Many not aware of fireworks laws

Users responsible for any injuries, fires that stem from pyrotechnics

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As America prepares to celebrate its independence this Fourth of July, firefighters will be on the lookout for potential hazards. Legislation passed in Michigan in 2011 allows residents to light projectile fireworks. Previously, Michigan law prevented anyone from using any fireworks that left the ground. Since the new law, firefighters have seen more incidents of fireworks related fires.

“People who are drinking should not be using fireworks,”
Bob Cairnduff, Fenton fire chief

“You can be ticketed under the law if you do cause damage. If you cause injuries, you can be held responsible for that,” said Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff.

Fireworks are allowed to be used the day before, of and after 10 national holidays, which includes the Fourth of July. Under a new law signed by Michigan legislators, communities with fewer than 50,000 residents or counties have the option to ban fireworks.

HELP...

My wallet was stolen

How to avoid having your wallet stolen — and what to do if it is

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I was walking briskly along the busy downtown streets of the port city of Marseilles, France on a recent cruise vacation, when I noticed a young woman walking very close to me. We were walking up steps leading into an indoor mall and I remember being annoyed that she was getting into my personal space. Not being familiar with local customs, I didn’t think it was anything unusual and I just kept moving.

That is, until a gust of wind grabbed

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Holiday kicks off peak camping weekends

The Groveland Oaks Campground is already very busy for a Monday. Many campgrounds, especially those with swimming, are experiencing a surge in attendance ahead of the Independence Day holiday.

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On the road

Nearly 1.4 million Michigan residents will hit the road for this Fourth of July holiday

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If you plan to travel this Fourth of July holiday, you’re not alone. Nearly 1.4 million Michigan residents will travel during this upcoming holiday, which officially begins today through Sunday. This year, today and Sunday

See ROAD on 7

Fenton’s water search hits a roadblock — for now

Multiple quality issues driving search for new well

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Fenton — The search for a higher quality source of drinking water within the city of Fenton will be suspended — at least for now.

According to Stephen Guy, water treatment facility superintendent, Fenton draws its water from a glacial drift that has a high iron content and total dissolved solids. AMEC Environment & Infrastructure was hired to determine three sites within the area for other potential water sources. From there, it was decided to
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THE SCENIC GAME OF DISC GOLF

Leisurely sport is a fusion of golf with Frisbees

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Holly – On one of the 24 winding trails nestled in the back corner of Holly Recreation Area, Trever Chavis of Davison focuses his stance, like an Olympian before throwing a disc. Chavis takes two steps and lunges his arm forward, sending his disc flying into the woods. Chavis watches to make sure his disc doesn’t get lost in the woods and is happy with the distance his throw has covered.

“There’s a lot more skill in throwing a disc,” said Alyssa Andrew of Holly. “Disc golf doesn’t require a lot of physical activity unless you’re out looking for a disc.”

Chavis and Andrew were playing a game of disc golf on Monday, where the object of the game is to throw Frisbee-like discs into a metal basket. While most people have no doubt thrown Frisbees on a beach or in their backyard, disc golf requires similar yet precise skills. Discs come in various weights and thickness with the purpose of covering a certain amount of distance. Lighter, more aerodynamic discs are designed to soar through the air and cover more ground. Putters are thicker in weight and are used when players are closer to the basket.

See DISC GOLF on 11
Paula Deen's menu: Foot in mouth
You knew Paula Deen was in serious trouble when the celebrity chef turned to the Rev. Jesse Jackson for help to the ‘N-word’, and the ﬁsh, the ’N-word’. She took her cue from the Rev. Jackson, who has still the-go-to guy for celebrities in dire need to patch up things after breeches of racial etiquette. ‘I’ve had wonderful support from Rev. Jackson,’ she said in a tearfully apologetic interview with Matt Lau- er on NBC’s ‘Today’ Show Wednesday, a week after news broke of her admi- sion in a videotaped deposition for a discrimination suit that she had used the ‘N-word’ racial slur in the past. Fallout from that revelation and other racial remarks began to unravel the celebrity chef’s food and media empire...
Many consumers spend thousands on fireworks

Mortars, Roman Candles most popular

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Fenton — Few people wandered through the threshold of Tom LeMaire’s tent full of fireworks on Monday. The overcast weather and slight rain weren’t ideal for festive activities, which LeMaire attributed the lack of interest in purchasing fireworks. By Independence Day however, LeMaire expects customers to start purchasing hundreds of dollars worth of fireworks, if not thousands.

“We will have the day off and will go camping,” LeMaire said. “They’ll want to shoot fireworks off at the lake.”

Since the expansion of legal fireworks in Michigan two years ago, consumers have had a wider variety of explosives to use to celebrate America’s independence and other holidays. Prior to 2012, any fireworks that left the ground were considered illegal. For a few hundred dollars, consumers can put on an impressive light show for their families.

If LeMaire had a few hundred dollars to spend, he said he would select a multiple mortar box. By lighting one Wick, mortars are set off in a timed fashion, with a grand finale at the end. LeMaire also recommends purchasing the bundle packs, which come with multiple firework-ers like mortars, m-80s, flaming balls and Roman Candles.

“There’s big guys who buy these types of fireworks. Uncles and grandpas get bigger items,” LeMaire said. Sparklers and jumping jacks are still popular buys for parents since they are safer for kids.

Tim Lindsey of Holly had tent of fire-works near the parking lot of Holly Lanes Bowling Center, where people could pull over from Grange Hall Road and peruse the variety of explosives available. Like LeMaire, Lindsey saw few customers during the past few days but expects to sell most of his stock by the time the Fourth of July hits.

“We sell mortars more than anything. Roman candles are pretty popular too,” Lindsey said. “It’s been slower this year and I’m not sure why.”

Lindsey said a good fireworks show could be put on for $350, consisting of mortar cakes and a couple of assortment kits.

While business has been slow, the fireworks available may be limited by the time you read this. LeMaire and Lindsey expect a vast majority of their inventory to be sold near or on July 4, which is tomorrow.

“Some guys spend $2,500 to $5,000 on Independence Day,” LeMaire said. “Closer to the fourth, the more they spend.”

SAFETY

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with fewer than 750,000 people can im-pose a restriction on fireworks between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. Communities and coun-tries with larger populations can restrict fireworks between midnight and 8 a.m. Those caught using fireworks outside of designated times can be fined up to $300.

Last month, the Fenton City Council implemented an ordinance that prohibits the use of fireworks between 1 and 8 a.m. within city limits. Violators can be charged up to $500, as well as additional fees for storing, disposing or destroying confiscated fireworks.

When it comes to safety, Cairnduff said children should always be supervised when they’re around fireworks. Fireworks users should also be aware of weather con-ditions, especially if it is extremely dry out-side, and from what surfaces the fireworks are being shot. Fireworks should be shot from flat, concrete surfaces as opposed to grass or fields, which can catch on fire. Wind can also be a factor, sending aerial fireworks off onto an unwanted trajectory.

“People who are drinking should not be using fireworks, either,” Cairnduff ad-vises. “If a firework leaves your property and starts a fire, you’re responsible for it.”

According to the American Pyrotech-nics Association and the National Council on Firework Safety, there were 3.5 injuries per 100 pounds of fireworks used in 2012. Overall, fireworks accidents caused four deaths last year and 9,300 serious injuries. Firecrackers amounted to 32 percent of the injuries while skyrockets caused 15 percent of the injuries.
**Lockwood hosts Adopt-A-Pet event**

Volunteers show off their finest furry friends at senior complex

By Olivia Dimmer

Ella Lauer of Fenton holds Gidget, a Chihuahua mix that was rescued from a hoarding situation.

**We hope that the people who live here will adopt the animals they see or inquire about animals back at the center that are also up for adoption.**

Angela Renwick  
Adopt-A-Pet volunteer

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**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**VERY FEW RELIGIOUS people fight and kill to defend their beliefs. The vast majority are peace-loving people, which is just how God wants them to be. Don't lump the vast majority in with a handful of misguided zealots.**

TO THE HOT liner who said we couldn't make a place for kids: I couldn't agree more. We have too many places for drunks and none for kids.

**ALL YOU PEOPLE** complaining to the Times about your roads — call your representative or municipality government. I'm sick of reading them, and the Times can't fix your road.

**I'D LIKE TO** comment on the King's articles for Mother's and Father's day. I thought both of them were beautiful. I cut them out and I'm saving them.

**I WANT TO** give a big thank you to whoever did the flower boxes in downtown Fenton on LeRoy. They are the most beautiful boxes I've ever seen. Thank you for your thought and time.

**THE AMERICAN COMPANIES** that got rid of Paula Deen should be ashamed. Do some checking into the background of these other stars and see if they are perfect. She is human. Shame on you.

**THE DROUGHT IS** over so you can quit hollering now. I'm sick of all that environment nonsense.

**WHEN WILL OBAMA** park the jet, stay in D.C. and fix this mess?

**TO MR. SMITH** — thank you for breakfast at McDonald’s the other day. You and your dogs made my day. Thank you.

**I'M RETIRED, NO** pension and trying to save gas money for one trip up North this summer. Obama spends millions in tax dollars to take his family on an African vacation. A very concerned president, isn’t he?

**I’M CALLING IN** to the caller on Paula Deen. I’m tired of the double standard. Jamie Foxx can go on SNL and say kill all the whites and that’s fine? Nobody says anything. But Paula says something, apologizes, and they still crucify her.

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The United States flag also plays a significant role in helping to commemorate this anniversary and has some special meanings all its own.

The flag’s white stars on a blue background have increased in number from the original 13 to 50, each of which represents a state. The 13 red and white stripes symbolize the original 13 colonies, which fought in the Revolutionary War to gain our independence and later becoming the first 13 states.

The Fourth of July and fireworks are also special symbols of our celebration on this special day.

At the same time I would hope that it will never be forgotten during our celebrations that our very first veterans came from the Revolutionary War and that we have had the benefit of continued freedom due to the countless sacrifices of veterans throughout our history in various wars and conflicts up through and including those that the members of our military forces are engaged in today in foreign lands.

They too are fighting to keep our freedom and they wake up every day ever mindful of our flag, what it stands for and protecting themselves against a different type of fireworks and marching in a different type of parade.

During our Fourth of July celebration I think it would be wonderful if we all could pause for just a minute and remember and thank all Veterans for keeping us independent and safe and wishing those who are not yet back, a speedy trip home to our great country — the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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The parade begins at 10 a.m. There is no fee to park inside the staging area, but walkers accompanying children will find parking on one of the nearby side streets. Parents not walking with their children will need to register and meet their children promptly at the end of the parade at the West Street parking lot of the El len Street School Campus. Parents are responsible for their children at all times. A parent must accompany children under 5 years old.

Registration is free and forms are available at Cyclist Multisport and the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. On the morning of July 4, registration forms will be at the staging area at 9 a.m.

Lighting that is more efficient could earn Fenton Consumers Energy rebate money
ATT Group presented an option to Fenton City Council at its work session on Monday for the city to save money by switching to lighting that is more efficient. The police station, library, and water treatment facility would all save some of its lighting upgraded, for an investment on the city’s behalf of just over $3,000. Consumers Energy rebates would cover the rest, and the upgrades could result in an estimated annual savings for the city of just under $9,000 in energy costs. Mayor Sue Ostrowski asked ATT Group also to look at the community center and city hall to see if upgrades could be made in those locations to save further energy costs.

First Friday’s debut in Holly
The first Friday of each month, businesses in downtown Holly will be staying open late while offering in-store specials, entertainment, and more. “It’s a great incentive to come and explore Holly’s unique shopping and dining options,” said Holly DDA Director Hope Ponsart.
Many campgrounds already busy prior to holiday weekend

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Groveland Twp. — Devin Frayer forgot his tent poles, so he and his friend spent the night in the Trailblazer instead of a tent. “We said they could stay with us, but they didn’t,” said Jamie Sharp, 21, of Vernon over her ham and white-bread sandwich. The four are camping at Holly State Recreation area, at the McGinnis Lake Campground. While Sharp eats with Zachary Jenkins-Western of Owosso, Frayer plays catch with Justin Klump, 19, also of Owosso.

For Independence Day week, many area campgrounds are almost as busy as a regular weekend. On Monday, 90 percent of the 161 spots of the McGinnis Lake camp area are full, said Amanda Engberg, who issued passes at the booth. “We have some die-hard people during the week,” she said.

“We’re up to 93 percent occupied,” said Ron Olson, chief of parks and recreation for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). He said reservations are up 7.5 percent over 2012 through June 5 and up 19 percent since 2011. “It’s a thumbs up,” he said.

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This weekend, all 161 spots will be full, after reserving the spots six months in advance. This campground is more secluded and private. The group said they planned to go hiking during the day. They put the trip together for a cheap $200.

Across the road at the Groveland Oaks campground, Robert “Red” Earle of

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Robert “Red” Earle finishes setting up his camper on Monday, at Groveland Oaks Campground. He said he pays about $200 for a week-and-a-half. For Independence Day week, many area campgrounds are almost as busy as a regular weekend. On Monday, 90 percent of the 161 spots of the McGinnis Lake camp area are full, said Amanda Engberg, who issued passes at the booth. “We have some die-hard people during the week,” she said.

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STOLEN WALLET
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my purse. As I reached to hold onto it, I noticed it felt exceptionally light. Looking deeper, I found my wallet missing, along with $100 that had been loose in my purse — the U.S. currency equivalent of about $65.

I had been pick-pocketed in a foreign country, just like I had been warned about before leaving on the trip.

I was mad at myself more than I was at the situation. It could’ve been a lot worse had I been carrying a ton of cash and more credit cards. As it was, all I had in my wallet were two debit cards, my driver’s license and a Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance card.

It’s just that I knew better. I chose to wear a fashionable small cross body purse when shopping in one of France’s largest cities, rather than secure my money under my clothing as I should have.

The first thing I did was tell my husband, Mark, who quickly came to my defense and then became proactive in the situation. Our first order of business was to email The State Bank main office in Fenton so they could cancel both debit cards. We worked with personal banker Nicole Green before the trip to let her know what dates we would be gone, and she had given us her email address for just such an emergency. She reacted quickly, checking to make sure there was no fraudulent activity on the cards, and reordering us new ones to be ready soon after we returned — usually 10 to 14 days.

I didn’t let that incident ruin our vacation, in fact, not even the day. Because we found that our debit cards didn’t work in Spain, Italy or France, we used euros exclusively on our trip, so the loss of the cards didn’t dampen our fun — just made me much more vigilant about security and safety.

After our wonderful vacation came to a close, being pick-pocketed in France is less than a blip in our memories after so many fun-filled events and sights. I was able to quickly reorder a new driver’s license from the Secretary of State office in Flint Township and a new Blue Cross Blue Shield card through our local agent at Brown & Brown Insurance.

But maybe I can help another traveler avoid a much bigger loss and some of the hassles of replacing their important cards. At the very least I can confirm the importance of traveling smart.

Here’s what we did right:
• We had contacted our bank about a week ahead of our trip to let them know the dates we would be gone. That way, they wouldn’t be surprised to find transactions in Europe from a usual stay-at-home family from Fenton.
• Before leaving, we cleared out our wallets of all unnecessary cards, keys, etc., to minimize what we had to carry.

Here’s what we did wrong:
• I was mad at myself more than I was at the situation. I knew better.

Sally Rummel, Novice traveler who was the victim of a pick-pocket in France.

but also what we would lose in case they were stolen.
• We made copies of our passports, driver’s licenses, etc., to make it easier to replace them if needed. We kept those copies in our suitcase, not on our person.
• We used the safe provided in our rooms to hold our money, and only carried with us what we needed for that day.
• I didn’t like to let my guard down while shopping in a big city. Next time, I would definitely wear an under-clothing security wallet, and just keep a few dollars in my pocket for easy access.

What to do if your credit cards are lost or stolen:

1) Call us right away if you have a lost or stolen The State Bank card, so we can close the card, according to Justin Wrathall, personal banker at The State Bank: “Don’t wait, because your liability for charges on the card becomes greater over time.”
2) Likewise, call the customer service number for each individual credit card that was lost or stolen, so the credit card company can close the card and refund the fraudulent charges if there was activity on the card.
3) If they won’t refund the money, your next step is to come into the bank and refute the charges. That will set the registration department into motion to recover the money.

Here are a few other financial travel tips:
• Try not to let your credit card out of sight, even for a moment. In a bar or restaurant, you return—like gift—cards, which an employee could write down all of your information before giving your card back.
• If you’re not going to use credit cards for the majority of your travel expenses, consider buying traveler’s cash cards, which look like pre-paid credit cards. They travel travelers’ checks, which are getting harder to find.

Source: The State Bank

Tips from the experts:

Tip #1: Don’t keep all of your cash and credit cards in one place. Have some in your pocket, in your purse, under your clothing, on your spouse’s person, in your safe, etc. That way, if you are pick-pocketed, you won’t lose everything.

Tip #2: Using credit cards will reduce your risk in the event they’re stolen. MasterCard and Visa credit cards are universally accepted, and so is American Express in most places. The Discover card is not as widely used.

Tip #3: It doesn’t matter if you’re traveling in the U.S. or in other countries. Major cities have experienced pick-pockets. Watch especially when you’re getting off an elevator and everyone is bumping into each other. You might find your wallet missing.

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If you’re looking for a stress-free game that involves the outdoors, disc golf may be for you. With the combination of affordable equipment and many locations throughout the state, disc golf is easy to break into.

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Overall, the game is structured like golf but instead of clubs and holes, players throw discs into a metal basket in a set number of throws.

“It takes at least one season to get it down,” Andrew said, who has been playing the game for three years.

In addition to Holly Recreation Area, disc golf courses are present all throughout the state including Cadillac, Milford and Traverse City. The discs can range from $15 to $40 depending on the brand and specific use for the disc. Disc Craft is a top manufacturer that is located in Wixom, giving the sport some Michigan ties.

Like any sport, it’s more than equipment that makes a player successful. Getting the most distance out of a disc relies on stance and style of throwing.

“Most people throw backhanded,” Chavis said. “When I first started, I threw underhanded. Everyone throws differently, you just have to practice.”

The need for practice was evident as Chavis and Andrews traveled from basket to basket. Many times, a wrong step or throwing too high or low could send the disc off into the woods or bounce into a different direction after hitting a tree.

Part of the experience at the Holly Recreation course was being immersed in the woods. While players can keep track of how many throws it takes to get into a basket, the mood was generally relaxed as people walked at a leisurely pace. Other than searching for lost discs in the woods, players took their time and were friendly when meeting new people.

“Always meet a mean person out here,” Chavis said. “It’s relaxing and disc golf players have fun.”

For starters, Chavis and Andrews recommend getting a long-range disc and a putter. Holly Recreation Area is located at 8100 Orange Hall Road, near the Michigan State Police outpost on Dixie Highway.

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**Little Miss City of Fenton to be in parade**

Trevor Chavis of Davisburg aims for a basket during a game of disc golf Monday afternoon.

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Brandon Township Joyce his camper while waiting for his wife and granddaughter. This is actually a really kid-friendly place to go,” he said, which is why he brings family here. He said this campground will also be completely full this weekend. Groveland Oaks Campground has 269 sites.

The general camping area is green with grass, but mostly white with campers. It’s more communal than secluded. The cool air and gray skies leave the park with a calm quiet. The “pop” of soda cans opening and tires driving over gravel to find their spot are the loudest things out there. Hide-Away Park in Linden is less busy this week, because in July, many campers also want a beach. Owner Lynnie Petrie said when it gets hot, people like to be able to swim. She said of 153 spots, 80 are filled, and she’ll have 100 filled this weekend.

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they became a sort of instant telegrams as well. Then they continued to evolve — they also became devices to check your email, and then to scour the web as a whole.

Smartphones are essentially just computers that fit in your pockets now and just because they are smaller does not make ignoring others in favor of your gadget any less rude, according to Emily Post. “Just as you should not be answering your phone during a conversation, you should not send a text message when you are engaged with someone else. If you are with someone who will not stop text messaging during your conversation, feel free to excuse yourself until they have concluded their messaging,” reads the Emily Post Etipedia.

Sorry if it sounds harsh, but it is from Emily Post Institute, the paragon of proper manners. It’s also from their website so you can’t even make the argument that they are out of touch with technology today. It may be difficult to accept at first, but maybe we are just all a little bit too attached to our smartphones. Society existed before them for quite a long time prior to their invention, and people got along just fine — and the world will keep spinning if you put them away for a half hour.

The Emily Post Institute suggests four ‘essential’ rules when it comes to cell phone use to ensure that you are being as respectful to others in the age of the smartphone.

First, it is suggested that you know how to turn your phone to silent mode — and know where to do so as well. As nice as your ring tone may be, no one wants to hear it while at the movie theatre or while inside of a library.

Next, try to put some distance between you and others when you are talking on your phone. If you are in the middle of a conversation but must make or take an important phone call, excuse yourself politely, and try to be brief.

Third, the Emily Post Institute advises against talking about private subjects on your phone in the middle of public, instead finding a time to call back when you have more privacy.

Lastly, be aware of your own volume. According to the Emily Post, “For some reason, people’s ‘phone voices’ are always louder than the voice they use in normal conversation.” If you can keep your voice down, you will also reduce the number of nasty looks.”

As smartphones continue to advance in options and uses, people are forgetting proper manners during interactions. Abstaining from phone use and giving someone your full attention when they are speaking to you is one of the best practices of manners.

A helpful guide to local beaches
Fenton, Linden, Holly lake information

By Tim Jagielo

When it quits raining, ideal summer beach weather will be here. The Times has compiled a helpful list of the local beaches, and what you need to know about them.

Fenton
Silver Lake Park Beach, on Silver Lake

This 34-acre park is located on Jenning’s Road just a few yards from Silver Parkway, and is the only public beach in Fenton. The park itself features outdoor volleyball courts, horseshoe, baseball and play equipment. Not to mention two pavilions with electricity and 300 feet of beach front. The cost is $5 per car. There are lifeguards on duty, however, no alcohol or pets are allowed in the park, or the beach.

Hours:
Dawn to dusk (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) On July 4, the park is closed at 9 p.m. to set off fireworks.
16100 Jennings Road, Fenton
(810) 629-2261

Fenton Township
Clover Beach, on Byram Lake

This beach is located under a scenic overlook, flanked by tall trees. It’s one of the best looking beaches in the area, with newly revamped facilities and walking paths. Like all Genesee County parks, no alcohol is allowed, and dogs must be kept on a 6-foot leash, and be restricted to the picnic areas. It is located off Linden Road, south of Linden City. Parking is free, and on the west side of the road.

Hours:
8 a.m. to sunset, daily
15349 South Linden Rd., Linden, across from the Linden County Park.
(810) 736-7100
Email: parkswebteam@gcparks.org
Township Park on Lake Fenton

This small beach is located at the Fenton Township Hall. Recently play equipment has been added. There are no grills or alcohol allowed and preferably no pets. The beach is free, as is parking.
12060 Mantawauke Drive, Fenton
(810) 629-1537
Fenton Hours:
No set hours. Beach is non-monitored, with no lifeguards.

Holly Township
Seven Lakes State Park, on Seven Lakes

This park and its beach boasts “an endless variety of topography and ecosystems,” according to michigan.org. There are 290 acres of water and miles of shoreline. The park entrance is located off Fish Lake Road, one mile up on left, north of Grange Hall Road near the Fenton/Holly Township border. Alcohol is restricted at the beach, but not the campground. Dogs are allowed in certain areas on a leash, but not the beach itself. The park is free to enter with a recreational passport, but $11 without.
(248) 634-7271
14390 Fish lake Rd., Holly

Hours:
8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
The Detroit Pistons recently selected Kentavious Caldwell-Pope with the eighth pick in the NBA draft. Here’s a list and a comment about some of their recent selections.

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**Recent Pistons No. 1 draft picks**

Parker Scott ends track season a MAC champion for CMU

By Torrey Christopher
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Although he didn’t start hurdling until his junior year of high school, Central Michigan junior Parker Scott caught on quick seeing as it was in his blood.

“I started hurdles my junior year,” the Lake Fenton 2010 graduate said.

“I did it just for fun really, my mother used to be a hurdler in high school.”

Just finishing his junior season at Central Michigan University, the fast learner is already getting strong collegiate results. He capped the 2012 spring sports season by earning a Mid-American Conference (MAC) Championship in the 400 meter hurdles, eventually competing in the East Region of the NCAA Preliminary Championships at the campus of North Carolina A&T University in March.

At this spring’s last home meet at Central Michigan University, he finished with a time of 52.7 seconds in the 400 hurdles, and then competed at the MAC meet, posting a new personal-best time of 52.1 seconds during the preliminary, advancing to the finals. Once in the finals, he ran a PR time of 51.7 seconds, earning him his first MAC Championship. He also was the only Central Michigan athlete to earn a conference title in any event at the meet.

“I felt good about my season this year,” Scott said. “I won the MAC conference in the 400 hurdles and finally got my times down to a somewhat respectable mark.”

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All-around great athlete Sidney Scott headed to SVSU

By David Troppens
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Sidney Scott has always been an athlete.

And during her prep career, she’s proven that at a pace few can match.

The Lake Fenton senior on the varsity girls soccer team, a squad which competed for a regional title earlier in June, has played varsity volleyball, basketball, track and, of course, soccer during the 2012-13 school year. And she’s done each sport at a high level, so it shouldn’t be a shock when she starts her collegiate career in the fall, she’ll be playing a sport. The question was, which sport?

Well, Scott will be playing volleyball at Saginaw Valley State University for the Division 2 Cardinals.

Other schools that interested Scott were Alma, Grand Valley State University and Adrian College. Each had their own specific interest in Scott.

“I was looking at Alma and they were going to let me play basketball and volleyball,” Scott said. “I talked to Grand Valley about volleyball and Adrian about volleyball as well. I had only one offer for soccer, and that was at Olivet College.

“I think Saginaw Valley was a good choice because I didn’t want it to be too small like high school again. I met the team and they seemed really fun, and I really liked the facilities there.”

See SIDNEY on 14
Tokarsky misses cut at PGA professional national tourney

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Fenton native and Saginaw Country Club professional David Tokarsky’s run in the PGA Professional National Championship was a short one.

The 1995 Fenton graduate missed the cut by six strokes in the event hosted at Sunriver Resort in Oregon.

Tokarsky started the tournament with a respectable two-over-par 73 on June 23, but struggled on Friday, shooting a 79, resulting in him missing the cut for the final 36 holes of the tourney.

Tokarsky earn pars on each of his first four holes of the tourney, but had bogeys on two of four holes, raising his score to two-over-par.

He earned birdies on the par-5, 540-yard 10th hole and the par-4, 419-yard 12th hole, moving back to even par for the tourney, but had bogeys on two of his last six holes, earning his 73.

On the second day of the tourney, Tokarsky recorded just one birdie and had a triple-bogey on the par-four 457-yard 18th hole, ending his chances of making the cut.

It was the first time Tokarsky has qualified for the prestigious PGA tourney. He qualified for the event by placing 14th at last August’s Michigan PGA tournament event.

Tokarsky, 35, has played in the PGA National Assistant’s Championship twice in his career (2004, 2006) as well.

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Scott has been a four-year starter in basketball and soccer at Lake Fenton, a three-year varsity performer in volleyball and a two-year performer in track, her secondary sport during the spring season.

In fact, she recently placed sixth at the state meet in the high jump with a leap of 5-feet-2-inches. What made the performance even more impressive is she placed in Lake Fenton’s district championship soccer game earlier that same day.

“If it had already started and (1) just kept skipping (each of the heights),” Scott said. “The first height I was there for was 5-foot-2. Then I made it and then didn’t make 5-4. But I was happy because I finished sixth.”

Scott knew she wanted to play athletics at the collegiate level.

“To be honest, it didn’t really matter what sport. I just wanted to play a sport, any sport when I got into college,” Scott said. “When I had an opportunity to play (at the Division) 2 (level) I took it.”

Scott is a strong volleyball player. The Lake Fenton volleyball squad won district titles during her junior and senior seasons, and she’s been a member of the All Tri-County Volleyball team. She’s a strong net player, particularly with her hitting.

“I love spiking,” Scott said. “When you get up there and hit it down, it feels great. You are like, ‘Yes, I just got it down.’”

The Cardinals are a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, posting a 6-12 record in league play a year ago. They were 11-19 overall. The squad is young, as the leading four kill performers from last year were underclassmen.

Scott is already working to make a difference at Saginaw Valley State.

Lake Fenton’s Sidney Scott (face showing) attempts a kill during her senior volleyball season. Scott is heading to Saginaw Valley State University to play volleyball in the fall.

“I have to work out over the summer. Coach is sending me a whole workout to do to get in condition,” Scott said. “And then we are going up at the beginning of August for two- or three-a-days to get in conditioning.”

Scott is excited to be playing at the next level.

“That was always my goal — to play in college — and it feels like a huge accomplishment,” Scott said. “I’m really happy and proud.”

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At the regional meet, Scott was seeded 13th, but placed seventh in his heat and 38th overall with a time of 53.32, missing qualifying for the Division I national championship meet.

“I clipped a hurdle and ended up running bad at the meet,” Scott said.

Scott’s hurdles career

Scott began running the hurdles at Lake Fenton during his junior season, placing fifth in the 300 hurdles (39.78) and eighth in the 110 hurdles (15.65) at the state meet. During his senior year, he capped his career at state by placing fourth in the 300 hurdles (38.30).

His performances earned him a scholarship at Central Michigan University.

“I chose Central because it seemed like they had a good program to compete for,” Scott said. “Also a lot of my family members are alumni. They offered me just below 50 percent scholarship and it slowly increased every year.”

He entered his collegiate career considered a raw talent. He had to re-invent his hurdling stride but still became a valuable hurdler his freshman year, placing third at the MAC Championship in the 400 hurdles (54.76). He also ran a leg on the Chipewas’ second-place 1,600-meter relay.

During his sophomore year, he placed sixth at the MAC outdoor meet (53.94), after running his career-best race at the time in the prelims with a 53.39.

While some athletes continue to run year round, Scott finds it beneficial to do weight lifting and strength training during the offseason.

“In the off season I like to give my legs a break from running,” Scott said. “I do all of our power lift and strength and conditioning programs.”

The future

Scott plans on redshirting next season, meaning he won’t be able to compete in events. The additional year of training and physical maturity should help him accomplish his long-term goals.

“I’m going to red shirt this coming year. That way I will be eligible for a fifth year of competition,” Scott said. “I want to keep winning conference, continue on further to nationals, and become a great leader for the underclassmen on our team.”
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