Fourteen-year-old driver leads police on high-speed chase

Five juvenile occupants apprehended after 100-mph pursuit ends in crash

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Two 14-year-old girls and one 15-year-old girl, all from Fenton were turned over to their parents following a high-speed chase that ended in a crash at around 2 a.m. Wednesday morning. The girls were back seat passengers of a Jeep Cherokee, driven by a 14-year-old male from Hartland. A 14-year-old male from Howell was a front-seat passenger. According to police, alcohol was a factor.

Following the crash, and a short foot chase, the driver and the front seat passenger were apprehended. See CHASE on 6A

Drinking and driving – the $7,000 hangover

Three drunk driving arrests will make someone a felon for life

By William Axford
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Eric Trowsse doesn’t consider himself an alcoholic. But with three drinking and driving offenses and a status as a felon, Trowsse has a hard time convincing people his history does not represent him as a person.

“A lot of places shut the door in my face. Not only do I not have a driver’s license, a lot of people have a no felony policy so I’m treated like someone who has robbed a bank,” said Trowsse, 27, of Mundy Township.

See DRUNK DRIVING on 2A

Pachyderm powerwash at Linden Mills Days

Former babysitter accuses man of sexual assault

Victim was 13 years old when first of five alleged assaults took place

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A 34-year-old former Fenton Township man remains lodged at the Genesee County Jail. David James Belisle Jr. currently of Dearborn Heights, was unable to post the $180,000 cash surety bond, which was ordered after he was arraigned this week on seven felony counts related to alleged criminal sexual conduct involving his teenage babysitter.

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The sheriff said the first alleged sexual assault occurred in 2009 while she was babysit. See ASSAULT on 19A

Fenton council fills vacant seat

Scott Grossmeyer has been active on numerous committees

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton City Council was looking for an individual who was active within the city of Fenton and could keep an open mind on city issues — and they believe they have found such a person in Scott Grossmeyer.

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See ASSAULT on 19A

Tom Liebel gives Tiny, a 30-year-old, 7,000 pound African Elephant a bath Friday afternoon before she will take up to six people at a time on rides around the tent. Spectators gathered from the Linden Mills Days in downtown Linden to watch and photograph. She can take around 500 people on rides each day.

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Hovering for a fresh perspective

Aerial photography by radio-controlled copter—a new profession

By Tim Jagielo

Kevin Haley pilots his quad copter for a photo on Wednesday. The device was built in South Africa and runs on batteries that last up to nine minutes. The copter can be programmed to run a course, or be radio controlled.

Haley is careful with the device for the safety of those around him but also because he paid $4,700 for it. Haley’s quad copter draws two interests together into a high-tech package—flight, and photography. He has flown radio controlled (RC) planes for 25 years, and single-rotor helicopters before buying his quad copters.

With his machines he has shot video and photos of the Linden Memorial Day parade, the destruction of the recent storm in Fenton Township and the Shiawassee River race. His favorite event was a church car show last week. He can shoot inside buildings with a smaller version of the quad-copter, and has been hired to shoot an outdoor wedding.

See HOVERING on 22A

POISON IVY

The itchiest plant in the forest

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Highly contagious to roughly half the people in America

If you’re going to be active this summer, be sure to keep an eye out for plants as well as insects. The three-leaved plant poison ivy can ruin any fun time outdoors as the plant can easily cause red and irritated skin. Webmd.com reports the plant can cause hives just by brushing up against the leaves. After festering, the poison can cause blisters to fill with fluid that may leak out.

According to the Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac Information Center, poison ivy can be identified as having clusters of three leaflets.

See page 19A on how to spot and treat poison ivy and poison oak.

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Random royal thoughts

If corporations are so awful, greedy and bad for our country, then shouldn’t we be congratulating each other when they decide to close their plants here and move overseas?

Maybe it’s just me but it seems the cable companies have diluted the quality of a standard cable television signal in order to force viewers/subscribers to spend the extra money for the high definition viewing package.

If Conservatives/Republicans don’t care about the poor, why does every study consistently show that Republicans/Conservatives give more than twice as much to charity as Liberals/Democrats do?

With absolutely no exceptions, you can substitute “you are” or “you” for “with all due respect” in any conversation and no one will notice the difference.

If we change the definition of marriage to make gay marriage legal, then aren’t all the marriage laws open for debate and modification: Polygamy, siblings marrying siblings, marriage between relatives, minimum legal age — and many more odd circumstances.

The next time you are sitting around the campfire/bonfire/kitchen table with friends, ask someone/everyone/ “if a movie was made of your life, who would play you?” Be prepared to struggle to keep a straight face when you hear the answers.

If it’s true that women are paid only 72 cents for every dollar paid to a man for the same work, why don’t we see companies that hire only women and pocket the extra 26 cents or use the reduced costs to lower their product price and dominate the market?

If you agree that putting a convicted murderer to death is inhumane, how do you rationalize killing innocent babies who have never committed any crime against society?

If we continue to increase taxation to ridiculous 75-85 percent rates for the extremely wealthy (that’s what’s on the table right now), why would they not simply change their nationality and just become permanent visitors here in America?

The best public invention? Hands down, the countdown signals on traffic lights that inform oncoming drivers of the impending change from green to yellow.

Speaking of traffic signals, with today’s technology shouldn’t all traffic lights be equipped with sensors that monitor traffic and keep a given traffic light continually green if no vehicles are approaching from the red lighted side? This alone could save hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of gallons of gasoline daily.

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Local districts graduate majority of students

Tri-county area has higher percentage of graduates than state or nation

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Graduation in the tri-county area has come and gone and according to local school officials, a majority of students have walked across the stage and received their diploma.

In Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS), 257 students out of 275 students graduated (93.4 percent). Linden Community Schools had 222 students out of 228 graduate (97.3 percent); Holly Area Schools had 232 students out of 240 graduate (96.6 percent), and Lake Fenton Community Schools had 132 individuals graduate (about 90 percent).

School officials said graduation rates in the area have increased steadily in the last few years.

“We track our graduation rate very closely each year,” said FAPS Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen. “Graduation rates have increased, steadily, if only slightly, over the last several years. Despite the bar being raised by the new graduation requirements and increased course rigor in recent years, students and teachers continue to meet the challenge.”

Holly High School Principal Peter Lofigio echoed Jalkanen in that graduation rates are improving.

“While graduation rates fluctuate over time, we have seen a steady increase over the past few years,” Lofigio said. “We are always working to address this area.”

Students in the tri-county area are more likely to graduate when compared to the rest of the state and nation, according to a report by the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center. The report surveyed students from 2010 and found the average school in Michigan graduates 70.9 percent of their students. Nationally, 74.7 percent of high schoolers in public school graduate.

“At Lake Fenton our graduation rate is high. For the most part, when students enter the 12th grade, they meet the requirements for graduation at the end of their senior year,” said Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright.

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New county commissioner and state rep committed to improving Genesee County

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Since being elected to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, Tony Brown has seen his responsibilities grow from overseeing the budget of Fenton Township when he was a trustee to ensuring things run smoothly for four different municipalities and a portion of Grand Blanc Township at the county level.

Brown, who has been a county commissioner since December, said the transition wasn’t difficult from township to the county.

“It’s bigger government, there’s more units you have to be attentive to,” Brown said. “You have courts, the sheriff’s office, prosecutor’s office, drain commissioner’s office and the road commission, just to name a few.”

The biggest issue Brown faces is balancing the county budget, which he said is currently balanced. Before his term ends at the end of 2014, he would like to see the roads improved and for law enforcement’s continuation of deterring crime in Southern Genesee County.

Now is the time for businesses to seek funds

DDA has $100,000 to partially reimburse façade improvements in downtown area

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Fenton — With new buildings coming to downtown, the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has not forgotten about the old ones either.

The upcoming fiscal year has seen the DDA budget $100,000 for the Façade Improvement Program, which provides partial reimbursement for buildings found throughout the downtown.

“With what’s going on with the fire hall and the Cornerstone building and the community center, now is the time to be doing this work. They will need to get going with the façade because they are going to see an increase in business,” said DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt.

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CHASE
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They were lodged in a secure juvenile facility, pending charges from the Livingston County prosecutor’s office. There were no reports of injuries.

According to the Michigan State Police-Brighton Post, Trooper Thomas Pinkerton attempted to make a traffic stop to the group’s burgundy Jeep after observing no tail lights as it traveled on Clyde Road near Argentine Road. The driver of the Jeep, later identified as a 14-year-old male from Hartland, refused to stop and a pursuit was initiated. A short time later, the trooper lost sight of the Jeep and terminated the pursuit.

Approximately five minutes later, a Livingston County Sheriff patrol unit located the Jeep and attempted to stop it. Again, the driver refused to stop. Another pursuit was initiated.

The pursuit, with speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour, ended on Lyons Parkway when the driver of the Jeep Cherokee lost control and crashed into a group of small trees. The driver and his front seat passenger attempted to flee on foot but they were apprehended after a short foot chase, by troopers and deputies.

No other vehicles, including police vehicles, were damaged during the pursuit. No injuries were reported. The three females, ages 14, 14, and 15, in the back seat were turned over to their parents. No names have been released due to the ages of those involved.
How teens communicate affecting their social skills

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Too much online communication can negatively affect a child or adolescent

From Snapchat to Twitter to Instagram, communication is evolving and taking the youngest generation right along with it. Easier and faster communication can help spread ideas and keep people connected, but can also diminish face-to-face communication and ‘people’ skills.

Many social networking sites and apps consist of photos, short videos and even media that can be sent and, once viewed, erased not only from both the sender and the recipient’s phone, but from the main server as well.

Snapchat, a recent advancement in communication, allows users to take 10-second videos or pictures and send them along with text to another user. Once the video or photo is viewed, it cannot be easily retrieved, traced or seen again. This app opens the door for negative comments, sexting and bullying to go on without a trace of evidence.

Vine, a video-sharing site and Instagram, a photo-sharing site, both attract younger users as a way to escape parental monitoring. As more adults have moved onto Facebook, more younger Internet users had made the switch to alternative sites like these, as well as Twitter. Tumblr. Some are even moving back into MySpace.

“I would say that any child with a Facebook account should have their parents be able to look at it at any time.” Psychotherapist Joanne Ingram said. “Parents should never allow that they cannot access the online profile. Being online can change the types of things kids will say to each other.”

Ingram suggests that too much online communication and not enough real person-to-person connections can negatively affect a child or adolescent. “Instant access to communication means they don’t have to interact face-to-face,” Ingram said. “We get so much information from looking at a person’s face, and impersonal interactions can lead to many miscommunications.”

With more and more youth flocking online and using social-networking sites to communicate, psychotherapist Joanne Ingram explains how too much impersonal interaction can take a toll on a child’s social skills.

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TO THE CONTRIBUTOR of June 16. Would you rather the TCT associate their time with a liberal Democrat bottom feeder (of which there are many) instead of the King? Long live the King.

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FENTON TOWNSHIP AND MDOT, really? Construction again in north Fenton? Businesses endured last summer but for you to do it again to them back-to-back is almost unforgivable. Whoever is responsible, absolutely horrible planning and it just may turn the north end into an ugly ghost town. Shame on you.

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Term limits could be extended for state lawmakers

Final decision would rest with Michigan voters

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How many years should a person be able to serve in Michigan’s congress? In his last year in office, that is a question State Rep. Joseph Haveman is asking.

Michigan is one of only four states that have term limits, which were established by a statewide vote in 1992 to limit state representatives to three two-year terms, and state senators to two four-year terms. If a politician were to run for both, they could serve a maximum of 14 years.

Haveman’s proposed change would allow elected officials to serve up to 16 years, in any combination in the House or Senate. There is still a lot of work to be done before the bill comes to a vote, but ultimately it is up to the people to decide.

The change would only affect those coming into office in the future, and would not affect anyone who is currently elected, who would still live under the old rules.

“All we can do in the legislature is put it back on the ballot and let the people decide,” Haveman said.

Haveman said that while he thought the current term limit in place was a great experiment, he believed the public should have a second chance to take a look and decide whether to keep the status quo, or to make a change.

The main issue with the current rules, according to Haveman, is that it promotes a lack of institutional knowledge and long-term thinking.

“What I had hoped when I voted for it years ago is my impression that people would get to know it is not a career,” Haveman said. “Instead, we haven’t seen that political courage coming out, people are still worried about the next election and we’ve lost so much long-term thinking and institutional knowledge.”

Holly loses hometown booster

Ardath Regan served on Village Council, co-founded Carry Nation Festival

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The words commitment, passion, and ticket are repeated often about Holly community fixture Ardath Regan. She was a Village Councilmember.

Regan died Saturday, June 15 at the age of 80. Her funeral was Wednesday at Dryer Funeral Home in Holly and she will be interred at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Regan was co-founder of the Carry Nation Festival, author and director of the Carry Nation Pageant — she played Carry Nation when the festival first began. Among many other things, she was former Holly Chamber of Commerce president. Regan was a Village Council President in the 1980s and council member in the 1990s.

“Ardath was very passionate about this community,” said former president Jeff Miller, who served with Regan on Council. “She was not shy about really strongly asking people to take more of a part in their community.”

Miller said Regan gave as much of herself for as long as she possibly could. While dealing with health complications and being taken care of by her daughter Angel, she spoke out against the raising of village water bills — against Miller himself while he was president, and also former councilmember Pauline Kenner. Miller jokingly quoted about Regan, ‘We love her for the enemies that she made,’ though she has always been kind to his family.

Kenner also served with Regan while on council in the ’90s. “She was a remarkable lady,” said Kenner.

“When she wanted something for this community she fought for it.”

Things like Holly Woodlawn and the former Carry Nation Festival left permanent marks on the community.

To some, Regan had a hard-nosed, aggressive reputation, and Kenner didn’t always agree with her views, but said she had a soft “heart of gold” for the community. Kenner recalls that Regan was always prepared with the facts for meetings, and knew what she was talking about.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

ROSE TOWNSHIP, Our trustees and supervisor aren’t doing their jobs like the people said.

REPUBLICANS WANT to slash spending for Social Security, Medicare and Pell grants, anything that helps the working class. But they had no qualms about spending over $2 billion in attempting to defeat Obama.

EVERYONE IS TEXTING and driving. Just watch the moms with a car full of kids, they are the worst. They rarely look up. It’s only a matter of time until a child is injured or worse.

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Clear skies, clean water

By Tim Jagielo

Linden — Rex Mathewson’s chainsaw roared, biting into a fallen tree and spitting woody froth into the Shiawassee River.

The river is deep, with an urgent current following the heavier rainfall this spring. This heavier rainfall and weather also dropped debris into the river, which is the focus of the Keepers of the Shiawassee on Saturday morning.

Aside from removing fallen timber, there’s always the garbage. On Saturday, a jacket, bottle, plastic bags and a pair of flip-flops were found and bagged by 9 a.m. “We find quite a bit of junk in here,” said Ian Marsh, of Fenton.

Jack Hrbek of Linden pulled out a brown glass bottle from near the shore, placing it into garbage bags and then a kayak. He protects his hands with rubber gloves. Garbage is a concern, and so is runoff from roads, septic tanks and farms after heavy rainfall.

“The river is in better shape now that it used to be — as many of these “keepers” would attest, and the statewide picture in water and air quality is also improved. Ambient air and water quality are the best they’ve been in Michigan in 20 years, according to Brian Wurfel with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Water is much easier to sample and rate. If water has 300 parts E. coli per 100 milliliters, the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) will recommend closing the attached beach, as occurred at Clover Beach in Fenton Township three times in 2010.

“The water quality is very good at Clover Beach on Byram Lake,” said Shannon Briggs of the MDEQ. “The beach has been monitored in 1999, 2001, and 2003 to 2010 with only three exceedances of the water quality standard.” She added that the water in Seven Lakes State Park in Holly Township is also very clean.

Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki is proud of how Silver Lake Park Beach — the only public beach in Fenton — rates in cleanliness. Czarnecki has the lake tested every week by the GCHD, and it recently tested at 27. The worst the beach has been is 97, which was July 23 last year.

“It’s natural water. You’ve got animals, the houses and the geese. Our water’s in pretty good shape,” said Czarnecki, who said the water is constantly clean.

In Michigan, individual parks departments are advised to send in samples periodically to be tested by the local health departments said Mark Valacak, health officer of the GCHD.

The MDEQ is concerned with the Great Lakes and groundwater pollution more than inland lakes like Lake Fenton or Ponemah. Managing farm runoff and monitoring residential septic systems are important for groundwater protection.

“Michigan’s bid for the future is predicated on our water resource,” said Wurfel. The world of environmental quality is vast in the state. Countless organizations and local governments are working under the surface to keep water clean through grants and volunteer work. “People care, people who live in Michigan understand that water is fundamental to our way of life, everything about living in Michigan eventually comes back to our water, economy and recreation.”

Statements like that ring true for groups like the Keepers of the Shiawassee, who regularly meet at 8 a.m. to canoe, kayak and walk the river back to cleanliness, and witness the connection between people’s habits and the environment.

To measure air quality, the MDEQ tests for ozone, dust and particulate matter. Air quality is up — and not in small part to the economic downturn that shuttered a lot of manufacturing plants, which were heavy polluters. The remaining manufacturers have become more aware of the environmental impact they have, as the laws have pushed for cleaner air.

Wurfel said the MDEQ implements federal Clean Air Act laws inside the state. Measuring air quality is more difficult. Most of it has to do with manufacturing facilities. “We go in and permit and inspect facilities for air quality,” he said. Air quality in the state is pass or fail, and Michigan seems to be passing.

Anecdotally, Fenton, Linden and Holly look, smell and feel clean, with stars you can see at night and safe water. Wurfel said that “small and rural” don’t necessarily mean “cleaner and greener” when compared to big cities. “Some cities are more into recycling than other cities, some counties are more populated,” he said. “People impact the environment, period.”

Though the picture is improved, Wurfel said the work is never done. He said in the end, managing pollution is about managing people and their habits.
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FENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE Department needs a drone to help prevent drowning and accent the new dive team. The sheriff’s budget with the township better go down by at least $15,000 this year as we now have our own dive team.

KIM KARDASHIAN has a baby, out of wedlock, and the media people make a lead story for five days in a row. Who cares?

TO THE WOMAN slandering or trying to slander some mother’s reputation because she went to the paper to help fix a big problem. You should be ashamed of yourself for not knowing what you speak. You obviously don’t know the whole story. Try reading again.

STOPPING FOR PEDESTRIAN signs, or not using turn signals, is not just what ‘old’ people do. Some people are lousy drivers no matter what age they are and they usually don’t change. My husband has observed that habit of people through the years.

I WOULD LIKE to say thank you to the Fenton Water Department Tom and Don. Thanks, you helped me out so much. I’m sorry I forgot the nice lady’s name who I talked to on the phone. You all did a wonderful job. Your boss should be proud.

Higher costs for higher education

College tuition has increased 1,120 percent since 1978

By Ryan Tackabury

“College tuition is on the rise and it’s no surprise to anyone. Prices increases are nothing new, the price of everything increases over time — that is just inflation. What is unusual however, is just how fast college tuition costs are rising — having increased 1,120 percent since 1978.” According to Bloomberg.com, medical expenses have only seen a 601 percent increase during this period, and the price of food has seen only a 244 percent increase.

With college now being 12 times more expensive than it was not even 40 years ago, it’s no surprise that the college experience has changed.

The rise in tuition prices is a result of many different factors, however the major reason behind the recent increases is also the driving force behind many other monetary issues — a troubled economy, according to Steve Smith, a spokesperson for Central Michigan University. “Two main sources of revenue that drive any higher education budget whether it’s CMU or any other university. One is tuition, and the other is state appropriations,” Smith said. “If you followed state appropriations they have been on a downward spiral for the last eight or nine years. While they used to account for 75 percent of the revenue a university receives, that is down now in the case of CMU to about 16 percent, so you’ve seen an appropriate rise in tuition to cover that.”

Cheryl Roland, executive director of University Relations for Western Michigan University, echoed these thoughts. Roland said that for public universities, almost all operating funds are made from tuition and state operating funds.

“Since 2000, funding from the state has been dramatically cut. Analyzed on a per student basis, it has actually decreased by more than 31 percent,” Roland said.

While every school has a different breakdown, according to Roland for WMU, 60 percent of tuition goes to instruction (advising and student support services), 20 percent goes to financial aid and other student services, 15 percent goes to administration, and 5 percent to utilities and insurance.

Universities are constantly updating their campus and, upgrading their equipment. A university that is not state-of-the-art is thought to be looked down upon by potential students — and constant upgrades come with an expensive price tag.

Supply and demand is also an effect. Enrollment increased 37 percent between 2000 and 2010 according to the National Center for Education Statistics. As more students flock to schools and demand for higher education rises, so do prices.

Tuition for freshman is often cheaper, and supplemented by scholarships offered by universities. These same scholarships can also be partially responsible for the increased price, as they can be paid for by students’ tuition money.

As colleges across the state, and across the country receive less funding, college tuition can be expected to continue increasing. “As they tighten their belt, higher education is one of the areas that has been hit as a result of it,” Smith said.
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Fenton native competing in PGA national event

By David Troppens
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David Tokarsky was hoping he’d get the call. The 1995 Fenton graduate and Professional Golfers Association of America head golf professional for the Saginaw Country Club eventually did.

After finishing in a tie for 14th place at last August’s Michigan PGA tournament event, he earned the position of second alternate to compete in the 46th PGA Professional National Championship at Sunriver Resort.

Tokarsky, 35, knew alternates frequently end up getting the invitation to compete, so he was hopeful he’d get a call. He never really quit preparing to play in the prestigious national event. And, eventually, his faith was rewarded in May the when his invitation came.

“I was hoping when I was an alternate I would get in. I have definitely been thinking about it all winter,” Tokarsky said. “It’s not like I didn’t want someone else to go, but alternates get in all the time whether it’s the U.S. Open or Masters. I was hoping in the back of my mind, and was trying to get physically and mentally ready. I didn’t hesitate. When they asked me if I wanted to play, I accepted immediately.”

The PGA Professional National Championship begins Sunday. The four-day 72-hole stroke play event concludes on June 26. It is an event for professionals and teachers who are members of the PGA. It is for those whose focus is more on improving others’ golf than being a touring pro, and remains the most prestigious tournament of its kind in the nation.

“It’s a dream come true,” Tokarsky said. “It’s been an amazing and overwhelming experience already. I have support from my club, my family and friends. It’s been really awesome. People I haven’t talked to in a long time have said congratulations. It’s really overwhelming in a good way. I’m taking

See PGA on 18A

Girls teams dominate Spring Tri-County Top Five Final poll

By David Troppens
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It was a crazy spring.
It was so crazy that we were unable to ever post a Tri-County Top Five for the spring season.
When we had the space, no one had played any events, making the Top Five Poll meaningless. And because everyone was so far behind, once the spring had some nice days, everyone was playing their events on those days, making it impossible to find space to post the list.
Just because we neglected to post one during the season, doesn’t mean we won’t have our final Tri-County Top Five for the spring, however. In fact, we’ll present it here with this story.
The top three were pretty easy. Where the list gets tough is the spots after that. Probably about eight teams could’ve been ranked fourth or fifth, but that means six teams with a legit claim won’t even make the poll.
See TOP FIVE on 18A
Softball players enjoy All-Star game despite crazy weather

By David Troppens
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Flint — It started as a beautiful day to play baseball and softball.

The venue was Flint’s Whaley Park for the 21st Annual Mott Bruin Club Baseball and Softball All-Star Classic. It was sunny with a nice cool breeze, keeping the heat in check. It couldn’t have been a better day for the last two prep games in the tri-county area.

But how conditions changed rapidly. Sunny skies turned into dark skies an hour later. And before anyone knew it, dime-sized hail was pounding the fields for about 10 minutes followed by heavy rain hitting the field for at least another 10 minutes. Immediately afterward, the weather was perfect again, but the fields were much too drenched to continue play.

So just as was the case for a large chunk of the spring sports season, the all-star games ended postponed due to weather. Still, the four tri-county softball players that competed in the contest — Linden’s Majia Satkowski and Savannah Weaver, Fenton’s Sarah Halstead and Lake Fenton’s Shelby Beckman — were pleased to display their talents one more time before calling their prep careers over.

It feels good to be here and everything,” Halstead said. “A lot of people I’ve played with. Some of them have been on my travel team before or I played against. It was exciting.”

Halstead had more reason than most to be excited — she had a run-producing hit. Playing on the Black Team, Halstead helped spark a five-run first inning by hitting a slap RBI-single, making the score 3-0. She later scored on a wild pitch, making it 5-0. Beckman also played on the Black Team, and struck out during her only plate appearance.

The two Linden seniors, who helped lead the Eagles to the Division 2 state semifinals, were on the Gold Team, along with coach Gordon Jamison, who helped mentor the all-star team. Both were excited to play in the game.

“It’s a lot of fun, especially against the girls you have played against all year,” Weaver said. “This has never happened before, so it’s pretty exciting.”

“I am glad I made it here. It makes you feel like you did something with your four years of playing softball,” Satkowski said. “It feels like a nice reward.”

Both Eagles got out during their only plate appearance. Tri-county seniors slated to play in the baseball game were: Linden’s Trent Marks and Bryce Benedict, Fenton’s Connor Davidson and Holly’s Brent Smiles. Only three innings were played before the game was called.

Linden’s Weaver continuing her softball career at Spring Arbor

By David Troppens
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It looks like Savannah Weaver has plenty of softball remaining in her career.

As one of Linden’s seniors this year, she helped lead the Eagles to the Division 2 state semifinals.

Next year she hopes to help lead Spring Arbor University’s softball team to a successful season. That’s where she’ll be continuing her softball career.

“I’m very excited,” Weaver said. “Ever since I was little I wanted to play.

“(I’ll play) middle infield I think. That’s where they were working me at camp, but I don’t know for sure.”

What is certain is how important Weaver’s play was to the Linden varsity softball team’s successful season this year. The shortstop batted .421 with three home runs and 38 RBI for the Eagles. Her home run total led the Eagles, as did her 16 doubles and her .711 slugging percentage. Her .489 on-base percentage was one of the best on the team, as was her 14 walks, 48 hits and four triples.

Weaver said the decision to select Spring Arbor, located near Jackson, was an easy one.

“They had a good criminal justice program and that’s the field I’m going into,” Weaver said. “And their softball coach is really nice. I got along with the girls. I really liked it.”

Spring Arbor is a National Athletic Intercollegiate Association school in the Crossroads League. The Lady Cougars finished 2013 with a 16-29 record and a 6-12 mark in the Crossroads League. The squad posted a 17-30 record during the 2012 spring season.

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TRI-COUNTY SPORTS
PGA
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it in, staying humble and am going to do the best I can.”
Tokarsky has been in several other national events. He played in the Division 2
NCAA National Championships while he was on the Saginaw Valley State Univer-
sity golf team in 1997 and 1998. He also played in the 2004 and 2006 PGA Nation-
al Assistant’s Championship.
“But I’ve never played in anything of this magnitude,” Tokarsky admitted.

The winner of the event gets a few nice benefits. First off, there’s the $75,000 first
prize. Secondly, they earn a spot in six PGA tour events. Anyone finishing in the
top 20 will earn a spot in this year’s PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club.
“A lot of good can come out of this if I play well,” Tokarsky said. “But what
I am going for is the top 20. The top 20 places and ties at the tourney play in
this year’s PGA Championship on this year’s PGA tour. That’s the big reward. My goal
is to get into the PGA Championship. Winning is great, but playing against the
PGA tour and the PGA guys is my goal.”
Tokarsky was a 2000 NCAA Honorable
Mention All-American and began
his professional career as an Assis-
tant PGA Professional at Franklin Hills
Country Club in March 2005. He became
the PGA Professional at Saginaw Coun-
try Club in March 2008.

Being a PGA Professional has its chal-
lenges. Because he’s not a tour player, he
spends most of his time helping others
with their game. And while club pros like
Tokarsky are great golfers, they don’t usu-
ally get the time to hone their game to the
levels that touring competitors do.
“Everyone thinks that being a golf pro
means playing golf all the time, but that’s far
from the truth,” Tokarsky said. “I give lessons
and spend my time managing, and on the side I
try to keep my game at a high level. It’s a chal-
lenge, but I wouldn’t trade it for the world.
“Saginaw Valley Country Club is one of
the best in the county. The members support me. I have had a lot of members
ask to caddy.”
Fenton still holds a great tie to Tok-

sky. The event will be televised by the
Golf Channel, so Tokarsky was asked
his hometown. He tried to give him two
answers — Fenton and Saginaw — but
was forced to go with his current cities.
On his website he lists both towns.
“...I still have quite a bit of family and
friends from Fenton. Fenton always will be
my home,” Tokarsky said. “I grew up
in Fenton, but living in Saginaw, that
was the hardest question to answer.”

Tokarsky’s travels
Listed below are some of Tokarsky’s
highlights during his golfing career.
— PGA Professional at Saginaw
Country Club.
— Played in the 1997 & 1990
NCAA National Championships while
at Saginaw Valley State University.
— Played in the 2004 & 2006 PGA
National Assistant’s Championships.

TOP FIVE
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It seems Holly has a lot of those baseballs.
Holly girls’ softball, Holly boys track and
Holly girls track (in no particular order).
Others that have a Leg of beef to be on
our list include Lake Fenton boys golf,
Fenton boys golf, Lake Fenton boys track
Lake Fenton softball. A lot of
these teams won league titles, but didn’t
advance or post strong results in the
postseason. That’s why they are here.
Another team that has a strong argu-
ment is Lake Fenton softball. The Blue
Devils defeated Linden and Fenton dur-
ing non-conference play, and also won
their GAC Red crown once again. How-
ever, losing to Linden in district action
really hurts, keeping them off the list.

There’s one more interesting thing
about this list — the girls dominated it.
Four of the five teams are women’s
squads.
That’s enough about those just miss-
ing the list. Here’s our Top Five. And,
in future editions, be prepared for the re-
lease of our Tri-County Top 16, the best
teams from the 2012-13 school year.

No. 3 — Lake Fenton girls soccer:
The Blue Devils had an outstanding sea-
on, dominating Genesee Area Confer-
ence foes to the point of an undefeated
regular season and a tourney title win as
well. The Blue Devils had some of the best
players in the area on their team,
namely state goal leader Jordan New-
man and midfielder Sidney Scott. The
Blue Devils advanced to the regional
championship round, but lost a 3-2 ver-
dict to Flint Powers in the contest.

No. 2 — Linden softball: The Eagles
are the only team on the list that didn’t
win a league title. However, they did a
lot of other really nice things. First off,
the only league games they did lose
were to the eventual champion, Swartz
Creek. The Eagles had a 14-game
winning streak at one time, and finished
the season with a 31-5 record. What
earned them the No. 2 spot, though,
was becoming the first softball team in
Linden history to advance to the state
semifinals. The Eagles won a district
crown for the third time in four years,
won their first-ever regional title and
then won a quarterfinal contest, earning
a spot in the state semifinals. Linden lost
that game 5-2 to Saginaw Swan Valley.
Without a doubt, it was an outstanding
season for Linden.

No. 1 — Fenton girls soccer:
The Tigers were one of the major stories
the entire spring. They rarely lost, and
never did during the Flint Metro League
season, posting an 8-0-0 mark. Using
their depth and their love for each other
as their motivation, the Tigers advanced
to the Division 2 state semifinals for the
second time in school history.
The Tigers also made a habit of beat-
ing their area rivals, Linden. They de-
feated them three times, including once
in the district championship game. What
put the Tigers in first over the Linden
softball team? The answer was as sim-
ple as this — Fenton won a Metro title.
while Linden softball didn’t.

No. 4 — Linden boys track:
The Eagles earned the Metro League track
meet title, helping them earn a share of
the overall championship with the Hol-

ly Bronchos. Linden gets the nod over
teams like Holly because the Eagles placed
second at a strong Division 2 regional meet. The Eagles may have
been able to sneak up one more notch
on the poll with a stronger showing at
the state meet, but, that would’ve been
a tough task.
POISON IVY
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Center (PIOSC), Urushiol Oil found in poison ivy is very potent and is the most common allergy in the country. At least 50 percent of people in America can be affected by poison ivy and sensitivity to Urushiol Oil can develop at any time. To treat the rash, Webmd.com recommends washing the infected area with warm water immediately after contact with the plant. Cool baths and creams can be used to alleviate the swelling and itching from poison ivy. Oral antihistamines such as Benadryl can also alleviate symptoms.

One popular myth about poison ivy is that it’s highly contagious, however the PIOSC said the rash can only spread by touching the plant. Icing an infected spot won’t cause it to spread on your body or to someone else. Urushiol oil can also be spread through forest fires, burning, lawnmowers and anything else that can cause it to become airborne. Being infected once does not always build immunity so people should be weary of poison ivy each time they encounter it. According to the Mayo Clinic, a doctor should be sought if someone develops a fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, if the rash doesn’t improve in a few weeks or if the rash breaks out in sensitive places.

Although sources state that prevention and avoiding the plant is the best method of protection. When going out into wooded areas, be sure to wear long sleeved shirts and pants to cut down on potential contact with the plant. Keeping your hands and clothes clean will also reduce the risk of breaking out and developing hives from poison ivy.

Rebekah Webber of Grand Blanc said she once got poison ivy on her face and forearm while she was in the eighth-grade. Initially, teachers thought she had pink eye but after visiting the doctor, she discovered it was poison ivy.

“After going home we finally realized how it got it, firewood!” Webber said. “I brought in some logs and put them by the fireplace and must have touched my face. Still to this day I don’t touch firewood!”

Jessica Billings has never been affected by poison ivy however, she discovered that susceptibility is genetic, as her 5-year-old daughter currently has her first case of poison ivy. Billings said her husband’s family is very allergic to poison ivy, a trait her daughter inherited.

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THEFTS
The Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is investigating several larcenies which occurred on Landings Way, Ponemah Drive and Taylor View Drive in Fenton Township. The thefts occurred on June 14.

ASSAULT
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saw his young son while Belisle lived in the 200 block of Linden Street near Lake Fenton in Fenton Township. Soon after, Belisle moved to a home in the East Bay mobile home park and another alleged sexual assault occurred.

The woman said Belisle moved from that home and began staying at a home near Fenton and Thompson Roads. During another sexual assault occurred there.

“The is a warning to parents who allow their kids to babysit. Know who they are babysitting for.”

Sheriff Robert Pickell Genesee County Sheriff’s Department

In addition to the alleged sexual assaults, the woman said Belisle requested that she send him nude photographs of herself.

Stemming from the sheriff’s department investigation, the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office authorized a seven-count felony warrant on Belisle.

Charges include: one count of Child Sexually Abusive Activity (20-year felony), two counts of third-degree Criminal Sexual Conduct involving a person between the ages of 13 and 15 (15-year felony), one count of Accosting Children for Immoral Purposes (four-year felony), and three counts of fourth-degree Criminal Sexual Conduct (two-year circuit court misdemeanor).

Pickell said that in 2011, the woman was reportedly staying the night at a friend’s home and Belisle showed up. She told detectives he sexually assaulted her. The woman said the sexual assault took place when Belisle sexually assaulted her at a mobile home near Lake Ponemah.

To determine how much life insurance you need, do some calculations. How big is your mortgage? How much would it cost to send your kids to college? How much income will your spouse bring in over time? Once you’ve got the answers to these types of questions, you’ll know about how much coverage you require and whether you need to purchase additional insurance on top of your employer’s plan.

As for disability insurance, look closely at what your employer offers. Many employers provide short-term disability plans, but many disabilities last a year or longer. You may need to supplement your employer’s coverage with a long-term disability policy. Find out what you get under your own plan. It’s a smart investment.

Do you have a question that you would like to have answered? Email it to me at katie.rozen@edwardjones.com
Michigan has gotten tougher on drunk drivers since 1999 when the blood alcohol content (BAC) level was lowered from 0.10 to 0.08. Offenders like Trowsse who rack up three drinking and driving offenses become felons for life, which means in drinking and driving offenses, typical when it comes to being charged with an OWI. Depending on the judge and county, Clothier has seen first-time offenders spend automatic jail time.

"Judges in the same county will do things way different," Clothier said. "They say it’s good to know the law but better to know the judge."

Part of the tougher enforcement comes from changing the law from driving under the influence (DUI) to OWI. Under DUIs, plaintiffs who were asleep at the wheel or in the backseat and not in motion could argue that since they weren’t driving, DUIs do not apply to them. With OWIs, police officers and prosecutors can bring a wider depth of charges against people who are found drunk inside of their cars.

"It is not illegal to drink and then drive. It is illegal to drive after you’ve become impaired," Clothier said.

Fenton Police Department had 78 drunk driving arrests for 2012; Linden had two and Holly had 20. Overall, there were more than 37,000 drunk driving arrests in Michigan last year.

Officers can pull people over for swerving, having burnt out headlights or taillights, missing registration tags and anything else that seems suspicious. If an officer suspects a driver is intoxicated, he or she may administer breath tests and a preliminary breath test (PBT). If the driver is intoxicated, the officer can impound their vehicle or leave it somewhere in public while the driver is processed and held in a cell until their BAC level reaches 0.0.

Drunk drivers automatically have their licenses revoked. Depending on the situation, the driver may be allowed to have a temporary license, with restrictions of where and what hours that person may drive.

Punishments are compounded by the first drinking and driving offense. A second offense includes mandatory jail time of five days. In addition to becoming a felon, a third offense brings mandatory jail time of 30 days. The Super Drunk Law, which is imposed on anyone who has a BAC level of .17 or higher, jail time can be between 45 days minimum and 180 days maximum. Fines could increase to more than $8,000.

Trowsse said he has to pay nearly $4,500 to have his license reinstated. Currently, he is enrolled at Baker College and found there are only a select few jobs he can train for due to his status as a felon. Teaching, medical positions and social work is no longer an option for his future.

"This three DUI policy… they need to offer a way to get it expunged from a record," Trowsse said. "Some people do worse things and can have their record expunged."

Trowsse advises people to never drink and drive, even if they only consider themselves social drinkers. Clothier agrees and recommends calling a friend or simply not drinking at all.

"You shouldn’t get a drunk driving conviction because you should have enough common sense to know when you’re drunk," Clothier said.

For Fenton resident Jessica Ruiz, 26, her second drinking and driving offense and the death of many of her friends was a wakeup call for her to sober up.

"I went to over 20 funerals in two years. I lost a lot of friends to drinking and drugs," said Ruiz, who has been sober since Feb. 3, 2011. Ruiz credits Chief Judge Mark McCabe and the 67th District Court, who sent her to a weekend camp where she learned about addiction.

"I would drink one or two and then before I knew it, I was slamming them," Ruiz said. "I had to give that up and realize I was worth more than that."

"I went to over 20 funerals in two years. I lost a lot of friends to drinking and drugs," Jessica Ruiz, Fenton
Meet Stevens Wandmacher
Instructor of Philosophy at U of M Flint, Scuba Diver and World Traveler

By Olivia Dimmer

Stevens Wandmacher is a multi-talented man who not only teaches philosophy, but also explores the world both above and below sea level. He has dove the depths of philosophy in search of profound thought, as well as dove the depths of Lake Fenton and Lake Huron in search of shipwrecks.

How did you become an instructor of philosophy? I took a lot of philosophy when I was an undergrad and then I got a masters degree in philosophy. Then when we moved to the Flint area, my wife had a teaching job and I was looking for work. I inquired at U of M Flint if they had any openings, and they hired me and I’ve been there ever since.

What inspired you as a student to pursue philosophy? The thing I like about philosophy is you get to look at different ways of understanding and looking at things. You can see things from multiple perspectives and evaluate the truthfulness and rationale of the perspective. You get to try on different theories. We aren’t bound by anything. For instance, in science, they have the scientific method and if you step outside of that, you’re not doing science anymore. We don’t have those sorts of restrictions. It’s exciting. They ask big fundamental questions: What is the nature of justice? What do we mean when we say justice? What could it mean? I like those big questions. Most of my class is discussions and lecture based.

What do you love about your job? The best part of my job is getting students to get to their ‘Aha!’ moment. Everyone does philosophy, they just don’t know they are doing it. It has value because they can see the importance in trying to figure out these problems. The way you understand a concept affects what answers you can come up with. It’s up to you to find the concepts you are going to use. I think that is very liberating for people.

Do you have any hobbies other than teaching? Yes! I like to scuba dive. I’m very fond of it. I’ve dove in Lake Fenton a number of times as well as Lake Huron. I’m interested in looking at shipwrecks. In Lake Huron, there are underwater preserves set aside by the state because they contain important historical information. For me, the Regina is my favorite. It was my first shipwreck dive and it’s a freight turned upside down. It’s only in 70 feet of water, and it wasn’t discovered for a century. That was very exciting. My older daughter got me into it. I started doing it so she has somebody to dive with. She has gotten busy with school so I’ve done more diving than her.

Are there any shipwrecks in Lake Fenton as well? There are boat wrecks! There are pontoons, a cabin cruiser, an old mining car. The Dive Shop has moved them around and use them to teach classes out there. If you go very slowly and know where to look, they are on the north end in the far corner. If you look under you will see a buoy, a place for dive boats to hook up and go right down to the wreck.

Tell me about your family. I’m married to Vikki. We have two daughters, Rachel, a junior at MSU and Lydia, who is a junior at Fenton High School. We strongly believe in exposing our children to lots of ideas and experiences. My children have been to Europe, Asia and South America. We wanted them to make up their own minds about ideas and issues and decide what they thought, not believe what my wife and I thought. I’m a supporter of the IB program at the high school, it’s an excellent curriculum. My younger daughter will be a full IB student and my oldest has her IB diploma as well.

Do you have any hang-ups about your daughter going to MSU while you teach at U of M? No, although my wife and I did our schooling at U of M Ann Arbor. I did my masters at Wayne State and my PhD at MSU. What have you taken away from your travels? I like to cook. I’m the main cook in our family. My favorite dish to make is Bibin Bap, a Korean dish, a bowl of rice with different steamed vegetables with meat and tofu. You top it with a fried egg, sesame oil and seaweed and mix it with hot peppers. My kids have eaten Korean food and have been able to use chopsticks since first-grade. We like to go to all different places, the Rockies, the national parks out West. I love New England. My family visited Maine a lot when I was younger. I was in the Navy and stationed in Philadelphia.

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**HOVERING**
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reception. He is also doing a Michigan Municipal League project with Fenton, Linden and Holly.
This unique perspective has created a new, emerging profession of aerial photographers — and admittedly makes this photographer a little jealous.
Attached to the ‘copter is a GoPro camera, like the ones daredevils attach to their helmets when skiing or hang gliding. A special gimble keeps the camera level with the horizon, and can even be controlled separately. With a legal maximum height of 400 feet, and minimum height of 15, Haley can capture spectacular views that traditional aerial photographers cannot.

“Technology has finally caught up to what we have always wanted to do,” he said. His first aerial photography efforts were attaching a disposable camera to an RC helicopter, and installing a servo to push the shutter button every 30 seconds.

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Josie Jackman, 6, from Fenton, caught this 17 ½-inch largemouth bass while fishing with her family near Holly, on June 15. Her dad, mom and two big brothers could not be more proud.

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**
Brady LaChance, 7 of Linden takes a photo of the quad copter after watching owner Kevin Haley take it up above the playground Wednesday.

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**
It takes a lot of practice to pilot a helicopter that utilizes a radio control with many control sticks.

He controls the “camera ship” with a multi-stick radio control with sticks to control the throttle to power up and down, yaw for left and right, pitch for forward and back. He describes it as trying to keep a long stick balanced vertically in your palm. “It’s a balancing act, then you learn how to turn it,” he said.

Having such a portable camera ship can raise ethics and privacy concerns, Haley adheres to a common sense approach, and gets permission many times before filming. “It’s something new,” he said.

You can see more aerial photos at hovershotsapv.com.

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO**
It was a very challenging season for local fishermen.

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Kevin Haley took photos of the damage following the tornado that struck Fenton Township this spring.

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Adam Hoisington
Local birder and biologist

The saying “up with the birds” has a special meaning if you’re a birder like Adam Hoisington.

Many mornings will find him out-of-doors early, hoping to catch a glimpse or hear a song of one of his favorite birds. “Around sunrise is when you’ll hear the most active singing and birds will be more visible,” said Hoisington. “It’s cooler outside and they’re hungry.”

What might be a surprise to many is that this avid birder is just 28 years old and far from the stereotypical retired bird hobbyist. He prefers the term “birder” because it denotes a more active approach to the hobby than just casually bird-watching. “Not only do I watch the birds, but I also seek out opportunities to find birds, identify them and learn more about them,” he said.

More serious birders call themselves “listers,” who keep track of all the species they see, either listing them by new species, or which ones they see during the course of a year, or ones they find in a particular state, or on one specific day.

He comes by this curiosity by profession — as a biologist and professor at both Mott and Macomb community colleges. His home near the Fenton

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A good-natured and outrageous embrace of all things redneck, the games include the Hubcap Hurl, the Bobbin’ for Pig’s Feet Fest, and Redneck Horseshoes — in which toilet seats are the objects thrown. People still talk about the 12-year-old boy who played the Southern ode “Dixie” with his underarm and palm back in 2000.

**International Cherry-Pit Spitting Championship in Eau Claire, Mich.**
July 6, 2013
Cherry pit spitting has been a Independence Day tradition for nearly 40 years in Eau Claire, Mich. Michigan. Pit-sippers from as far away as Europe gathered at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm to see who can spit the farthest.

**Testicle Festival in Olean, N.Y.**
July 31 - Aug. 4, 2013
Olean may be tiny, but its residents have the gumption, sense of humor, and adventurous eating habits to pull off this annual fest. The main attraction is mountain oysters, a polite term for fried turkey testicles.

**Giant Omelette Celebration in Abbeville, La.**
Nov. 2, 2013
Ever since 1984, when three members of the local chamber of commerce attended the Easter Omelette Festival in Bessieres, France, Abbeville has been one of seven cities worldwide to host an annual omelette festival. Representatives from each city are on hand to help local chefs prepare the celebration’s pièce de résistance — a 5,000-egg Cajun omelette.

**Bed Races in Oatman, Ariz.**
January 2014
Five teammates (two to push, two to pull, one to sit) sporting pajamas or outlandish costumes maneuver beds through an obstacle course in teeny Oatman. Once home to gold miners, it’s now a tourist trap with daily shoot-outs and a herd of burros that wanders the streets looking to be fed. Burro braying contests, a chamber-pot parade — literally, people bonging pots — and a toilet-seat toss (target: a traffic cone) make this event one of the wackiest.

**World Championship Punkin Chunkin in Sussex County, Dela.**
Nov. 1-3, 2013
Helmet-wearing participants load homemade cannons in the hopes of launching pumpkins nearly 4,000 feet across a field.

**WORLD COW CHIP THROWING CHAMPIONSHIP IN BEAVER, OKLA.**
Third weekend in April 2014
Cow chips (aka dried cow dung) were an integral part of the pioneer experience. Family members soon began competing against each other to see who could toss the chips into the wagon with the most accuracy. Fast forward to 1970 and the Town of Beaver turned that storied paste into an actual sport and now bears the title “Cow Chip Throwing Capital of the World.” Home to the annual World Championship Cow Chip Throw, people travel from all around the globe to see and even participate in the Cow Chip throwing contest, held the third weekend of April in Beaver, each year.

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Linden graduate writes college success book

Author shares secrets of graduating Summa Cum Laude

By William Axford

A Linden High School graduate is sharing his secrets of success in college with his new book “Your Summa Cum Laude, MD/PhD. Cooler than your big brother’s guide for success in college.” The book, written by Jake Carpenter-Thompson, describes how to succeed in college, based upon his own experiences. Carpenter-Thompson graduated Summa Cum Laude, earning a 4.0 in his undergraduate studies. He is now at the University of Illinois MD/PhD program where he studies medicine and conducts cutting-edge neural imaging research at the birthplace of functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI).

Carpenter-Thompson wrote the book so his younger brothers and others attending college can strive for success. “I initially sat down and wrote the book for my little brother who is graduating and wanted to give him advice to be as successful as I was,” the author said. “I wanted the book to be short, sweet and to the point. It’s not written above the reader’s head or below them. It’s aimed right at them.” The book is available for order at createspace.com and sells for $17.99.

Flowers for Katie

Friends of Katie Wyatt planted flowers at the gazebo at Bush Park in Fenton on June 14 to honor her memory. Katie passed away from a form of liver cancer on June 14, 2011 at the age of 14. Pictured here are Julia Johnson, Emily Green, Breanna Jones and Cheyenne Avalorado.
Spa Naturelle
Longtime area nail technician opens full-service spa
By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Nails are more than just a fashion statement to Cheryl Fons, owner of the new Spa Naturelle in Fenton.

Helping clients take care of their nails by using healthy products has been Fons’ main goal in opening her new business. In fact, she uses healthy products for all of Spa Naturelle’s spa services — from hair to nails, and facials to body waxing.

Spa Naturelle also offers massage therapy and esthetician services.

Spa Naturelle will have its Grand Opening on Wednesday, June 26 from 6 to 8 p.m., hosted by long-time clients of the Kristy Canteleberry ReMax team. “You are cordially invited to look over the new Spa Naturelle and join us for refreshments, hors d’oeuvres and discounts on spa services,” said Fons.

Fons is passionate about the importance of using nail products that promote growth and healthy nails. Her focus is to transition women from using acrylics and gels in manicures and pedicures to healthier fiberglass techniques and products like Creative Nail Design’s Shellac and Vinylux systems. “They are much healthier for your nails,” said Fons, who is master certified in both techniques.

Spa Naturelle prides itself on a level of service that creates relaxation and a pampering experience for each client. Fons has also created a sense of fashion fun with a retail line of unique boutique clothing and accessories. She is especially proud to be an exclusive retailer for the upscale Lyssie line of active shapewear leggings and tops. “You’ll also enjoy our casual clothing lines, Treske jewelry, fashion scarves and Big Buddha bags,” said Fons. Fons is proud to have just been notified that Spa Naturelle earned “The Brick” from the Fenton Regional Chamber, for improvements made in the business and community.

Spa Naturelle is located at 603 North LeRoy St., across from Dewey’s Automotive Repair in the former Papa John’s building. Call (810) 208-7799 for an appointment, and visit www.spa-naturelle.com.

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A: Prudential Great Lakes Realty Adds Two New Agents

Prudential Great Lakes Realty’s Fenton office has recently added two new agents to their team. Jerry Rule, who has been serving the tri-county area as an agent for several years, has joined the Great Lakes team. He is actively involved with the Fenton Regional Chamber, Linden BNI and U of M-Flint Alumni Society Board of Governors.

Denise Penwell is a new Realtor, with years of experience as a business owner and community involvement as a Fenton Regional Chamber Ambassador. Prudential Great Lakes Realty is located at 2930 West Shiawassee Ave., telephone (810) 629-0680.

Q: My PCV valve rattles loudly while engine is at idle. I’ve replaced it three times. What could be the problem?

A: Aaron, The first thing I ask is, are you using an OEM quality PCV valve (meaning A/C Delco or from the dealer)? We see a lot of aftermarket PCV valves cause problems. Next thing that comes to mind is to check the port where the PCV hose hooks to the engine. Make sure it is clear and getting full vacuum. Other than these items, try a good cleaning of the throttle bore and check the timing if it is adjustable.

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BIRD-WATCHING
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Mill Pond offers many birding opportunities, but he tends to travel near and far to indulge in his favorite hobby. He finds great bird-watching opportunities locally at Holly Recreation Area, Seven Lakes State Park and Dauner-Martin Nature Sanctuary and nearby at Shiawassee Wildlife Refuge in Saginaw County and at Richfield County Park in Davison.

He has even traveled as far as Texas to watch and identify birds, “three times so far this year,” he said. “That’s one of the perks of this hobby. It gives me an excuse to travel!”

Hoisington hasn’t always been a bird-lover. It came about after taking a field biology course at U of M-Flint about seven years ago. “Now I’m pretty passionate,” he admits. “In fact, my friends would even say I’m obsessed, but they’ll often join me on my expeditions. Once you get into it, it comes a part of you, like an itch you’ve just got to scratch.”

May and June are the biggest bird-watching months, because they’re the peak time of bird migration, according to Hoisington. “Every bit of free time I have, I’m outside looking at birds.”

Bird-watching doesn’t have to be an expensive hobby — all it requires is a pair of binoculars and a field guide like Peterson Field Guide to Birds. “Like any hobby, it can get more expensive the more you get into it,” said Hoisington, who started with a $20 set of binoculars until his interest “outgrew” that initial set.

Now that summer is here, birding takes on a new challenge as birds are more spread out than they are during active migration earlier in the spring, when they tend to cluster. “They’re a little easier to find in May, because there’s lot of activity and they’re more mobile, but in June and later summer months, the hobby becomes more rewarding as it is more of a challenge,” he said. “Finding particular species this time of year can be like ‘finding a needle in a haystack.’”

He compares his hobby to the thrill of hunting, “only we don’t kill them when we find them,” he added.

Hoisington believes that birding has actually changed his life, because it has taught him to enjoy the moment. “If you don’t take the opportunity to find a bird when it presents itself, then you’ve missed it forever,” he said.

Local photographer Scott Schupbach has definitely found this to be true, as his goal in bird-watching is more in capturing the photo than the moment. He actually combines both hobbies, because he has been watching birds and enjoying them since he was a kid. “It’s definitely a hobby, but hard to fit around my work,” admits Schupbach, whose business as a concrete contractor has its busiest time during bird migration. “When I get the chance, though, I’m out early in the morning or late in the evening bird-watching.”

He says that Hoisington is the person he goes to any time he needs a species identified. “I’ll show him one of my photos, and he can tell me exactly what kind of bird it is,” he said.

Some of Hoisington’s fascination with birds stems from the fact that they are a lot like humans. “We all hear that swans and geese mate for life,” he said. “But that’s a myth. Just like in human relationships, about 50 percent of swan pairs end in the bird equivalent of divorce.”

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- **Byram Lake**
  - 6081 Byram Lake Dr., Linden
    - This custom built home has 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, Master suite with private bath and balcony. Finished basement with 2nd kitchen and 95 feet of frontage allow you to enjoy the beautiful panoramic views of all-sports Byram Lake.
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- **Lobdell Lake**
  - 16277 Seymour Rd., Linden
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- **Pine Lake**
  - 5151 Harp Dr., Linden
    - Enjoy 140’ of Lake Frontage on Beautiful Pine Lake. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, completely renovated kitchen, bath and laundry room. Many upgrades include paint, carpet, flooring, windows, furnace and more.
    - **$244,000**

- **Lake Fenton**
  - 13026 Cussewago, Fenton
    - Breathtaking panoramic open water views and amazing sunsets. This home has 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, fireplace and a finished basement.
    - **$300,000**

- **All-Sports Loon Lake**
  - 13287 Harborview, Linden
    - Lakefront home located in Loon Harbor Preserve with a panoramic view of Loon Lake from almost every room. This stunning home has 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished lower level walk-out with projection system for entertaining, a second kitchen, bath and bedroom.
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  - 6221 Lakeview Park, Linden
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**OPEN SUNDAY 12-3**

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- **Indoor Pool & Hot Tub**
  - 16069 Pavillion, Fenton
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  - 9084 Palmer’s Way, Fenton
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- **Lake Fenton**
  - 2497 Academy, Holly
    - **$400,000**

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Personal Notice

HOLLY HIGH School reunion. Class of 1973. Saturday, August 17th, 12p.m. For more information call Judy, 248-634-8858.


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Invitation to Bid

The Lake Fenton Community Schools are taking bids for Intercom Systems.

For bid specifications and bid sheet contact Brad Reichert at 810-591-2570 Monday-Friday. Sealed bids will be accepted until Tuesday 7/9/2013 at 10:00am. Bids due to the Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD JUNE 18, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Keith Kremar, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Trustees Cam Gonzalez, Soren Pedersen, David Walker, and Chuck Schultz.

2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.

3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2 as amended.

4. Directed the Supervisor obtain bids to repair Hartland Road between White Lake Rd. and the north township border.

5. Approved the land division request of Michael and Kathleen Dennis.

6. Approved the loan program plan as amended and updated as needed.

7. Approved the request to apply for a natural gas connection at the township hall.

8. Approved to have the officers review the presented regulatory ordinances as prioritized.

9. Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrones Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrones Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrones Township Board will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrones Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

The Argentine Township Planning Commission has prepared draft text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding modifications and updates to the following sections:

Article 17 General Provisions
— Fence Section 17.13
— Wireless Communication Facilities and Services Section 17.18
— Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers Section 17.20

Sign Ordinance

The proposed text amendments will be considered at a public hearing conducted by the Planning Commission on July 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., at the Argentine Township Hall, located at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public input on these proposed changes. The complete text of the draft amendments can be reviewed at the Township Hall during normal business hours.

Denise M. Graves
Township Clerk, Argentine Township

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
JUNE 17, 2013

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday June 17, 2013 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions:

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Received a presentation of Fenton Township’s audited financial statements for the year ended 12/31/12 from Plante & Moran, PLLC.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $386,079.12.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-08, honoring retiring Assessor Beth Redmond for her years of service to Fenton Township.
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-09, honoring retiring employee Penelope Sharp for her years of service to Fenton Township.
7. Approved the hiring of Julia Wilson for the position of Assessor.
8. Accepted the high bids from a sealed bid property auction, approving the sale of 41 vacant tax-reverted properties.
9. Recessed the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of convening an Executive Session to discuss a proposed collective bargaining agreement.
10. Reconvened the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.
12. Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
LEGAL NOTICE
GROVELAND TOWNSHIP ORDNANCE #195
AMENDMENT TO ORDNANCE #189
At a regular meeting of the Groveland Township Board, held on Monday, June 10, 2013, the following Codified Ordinance was approved by a vote of 5-0.
Amend Chapter 18, Section 18-3, #15 SPECIAL MEETING FEES
Increase Fee to Township Board $470.00
Increase Fee to Township Board $540.00
This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption and publication as required by law. Copies of the revised ordinances are available for your inspection at the Groveland Township Office, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI during regular business hours.

For the Lake Fenton Community Schools

Project Information
Sealed bids will be accepted from qualified bidders by Lake Fenton Community Schools for Lake Fenton High School Athletic Track Refurbishment located at 4079 Lahring Road, Linden, Michigan. Proposals must be clearly marked “Track Refurbish Bid” and may be mailed or delivered in person to:

Lake Fenton Community Schools
Administrative Services
11425 Torrey Road
Fenton, MI 48430

Bids will be due until the hour of 1:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 and will be publicly read and opened aloud in the Alberta B. Martin Board Room, 11425 Torrey Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Bids received after this date and hour will be returned unopened. No faxed bids will be allowed. Lake Fenton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals.

Specifications:
Please email kwade@lakefentonschools.org for an electronic copy or for a hard copy of specifications if needed. All project specific questions should be directed to Jake Staley, Director of Maintenance-Lake Fenton Community Schools, at jstaley@lakefentonschools.org or 810.591.8000.

PUBLIC AUCTION
Fenton Township Storage

PUBLIC AUCTION
TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013 AT 7:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTOAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Amendment to the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance #584, Article 11, Section 11.20 Communications towers to be located within the Township. This matter was postponed at the June 13, 2013 meeting. Parcel 06-33-000-002.

YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

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ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK


Blackout drunk brings on broken relationship

DEAR AMY: I recently ended a six-month relationship with a girl who often drank to the point of blacking out and from time to time took recreational drugs. While the warning signs were there from the beginning, there was also an amazing connection, and we shared some wonderful moments. She was great on many levels, but her off-the-rails behavior sort of terrified me. Looking back I feel like perhaps I was too harsh. I miss her a great deal. Did I make a mistake? — Lonely in LA

DEAR LONELY: Each of us has his/her own personal threshold of what can be tolerated. If you are with someone whose behavior “sort of terrifies” you, then, yes, your choice to end the relationship and tolerate the attendant loneliness seems to me like an important act of self-preservation.

DEAR AMY: My daughter just turned 11 and has always had a touch of ADHD. She is bright, creative and fun, but she often forgets to do her “jobs.” Simple things like brushing her teeth or washing her face won’t happen some mornings, even though we have a typed list taped to the bathroom wall that is supposed to check each day. I don’t want to micromanage her, but I also need these basic things to get done each day. What should I do? — Frustated Parent

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I’m not sure what you mean by “a touch of ADHD.” If you ask me, just about every 11-year-old on the planet would qualify for this vague diagnosis. You should experiment by taking down the job list you taped to the wall. Unless she is quite impaired, I would say that this is the essence of micromanagement. If you (and she) are wedded to the list system, then let her make her own — in her own handwriting and decorated any way she wants. Are there things on your list that she automatically does? They needn’t be included. Unless she is quite impaired, I would say that this is the essence of micromanagement. If you (and she) are wedded to the list system, then let her make her own — in her own handwriting and decorated any way she wants. Are there things on your list that she automatically does? They needn’t be included. What are the things she knows she needs to do but tends to forget (or skip)? She should post reminders for herself. But you need to take a hard look in the bathroom mirror. How awful would it be for your daughter left the house one morning without washing her face or brushing her teeth? If you could be brave enough to let this happen, your girl might realize that it doesn’t feel so great to have fuzzy teeth all day.

8 things you can do to protect your dog in the summer

1. Never, ever leave your dog in the car.
2. Make sure your dog has unlimited access to fresh water.
3. Make sure your dog has access to shade when outside.
4. Take walks during the cooler hours of the day.
5. When walking, try to stay off of hot surfaces (like asphalt) because it can burn your dog’s paws.
6. If you think it’s hot outside, it’s even hotter for your pet — make sure your pet has a means of cooling off.
7. Keep your dog free of external parasites (lice, ticks) and heartworms — call your veterinarian about the best product for your pet.
8. Consider clipping or shaving any long hair to help keep your pet cool.

How to force quit an unresponsive app

To force quit an unresponsive app all you have to do is press and hold the Sleep/Wake button until you see the red slider. Normally, this is what you would do to power down your iPhone or iPod touch. In this case however, when the slider appears, release the sleep/wake button and then press and hold the Home button. If it works correctly, your iPhone will forcefully quit the unresponsive app and return you to your home screen.

Recipe of the week

Flank Steak with Salsa Verde

INGREDIENTS

• 2 cups loosely packed fresh parsley
• 3 scallions, coarsely chopped
• 2 T. capers, drained
• Zest and juice of 1/2 lemon
• 1/2 t. dijon mustard
• 2 anchovy fillets
• 2 cloves garlic, smashed
• 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for the grill
• Kosher salt
• 1 flank steak (about 1 1/2 lbs.)
• Freshly ground pepper
• 2 or 3 medium tomatoes

DIRECTIONS

1. Make the salsa verde: Pulse the parsley, scallions, capers, lemon zest and juice, anchovies, garlic, mustard and olive oil in a food processor until slightly chunky. Pour into a bowl and season with salt.
2. Preheat a grill to high or place a grill pan over high heat. Pierce the steak all over with a fork and season with salt and pepper. Oil the grill or pan; grill the steak, 4 to 5 minutes per side for medium-rare, turning once. Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes.
3. Slice the tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Thinly slice the steak against the grain. Serve with the tomatoes and salsa verde.

Recipe from foodnetwork.com

Android tip of the week

Jack the Giant Slayer

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