to spend the rest of their lives devoted to them and doing whatever it takes to heal their wounds?

It’s time for a revolution — a social revolution where fathers once again become the moral and spiritual leaders our families secretly and desperately crave. A revolution where fathers strengthen their family by turning away from the decadent society we helped create and turning to God and church.

In celebration of this day — Father’s Day — let’s help lead the revolution for America’s families.

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Readers write

Reward effective teachers

Dear editor,

There is nothing more important to the success of our state than making certain that all our students have access to the best education in the world. Because attracting and retaining great teachers is fundamental to ensuring a world-class education-al system, Michigan must pursue policies that empower schools to do just that.

Recently, the House Education Committee passed House Bill 4625, and I am in full support of this bill, which provides school districts the flexibility to reward effective teachers for their work, regardless of if they have been in the classroom for two or twenty years.

After all of the statistics and research multiple organizations from all across the spectrum have come to the same conclusion. Great teachers and measured outcomes are the key to the success of our students and our ability to compete, grow our economy, and create jobs now and in the future.

— Jeffrey Rauph, Holly

With all the news on cruises, would you still go on one?

“I wouldn’t even if there weren’t any mishaps. Cruises just seem like a waste of time to me.”

— David Senter

“Yeah, accidents won’t happen every time. I’d like to go on a cruise to Alaska.”

— Mary Johnson

“No, I’m just not big on water.”

— Shelly Tackabury

“No, a cruise just doesn’t appeal to me.”

— Ann Leche

“I just recently returned from one and I think they did a great job.”

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Holly shuts dispatch

5-2 vote seals fate, Oakland County dispatch conversion in six weeks

By Tim Jagielo

Holly — After a four-hour and off-times heated meeting on Tuesday, Holly Village Council voted to shut down its dispatch center and contract the service out to Oakland County.

The village will also sell a portion of its equipment for $20,000 to the OCC, effectively making the decision permanent.

A spiral of apprehension and feelings that drew upon topics like concerns for safety, hometown pride and fiscal responsibility came together for one of the most contentious discussions in recent Holly history.

Five Holly Village employees will lose their jobs, though the OCC has one opening for a dispatcher, and all are welcome to apply.

The possibility of closing the dispatch was initially discussed in early April at the first budget work session. This move is projected to save the village around $150,000, allowing for other necessary upgrades like the village ambulance, and savings into the fund balance.

If the village kept the dispatch, it would face a thinly balanced budget with no chance for the “rainy day” fund and aging equipment. Contracting with an outside source would lay off village employees, losing the personal touch residents have enjoyed.

The meeting on Tuesday was the last of several that focused almost entirely on the topic of dispatch, packing the council meeting area to the point where this meeting had to be held at the KRC auditorium. The meeting ground on for more than four hours, with half of that spent by public comment, the other by council discussion.

Emotions and nerves grew raw, and when the council made its decision, half the crowd left, some throwing obscenities at the council.

“We did not do the village people right,” said council member Bob Allsop who along with council member Jackie Campbell, voted against closing the dispatch center. Both wanted to wait a year to further investigate the options available.

“There are other places, and wiser places we can put our money,” said council member Ryan Bladzik, who reasoned that the dispatch was costing residents 20 percent of their taxes.

The village has had its own emergency dispatch since 1986 — last upgraded in 2006. With changing county, and later state requirements, the village was looking at spending $480,000 to get the dispatch into compliance with next-generation equipment, and fulfilling staffing requirements.

The dispatch cost $306,000 each year to fund. It will cost $113,000 for OCC dispatch. Some of that savings is lost with a full-time employee being hired at the village to take up extra work dispatchers did, and one-time costs.

With that point, Bladzik made the motion, and George Kuliss seconded to contract dispatch services with the OCC.

“I think without our dispatch we’re doomed,” said Allsop, who vigorously argued against changing the dispatch, along with Campbell.

Allsop feels that the council is selling what the citizens bought with their millage in 2006, and Campbell is concerned the council is leading residents into another “Silverman-Pulte” fiasco.

As each side made their points, the crowd applauded. The council voted 5-2 to contract with Oakland County.

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Fenton man sentenced for armed robbery

Michael Craig to spend up to 20 years behind bars for holding up Fenton gas station

By Sharon Stone
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Michael Craig, the 23-year-old Fenton man charged with robbing the Clark gas station in Fenton at gunpoint on Jan. 23 was back in Genesee County Circuit Court Monday for his sentencing. Judge Archie Hayman ordered prison time of 21 months to 20 years for the armed robbery. Another two-year sentence for felony firearms, to be served consecutively, was also ordered.

Craig had pleaded guilty as charged on May 16. On Monday, the judge also ordered psychological and substance abuse counseling, as well as vocational training for Craig.

Fenton police responded to a “hold-up” alarm at 2:15 p.m. on Jan. 23 from the Clark gas station located at 436 North LeRoy Street. Seconds after that alarm was activated, the store clerk called 911 to report that a white male, later identified as Craig, had just robbed the station. The clerk said that Craig showed a black pistol that was tucked in his waistband when he demanded the cash from the till. Craig then fled on foot, running east on Third Street.

About an hour later, Fenton police located Craig at a nearby home. After a brief standoff, Craig was taken into custody. His gun and evidence was recovered from the home. As a precautionary measure, Tonnek-Eastern Elementary School, just a few blocks away had been placed on a lockdown.

Some homeowners opting out of smart meters

Consumers and DTE charging big bucks to keep traditional meters

By William Axford
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Although there have been no proven cases of harm from smart meters, some homeowners are still wary of the new technology and don’t want them installed on their homes.

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy have created an opt-out program which customers can choose to keep their analog meters.

DTE customers must pay a one-time fee of $67.20 and a monthly fee of $9.80. DTE spokesperson Alejandro Bodipo-Memba said the analog technology is no longer created and costs more to upkeep than smart meters.

“Advanced meters use very low-power radio frequency waves to transmit utility usage to DTE Energy. Several devices, such as microwave ovens, cell phones and baby monitors, produce stronger radio frequency (RF) fields than advanced utility meters,” Bodipo-Memba said. “For example, a person speaking on a cell phone has up to 1,000 times more RF exposure than a person standing two feet from an advanced meter. Similarly, a person using a microwave oven can experience up to 500 times more RF exposure than a person standing near an advanced meter.”

DTE Energy has installed about a million smart meters this year and plans to have 1.2 million meters installed by the end of this year.

Consumers Energy will also be installing smart meter across the state and plan to have a meter on every home between 2017 and 2019. According to the company’s website, smart meters send frequencies that are “the equivalent of sending one text message a day” and that all meters meet the mandatory health guidelines set by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) ruled the meters as safe last summer, finding no adverse health effects to having the meters attached to homes.

Still, some advocacy groups are pushing to opt out of smart meters. Michigan Stop Smart Meters believes the new, advanced meters “threaten our privacy, health, safety and pocketbooks.” The group Refuse Smart Meters believes the new meters may have health effects from radiation, increase utility costs and invade the privacy of a homeowner.

In addition to the FCC and the MPSC findings, energy companies have said that any data collected will not be shared with other companies.

“Also, we also have extensive experience in information protection. DTE Energy follows Department of Energy security standards to keep the electrical grid secure and to protect customer information,” Alejandro Bodipo-Memba said.

Consumers Energy has not had a final fee set for customers who want to opt out of smart meters. For more information, Consumers Energy can be reached at 1-800-649-5050. DTE Energy can be reached at 1-800-477-4747.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

Let’s review – Delegating authority for decisions does not absolve the delega-
tor (president) from responsibility for the decisions of his staff. So far, Obama has promised Susan Rice for lying – IRS people discussing the president’s options. But then, what would they have done if they were the president? And they would not be very happy with the IRS people either.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY Rico! Love, Bean.

WOULD YOU USE cuss words in a job inter-
view? Then why do they use them in public where my kids can hear them. Grow up.

Did you see the news? Many congressional people in Washington are going to quit because the Affordable Care Act is going to cost them too much money. You get the government you deserve people.

One ordinance that the city should consider is doing away with poplar trees (cottonwood). They have been determined to cause Bella Toma.

FREE FAMILY SUMMER ACTIVITIES BEGIN WITH MOVIE ‘DESCpicable ME’ THIS WEDNESDAY

Free Family Summer Activities will kick-off a summer of fun events with a free licensed showing of the animated feature “Despicable Me.” The next free show will be Saturday, July 13 at NCG Trillium Center. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the movie begins at 10 a.m. Seating is limited to 200 so guests are asked to call (810) 629-4900 to reserve their seats. The next free show will be Saturday, July 13 at NCG Trillium in Grand Blanc with the showing of “Despicable Me 2.”

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Many appalled by Goldstar Mother’s exclusion from parade

Some members of VFW were unaware of decision

By William Axford

Linden — For the first time in years, Goldstar Member Barbara Kincaid was omitted from Linden’s Memorial Day Parade. Due to decisions made by organizers with the Price Craner Robinsons VFW Post 4642, Kincaid’s traditional role of laying wreaths at Fairview Cemetery and flowers at the Linden Mill Pond were not a part of this year’s ceremony.

Kincaid still donned her white outfit however, paying tribute to fallen soldiers after VFW members had their parade.

Members of the community were shocked that Kincaid was not included in the parade.

“I was very saddened and disappointed to hear that she had been terminated from the parade,” said Ann Mahnke, whose husband Gary has been post commander in the past. “I think their decision was very short-sighted and was a step backward from past parades. My husband was an advocate for women and always made sure Kincaid was in the parade.”

Kincaid was given support by many Linden residents and, along with her husband David, was honored as Linden’s Citizen of the Year.

According to others who attended the parade, some VFW members were unaware of Kincaid’s omission from the parade and were upset about the decision.

“Lots of people didn’t know she was excluded and were quite upset. People said it was wrong,” said Linden resident Marsha Fenton.

Gold Star Mothers is a nationally recognized group of mothers who have lost a son or daughter during their military service. Kincaid has been involved with the organization for more than 20 years and has appeared in many Memorial Day Parades, VFW’s and other military events.

Kincaid didn’t let the decision interfere with paying her own tribute and is surprised by the public’s reaction.

“A lot of people came up to me with a lot of very nice, positive comments,” Kincaid said. “They thought it was important that I did show up.”

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Livingston County testing its emergency response

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This mock drill, which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brighton High School, will test emergency services to the community during a public health emergency. Volunteers will proceed through a Mass Dispensing Clinic to receive mock medications. The event has been designed to simulate a scenario involving a biological agent terrorist attack.

The volunteers will greatly assist the county in evaluating the clinic process so that it can be better prepared in a true emergency.

To register, contact the Livingston County Department of Public Health by emailing jkramer@co.livingston.mi.us or calling (517) 552-6819.

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had to work overtime when he was employed to help clothes, feed and take on vacation a number of kids who became his own through a myriad of life’s circumstances. Now the only one at home is the family’s German exchange student, Tom Pippel, who’ll be with the Spears family for just five more weeks after extending his visit from one to two years.

“He’s a great second dad,” said Pip- pel, whose parents, Heiko and Ricarda, have been visiting here with the Spear family for several weeks from their home in Germany.

Addison, now 24, admits he’d bring home kids from school like some people would bring home stray pets. “I always wanted to have brothers and sisters, and now I feel like I do. Some would stay for a few days, while others actually lived with us for years.”

One such “son” is Jordan Hiltz, 24, who lived with the Spear family through all his years at Holly High School. “I lived with my mom until I was 9, then went to live with my dad until I was 15,” said Hiltz, a military police officer with the U.S. Marines in Maryland. He’s now married and the father of two young daughters. “I met the Spears through Addison, and actually lived with them throughout all of my high school years in Holly.”

Hiltz says that Hollie and Jen are some of the best people he’s ever known and is proud to call them Mom and Dad. “I’ve been unofficially adopted by this family,” he added. “It means a lot to me. My own biological father never once came out to see me when I graduated from boot camp, etc. Dad Spear’s been out here twice to see me. They’re the ones I come to visit when I come home.” In fact, he’ll be bringing his family from Maryland to spend Father’s Day with the Spears.

Spear also had a huge career influence on North Oakland County Fire Author- ity (NOFCA) firefighter and EMT Nick Rule of Holly. “He lived across the street from us while growing up here. When he was 18,” said Spear. “They moved out of Holly and Nick had already gotten a job at NOFCA, he moved in with us for more than two years, so he could continue working there.”

Rule said that Spear has always been that person who he could go to, to talk things over. “He’s an outstanding guy, but he’ll let you make your own decisions,” he said. “I call both of the Spears Mom and Dad and I see them at least a couple of times a week. They’re very approachable, and kind to earth. He’s been a father figure to me and a very good friend.”

Nick’s younger brother Tyler, 19, also stayed with the Spears for a few months so he could continue his education at Holly High School when his parents moved. Now he’s a student at Kettering University. “He’s a second dad to me,” said Tyler. “I consider all the Spears to be my family.”

Not only has Spear been a father figure to so many, he’s also a grandfather to all the children of the kids he helped mentor over the years. “To this day, they still come back to us, with their wives and children. They call my husband, Dad, and their kids call him Grandpa, too,” said Jennifer.
Director assures members project is on right path

Loose senior center expects to start soon after building inspector returns from vacation

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Linden — The future of the Loose Senior Citizen Center awaits on the desk of Jason Payne, building inspector for the city of Linden. Carl Gabrielson, director of the senior center, said while organizers of the center have faced a few hiccups while securing permits, construction of a new building should be underway in the near future.

Security for the final building permit will be delayed at least a week however, as Payne is currently on vacation.

“If it all goes well and the gentleman gets back from the city and signs our building permit, we’ll hopefully be doing construction within the next 10 days,” Gabrielson said Thursday at the Loose Senior Citizen Center. “But we cannot act until the gentleman gets back, who did not find a way to get those (permits) signed prior to his leaving for vacation and therefore that we are on track, on line. The building will take roughly four months to do.”

Plans to renovate the senior center were first presented in 2009 but then abandoned due to economic hardships. In September 2011, one of the center’s buildings caught fire, sparking renewed interest in renovating the center. The new building is projected to cost nearly $875,000 and will be 6,066 square feet. Once completed, the new building may be rented out to the public for events such as weddings or baby showers.

Some Loose members were not satisfied with the delay in construction.

“The city of Linden doesn’t show any of us any degree of urgency that they have any business function,” said Bob Davidson. “Just look at all the closed up buildings here, you can’t run a business in Linden.”

Gabrielson said large projects such as this take time and that city officials and boards do not share the same sense of urgency on renovations as members do.

Anybody who’s been involved in a building project — and this one is close to a million dollars and it takes a lot of effort to get it done — knows there are unforeseen delays and those delays were taken care of,” Gabrielson said. “You need to just discuss things and get them moving along. The thing you have to remember is that when we’re doing a project, you’re dealing with a lot of different departments.”

Construction was originally scheduled to begin in April and concluded by October. Gabrielson said the main building of the center will remain open through most of the construction and may only close during the days new doors are being installed. Gabrielson said the center currently has 3,866 members.

BAC

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each year from auto crashes involving alcohol, with 173,000 people injured a year. The NTSB estimates roughly 300,000 drivers are alcohol impaired every day.

In addition to lowering the BAC level, the board recommends requiring ignition interlocks for all drinking and driving offenders; establishing more on road sobriety checkpoints, and holding repeat offenders to tougher penalties.

Lowering the BAC level might not be as successful as the NTSB proposes it to be.

“If the BAC is that low, we’ll have to enforce it. DUIs can be fought in court so that’s why we do sobriety testing,” said Sgt. Julie Bemus of the Holly Police Department.

In Bemus’ experience of assessing driving under the influence of alcohol, most drivers were over the .08 BAC limit and usually don’t reveal that they are impaired until it comes to sobriety tests. Having a .05 BAC limit may cause more tickets but it’ll make it harder for police to convince judges that drivers were impaired by alcohol, especially if they are seasoned drinkers.

“There are people who can handle alcohol really well. We’ve had people blow double (the legal limit) and seem really normal,” Bemus said. “I’ve made a lot of arrests for drunk driving but not a single one was under .08, unless there were drugs present.”

A lower BAC level could impact businesses too. After reeling from the 2010 smoking ban, bars see fewer patrons, especially those who worry about becoming intoxicated faster than others.

“It would definitely have a negative effect on a tiny person like me,” said Kelly Barker, a bartender at Legends Sports Bar and Grill. “It’s getting a little ridiculous when you can’t have one drink and have to wonder if you’re OK to drive.”

By comparison, most countries in Europe and South America have a .05 BAC limit where Canada joins the U.S. in having a .08 BAC limit. The National Safety Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Mothers Against Drunk Driving have yet to request the proposal of a lower BAC.

State Rep. Joseph Graves (R—Argentine Township) believes the NTSB should be required to show more intensive data proving lowering the BAC level will save lives. If the .05 limit is passed, Graves said Michigan legislatures would be pressured to meet the .05 BAC limit since the federal government can restrict funds for road match programs to states who don’t comply.

“I think they’ll have to justify it to Congress. It can’t just be arbitrary numbers,” Graves said. There has been no word from national media outlets yet if Congress is considering the proposal, which was presented last month.

“If depending on size, a small person like me, I’d be concerned about it, even if I had one drink with dinner,” Barker said.

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With summer just days away, families are likely already planning their vacation getaways. Whether you are heading up to Mackinac or south to Cedar Point, you may be asking yourself where Buddy fits into the vacation plans.

Pet owners have a few options — should the pet travel or is their vacation better off spent at home?

More than 25,000 hotels across the country allow pets, so a road trip with your pet is a possibility. Finding one may be a more of a challenge than a typical hotel, but with a little forethought it won’t be difficult to plan your route accordingly. Even though pets are allowed at these hotels it does not give Buddy freedom to be a pest or a nuisance — no one likes a loud dog or a mess left by a rowdy pup.

If you are spending a particularly long time on the road, you will want to exercise them. It’s dangerous for your lapdog to sit with you in the car. In the event of a crash its chances of survival are extremely low. While they may not like it, keeping your pet in a crate while traveling is the safest option for them.

If you are traveling by air, some airlines allow animals in the cabin. Some also allow pets in the cargo hold. However, whether a pet is allowed can be determined by many variables — the airline company, the model of airplane, and even the time of year can all impact your ability to find a flight that does allow pets.

Keep in mind that with fewer flight options available, it will be harder to find better airfare deals. Just as with pets in hotels, you will want to make sure our pet is well behaved, or rethink taking them entirely.

Sometimes, it just does not make sense to take your animal with you. In addition to potential extra monetary costs, a prolonged trip can be stressful not only for the animal, but can add extra stress in a time when you are trying to relax. In those cases, you may either have to call in a personal favor from a friend or family member, or seek out the professionals.

“It’s always good if you can travel with them of course. But a local kennel can do really well,” said Kris Weber, manager of Bennington Hills Kennels.

Weber says that finding the right kennel is about asking the right questions. Do they require dogs to have their rabies and bordetella vaccinations? Do they charge for food and medicine? Are there any extra fees? This is an important information Weber said you should learn about a kennel before leaving your animal with them.

Kennel cough is like a cold that dogs can get and pass around. “Bordetella vaccine covers kennel cough,” said Vicky Bales of Fenton Veterinary Clinic. It’s not 100 percent. It’s like the flu vaccine, it doesn’t cover all the strains of kennel cough, but it’s the best protection that we have.”

It is also good to know if the kennel will have someone available around the clock to watch the animals. “We live on site, which is a big deal,” Weber said.

“If something happens in the middle of the night they are there to check. If it’s a 4 a.m. and everyone is going crazy, we can be back in the kennel in a matter of minutes.” Weber also said to make sure the kennel is associated with a vet in case medical problems arise.

The most important thing is cleanliness. “If they won’t let you see what the actual kennel looks like where the dogs stay versus just the office setting, then that is something you need to question as well,” Weber said.
Put your best foot forward

How to find the running shoe that best suits your feet

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Much like Prince Charming’s search to find the perfect slipper for his princess, you also want to find a pair of shoes that are suited for your feet. If you are an over-pronator, you’ll find excessive arch and instability can cause you problems.

When buying running and walking shoes ...

Shoes should generally be replaced every 500 miles. For an active person this can be six to 12 months. This will change depending on some factors such as your weight, activity level and if shoes are used inside or outside. Physical inspection of shoes is also important. The soles have uneven or excessive wear, it should be replaced. If there is a breakdown of leather or other materials it should be replaced. For summer sandals, we recommend and carry a full line of Spenco Orthotic sandals in the office. They have built-in arch for over-pronators.

Dr. James Hirt’s recommended shoe list for 2013

For over-pronators:

- Motion control running shoes
  - New Balance — 1540, 587 and 1340
  - Brooks — Addiction 10
  - Asics — Gel-Evolution 6 Asics, Gel-Fortitude 5 Asics, Gel-Found 10 Asics
  - Adidas — Adidas Supernova Sequence 4 and Adidas Adistar Salvation 3

For neutral foot:

- Stability running shoes
  - Asics — Asics Gel Phoenix 4, Asics Gel-Rebel and Asics Gel Neo 33
  - Brooks — Brooks Adrenaline GTS 12, Brooks Trance 11 and Brooks Pure Cadence

For over-pronators:

- Motion control walking shoes
  - New Balance — 909 Trail and 659
  - Brooks — Beast, Ariel and Addiction Walker
  - Asics — Asics Gel 4 to 8 Walker
  - Saucony — Saucony ProGrid Stabil LE and Saucony Grid Integrity

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Dr. James Hirt, a podiatrist in Fenton, explains what different foot types require in a running shoe and running shoe store owner Mike Bauman explains the process he goes through to find each customer their perfect shoe.

Put your best foot forward

This running shoe, the New Balance 1540, is at the top of Dr. James Hirt’s recommended shoes for over-pronators. If you are an over-pronator, you’ll find excessive wear on the inner side of your running shoes. Knock-knees or flat feet contribute to over-pronation.

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Wings and Wheels gives flight to ill patients

Pilots and volunteers seek community’s help to fund plane rides for those in need

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Linden — A large orange-red airplane gleams in the sunlight on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by a white and red-striped plane and a shiny silver classic car.

These are small samples of what is to be shown at the Wings and Wheels car and airplane show and pancake breakfast. Wings of Mercy President Cody Welch, and pilot Tim Draeger are hosting the event.

“Everyone says you should give time, talent and treasure, but when you give a talent it is amazing to give that benefit to people,” Draeger said. “There are very few of us that can fly and fewer every year. This group allows me to give all of those three in great measure.”

Wings of Mercy is run by a small staff of volunteer workers and by pilots who donate their aircraft, time and often even fuel for the benefit of the patients. Wings of Mercy transports ill patients that cannot withstand long drives or cannot afford a commercial plane ticket.

Draeger’s plane has a 90-gallon tank and currently airplane fuel costs $5.75 a gallon. With Rochester, Minn. (Mayo Clinic), being the group’s most frequented destination, costs can add up quickly. The cost can escalate even further when pilots take a twin-engine plane, averaging upward of $1,000 for a round-trip, not including oil or other maintenance.

“Wings and Wheels is a brand new fundraiser for us,” Draeger said. “This is only our second year. This event could fund five or six patient visits.”

The event takes place from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. The pancake breakfast is all-you-can-eat and costs $7 for adults and $5 for children. There will be a parking charge is $5 per car and there is a shuttle to take visitors to and from Linden Mills Days.

Wings of Mercy also collects donations with their PayPal account from WingsatMI.org. One-hundred percent of the proceeds go toward funding patient flights.

“We fly anywhere with kids as young as 1 or 2, to senior citizens,” Draeger said.

There will also be airplane rides given at the Wings and Wheels event. Children 8-17 may ride for free with adult permission. Paid airplane rides at $40 per person and proceeds will go to charity as well. This year, Wings of Mercy aims to raise $6,000 in funds with the help of Bill Hobbs, president of Bill Hobbs (248) River Rides.

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Tim Draeger, Wings of Mercy pilot

Summer food program begins June 17

Holly Area Schools sponsors free meals for children, students

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Holly Area Schools is sponsoring a Summer Food Service program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by the State or local public educational agency.

Meals will be provided at these sites:
• Holly Elementary School, 801 East Maple St., Holly
• Patterson Elementary School, 3231 Grange Hall Rd., Holly

These two elementary schools will serve breakfast from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, from June 17 to Aug. 16 — with the exception of July 4-5, in observance of Independence Day.

Some meals will also be provided by the River Downtown Church, 11 College Street — call church at (248) 328-0490 for details and the First Baptist Church, 15030 North Holly Rd. — call church at (248) 634-8772 for details.
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An ‘incredible eye-opening experience’

Missionary work takes local man to Cuba

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Not many Americans get to say they have been to Cuba, but Ken Hill of Fenston Township has not only been there — he wants to go back. Last month, Hill went with a group from Rick Amato Ministries to do missionary work in a country that has a troubled diplomatic relationship with our own.

Hill first heard of the idea from a friend of his pastor, who went to Cuba on a mission trip over Thanksgiving. “He came back and shared these stories and how great it was and how the love of God was there,” Hill said.

When he heard that another trip was being planned, and asked if he would like to go, Hill was not certain at first. After consulting with his pastor, his wife, and praying, he decided to give it a shot.

“What sold me on the idea was when they said they were going to go to a children’s hospital and an orphanage to talk to kids,” Hill said. “I’ve got a big love of kids.”

Making the decision to do missionary work in Cuba is not an easy thing to do — and as Hill would discover, neither is actually getting to Cuba.

“Being a communist country and with the embargo to Cuba, you can’t travel as a U.S. citizen to Cuba directly,” Hill said. “We had to apply for religious visas in order to get in there.”

After a 90-day process, the Cuban Department of Religious Affairs gave them authorization to fly from Miami to Cuba. Hill’s group had to present a detailed itinerary of what they intended to do, where they were going to visit, and the overall intent of their trip.

Making matters more complicated, when Hill received his visa, the passport number was correct, though his name was not. “I’m going to this country to try and do God’s work and I have this visa that was wrong. I don’t know what’s going to happen. I didn’t know if I wouldn’t be allowed into the country or not be allowed out of the country once I got there.”

Hill was held up in customs for several hours — during which time the bibles and bible tracts were temporarily confiscated — though he eventually made it through. Humanitarian items the group had taken, such as toys, toothbrushes, medicine, and more, were allowed through.

“I was stuck for hours, while everyone else got through and out the door. There was me, speaking no Spanish, and them speaking no English, and they kept shaking the bible tracts at me.”

After eventually making his way through customs, stepping out into Havana was like stepping into another world.

“It’s a very poor country. Seeing the old cars was amazing. They had thousands of ’57 Bel Air convertibles. Beautiful custom cars that you would see at custom car shows — these things are everywhere down there from the pre-embargo days.”

Hill said they were not welcomed with open arms at first. That changed upon reaching the hospitals, orphanages and churches. “They didn’t receive us like a visitor from out of town, they received us like a relative,” he said.

Hill said they did a lot of traveling, bringing gifts to the people there, and sharing testimony of their faith. Others in his group did administrative work, setting up the foundation for following missionary trips that would be coming through afterward.

After seven physically and emotionally demanding days, Hill said he had to just collapse upon returning home. Yet, he would do it again in a heartbeat.

“It was an incredible eye-opening experience. I went down there with the impression that I was there to offer them something, to talk to them and share my stories and testimonies,” Hill said. “Yet I’m the one that was changed as a result of it.”

The entire experience would not have been possible without his wife Dana, who Hill thanked for her continued love and support. “She has helped me to explore opportunities like this for me to grow as a husband, a dad, and as a Christian.”

Local Ken Hill traveled to Cuba with a missionary group taking medicine, toys, and bibles, although the trip was not easy.

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NORTH LEROY
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Graham. Aside from wet weather slowing them down, everything is “going fine.”

The first portion of the road project which involves North LeRoy Street was originally projected to end before July 4. Mother Nature has other plans however, and construction is now expected to continue for a few weeks past Independence Day.

“We experienced inclement weather which slowed us down,” said Fred Peivandi, director of engineering for the Genesee County Road Commission.

Those who make a habit of taking further north into Fenton Township though will continue to bear with the construction until October. Despite the delays, Peivandi said that the project is still projected to meet its original anticipated end date.

“At the restaurant, workers with Eastlund Concrete Construction Inc. pour and mold approaches to parking lots on the west side of the street, which closes one entrance while it is being completed.

“We try to give ‘em a nice road then get out of their hair,” said Graham. She said the GCRC tried to work with businesses. Signs announcing that all businesses are open line the road heading south, and entrances are marked — but confusion is still possible.

Construction equipment and difficult-to-see parking lot entrances are just two problems that businesses in the area have had to put up with, according to Joe Sirl, manager of Fenton Winery and Brewery.

“It’s definitely reduced the walk-in traffic quite a bit,” Sirl said. “A lot of people have just written off the hassle and aren’t on this side of town as much because of it.”

The project is in Phase I. South of Butler Road at Skipper Bud’s Marina, workers with Zito Construction install the storm sewer system, which includes an 84-inch drain structure, and a lot of concrete pipe already piled along the road.

The southbound side of North LeRoy will be paved first. After which, Graham said the inside lane will be under construction and traffic will drive on the far east and west sides of the road for Phase II.

Through traffic will experience a disruption when the road is closed in late June, with most traffic diverted around that stretch of road for Phase III.

As of now, the first three phases should be done by the end of July. The project budget is $2.9 million, in state, county and some local city funds.

Staff reporter Ryan Zuckabur contributed to this story.
Summertime is convertible time

Sporty and fun, convertibles are finally in season

By Tim Jagielo

As the temperatures rise, the convertibles come out. Another name for a convertible is a cabriolet or cabrio and most are sporty or luxury-car based.

The first cars and coaches were without roofs, windshields or permanent coverage of any kind, according to Popular Mechanics. Early canvas soft tops, or “rag tops” were noisy, insecure and poorly weather-sealed. Hard-top vehicles were introduced in the early 20th century, but convertibles never went away.

Over the last century, soft tops improved, and hard convertible tops were introduced. Some companies also experimented with four-door cars with sliding canvas roofs with the B and C pillars. Most recently, the last generation of the Jeep Liberty built a sliding canvas roof. Jeep Wranglers and their two-door predecessors have also always offered a top-down experience.

Amanda Teeter-Hoffman of Fenton Township was looking for better gas mileage when she took the plunge and bought a 2007 Mitsubishi Spyder with a gray rag top.

The sporty two-door has a V6 engine, and four seats — though she describes the back seat as more of a “cubby hole” than a legitimate place to sit. “I did put eight bags of mulch from Home Depot there the other day,” she said.

Last year her life changed significantly, with work changing from a 10-minute drive to one taking 45 minutes. Her first thought was to save on gas, because at that time she was driving a full-size Chevy truck. She and her husband also do not have any children so the limited space works for her. Her convertible saves her $250 per month in gas.

Her convertible is simple to use. She flips two latches in the front and pushes a

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Amanda Teeter-Hoffman of Fenton Township enjoys her Mazda convertible in ideal weather. The car suits her needs as it is reasonable on gas and fun to drive.
‘Road trip’ ready

Whether you’re going for a day trip or a two-week vacation, have your car checked out before you hit the road.

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You’re packed, the neighbor kid is going to mow the lawn and the dog has been taken to the kennel. You’re all ready for a summer road trip, but you’ve got one more important detail to take care of: getting your car ready for the drive.

Whether your road trip is 100 miles to your cabin up north or 1,000 miles out west, you’ll want to make sure that your vehicle is up for the job. “We see older and older cars on the road,” said Don Whitney, fixed operations director for Randy Wise Buick/GMC in Fenton. “It doesn’t matter how old your car is. It all depends on how well you’ve taken care of it and maintained it.”

Most local dealerships will provide you with a free multi-point inspection that will be well worth your time. Here are a few suggestions from Mike Agnone, the Service department at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton:

**Fluids**
If you can’t remember the last time you checked, changed or topped off your oil, coolant, transmission, windshield washer, power steering or brake fluid, swap them out for brand new. A $30 oil change is much cheaper than a new engine.

**Filters**
Check all your filters, from engine air filter to air cabin filter, according to Agnone. If filters are dirty, it will lower your fuel economy and efficiency. Replace spark plugs to your owner’s manual’s recommendations.

**Hoses and belts**
These connect the entire system, so a loose connection might send you hiking. Make sure all hoses and belts aren’t cracked, brittle or loose, suggested Agnone.

**Tires**
Check the pressure and depth of tread, advises Agnone. You’ll get better gas mileage and vehicle handling. Have them rotated and inspected, too. Since a slowdown on the highway is one of life’s scariest moments, err on the side of caution and replace any tires that are getting bald.

**Brakes**
With the vehicle’s wheels off, take a look at the brakes to make sure the rotors aren’t warped or cracked. Do they have deep grooves or are the pads worn close to their minimum clearance?

**On the little things . . .**
- **Windshield wipers** — if they’re more than 6 months old, it’s time for new ones. There’s nothing worse than navigating foreign territory behind a windshield you can’t see through.
- **Vehicle lights** — a burnt out bulb is a fast way to get a visit from a local police department in a strange land.
- **Clean your car** — give your car a good top to bottom cleaning, pulling out all unnecessary items from the backseat and trunk. Doing so will improve fuel efficiency and driving and riding comfort. Clean windows will improve your visibility and safety.
- “It’s a good idea to plan ahead,” said Agnone. “Plan to bring your vehicle in at least two days before your trip.”

All vehicle fluids should be inspected before a trip, no matter how short. Get your vehicle checked out at least two days before departing.

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Auto sales continue to pick up in 2013

Leasing continues to grow in popularity

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Is now a good time to go car shopping? That’s what many people across the country seem to think.

Figures from May have shown that customers have eased off the brake pedal when it comes to purchasing new vehicles, with an increase in sales across the board for car manufacturers.

Ford saw a sales increase of 14 percent, and Chrysler an increase of 11 percent. General Motors sold 252,894 vehicles in May — the highest monthly sales in almost five years.

This has been an ongoing recent trend that has helped 2013 shape up to be a good year for car sales — of which there has been a significant local impact as well.

Chevys continue to be popular, and Vic Canever Chevrolet has also noticed an increase in sales.

“It’s definitely a steady increase. We’re seeing an increase in sales and they are becoming more steady. Not a dramatic change, but it certainly helps us out,” Jeff Canever said.

Canever said that the Cruze, Malibu, and Equinox continue to be their best sellers. “The Silverados are getting a lot of traction. The 2014 Impalas have been getting a lot of good looks.”

Another big trend that Canever has seen returning is the use of leases to pay for the vehicles.

“Leases are back. They are much cheaper in most respects than a retail buy. It’s very attractive to get a new car every two or three years,” Canever said.

“We have absolutely seen an increase in sales, and we are very happy about it,” said Lisa Consiglio, new car manager at Randy Wise.

Trucks have been big sellers, and are moving fast due to the number of rebates available on them at the moment, according to Consiglio.

Coming to the lot now are also the new 2014 Sierras. “A lot of people have been asking about them, and now they get a chance to see it,” Consiglio said.
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to shelter the vehicle. She said caring for breeze and just a little sun make the ride down when it’s 70-75 degrees out. A cool the lake. It’s a perfect drive with the top top down. There are two holes in the canvas top is more work to take care of, sometimes the sun is too hot to have the top down. There are two holes in the roof that she patched with duct tape and super glue. With any soft top, break-ins are easier.

All that considered she still likes her purchase. “Driving with the top down is like being in a vintage movie,” she said. “My favorite is when we are headed down wooded back roads or riding past the lake. It’s a perfect drive with the top down when it’s 70-75 degrees out. A cool breeze and just a little sun make the ride the most fun.”

She would recommend having a garage to shelter the vehicle. She said caring for the top causes stress, and being exposed to the elements creates more wear.

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It’s a show that came about solely by a chance conversation at a dinner party, when one guest noticed Nandi’s passion in answering a medical question from another guest, whose father was facing a serious diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

“It turned out the guest was an independent TV producer from Los Angeles, who felt that Partha had the skills to have these kinds of conversations on the air,” said Kali.

While the Nandis had never expected to put themselves in the limelight, they felt it was an opportunity not to be missed for educating the public. “Our goal is to reach all people and inform them about their health needs without sensationalism,” said Nandi. "Another goal is to filter Google information so that people know what questions to ask their doctors and become advocates for their own health care.”

Ask Dr. Nandi is currently being filmed in the Detroit metro area. Filmed in front of a live audience, it airs daily at 1 p.m. EST on The Impact Network. In Detroit, it’s on Comcast channels 397 and 400 or on Dish Channel 268. It’s also played on Stellar Television in Fresno, Sacramento and Bakersfield. You can also watch it on www.AskDrNandi.com and click on Stream Live.

“Dr. Oz and The Doctors are excellent shows, but we want to provide a more thoughtful perspective, rather than just entertain,” said Nandi, who was born in Calcutta, India but moved to the U.S. at the age of 9. “We stick to one topic per show, where we can be more in depth between a doctor and a real patient, while allowing the audience to ask questions. Then we boil it down to a ‘prescription’ at the end of the show, so that people know exactly what they need to do with this medical information. Our goal is to create an environment as if you were actually visiting my office.”

According to Nandi, it’s a little less like Dr. Oz and more of a medical lifestyle show, dealing with the body and mind. “We want to challenge ideas, investigate and get the real answers,” he said.

Because the show is on a tight budget, most of the time-consuming legwork in finding experts and guests falls to the Nandis, who also write the scripts for each show. Kali serves as executive producer, booking all guests, coordinating crew and getting the audience in place. With Nandi’s schedule as a full-time doctor in private practice in Troy and the couple’s family responsibilities, the workload is daunting. “It’s a lot of work but working together has been a lot of fun as well,” said the couple, on a recent phone interview.

Interestingly, there’s more than one local connection to this story. Another former Fenton woman, Jennifer Sawalha, works as a writer and producer in Los Angeles, and has worked with Dr. Phil, Tyra Banks, the OWN network. She has taken on some of the production responsibilities for Ask Dr. Nandi, working toward national syndication for the show. Also, Fenton native Kristen Wolosonowich handles the marketing for the show.

Sawalha says there is a viable, national audience for the format, especially in cable news, where more and more shows are striving to be both entertaining and serious in content. “People out here (in California) are selling shows on a daily basis,” said Sawalha. “It’s just not that easy to get any show on TV, so Partha’s already in the cool kids’ club.”

But staying local in Michigan is a huge priority for this Midwestern couple. The Michigan Film Office has also gotten into the act of Ask Dr. Nandi, Season 2 was awarded an incentive of $972,518 on $3,152,623 of projected in-state expenditures. The project expects to hire 30 Michigan workers with a full-time equivalent of 39 jobs.

“Dr. Partha Nandi has remained committed to filming his television show here in Michigan, and viewers will see the series continue to grow in its second season,” said Margaret O’Riley, director of the Michigan Film Office, and also a Fenton native. “The show is filmed, produced and edited all here in Michigan, making it a great fit for our incentive program.”

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slow and randomly stopping as it traveled on South Broad. The driver appeared to be intoxicated. When asked if he knew where he was, the driver said he had been at a bachelor’s party in Highland and was on his way home to Howell. When told he was in Holly, the man said, “This is not Howell?” The driver blew a .24 on the preliminary breath test and was subsequently arrested. Armstead’s Towing impounded the vehicle. The man’s license was destroyed and a temporary one was issued, pending an arrest warrant.

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Host of Detroit-based medical TV show, Ask Dr. Nandi

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We’ve got an app for that

Times offers extensive mobile app services for area businesses

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Businesses need them and the online marketing department at the Tri-County Times can provide them. We’re talking about mobile apps.

If you own a restaurant, retail store, or any business that provides a service, as a smart business strategy, you will want to have a mobile-friendly website, customized specifically for your business by the Times.

Studies have shown that 51 percent of online searches lead to a purchase and 97 percent of smartphone owners have their phones within their reach 24/7.

If people are out running errands, they will likely be doing an array of searches on their smartphone or tablet. Tri-County Times Senior Online Marketing Specialist Mindy Monroe said mobile-friendly websites will show up at the top of search engine results from a mobile search, which shows that having a mobile-friendly website is crucial for connecting businesses with customers.

The Times mobile app service makes your current website mobile friendly without the expense of having to redesign it for mobile devices. It also has a marketing platform that will save business owners time, which they can then put toward growing their business.

Through this platform a business owner, someone they’ve designated at the business or the Times online staff can, with one click of a button, send out announcements up to four different ways. Businesses can send out email blasts and text messages to their customers, post a message on their business’ Facebook page or send out a tweet on Twitter. Any or all of these methods can be done simply through your smartphone or computer, any time, any place.

If you would prefer that the Times take care of sending out these alerts, a regular schedule can be worked out to suit your business’ needs or sent out whenever your need arises.

Monroe wants to remind business owners that posts on Facebook and Twitter are easily and often shared, thus creating more traffic to your business.

Another feature the Times offers is its Reputation Management System. Reading reviews—good and bad—can influence a customer’s decision and the top three sites for reviews are Google Plus, Four-Square and Yelp, according to Monroe.

The Reputation Management System includes a “rate our service” option where customers can give a thumbs up or down about your business. The business owner will receive an immediate alert via text or email every time a review is given. This gives the business an opportunity to respond immediately to the customer’s comment.

“It is important to know what people are saying,” said Monroe. She added that the customer submitting the review will receive a notice that their submission is being looked at. “The more comments, the better,” said Monroe. “It helps with search engines.”

Other features with the Times package include a “quick call” feature, an overview of the business, social media connections, VIP offers and coupons, reservations and appointments, business commercials or YouTube videos.

Monroe said the biggest thing that sets these mobile apps apart from other app companies is that the Times will also promote your business’ QR code in the Tri-County Times newspaper. “No one reaches as many people in this area as the Times,” said Monroe.

Phil Canup, owner of Beale St. Smokehouse BBQ in Fenton had the Times create a mobile app for his popular restaurant. “It’s a really cool concept,” he said. He likes the fact that people can get to his menu quickly and dial the restaurant for “to go” orders.

“It’s cool that you can go to our website,” Canup said.

Guests dining at Beale St. will see the signs on every table that promote their Times-created mobile app. “I’ve seen people scan the QR code so that they will have it on their phone.”

Stan Brunhuber, owner of Stan’s Fireplace and Chimney Service is also happy with the mobile app that the Times created for his business. “More and more younger people, especially those in their 30s and 40s, don’t go on their computer anymore. They use their phone. To reach them, you need an app,” Brunhuber said. “It’s easy to ready and access. It’s fantastic.”

Brunhuber especially likes how he can type out one message and it goes immediately to his company’s Facebook page and Twitter account. He has not taken advantage of the email blasts yet, however, he is looking forward to sending out specials soon.

Summing up his experience with his mobile app, Brunhuber said, “It’s just wonderful. It’s the best money for advertising right now.”

A customized mobile app for your business has a $179 set-up fee, and $47 monthly service fee (or a one time payment of $479 per year). To take advantage of the Reputation Management System or text message system, there are additional fees. To get started, it’s as easy as calling your Times sales consultant.
Defending state champs Marian edge Fenton, 2-1

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Fenton — Fenton’s sixth-ranked varsity girls soccer team wanted the love to continue as long as possible. As long as they kept winning during the Division 2 state soccer tourney, the Tigers knew they had at least one more bus ride, one more practice and one more game together. That motivation pushed the Tigers to their second state semifinal trip against Bloomfield Hills Marian.

However, the defending state champions proved just a tiny bit better than the Tigers, earning a 2-1 victory in the Division 2 state final contest at Fenton High School Wednesday night.

Marian broke a scoreless tie with just 2:45 left in the first half on a cross to the far-side post from Kelly Sweeney to Anna Kemp, earning Kemp an open net goal, and never trailed. With 11 minutes left in regulation, Marian got what appeared to be the coffin-nailing goal when Sweeney centered a ball to Amy Stroud. Stroud dribbled a bit to her side to set up a shot from about 30 yards out and scored, raising the edge to 2-0.

The goal became pretty significant, however, because the Tigers cut the gap in half with 4:11 remaining. Carly Granger sent a ball to Maggie Dewian, who scored near the far-side post. From there, the Tigers (18-2-1) had a few chances to tie the score, but were unable to do so, earning Marian the 2-1 victory and their second state semifinal victory against Fenton in the history of the two schools. In 2009, the Mustangs defeated Fenton 1-0 in the state semifinals.

The loss didn’t erase the memories the Tigers created throughout the season. The spring included an undefeated Metro League championship and the team’s second-ever trip to the state semifinals. It also involved a lot of love.

“This has been one of the most amazing seasons ever,” said Sweeney. “It’s unbelievable,” said Satkowiak, a senior. “I think we won maybe four or five games (my freshman year), but we had fun every year. And now we are having fun. We are sticking to our motto to ‘keep swimming.’ It’s great to come out here and keep on winning.”

Ask Satkowiak if she would get a game-winning hit an hour earlier and she probably wouldn’t have enjoyed answering the question. She struck out her first two at bats in the game, and was frustrated.
Families helped inspire HOF careers

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Fenton — It takes talent to make it into a school’s athletic Hall of Fame, that’s pretty evident.

However, one factor that seems to come to the forefront when one discusses great athletes is family.

When the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation hosted its annual Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet on Thursday at Fenton AGS Middle School, the impact of family seemed to resonate through the night.

Fenton athletes inducted on Thursday were Natalie (Koan) Cook, Amy Morrison, Don Madden, Jeff Merrill and Marv Pushman. The undefeated 1966 Fenton varsity football team also earned honor. Finally, ex-Fenton athletic director and one of the creators of the Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame, Ken Wensel, earned an honorary induction.

“Thanks for letting this little kid play with the big kids,” said Cook, a comment directed to her brother and cousins. “I’ve tried my whole life to keep up with them. Me and my brother would make something up and play something every day. He was probably my first coach.”

Cook, a 1990 graduate, played volleyball, basketball and softball. She was an All-State performer in volleyball and was a member of the 1990 state runner-up team. She was All-State in softball and played on a state semifinalist team in 1989. She also played basketball for four seasons. She went on to Oakland University, becoming the female student-athlete of the year in 1993-94 while playing on the volleyball team.

Morrison, a 2007 graduate, was a two-time state pole vault champion and an All-State and All-American participant on the Fenton swimming and diving team. She is the school record holder in the 50 freestyle and in 11-dive competition. Unable to attend due to travel difficulties, Fenton swim coach Brad Jones emphasized the impact on family in Morrison’s life.

“Since 1999, I’ve had three All-Americans and they all have (one thing) in common. ... They had Gene and Faye Morrison as their parents,” Jones said.

Morrison’s parents were able to attend. The family theme continued with Pushman’s induction. A football, wrestling and track standout, Pushman passed away in 1985, but had many family members in attendance. Also in attendance was his brother, Marv Pushman, who happened to be on the HOF-inducted 1966 football team.

“This would be special to him,” Pushman said. “Scotty (Pushman, who accepted the induction for Marv Pushman) said it right. He didn’t lose at anything. It was a race going upstairs to bed. There were elbows flying everywhere. Basically our whole family doesn’t like to lose.”

Marv Pushman was one of Fenton’s greatest wrestlers. The two-time state champion once posted a perfect 36-0 record for a season. Scott Pushman also is a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame, earning an impressive wrestling career of his own at Fenton. He talked about his uncle.

“Arguably (Marv Pushman) was the single greatest source for motivation and inspiration for all of the student-athletes that walked in the school,” Scott Pushman said. “We all knew about him.”

The Pushmans were prevalent during the 2013 induction. Along with Pushman, two others inducted had great football ties. Merrill, a 1978 graduate, spoke for less than a minute, probably because his athletic accomplishments did enough talking for him.

A two-year varsity letterwinner in football, he was an All-American fullback in 1978. He played at Grand Rapids Junior College for a season and then tried out for the Detroit Lions in 1980. He made it to the final cut. He was equally strong in wrestling, earning a state championship at 178 pounds his senior year. He also competed in track. He thanked his coaching staff “I can’t say enough about them,” Merrell said. “They teach you so much about life, it’s phenomenal.”

And, of course, Madden is well known for his football credentials too. A member of the 1966 Hall of Fame team as well, he was a first-team All-State performer, rushing for 1,200 yards and 18 TDs his senior year. He earned honorable mention All-American status.

Madden, a 1967 graduate, also played basketball, once averaging 21.6 points a game during a season, earning honorable mention All-State honors. He also ran track, placing seventh in the state in the pole vault and fifth in the mile relay.

“Marv (Pushman) and Don Madden were the same way. The better athletes — it’s not that they want to win, but they hate to lose, and that’s what you find with your best athletes,” Mike Pushman said.

Finally, the final football hool was the 1966 team itself. Ranked third in the final Associated Press poll that season and ranked as high as No. 2, the Tigers outscored foes 346-71, shutting out three opponents. “We were a tight-knit group,” Pushman said. “We had a lot of fun. Coach (Ken ‘Whitey’) Wegner was a maniac. He wanted more, more and more, and we just enjoyed giving it to him. Whatever he asked for, we’d give it to him. He was just kind of our guy.”

Wensel also earned honorary membership. The Tigers won the Metro All-Sports Trophy every year he was athletic director. He also helped create the Hall of Fame, and was the chairperson for the HOF for the first five years.

“You can be sure that this carries great meaning to me,” Wensel said. “Thank you for this honor. You’ve made an old Fenton Tiger very proud.”
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in the dugout afterward. However, her third plate appearance she earned a walk, and then came her fourth at bat in the bottom of the eighth with Makayla Cavanaugh on second and Savannah Weaver on first with one out. She came through like a senior leader is expected with a strong single to left.

“I just had to remind myself, and one of the coaches reminded me, to swing through the ball,” Satkowiak said. “I had to find a spot and swing through it. I got up there my third at bat and just kept taking deep breaths until I got a walk. They (intentionally) walked Savannah, and I went up there. We were saying the whole time that when we got up there we were going to hit it. So I got up there full of confidence and found my pitch, finally.”

“She’s capable of doing that at any time,” Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. “She’s a good athlete. I think she’s an outstanding clutch performer. Struggling with Maija is going 2-for-4 with two bloop hits, and she thinks she’s struggling.”

With one out, Cavanaugh started the eighth inning at bat with a double, followed by Weaver’s intentional walk. The walk made sense considering Weaver was the one who drove in the Eagles’ other two runs with RBI-doubles. She had one in the first, giving the Eagles a 1-0 lead. She also had one in the sixth — both times plating Brinnie Senter who opened those innings with singles tucking the fastest out. Senter’s single in the sixth was booted in the outfield, allowing her to advance to third, and score on Weaver’s second two-bagger.

“I just kept swimming, I guess,” Weaver said about her 3-for-3 day. “I didn’t get nervous until that last at bat, but I just go do what I have to do.”

The Eagles’ motto of “Keep Swimming” came from the movie Finding Nemo. It symbolizes the team’s philosophy that you just keep swimming despite the odds and eventually something will work out well. And thus far the motto has worked to perfection.

The saying was tested Tuesday. After Senter singled, went to second on a passed ball and scored on Weaver’s first double in the bottom of the first, the Eagles were ahead 1-0. However, Belding answered back with two runs in the top of the second. Caitlyn Alkire singled, was sacrificed to second and then scored on a sacrifice by Makayla Boss. Boss’ bunt was thrown in the outfield, allowing her to go to third.

Two batters later, Autumn Thorne singled in Boss. Linden trailed 2-1.

But that was all the scoring the Redskins got off the Eagles’ starting pitcher Molly Sherman. The question was if the Eagles’ bats would wake up enough to at least tie the contest. That question was answered positively when Senter singled to start the sixth, went to third on the error on her hit, and scored on Weaver’s second double, tying the contest at 2-2 and forcing extra innings.

Sherman went the distance, allowing just seven hits and one walk. She struck out seven batters. The defense behind her was flawless, with the only mistake being Sherman’s own overthrow to first on Boss’ sacrifice attempt in the second inning. On back-to-back plays to start the third, Linden third baseman Senter made two nice catches near the Linden dugout rail. The second was caught reaching over the rail into the dugout. Also, catcher Sydney Jacques made an outstanding catch on a foul popup in the first inning.

“We have a really good defense right now,” Jamison said. “The infield is completely different from what we played last year. Tori (Davis) played outfield and we moved her to second. Bri (Brinnie Senter) had been playing first and we moved her to third. And Savannah is an outstanding infielder, and Bri’s play allowed us to move Savannah over to shortstop.

“Molly has been pitching well for us, and has always given us a chance to win.”

In Belding’s eighth, Linden shortstop Weaver ranged far to her left to catch a weak pop up near third for the first out of the inning. Belding’s losing pitcher Alkire pitched well too, allowing just seven hits and two walks.

State Quarterfinal Game Box Score

Belding Redsuns vs. Linden Eagles

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Battle Creek-bound Quarterfinal results

Linden 3, Belding 2, eight innings

Friday’s state semifinal games

Linden (31-4) vs. Swan Valley (30-9)
Livonia Ladywood (32-9) vs. Tecumseh (31-5-3)

Saturday’s state title game

Semifinal winners, 5-30 p.m.

Press notes

For information on Friday’s state semifinals or the championship game, go to www.tctimes.com or read Wednesday’s Tri-County Times.

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Linden’s Brienne Senter (right) slides into second base during the Eagles’ 3-2 Division 2 State Quarterfinal victory against Belding on Tuesday.

Brienne Senter made back-to-back good catches on foul popouts at third base. She also scored two of Linden’s four runs.

Savannah Weaver drove in two runs with RBI-doubles, helping lead the Eagles’ offense.

Maja Satkowiak, a senior, provided the game-winning RBI-double in the eighth inning.

Molly Sherman pitched a strong game, striking out seven. She earned the complete game win.

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State Semifinal Softball Box

Bloomfield Hills Marian at Fenton

Score by Halves

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First Half

Marian (Kelly Sweaney), 2:46.

Second Half

Fenton (Carly Granger), 4:11.

Player Shots On Goal

Fenton: Brianna Costigan, Choice Four, Brennan Sullivan, Megan Cockin, Maggie Dewan.

Marian: Kelly Sweaney 3, Brittany Gray, Anna Kemp, Amy Stroud.

Other Stats

Marian (27): 3 home runs. 5 doubles. 3 triples. 14 saves.

Fenton (25): 2 home runs. 6 doubles. 4 triples. 3 saves.

Fenton keeper Tiffany Caims made 20 saves in the final minute of the first half, making a save on an initial shot and then a sava on the rebound shot by Marian’s Brittany Gray.

Marian’s Anna Kemp’s goal came on a free kick from about 30 yards out to score Marian’s second goal.

Fenton’s Carly Granger (right) battles with Marian’s Anna Kemp for the ball in the Tigers’ 2-1 state semifinal loss to the Mustangs.

They are amazing. She’s really good at it,” Dewan said. “She always knows exactly where to place it, and all I had to do is stick my foot out and not whiff it. All I was thinking is we have to get another goal. We are not going to end this right now.”

It seemed the entire Fenton squad had the same thoughts as the Tigers had a couple of chances to tie it. On one direct kick from Cockin from about 40 yards out, a Fenton player got her head on the ball in the middle of a mass group of players, but the attempted header shot went wide. Then, with 1:50 left, Allison Ciakoszewski had an attempted shot from about 15 yards out, but the shot sailed high.

They are a good team, but we are not going to make excuses,” Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. “We tried our butts off, but we came up a little short. They are a very skilled team and they possess the ball. We are used to winning the 50-50 balls and they don’t allow for a lot of 50-50 balls. Also, they are big and strong. We didn’t dominate the 50-50 balls like we usually do. But I’m proud of my girls. They played their butts off right to the end.”

“As you go on the teams get harder and tougher, but we just did our best and I’m proud of us,” Maxheimer said.

Certified Store Fenton’s Carly Granger set up Fenton’s goal with a nice cross to Maggie Dewan.
Meet Rudy Mora

Former principal, father of 11, 'Hawkeye' of Shiawassee Avenue

By Olivia Dimmer
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The Hawkeye of Shiawassee Avenue is perched high atop his nest, which in this case happens to be a large ornate home, circa 1878. This Hawkeye is Fenton resident Rudy Mora, who spends most of his time tending to his garden and scanning his street for any misdeeds. He watches mostly from a swinging bench on his front porch, observing as cars and the occasional runner comes his way. Being a middle school principal and rearing 11 kids of his own, Mora knows a thing or two about keeping things in line — whether it’s children, neighbors, or his own front lawn.

How involved are you with the St. John’s church? Not as much now as I get older. I can’t do a lot of the things I used to. I did work on the funeral dinners. That was a lot of fun. I got to talk to people and serve them. I always found somebody I knew. That was a nice time. We had some good people. I would help with the cooking, but I’m not a cook myself.

How long have you lived in Fenton? Since 1964, in the same home. This was built in 1878. I think we have a real fine-running town. Great police, great fire, the works keep everything clean. I’m very particular about keeping my place neat.

I’ve heard there are a lot of Moras in town. How big is your family? I have 11 children and a wife that knows how to handle them. There are also Moras in Lake Fenton. I have 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. Tell me about your days as a principal. I was a principal at Ainsworth and Mandeville Middle School. It was great. I had a great job with a good bunch of teachers and kids. But, we believed in exposure at our school — teachers be seen, principals be seen. When classes would change there would be workers all over as a preventive measure. The kids were good because they knew they had to be with everyone around them. Schools can’t be run like they used to be run because of the government.

They take over in discipline, order, curriculum. We did not have all the paperwork that teachers have today. It puts the teachers at a disadvantage. When they’re doing all this paperwork, they can’t come up with anything novel or interesting or exciting. In the old days, teachers could take their kids outside to see or do something, just to move around. Being a principal taught me a lot about handling kids. I used to tell them I treated them like I did my own kids. If they needed a good chewing up I could do that. If they needed advice, I could do that too. I never spoke too much about religion. Whatever church they went to was their business, not mine.

Were you a teacher before you were a principal? I taught at Kearsley High School for two years and came right back to where I went to school, Mandeville. I taught there for five or six years, and I was principal for 25. I didn’t see much of a change in the kids there through the years. I think they might be a little freer now, but that’s a consequence of parents bringing them up. If I saw somebody doing something wrong, I told them to stop and they stopped. People didn’t tell me what to do. My boss left me alone and I left the teachers alone as long as they had order and they were teaching. From what I hear, kids are less disciplined now without schools to intervene. But I’ve been out 20 years, I can’t be the judge of that. When I talk to some teachers today, they tell me that is so.

Now that you’re retired what do you do with most of your time? Well, my body will only allow certain things. I have my garden, my yard, my flowers on my porch. I’ve got good kids. My boy was here today. My girls bring dinner over every once in a while.

Do you have any other hobbies, past or present? Well, I was a sports official for over 50 years. I refereed football, basketball and girls softball. I learned that in the army, I volunteered, and sure enough I got the job.

What was your involvement in the army? I was a PFC, Private First Class. I served in the occupation of Japan, with Seventh Calvary Regiment. I also refereed in the service and played on the baseball team. We were champions the year I was there. We didn’t do any fighting. We traveled. It was easy occupation work. The Japanese were very cooperative. We were never in any danger. I met kids from all over on our team and squadron. I learned a lot about different sections of the country — states that have different dialects that help you tell where they are from. We were told to stay away from the food in Japan. But the army food was alright.
TROOPER
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go. Of this printing they are but five weeks in of 22. Inspections are a daily occurrence, and a brief activity that takes time and preparation to pass.
While being inspected, recruits are asked for textbook knowledge, but also information about their roommate—how do you spell his/her name phonetically? Is he married, what is his girlfriend’s name? Where is he from? Where is that city located within the state?
Rec. Brad Lane of Grand Blanc answered all of these types of questions correctly, standing at attention Wednesday as Tpr. Andrew Adamczyk stared him down.
Passing inspection without any mistakes takes concentration—several recruits are being inspected at once, and on Wednesday, Tpr. David Sosinski launched into inquiring about a paper towel being left in the hallway garbage can, which escalated as no one fessed up.
While the loud, sharp inquiry continued, Adamczyk quietly inspected one recruit. He asked for the order code for cuffing, interrogating, and transporting a prisoner, while he looked for details or imperfections in his uniform.
Though the recruit’s answer was correct, receiving a verbal warning. About half got warnings, which Adamczyk said is normal this early in training. “They’re still a little bit new, everything we’re looking for hasn’t sunk in with all of them yet, and that will be corrected.”

After inspections, recruits report to class as a group with cups of water, laptop and training materials clutched in a uniformed fashion in their hands.
On Wednesday last week they learned about interrogation and interview techniques in the classroom. After four hours of class time, they report for lunch and head up to their rooms to prepare for individual squad lessons.
Wednesday included defensive tactics, firearm training, first-aid and report writing.
Firearm training and defensive tactics are still professional, strict environments, though the atmosphere is more open and encouraging than inspection or physical training (PT).
At the range they learn about combat reloading and firing. Tpr. Rose Ford reminded recruits of the shooting incident involving a trooper in Flint last week. “This is why you need to take your firearms training seriously,” she said. “That’s why we harp on you guys.”
Recruits fired actual rounds, and also practiced dry-firing against the wall, each step of firing and reloading numbered.
Another squad worked on defensive tactics that afternoon with cutting techniques and a simple take-down. Recruits like Lane learned contact holds, how to act, and “what to do when you have to go hands-on with a suspect who wants to fight you,” said Adamczyk.

When individual squad lessons end, the recruits get dinner and go back to their rooms to work on passing the tests, whether physical, mental or academic for the next day.
A step away from direct military training, recruits will have one day with family each week, strictly regimented and intense schedules, and demanding PT. While in the Academy they’ll make $1,500 semi-monthly. Why do they do it?
“Theres no other job like being a troop-er,” said Rec. Ty Purdy of Burton. “State troopers have the reputation of being the best of the best.”

Recently married, Purdy said the lifestyle and military demeanor has been a shock, and a major adjustment. If Purdy graduates with his class, he’ll be sent as a probationary trooper wherever the MSP needs him, which will likely send him away from Genesee County.
“I don’t think you can really prepare for what they put you through,” said Purdy. “PT is intense and I’m sure there’s more to come, we’re just in the beginning,” he said with a slight smile.
Adamczyk said troopers, like most law enforcement agencies, form a family bond that lasts a lifetime. “We want to carry on those traditions and instill those traditions on the 125th school,” he said.
Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro retired in 2003 from 27 years of MSP service.
“You have to want to be a police officer to get through that training,” said Aro. “I have nothing but fond memories of my career there.”

Rec. Brad Lane of Grand Blanc throws his partner, Brandon Golden of Kentwood in their defensive tactics class last Wednesday. Both recruits are still going strong in the program.

Adamczyk gave him a verbal warning for military demeanor, because he didn’t think his eyes were still enough as he stared straight ahead.
Lane passed his inspections without
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Dr. Eric Seiger
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

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She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

That’s why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the pre-op area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for “The Hour Lift,” a mini-facelift procedure that’s becoming more and more popular.

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Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. “I’d say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient.”

The difference between The Hour Lift and a regular facelift is that The Hour Lift involves cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles, rather than moving the facial muscles. The areas primarily improved by a facelift are the jowls, cheeks and neck. There’s a huge difference in recovery time and price. “It’s the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment,” said Dr. Seiger.

The price is also a huge factor in a person’s decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge $3,800, and he cut the price to $2,900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelift will cost between $6,000 and $15,000—depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurance.

“The number one thing that patients say to me is, ‘I don’t want to look 20 years older again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed,’” said Dr. Seiger.

For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success in the business world. “A youthful appearance validates your professionalism,” she said. “This is how we get measured for our success.”

Thinking about having ‘The Hour Lift’?

Here’s what to expect:

Q: What actually happens during the “One Hour Lift”?
A: A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, removing any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firmer, more youthful jaw line.

Q: What can I expect during recovery?
A: Post surgery, patients wear an ice-containing head garment for 24-48 hours. They are likely able to shampoo and wear makeup the day after surgery. Sutures will be removed in six to eight days, resuming normal activities within three days.

Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?
A: Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

Q: How long will the results last?
A: Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?
A: The Skin and Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients.

Source: skinandvein.com

Debbie Purcell is prepped for a mini facelift, at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger is assisted by Dr. Kate Johnson and nurse Amy Sowers.
4. Marmosets

Sure, the small and furry tree-dwelling primates known as marmosets are outrageously cute, but male marmosets take their roles as fathers very seriously. With the help of other family members, including older siblings, the typical marmoset dad grooms, feeds and gives his infants piggyback rides while momma marmoset steps away and takes on a decidedly “dutiful” parenting role after a few weeks. Marmoset fathers will often act as an attentive midwife during the birth of their newborns going as far to clean up the afterbirth and bite off the umbilical cord.

5. African Lion

It’s not until his family is threatened that the male’s fatherly instincts kick in. Often charged with the welfare of a dozen lionesses and 20 or more cubs, a male lion will summon all his celebrated ferocity to protect his pride.

6. Wolverines

Wolverines are busy animals, roving over their broad and rugged territory to acquire food and mates. And with their ferocious, fighting reputations, they might seem the farthest thing from affectionate fathers. But recent research has shown them to be quite diligent dads. Roaming hundreds of miles a month, they often visit their two or three mates and their kits as the young’ns are nursing.

1. Red Fox

Male red foxes are attentive dads, playing excitedly with their pups and bringing food home for the whole family. After about three months, though, the gravy train stops and the young foxes must find their own meals. Dad doesn’t let them go hungry, however — he hides food nearby, helping teach the pups to sniff out a snack.

2. Greater Flamingos

Flamingo males are both loving husbands and attentive fathers. They congregate in flocks that can number in the hundreds of thousands, but flamingos generally remain monogamous for life. A male dutifully follows his spouse’s lead in selecting a nesting site and then aids in the construction of the mud nest. Both take turns incubating their single egg and defending the nest, and both share duties in rearing the hatchling.

3. Catfish

The male sea catfish’s mouth is his nursery, as he swims around with jaws full of eggs the size of marbles, which he picks up shortly after the female lays them. Not satisfied to let his progeny out into the treacherous waters immediately, he may retain them until they are nearly five centimeters long. All the while, he must forgo any food for fear of accidentally eating one of his own brood.

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Thursday, June 20

Carnival Midway located at
Linden Elementary opens at
3 pm

Get your discounted wrist bands by
12 pm, June 21 for $15.00

Friday, June 21

9:00 am-4:00 pm Citywide
Garage Sales

Used Book
Sale, Linden
Library

10:00 am-5:00 pm Sidewalk Sales,
Downtown

11:00 am-4:00 pm Kid Zone,
Downtown

11:00 am-9:00 pm Food Vendors,
Downtown

12:00 pm Carnival Midway Opens,
Linden

Elementary

5:00-12:00 pm Entertainment
Tent

5:00-6:00 pm Local Karaoke,
Main Stage

7:00-9:00 pm Texaco
Country

Showdown,
Main Stage

9:00-12:00 pm Bobby Standal,
Main Stage

10:00 pm Fireworks,
Downtown
Saturday, June 22
9:00 am-4:00 pm  Used Book Sale, Linden Library
Kid Zone, Downtown
Free Child ID Cards, Masonic Lodge Downtown
10:00 am-2:00 pm  Fishing Contest, Mill Pond
10:00 am-5:00 pm  Sidewalk Sales, Downtown
Art Show, Downtown
Boat Show, Mill Pond
10:00-11:00 am  Mini Mr. and Miss Linden Mills Days Photo Pageant, Main Stage
11:00 am-9:00 pm  Food Vendors, Downtown
11:30 am-12:30 pm Precious Pups Contest, Main Stage
12:00 pm  Carnival Midway Opens, Linden Elementary
12:00-2:00 pm  Juggling, Downtown
1:00 pm  Parade
1:00-3:00 pm  Museum Tours, Linden Mill
1:15-1:45 pm  Dance Performance, Main Stage
5:00-12:00 pm  Entertainment Tent
5:00-8:00 pm  Wildfire, Main Stage
8:00 pm-12:00 am  Dirty Murphy, Main Stage

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY

Saturday

Kid’s Fishing Contest and Boat Show

Sunday, June 23
7:00 am  Car Show Registration, Downtown
9:00-11:00 am  Pancake Breakfast, Firehall
9:00 am-4:00 pm  Kid Zone, Downtown
10:00 am-5:00 pm  Art Show, Downtown
Sidewalk Sales, Downtown
10:00 am-3:00 pm  Chillin’ on Broad Street
Car Show, Downtown
12:00 pm  Carnival Midway Opens
Historical Walking Tours, Meet at the Mill
1:00-3:00 pm  Museum Tours, Linden Mill

A special thank you goes out to the City of Linden For allowing us use of their generator and the opportunity to bring this wonderful festival to the area
My three fathers

Many mornings find me giving thanks that my parents loved each other and loved me. The most valuable gift a father can give to his children is a daily demonstration that he loves their mother.

I’m the son of a farmer, horse-trader, who taught me to rise early, work hard and quit late. Solomon’s words could have come from my father’s lips: ‘Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes (which meant get up at 6 a.m.), and thou shalt be filled with bread’ (Proverbs 20:13), or, in my case at that time, probably pancakes.

My father was an encourager and confidence builder. I still remember some of his friends telling him he would spoil me if he didn’t stop praising my work, but he knew the more he praised the harder I would work so he ignored their warnings. I can’t remember one put-down coming from my father. I’m sure his confidence was sometimes better than my performance, but knowing he believed in me made a difference and I’m grateful for the positive influence he had on my life.

Getting to know my heavenly Father was the result of the coming together of many experiences and influences. Sometimes, in memory, I scan the crowd of those who had a part in modeling their Lord before me, convincing me of His love. The strong faith and faithfulness of my mother was vital to establishing this relationship, as was the earnest work of Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School workers, believing friends, faithful pastors and visiting evangelists.

The crucial connection to my heavenly Father came near the close of a Sunday night service. Pastor Leon Wood finished his sermon by explaining that knowing God was a matter of the heart responding to His love in personal faith.

‘That’s what I want,’ I said silently. And though no one in the church knew that anything unusual had taken place, I knew I had gained another father, an eternal one who would never let me down nor leave me alone.

Years later, a pretty young woman walked into my life and ultimately down a church aisle to be my bride and give me another father. Pastor Martin Blok, her father, was the pastor of the church where I served as the minister of youth and music.

Pastor Blok was more than my father-in-law; he was my mentor, my friend and teacher. One Sunday morning, he announced there would be a special speaker the following Sunday.

‘Who’s the special speaker?’ I asked later.

‘You are,’ he replied, taking me by surprise and launching me on a career that continued to be more exciting every year.

I’ve been blessed by two fathers who placed confidence in me and One in whom I’ve learned I can place full confidence. How fortunate I am!

Expecting the best from our children helps bring out the full potential of their lives. Expecting the best from our heavenly Father demonstrates we believe He’s good all the time. And He is!

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

CRUISING

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excursions for us and providing travel tips, we relied on the expertise of a local travel agent, Diane Roberts at Superior Travel’s Fenton office. The tri-county area is fortunate to have two full-service travel agencies — Superior Travel and Travel Brokers, both of which are experts in their field of planning leisure and business travel.

We’ve used both agencies for different trips and have been well pleased with both.

Using the services of a travel agent usually gets you the best deal, and removes much of the anxiety of all the paperwork and planning for overseas travel. It also provides a “safety net” of someone to call if you run into problems with your trip plans, personal health or global incidents beyond your control.

Another benefit of using a travel agent is that you’re able to pay for your trip as you plan it, rather than having to fork over all that money at one time. Typically, the final payment is due between 30 and 45 days before the trip.

Use private excursion companies when possible

This is probably the single biggest travel tip I have to offer. Research your shore excursion options months before your trip, by reading CruiseCritic.com, TripAdvisor.com, etc., and talk to your agent.

Because Sarah had done the trip before, she highly recommended using Rome in Limo excursions, which provided an eight-person van and tour guide at about a quarter of the cost of the Norwegian planned excursions that used huge tour buses.

This view from the top of a double-decker hop-on, hop-off tourist bus in Barcelona shows all the sites of history and architecture throughout the city.

Extend your trip

But the trip actually began before we ever set sail. We had decided early on to “extend” our vacation on both ends — arriving in Barcelona two days ahead of our ship boarding day, and then staying in Barcelona for an extra day after disembarking.

This was Mark’s idea, and we’d highly recommend it to other travelers. We enjoyed Barcelona so much that our whole cruise got off to a very fun, relaxed start. After seven days of cruising, it was sad to leave the ship, but it was exciting for us to return to our same hotel in Barcelona for an extra day of shopping and dining “taps” (small plates) style.

Travel with friends

With 4,100 passengers aboard the Epic and 1,700 staff, it was reassuring to see the familiar faces of our friends, Don and Penny Fausey of Fenton, who joined us on this trip. We had never traveled together before, but we found out that our travel style and interests were similar enough that a foursome became more fun than a twosome.

Formal dining or freestyle?

When choosing a cruise line, you need to consider your own lifestyle and interests. One of the attractions for us to Norwegian was the fact that it offers freestyle dining — a more casual approach to meal times with options of different restaurants, dining times, attire, etc. Many other cruise lines are also getting on board with more dining options, so again, ask your travel agent.

It’s all in the details

Make plenty of lists for packing and make sure to include an extension cord and converter, if you’re traveling internationally. You’ll be very sorry not to have them with you, if you want to blow dry your hair, or need a C-Pap machine for sleeping.

Another word to the wise: pack a washcloth if you’re traveling to Europe, as our hotel in Spain didn’t have them, and our plane companions on the way home said their Paris hotel didn’t offer them either.
Rebecca Baril

Rebecca Baril obtained a Bachelor’s of Science degree, majoring in Physiology, from Michigan State University. She then obtained a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine degree from Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Baril completed a podiatric medical residency at Oak Forest Hospital in Cook County in Chicago. Ill. Remaining in Chicago, she joined a private practice for several years. She moved to Los Angeles, Calif. and completed two years of training at Sherman Oaks Hospital, where she assisted plastic surgeons and performed skin grafts on burn victims. After surgical training, she began her own practice in Sherman Oaks. Dr. Baril has done medical consulting for television shows, such as Private Practice. Medium as well as feature films. She is a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), having appeared in television shows and movies. At Fenton Foot Care, she will be treating all disorders of the foot and ankle. She has extensive training in diabetic wounds, performs skin grafts and surgeries. She welcomes all new patients, as well as former friends and current patients, in the Fenton Community. For more information or to schedule an interview please contact Stephanie Junga at (810) 629-3099 or Stephanie@FentonFootCare.com.

Jim Peabody acquires Addis Insurance

Peabody Insurance Agency, Inc has bought Addis Insurance Agency located in Holly.

Jim Peabody, an insurance professional for the past 25 years, has started a new insurance business Peabody Insurance Agency, Inc. and has bought a fourth generation family business, Wm. P. Addiss Insurance Agency, Inc. located at 611 North Saginaw St. Holly.

Duane Addis, owner of Addis Insurance Agency said, “My family and I are very happy to keep our clients with a locally owned and operated agency. Shelly Miller (Addis’ daughter) is still the friendly face clients see when they walk in the door.

Peabody Insurance Agency will utilize its array of national and regional insurance carriers to provide clients with risk management solutions to help clients manage their risks.

Through our unique four-step process, we are able to identify issues and implement strategies that provide our clients with a way to lower their total cost of risk while protecting their balance sheet,” said Peabody, who is president of the agency, “to grow our clients with added value, service, as well as experience and industry knowledge. We give our clients customized risk management solutions that we help to implement.”

Peabody Insurance Agency, Inc is a full-service independent agency specializing in Home, Auto, Life and Commercial Business Insurance. It will focus on clients residing in Genesee, Livingston and Oakland counties. In addition, all of Peabody Insurance Agency associates are licensed agents with more than 70 years of combined insurance experience.

Jim Peabody’s Insurance experience has a long history. He, along with Jeri Stiles and Jim Smith owned and operated Smith Peabody Stiles Insurance Agency. Many other historical local agencies were under that banner, starting with the oldest agency, Stiles Insurance Agency since 1919, Ray Hunt Agency, Hitchcock Dery Agency, Hunt-Smith Agency, and Smith-Peabody Insurance Agency.

They are now pleased to have another local agency rich in history since 1921.
Hortons celebrate 51st anniversary

Howard Horton and the former Judith Dunning met in 1958 while attending Linden High School, and were married June 16, 1962 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fenton. In their 51 years together, Howard and Judy have celebrated countless milestones together, such as the births and marriages of their two children, Curtis Horton and his wife Elizabeth Horton of Fenton, and Christina (Horton) Bowles and her husband Dennis Bowles, also of Fenton. They are blessed to have welcomed three grandchildren into the world, and are enjoying retirement after Howard finished his career as a die-maker after 43 years at the Weld and Tools Center in Grand Blanc. In their free time, Howard and Judy enjoy traveling, attending car shows, and spending time with their family. Judy currently works at Linden High School.

Fenton Masons present new bicycles

‘Bikes for Books’ program pays off for 12 Fenton students

By Sharon Stone

Twelve Fenton elementary students are proud new owners of 18-speed bicycles, thanks to a donation from the Fenton Masonic Lodge 109. Grand Lodge of Michigan Free and Accepted Masons established a statewide program, “Bikes for Books,” to encourage students to read more. Fenton Masonic Lodge 109 has participated in this program for the past four years.

On May 3, members of the Fenton Masonic Lodge visited Fenton’s elementary schools — Tomek-Eastern, North Road and State Road — to present four bikes at each school.

Students participated in the reading program and competed for the bikes through extra reading. Teachers registered the readings — more readings improved their chances of winning a bike. The Masons gave each winner an 18-speed bike with safety helmet. One fourth-grade boy and one fifth-grade girl at each school and one fourth-grade girl and one fifth-grade girl were selected.
Food, fun and freedom

Celebrate the 23rd annual Fenton Freedom Festival on Thursday, July 4.

By Sally Rummel

This year’s Taste in Fenton on Saturday, Aug. 10 will feature several new exciting events, while saying goodbye to a long-time partner.

“Taste in Fenton features added excitement of Car Giveaway.”

Ticket sales brisk, with a lucky winner drawn at Taste in Fenton on Aug. 10.

By Sally Rummel

Congratulations to Image Business Solutions for winning first place in the men’s division at the Chamber Golf Scramble held at Tyrone Hills Golf Club on May 31.

2013 Chamber golf outing winners

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Tri-County Times.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to support the Linden Mills Days event as a Gold Sponsor. On Saturday, June 22, the Chamber will have a booth selling tickets for the 2013 SS Convertible. The car will be on display at the event. Proceeds from the car raffle will help support the Chamber’s building fund.

Thursday kicks off a great weekend in Taste in Fenton.

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Chamber Brick Award

Chamber Ambassadors congratulate Randy Wise Automotive on receiving the Chamber’s brick award.

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Announcements & Drawings at 12:30 pm
Bring your business cards!

For directions, please call the Chamber office at 810.629.5447

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Chevrolet Camaro — an American masterpiece

Every summer in metro Detroit, beautiful cars with classic designs reappear on our city streets, proudly displaying their style and color after a long winter hidden away in garages. With just a little luck, this summer you could be the owner of one of these classic cars, behind the wheel of a world famous sports car with the top down and the radio up.

The Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is selling raffle tickets for a brand new, 2013 Chevrolet Camaro SS Convertible MSRP $45,000. When the Camaro first appeared in showroom in 1967, its iconic design became an instant classic and more than 45 years later, the Camaro continues to turn heads of sports car enthusiasts young and old.

The Camaro’s current retro design incorporated much of the original styling and it evokes the same heart-racing excitement as the 1967 original. Raffle tickets are only $100 and can be purchased at the chamber office and participating businesses throughout the Fenton area. In addition to the grand prize winner, 10 consolation tickets will also be drawn and those ticket holders will each receive a new Apple iPad Mini. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold making your odds of winning very good.

The drawing will take place on Aug. 10 at this year’s Taste in Fenton held on the grounds of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. For more details, call the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce at (810) 629.5447.

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place during our annual Taste in Fenton event,” said Shelly Day, chamber Executive Director. “Instead, they plan to do an art show this fall at Lake Fenton High School. It’s a partnership with the Kiwanis Club that we have very much enjoyed over many years. In its place, we’ll be planning other events in front of the Community Center.”

The Chamber is currently in the process of lining up restaurants that will participate in this year’s popular Taste in Fenton — the second largest Chamber event of the year, drawing about 4,000 people. Typically, between 15 and 20 local restaurants showcase their favorite offerings, amidst a backdrop of music and entertainment.

Special events, including a Pie-Eating Contest sponsored by Crust in Fenton, will be another fun highlight of the day.

Kicking off Taste in Fenton will be the Firefighters 5K Run Through the Flames event. Each participating runner will be given three Taste tickets from the Chamber, to thank them for their participation. “They can purchase additional tickets at the event,” said Day. Tickets will be available for $12 in advance through the Chamber office, participating restaurants or online. They will be offered a discounted price of $10 at the Farmers’ Markets this summer, which begins on Thursday, June 20. The ticket price will be $15 on the day of the event.

The biggest excitement of the day will be the drawing at 8 p.m. for the winner of the 2013 Chevrolet Camaro SS convertible, plus 10 iPad Minis. Ticket sales are limited to the first 1,000 tickets sold. “Our goal is to sell all 1,000 tickets. So far, ticket sales are going very well,” said Day. Day.

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Shelly Day  
Executive Director

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**MILLS DAYS**  
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Linden with Skerbeck Carnival, starting at 3 p.m.

Come down on Friday morning to Linden for garage sales, sidewalk sales, and the library book sale. Bring the kids to the Kid Zone for crafts, games, and much more. Kid Zone all day wristbands are $8 and include a hot dog lunch for each child.

In the evening, join the Linden community for a vocal talent contest on the Main Stage, sponsored by Linden Academy of Dance and Music. Following the vocal talent contest is a national event — Texaco Country Music Showdown on the Main Stage, sponsored by Vic Bond Sales and B95 Radio Station.

There will be live entertainment until the fireworks at 10 p.m.

There is so much to do and see on Saturday as organizers expect to see an even bigger turnout. This year’s First-Try Triathlon, a triathlon designed specifically for first timers begins at 9 a.m. at Linden County Park. The Farmer’s Market and Art Show will open at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. located in downtown. Featured vendors include local authors Jeff LaFerney and Stacey Roux, and Novelties, LLC.

Take a Linden historical walking tour with tour guide, David Kincaid every half hour between 1 and 3 p.m. Live entertainment in the evening will feature Wildfire and Dirty Murphy on the Main Stage.

Linden is the place to be June 20-23. With so much going on, you’ll want to stick around Linden on Sunday as well. Linden Mills Days Classic Car Show will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, with a pancake breakfast at the fire station. The Farmer’s Market and Art Show will also be open on Sunday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. And of course, visit the carnival at Linden Elementary for the last day.

Be sure to mark your calendars and bring your family and friends to Linden Mills Days. For more information visit www.lindenmillsdays.info.

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**Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce Scholarship recipients**

Christopher Taylor – Fenton High School  
Emma Kusnier – Lake Fenton High School  
Victoria Rilett – Linden High School

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According to our records at the Chamber, 12 businesses have been a member of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce for 40 or more years. (We will profile three business members in each upcoming Chamber Journal).

Thank you to the following businesses for ongoing support of the Chamber and the Community.

FENTON GLASS SERVICE INC.
Business opened: 1960

Owner: Brian Petty
327 N. Leroy St., Fenton
Phone: (810) 629-5231
Fax: (810) 629-5502
Website: www.fentonglass.com

THE STATE BANK
Business opened: 1898

President: Ron Justice
327 N. Leroy St., Fenton
Phone: (810) 629-2263
Fax: (810) 629-3892
Website: www.thestatebank.com

FENTON MEDICAL CENTER
Business opened: 1943

Contact: Kaye Welton
102 N. Adelaide St., Fenton
Phone: (810) 629-2245
Fax: (810) 629-6535
Website: www.fentonmedical.com

Membership Director
Report
By Rochelle Jones

Chamber membership offers businesses the opportunity to meet a broad client base through events and activities the Chamber provides. New offerings for Chamber members this year on our website include 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.’ Connect with your business community. Annual membership dues are less than the price of a cup of coffee per day! Another way to keep up with our Chamber is to follow our Facebook page or check our Community Calendar on our website.

DATELINE
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Sept. 28
Networking After Hours
Sponsored by: ELGA Credit Union & Fenton Winery & Brewery
Oct. 8
Meet the Candidates
Oct. 17
Networking @ Noon
Sponsored by: The State Bank
Oct. 31
An Event so Good It’s Scary
Nov. 8
Chamber Annual Dinner
Nov. 12
Chamber Rally Breakfast
Nov. 21
Networking @ Noon
Sponsored by: LaFontaine Automotive Group
Dec. 7
Jinglefest
Dec. 7
Linden Holiday Happening
Dec. 19
Networking @ Noon
Sponsored by: Financial Plus Federal Credit Union, Fenton Community & Cultural Center & Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation
**FREEDOM**  
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many years of consistent festival experiences—from the Lions Chicken Barbecue to the Rotary Rubber Ducky Race. Fenton has been at the helm since the beginning, appreciating all of the work that local civic groups do to make the event smooth, seamless and fun.

“All the civic groups know exactly what they’re doing and they do it well,” said Lockwood. “We all work together, and all the money they make goes back to their organizations to fund their community projects for the year.”

The focal point of the festival is the 10 a.m. Grand Parade. “This year, the Children’s Decorated Bike Parade, riding as a unit in the big parade, will again return to the parade line-up,” said Lockwood.

Entertainment will be taking place all day, with “3 for All” playing during the barbecue, “LeRoy St. Band” at Fenton United Methodist Church before, during and after the parade. Children’s games, pony rides and other activities will take place throughout the day, with most events winding up by 3 p.m., to get ready for the fireworks.

This year’s fireworks display, estimated to cost $12,000, will once again be funded by donations so that spectators can enjoy all the fun at no charge. “The public supports the fireworks show, and the DDA also makes a sizeable contribution,” said Lockwood. “Watch for our donation stand at VG’s and Walmart on June 28 and 29 before the festival.”

All of this hard work happens for a reason, attracting up to 10,000 visitors to Fenton for the day and about 25,000 viewing the fireworks that close the festival at dusk.

While most of the fun takes place on the Fourth of July, the festival actually builds its excitement beginning on June 27, when the festival queen is crowned, to reign over this year’s festival and represent Fenton in other communities. On Wednesday, July 3, two special events officially open the festival:  
- **The Silver Lake Ski Show**, which kicks off its show season at 7 p.m.  
- **The Grand Marshal Reception** at the Fenton Hotel at 8 p.m., which this year will honor long-time town booster Bob Harris, Sr.

Festival-goers can watch for these exciting new events on the festival schedule this year:

- **The Firecracker Fun Run/Walk Race**, which appeals to all level of exercisers—from avid runners to fast walkers. “The route is really exciting,” said Lockwood. “Participants will each receive a commemorative T-shirt, too.”
- **Animal Arcade** — local veterinarian Dr. Sandy Smith is coordinating this local farm-like experience, featuring alpacas, sheep and other farm animals.  
- **Classic Car Display** — following the Grand Parade at 10 a.m., about 50 cars will be on display in a designated area on LeRoy St. To show your car, call the chamber office at (810) 629-5447 to reserve a spot.

More than 100 business representatives gathered at John’s Pizzeria for the Chamber’s monthly networking event. Sponsored by Freeze Frame Photo Lounge, TownSquare Media, Behind your design and John’s Pizzeria.

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Potential Benefits at New Chamber Location

The following are the results of an online survey sent to Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce members regarding feedback relating to what types of new services would be beneficial if the Chamber were to move to a new location. The members names that responded are eligible for a drawing that will be held at the next Chamber Networking. The winning name drawn will receive a car raffle ticket.

If the Chamber had a conference/meeting room would you consider renting the room for business meetings and if so how many would attend your meetings?

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Thinking lean . . .

Upcoming Chamber Rally welcomes local consultant Mike Taubitz of Lean Journey, LLC.

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

If someone asked you to draw a pig, would you know how to do it?

That’s one exercise that business consultant Mike Taubitz, of Lean Journey, LLC, may be using at an upcoming Chamber Rally event, to show participants how easy it is to cause communication problems in the workplace.

The Chamber Rally is set for Tuesday, July 30 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

“Ask everyone to follow an instruction (draw a pig) without clear rules to define expectations can cause confusion and frustration,” said Taubitz. In this fun exercise planned for Chamber members, he hopes it will result in some laughter and better understanding of the need for clear communication.

He plans to have participants sit at round tables, and talk about the biggest problems they face and would like to solve in their own business. Maybe it’s how to best train new hires, how to eliminate errors or how to reduce employee turnover.

“Whatever area seems to be causing the most issues for the people present at the tables, is the one or two we can concentrate on,” said Taubitz.

His goal is to help people create a plan of action and become solution-oriented.

“This is an opportunity for the community to talk about ‘hot buttons’ within their organization,” said Taubitz. “Then together we can decide what to do to solve the problem.”

Taubitz consults for many businesses throughout the U.S., working primarily in safety issues and process management.

“Every one of us may know how to do a particular task, but when it comes to defining it step-by-step, we underestimate the number of steps it actually takes to accomplish the task,” said Taubitz. “There are so many steps that we take for granted that need to be spelled out for every task. The devil is in the details.”

While his work takes him all over the globe, his heart is in Fenton, where he’d like to make a positive impact for area businesses. “I’m very willing to volunteer my time to help,” said Taubitz.

Ross Mortgage Corporation

Fenton City Council members and Chamber representatives join Ross Mortgage Corporation in celebrating their ribbon cutting.

We Care Wednesday

Ambassadors paid a surprise visit to Linden Academy of Dance and Music on “We Care Wednesday.”
Thank you so much as I appreciate the problem within minutes, fixed it and made it better than before. By the time I arrived, Yeo & Yeo CPA's & Business Consultants was hosting its seventh annual Tropical Smoothie Café in Fenton is hosting its seventh annual National Flip Flop Day fundraiser - Flop Key Fobs for $5 (key fobs are worth 24-ounce Jetty Punch Smoothie. From 2 to 7 p.m. will receive a free Tropical Smoothie Café in Grand Blanc. Seating is limited and tickets will be shown on Saturday, July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Saginaw office was promoted to senior human resources manager. Congratulations to both.

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Graduation from an accredited high school, supplemented by courses in business, mathematics and management; two (2) years of assessment experience or related appraisal experience; familiarity with computer-assisted applications required along with a Level III(MAO) certifications by the State Tax Commission with PPE Certifications. Excellent wage and fringe benefit package. Salary range $47,000 to $52,000.

Please submit a complete resume, attention City Clerk, 301 South LeRoy Street, Fenton, MI 48430 or email to Tmolloseau@cityoffenton.org by 5:00 p.m. June 24, 2013.

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**NOTICE BUDGET HEARING OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS**

The Argentine Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, Linden on June 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. during the Township Annual Meeting. The property tax millage rate of 0.7021 is proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

**NOTICE ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP**

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd, to consider the following Variances:

Matt McCord is requesting a Variance for a Side Yard setback and Lot coverage. Described as 01-36-577-0005, Lot 6 Pleasant View Park, Lobbell Lake.

Christopher Rex is requesting a Variance to the Rear and Side Yard Setbacks and also the Height Ordinance. Described as 01-36-100-009, Part of Lot 1 Haviland Beach & Part of SEC 36 TN TSE.

A complete copy of these tax descriptions may be viewed at the Township office during regular office hours.

Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

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Atrial Flutter: A Very Rapid Heartbeat

Atrial flutter is a very rapid heartbeat. It's a safe procedure. Do you agree? — B.L.

SNITCH

In the fast-paced action thriller SNITCH, Dwayne Johnson stars as a father whose teenage son is wrongly accused of a drug distribution crime and is looking at a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 10 years. Desperate and determined to rescue his son at all costs, he makes a deal with the U.S. attorney to work as an undercover informant and infiltrate a drug cartel on a dangerous mission — risking everything, including his family and his own life. PG-13, 1 hr. 35 min.

iPad Tip of the Week

Undock, split, and phantom buttons on your iPad keyboard

Undock the Keyboard

Hold down on the keyboard button, in the bottom right, and select Undock.

This simple command puts your keyboard in the middle of the screen, obscuring anything below it. I'm not sure when this would ever be useful, answers in the comments.

Split the Keyboard

Now this is useful. Follow the instructions as above, but select the Split command — your keyboard will divide in two, shrink, and move up slightly. This allows you to type using both of your thumbs.

Phantom Buttons

It appears that there are some phantom keyboard buttons when you're in split keyboard mode, which mean that iOS 5 recognizes when you hit the empty space and adds the correct letter.

Recipe from realsimple.com

MACARONI SALAD

Ingredients

- 1/2 lb. elbow macaroni
- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 T. fresh lemon juice
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions

1. Cook the macaroni according to the package directions. Drain and run under cold water to cool.
2. Meanwhile, place the eggs in a small saucepan and add enough cold water to cover them by 1 inch. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat, cover, and let stand for 12 minutes. Drain and run under cold water to cool. Peel the eggs and coarsely chop.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Add the macaroni, chopped eggs, scallions, celery, and parsley and toss gently to combine.

IPAD KEYBOARD SECRETS

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Dear Amy: My girlfriend of 10 years is getting married. I’m the maid of honor in her wedding, but recent actions are hurtful and confusing. I was invited to bring a ‘plus one’ to the wedding. I told her I would be bringing a man I’ve been dating for six months whom she hasn’t yet met. She called me and said she was disappointed that during her three-day back porch party I had taken a call from this man, gotten emotional and caused drama. She told me I could not bring him to the wedding because she feared I would cause drama. We had a heart-to-heart talk. It seems she doesn’t respect me or my relationship. I’m deeply hurt by how she handled this. Is this OK? I think I have to be the bigger person and accept it, but I’m not sure if I should stand up for myself and tell her how I feel. — Confused Maid of Honor

Dear Confused: You’ve already stood up for yourself and have told this bride how you feel (good for you). As a friend and member of the bridal party, you should also put the marrying couple’s comfort before your own. Yes, you must be the ‘bigger person’ and accept this. And after the wedding is over, you can decide what to do about your friendship.

Dear Amy: Yesterday I was out and saw a friend’s daughter-in-law with her 2-month-old baby. The young mom got in her SUV, put the baby on her lap — cradled against her and the steering wheel — and drove off, driving with one hand. I was stunned and didn’t know what to do. I can’t stop thinking about it. Should I say something to my good friend so she can let her son know the danger of not securing the baby in her car seat? — In a Quandary

Dear Quandary: There is no need to involve the mom’s mother-in-law in this. You should call the new mom directly, introduce yourself and say, ‘I saw you drive away with your baby cradled in your arms, and I want you to know I am alarmed and very concerned about how dangerous this is.’
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