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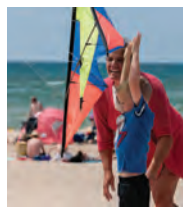


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# The Weekend Times

SUNDAY EDITION

## Friends, family light up nighttime sky for Bryce

►Tearful gathering on football field filled with prayers, remembrances

By Olivia Dimmer

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**Lake Fenton** — They arrive slowly, one by one, car after car, all filled with friends. The groups of young men and women in their late teens and early 20s shuffle in, chattering lightly like you might expect to hear in a high school hall-

way. The cars arrive with bumping bass in true teenage style.

It's 8:30 p.m., the sun had just begun to set, and Bryce Frownfelter's parents, Grant and Michelle, stand just outside the track surrounding the football field at Lake Fenton High School, a field that their son spent much of his time on before he graduated in 2012. A close classmate of Bryce's, Paige Stafford, is manning a small,

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OLIVIA DIMMER

Michelle Frownfelter, the mother of Bryce Frownfelter, prepares to release a lit paper lantern during a memorial gathering Thursday evening.



## Generosity of major donors driving Community Center renovation

By Ryan Tackabury

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**Fenton** — A community can largely be defined by its commitment to the arts — that is what co-chairs of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center fundraising committee Bob Burek and Pat Lockwood believe.

This belief is what has motivated them for years, both in better economic times when donations were more forthcoming — and through the drier years when the project looked less certain.

The fundraising began in the mid 2000s but was put on hold. It began again three years ago. Over that time, the project changed to meet the

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THE MAJOR  
DONORS?

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## Field of dreams



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Samantha Smith is pictured here with the Cinnamon Bear she hunted and shot this past May in Saskatchewan, Canada.

## Cancer-surviving teen bags 400-lb Cinnamon Bear

By William Axford

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**Fenton Twp.** — Samantha Smith, 18, fulfilled a dream in May when she shot a Cinnamon Bear in

Saskatchewan, Canada. A two-time cancer survivor, Samantha was afforded the opportunity to hunt up north after her neighbor sponsored her

for a trip with the Flint chapter of the Safari Club International.

If it hadn't been for her guides, Samantha said she might have missed

the bear completely.

“I wasn't paying attention. I was looking at a pond with ducks and beavers when my guide

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## Do you have an abandoned bank account?

►Accounts dormant for 36 months will eventually be turned over to the Michigan Department of Treasury

By Sally Rummel

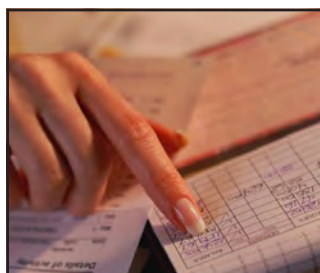
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If you or family members have bank accounts that you haven't used in awhile, now's the time to check on their status so you can be sure the money stays in your pocket — and not the

state of Michigan's.

Typically, these are accounts that parents opened for their children and then the accounts were left unused and forgotten, although many other accounts can also be left “abandoned.” Accounts that

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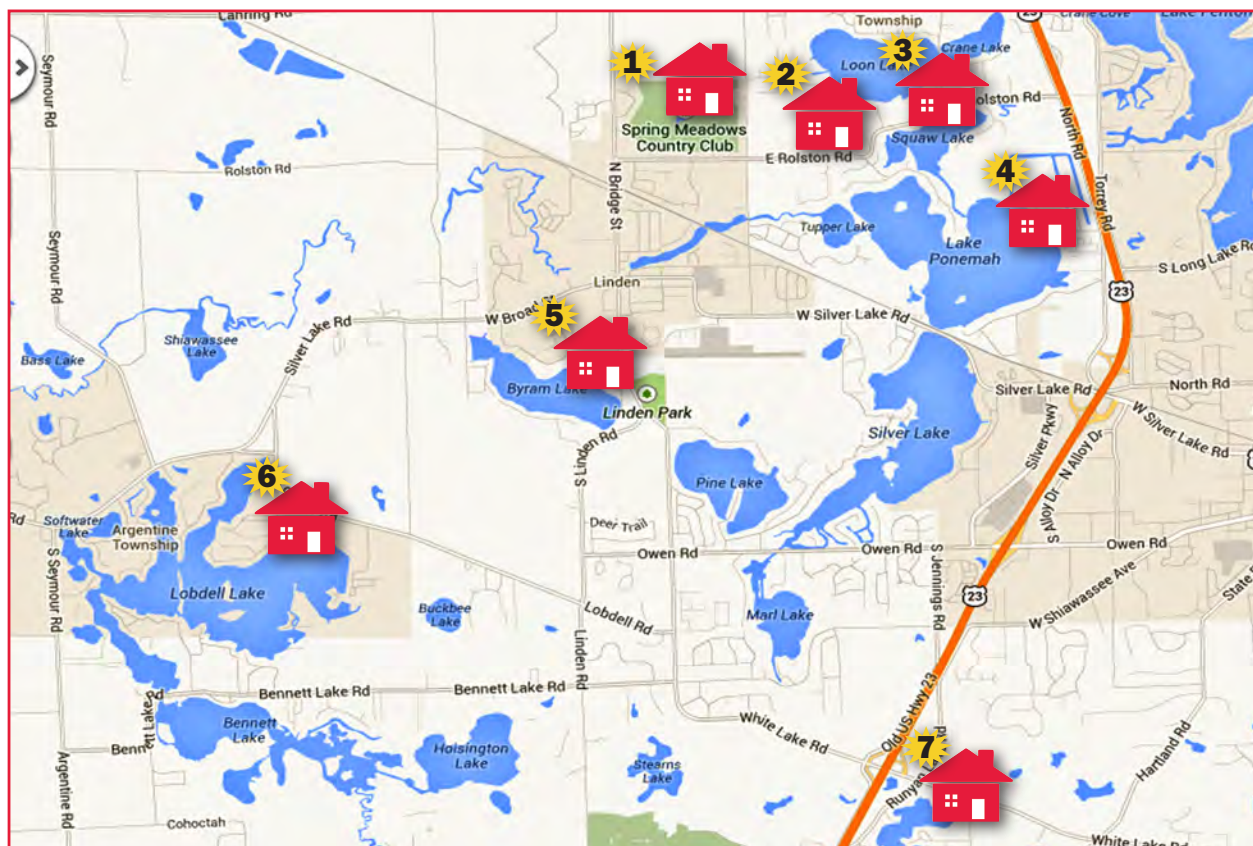
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## Police & Fire report

### VIDEO SHOWS LARCENY SUSPECT

On July 20, a 28-year-old Fenton man reported to Fenton police that on July 16, at 1:30 a.m. his home's exterior surveillance camera captured footage of an individual entering his black Jeep and stealing his sunglasses, cellphone and other electronics, while the Jeep was parked in the 200 block of North East Street. Police are reviewing the video to help identify the thief.

### CONDOS CATCH ON FIRE IN HOLLY

On Saturday, July 20 the village of Holly Fire Department responded to a condominium fire at approximately 5:30 p.m. Fire Chief Steve McGee said the fire captain was in the complex at the time the fire started and made a forced entry into locked units. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to one condo. The village fire department was aided by North Oakland County Fire

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## What's on your

# bucket list?

### ► Local public figures share their top 'to-dos' before they 'kick the bucket'

By **Olivia Dimmer**  
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It may not be as adventurous as skydiving or wrestling an alligator, but almost everyone has one thing or a list of things that he or she want to see or accomplish before their time is up.

**Jason Hughes**, village of Holly president, has already checked one item off his bucket list, but is hoping to do it again, this time with the company of his daughter.



Jason Hughes

"I've always wanted to travel to Ireland," Hughes said. "I got to do that not too long ago to visit family who have a homestead there. I want to be able to take my daughter next time we visit. I also have always wanted to get a pilot's license because of my interest in small aircraft. I actually got a gift certificate for Father's Day to do just that."

**Dan Ferguson**, Lake Fenton Middle School principal, checked 'become a doctor' off of his bucket list this past Monday, but not the kind of traditional doctor that one might expect.

"I completed my PhD program at Oakland University to have my doctorate in education leadership," Ferguson said. "Now they'll have to call me Dr. Ferguson or something like that."



Dan Ferguson

The number one thing on Ferguson's bucket list now is to dance with his three daughters' at their weddings.

"As a parent of three wonderful young ladies, I couldn't imagine anything more important to do," Ferguson said.

**Ed Koledo**, superintendent of Linden schools, never really thought about making a bucket list due to his self-described 'go with the flow' personality.

"I've pretty much done all the exciting things I have wanted to do with my life," Koledo said. "Becoming a superintendent was my dream, along with visiting Iraq with the national guard when I was younger."



Ed Koledo

Koledo said the next chapter in his life will be watching his daughter and two sons as they advance in life, as well as taking care of his grandkids.

**Sharon Stone**, editor at the Times has never given much thought to creating a bucket list for herself. Working, taking care of her home with Jeff, her husband of 29 years, kids and endless sports schedules for years have taken up much of her free time.

Now that her daughter Laura is grown, moved out and planning her wedding for next spring and her son Jake has graduated from high school, she sees things slowing down a bit, maybe.

"What I would really like to do is paint more," said Stone. "Not room painting, but painting art. That's what my degree



Sharon Stone

is in from MSU and I miss it. I keep telling myself that when I retire I will get my paints back out. My family has been bugging me to start now rather than waiting."

Another thing Stone would like to accomplish is to read as many of the 'classics' as she can. "So often, I am buried in news that the last thing I want to do when I get home is read more words. I would love to find the time to curl up with a great book that would allow me to travel the world."

**Bonnie Mathis**, the Fenton Township supervisor has her bucket list centered around three ideals — family, charity and



Bonnie Mathis

helping animals.

Mathis has three main items on her list, the first of which being that she wants to be around to see her grandchildren graduate. Next on the list is sticking around to do more charity work to

help her community and lastly, to work to stop dog fighting rings and puppy mills. Mathis has a big heart for animals.

"I check things off my bucket list every day," Mathis said. "I wake up and I try to help at least one person. I want to be remembered as a lady who cared."

**Patricia Lockwood**, a Fenton City Councilwoman would also like to visit Ireland, where her grandparents are from.



Patricia Lockwood

A little closer to home, Lockwood also aspires to own a restaurant. She said working in foodservice when she was younger inspired this dream. Finally, Lockwood would like to see the Fenton Community and Cultural center up, running and

operational.

"It's been a lot of hard work along the way, but I've had a lot of fun too," Lockwood said of her bucket list. "I've already accomplished many things I've wanted to do — gone to the Olympics, a Masters golf tournament, saw President Clinton's inauguration and been skiing in Aspen. I've been very lucky."

The term "Bucket List" was popularized by the 2007 movie, "The Bucket List," starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. The movie featured two terminally ill men who escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they die.

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# Random royal thoughts

■ **Word on the street** is that George Zimmerman will change his name to Ben Ghazi so that neither President Obama nor any of the mainstream media will ever mention him again.

■ **Bumper sticker:** Driver Carries No Cash – He's Married

■ **If I were King** of the Times, I would not publish any more hotlines that reference the participants in the Fourth of July parade. Not one person will ever change their opinion.

■ **Most politicians** are arrogant because they are always surrounded by worshipers. They are constantly reminded of their greatness. They live in an artificial environment of adulation, which warps

their judgment.

■ **Recent quote** from President Obama: 'If I had a city, it would look like Detroit.' (okay, not really, but it's funny).



■ **In 1900**, the government took about 10 percent of our income. Today, government takes nearly 50 percent. Where is the outrage? Our hard-earned income is being confiscated and given away by politicians to fill their own needs and desires. It will only get worse until we, as a nation, wake up and demand

change through elections.

■ **Bumper sticker:** Warning, I'm A Perfectionist

■ **Remember all the** world-ending predictions the politicians made to us if the

'sequester' went into effect? Ho-hum, more proof of their deceit and dishonesty.

■ **Bumper sticker:** Drinking May Cause Memory Loss. Or Worse, Memory Loss

■ **I don't know** why we waste money on economic studies. Just looking around Fenton, Holly and Linden at the people doing home updates, upgrades and improvements is a better indicator of the economy than any study or poll.

■ **Bumper sticker:** This Vehicle Protected By Anti-Theft Sticker

■ **What do the top 10 U.S. cities** with the highest poverty rate all have in common? Democratic leadership. Detroit has been ruled by Democrats since 1962. Buffalo, NY (2nd) since 1954; Cincinnati, OH (3rd) since 1984; Cleveland, OH (4th) since 1989; Miami, FL (5th) has never had a Republican Mayor; St. Louis, MO (6th) since 1949; El Paso, TX (7th) has never had a Re-

publican Mayor; Milwaukee, WI (8th) since 1908; Philadelphia, PA (9th) since 1952; Newark, NJ (10th) since 1907.

■ **Bumper sticker:** Honk If You Love Jesus. Text If You Would Like To Meet Him

■ **If you weren't** present at the trial of George Zimmerman, and you didn't hear every word of testimony, you have no basis for postulating any opinion on the verdict.

■ **Bumper sticker:** Filthy, Stinking, Rich. (Hey, Two Out of Three Ain't Bad)

■ **Stevie Wonder** announced a performance boycott in any state with Stand Your Ground laws. Oh no, say it ain't so Stevie! The gesture is mostly symbolic anyway as Mr. Wonder (real name: Stevland Judkins) has only one concert scheduled in 2013 in New York City.

■ **Best bumper sticker ever:** Don't Spread My Wealth, Spread My Work Ethic

## Hot lines

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■ **GO AHEAD AND** criticize the government if you must, but don't damn it. Without government, there would be no national defense, schools, roads and garbage would rot in the streets. What is wrong with people that they hate government so much?

■ **I'M DRIVING UP** U.S. 23 north, and from city limits to Thompson Road, I see black bags where the garbage has been cleaned up. Sheriff Pickell and the trustees get a hats off for doing a good job.

■ **THERE SURE ARE** a lot of busybodies out there that mind other people's business and not their own.

■ **LIFE IS TOO** short. People wake up and love one another. Twenty years ago this July 26 my father died. That day, I lost my best friend. Dad knew the meaning of true friends and family through thick and thin. He knew what it was to communicate. Love you Daddy!

■ **REMEMBER ALL THE** northern families that lost members in a war they didn't understand. Some never saw an African individual in the Civil War, which they didn't understand either.

■ **FOSTER CHILD'S SEEMS** to look over the fact that Zimmerman overstepped his authority. Neighborhood watch is supposed to report crimes,

be the eyes and ears of the police, and not take the law into their own hands. Zimmerman also violated the neighborhood watch rules by carrying a concealed weapon. If Zimmerman stayed in his car, no one would have been attacked or killed.

■ **ENOUGH ABOUT TRAYVON** Martin. I'm sure he had his qualities, but a lot more people are dying every day.

■ **DON'T BLAME OBAMACARE** for the health care payment mess. The system made those to make profits. Change is needed. Give Obamacare a chance.

■ **THERE IS NOTHING** wrong with supporting breast cancer research, but when I see crude and perverted slogans on T-shirts, I lose all respect.

■ **IF A WEDDING** union is only religious, as the Hot liner stated, then why do you need a license from the government?

■ **TO THE PERSON** who wrote, 'The first stop sign is completely worthless and I never stop at it.' I suspect that you also make a right turn from the left hand lane. That is the reason for the stop sign. Folks like you.

■ **I HATE THOSE** 'Save the boobies' T-shirts and bracelets. It makes me, as a woman with breast cancer, feel that all the mainstream public cares about is saving my breasts rather than the person they are attached to. As if the only thing that gives any woman a purpose or value is her breasts.

■ **DEAR WHITE CHRISTIAN** gun owner. Please don't feel threatened that others getting the rights and freedoms you have enjoyed takes anything away from you. It actually strengthens society and unites us. You have freedom of speech, religion and the second amendment. How you use them is your choice also.

■ **DETROIT'S BANKRUPTCY** HAS little to do with 'Liberal Policies.' It does have a lot to do with decades of decline in the automobile industry. Chronically poor public education, poverty, crime, white flight, disengaged citizens and old-fashioned corruption and greed has no political limits to any party.

■ **THE REPUBLICANS** in the state have created the biggest threat against democracy in state history — the emergency manager. A system of state oversight with constitutional checks and balances would be a better system that protects voters from corruption and can correct problems now not decades later.

■ **TRAYVON'S MOTHER** IS an idiot. She states it could have been your son. Well, my son is taught right from wrong and would have the brain to walk away from the situation. Trayvon was on Zimmerman, punching his face. I would have pulled out a gun to protect me.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



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## What is your opinion on the Zimmerman verdict?

## streettalk



"I don't really have an opinion, I've avoided that news because it is depressing."

— Pam Cova  
Fenton



"The jury spoke. We weren't there so I don't know the answer."

— Sharon Bomback  
Fenton Township



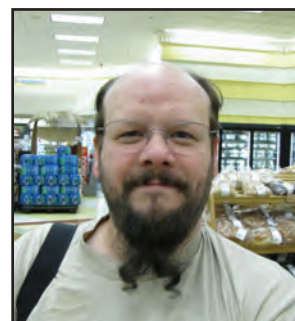
"The jury must have known something we didn't. I would have at least convicted him on manslaughter."

— Nancy Bourdeau, Fenton



"Our country has to put faith in our court system. We must believe it was an honest trial and an honest jury."

— Gary Noordhof  
Tyrone Township



"We were not in the courtroom, so we don't have access to all the information."

— Shane LeGendre  
Fenton Township



"The people have spoken, that's what our country was built on. If he was convicted guilty, then he was guilty. But he wasn't."

— Walter Chupek, Fenton



# Memory loss not necessarily Alzheimer's

►Experts say it's not too late to prevent disease

By Sally Rummel

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You can remember the name of your fifth-grade teacher but you haven't a clue what you did last weekend. Are you losing your marbles, or are you just busy, stressed and not able to think clearly?

## Summary

►You can improve your memory and ward off Alzheimer's by adding healthful lifestyle habits.

If you wonder sometimes that your memory isn't what you think it should be, you're not alone. Approximately 5.4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease and researchers say the number will nearly triple by 2050.

According to the June/July 2013 AARP magazine, scientists have learned that the brain is an intricately sensitive organ that grows and shrinks in response to its environment. In other words, the condition of the body somehow affects the condition of the brain. Being overweight doubles the risk for Alzheimer's and being obese quadruples it. Diabetes can also affect brain health, as can sleep apnea and depression.

But there's good news in this brain game. Just as bad habits can harm brain function, good lifestyle choices can help it and even better news is that it's not too late in midlife to fix it.

"The best remedy for late-life Alzheimer's disease is midlife intervention," said Majid Fotuhi, M.D. Ph.D., a neurologist who runs the Neurology Institute for Brain Health and Fitness near Baltimore, MD. "Baby boomers need to wake up and shake up their lives. The brain is kind of like a person's biceps. Both can be toned up at any age."

**Here are six steps to a stronger memory:**  
**Learn something** — stimulating the brain helps it develop a resilience that allows people to fight off diseases like Alzheimer's.

See **MEMORY** on 14A



## Alzheimer's or forgetfulness?

### Early signs of Alzheimer's disease:

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life, especially forgetting recently learned information, asking for the same information over and over, forgetting important dates or event.
- Challenges in planning or solving problems, like following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills.
- Difficulty completing family tasks at home, work or leisure, such as driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game.
- Confusion with time or place, losing track of dates and passage of time.
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships, including difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contract, which may cause problems with driving.
- New problems with words in speaking or writing. Alzheimer's patients may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle and have no idea how to continue, or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle to find the right word, or call things by the wrong name.
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. People with Alzheimer's may put things in unusual places or may lose things and be unable to retrace steps to find them again. They may accuse others of stealing.
- Withdrawal from social activities. They may remove themselves from hobbies, social interaction, projects or sports.
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Source: Alzheimer's Association



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Fenton and Linden firefighters battle a blaze, which destroyed an unattached garage and car on North LeRoy Street in Fenton on Wednesday.

## Garage and car destroyed by fire

► Booms of exploding rifle ammunition heard by neighbors

By Sharon Stone

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A large unattached garage and car were destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon in Fenton.

At 4:08 p.m. on July 24, the Fenton Fire Department responded to 874 North LeRoy Street in Fenton on a report of a structure fire. The Linden Fire Department responded to the scene through mutual aid.

Lt. Casey Gilbert of the Fenton Fire Department said the homeowner had been working in the garage and removing items as she prepared for an upcoming yard sale. After she walked into her home to take a break, she smelled smoke and assumed

someone in the area was burning something. A neighbor spotted flames coming from her garage and called 911.

Gilbert said the fire spread quickly throughout the garage and caught a car, parked nearby in the driveway, on fire. Both the garage and car were a total loss and it melted some of the siding on the home before firefighters were able to extinguish the flames.

Flames in the garage caused rifle ammunition stored there to explode, causing loud booms, heard by neighboring residents.

Several blocks of North LeRoy Street were closed for about two hours to allow fire hoses to be stretched across the road to supply water. No injuries were reported. Gilbert said they would not be able to determine the cause of the fire since everything was destroyed, however, there was nothing suspicious in nature.

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## The uncertain affects of healthcare overhaul

### ► Local residents have mixed reactions to implementation of 'Obamacare'

By William Axford

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**Fenton** — The Affordable Healthcare Act, also known as Obamacare, will go into full effect starting in 2014. The three-year-old bill has been lying mostly dormant so far and the complete scope of the law has yet to be felt. For some people, the new law leads itself to more speculation than answers.

"I have absolutely mixed emotions about the law," said John Miller of Linden. "There were great initial benefits but now there are long-term worries."

Miller said he is worried about socialized medication and procedures, however, Obamacare allowed Miller to extend healthcare coverage to his kids until they turned 26 years old.

Pinpointing how the Affordable Healthcare Act will affect everyone is somewhat of an unknown. Major media outlets have different speculations on who will be affected the most. According to CNN Money, men 25 to 39 are likely to pay the most in insurance by 2014, with rates increasing up to 50 percent. Women of the same age may see an increase in premiums by 5 percent while men 60 or older could see their premiums drop in price.

Milliman, a consulting firm that has projected possible health care costs in the next few years, expects health-care costs to increase by 9 percent, regardless of the affects of the health care law. The firm said premiums increased overall last year by at least 7 percent. But like Miller, health insurance professionals aren't 100 percent sure what will happen when the healthcare reform kicks in.

"It's not so simple to explain," said Robyn Danhausen of Brown and Brown Insurance, who noted that certain parts of the law are still being voted on and could change before 2014. "At this moment, the individual mandate is still enacted and everyone must have healthcare or pay a subsidy by 2014." Danhausen added that parts of the law including the portion for people older than 50 have been pushed back to 2015.

Despite the uncertainty of the Affordable Healthcare Act, some people believe healthcare needs to change at some level.

City of Fenton resident Kelly LaPalm works as a substitute teacher and is currently pregnant. LaPalm currently receives

Medicare and her husband has veteran's benefits. To get healthcare for her and her husband, LaPalm said she would have to pay \$450 a month, a price that she can't afford at this point in her life.

"We shouldn't have to pay for medical insurance — we're all people," LaPalm said. "I understand there are research costs but pharmaceutical companies should not be making so much money."

LaPalm said she's been unable to find full-time work since she graduated with her bachelor's degree. While her husband's VA benefits do help, LaPalm said it's not enough to cover everything, especially with a baby on the way.

Pharmacy technician Dana Salim expects her family's health care costs to increase, which has her concerned about the future of her 3-year-old child. Increased health care costs could have Salim and her husband choosing to pay for either a mortgage or health care.

"We don't qualify for Obamacare and we make too much money to get Medicaid," Salim said. "We're stuck in the middle."

### Summary

► By 2014, the Affordable Healthcare Act will go into effect. Local residents are unsure how healthcare overhaul will affect them, with many expecting to pay more for medical coverage.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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## 'Something went drastically wrong'

►Fire chief provides  
details of crash that  
killed Lake Fenton grad

By Sharon Stone

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Mt. Morris Township Fire Chief Rick Johnson said aside from it being a very hot summer day, the day of the plane crash was very typical for his department. After receiving word of an aircraft down, his crew responded to the area.

With the guidance of a state police helicopter that had been in the area already, the fire department made its way toward the wreckage through very thick brush and located the small two-seater plane. Realizing that the two occupants—Bryce Frownfelter and Jerry Zerbe—did not survive the crash, Johnson said his department secured the area and waited for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigators to arrive.

Frownfelter, 20, of Fenton was a 2012 graduate of Lake Fenton High School and was entering his sophomore year at Western Michigan University. While at Lake Fenton, he excelled as a running back and he had been taking flying lessons at Dalton Airport.



Bryce  
Frownfelter



Jerry  
Zerbe

Johnson said the only positive thing in that tragic crash was that the plane, which was used for training flight students, did not catch fire.

There are many unanswered questions regarding the crash, said Johnson. Federal investigators are working to determine what led to the plane going down, what the circumstances were and who was flying the plane. From the way the plane crashed, it appeared to have taken a nosedive. Johnson has the belief that it all happened quickly.

Johnson said Zerba, 82, was a very confident and experienced FAA flight instructor. He said much of the success of the privately owned Dalton Airport is credited to Zerbe, whose name flanks the large training hanger at the airport. "In my opinion, something went drastically wrong," said Johnson. The fire chief believes that had whatever circumstance occurred been controllable, Zerbe would have been able to control it and safely land the plane. "He would have controlled it if he could," he said.

The findings of the NTSB will be published as soon as they become available, which could take weeks to a few months to complete.

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## FAN LIKELY CAUSE OF FIRE AT MOBILE HOME

The village of Holly Fire Department responded to a fire in a mobile home park near Grange Hall Road on July 23. The fire occurred between 8 and 9 a.m. A neighbor entered the mobile home, waking and saving the occupant. Fire Chief Steve McGee said the fire was most likely started by a faulty electrical fan and that the Oakland County fire investigators should release their findings soon. The fire lasted about an hour and there were no injuries.

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Grant and Michelle Frownfelter watch their lantern float away at their son's memorial on Thursday night. Their lantern simply read 'Love you, son.'

## BRYCE

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white table handing out lanterns and markers to new arrivals. Stafford is credited with organizing the memorial.

"Bryce and I went to school together in preschool or kindergarten and I've known him ever since," Stafford said. "I wanted to bring all of us together to celebrate his life and to celebrate the new guardian angel we all have."

Frownfelter, 20, perished in a plane crash July 17 in Mt. Morris Township. He had been taking flying lessons. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is in the process of investigating the cause of the crash.

Nearly 100 people, mostly classmates of Frownfelter, gathered to write loving

**"I wanted to bring all of us together to celebrate his life and to celebrate the new guardian angel we all have."**

— Paige Stafford  
Friend of Bryce Frownfelter

## Summary

► Bryce Frownfelter, 20, was involved in a fatal plane crash last week. His parents and friends gathered on Thursday to light off paper lanterns, share poems and prayers and remember the life of their fallen friend.

messages on paper lanterns. Robby Kesler and a group of seven or eight friends, known as 'the boys,' all huddled on the bleachers near the track to write their notes. Some drew angel wings, some wrote scripture and others simply wrote, 'You will never be forgotten.'

"We all heard the news around 5 o'clock that day," Kesler said. "This is a final goodbye again for all of us since we already went to his funeral. He was one of the boys, he completed us. He was the glue that held us together."

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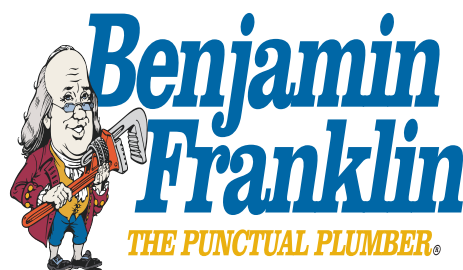
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# First-hand account of living with mental illness

►Area 15-year-old talks about paranoia, hallucinations and regular, everyday life

By Tim Jagielo

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**Tyrone Twp.** — Last Wednesday, Gannon Zeffero, 15, roughhoused with his little brother and sister in the pool, beneath the blazing sun. Under an umbrella, mother Amanda Zeffero and sitter Amanda Hoag sit in bathing suits and watch as the three tussle amid a spray of cyan water.

It's a completely normal scene for a 94 degree summer day, but Gannon has schizoaffective disorder, which has symptoms of both schizophrenia and bipolar disorders.

Hoag is there as an assistant and companion from Livingston County Community Health. Gannon was diagnosed early at age 8, and he and his family has dealt with the ups and downs of the disorder since then.

Recently, the issue of mental illness gained publicity at the police standoff in June that brought dozens of officers, troopers and deputies to the scene of a man barricaded in his room in Fenton. It has caused some, like Gannon, to come forth and try to help people understand mental illness and what daily life is like.

## Regular daily life

On Thursday, Zeffero gently wakes Gannon for his pills at 8 a.m. He takes Clozaril for hallucinations, Lithium for his moods, Cogentin, for the side effects of his medication. "Right now this is working, and that's awesome," said Zeffero. He'll go back to sleep to wake at noon.

On a regular day, Gannon appears as a normal, well-dressed and polite 15-year-old. He loves basketball, fishing and enjoys movies. "I'm doing pretty good, I have my days, but mostly I'm pretty good," said Gannon during an interview. When at rest, he has trouble sitting still, and games like basketball, or activities like swimming release that energy.

Zeffero said he has some attributes of Asperger's syndrome. Assistants like



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Gannon Zeffero, 15, wakes briefly to take his course of three medications at 8 a.m. last Thursday, given by mother Amanda, with sister Ellie, 7. The medications treat his schizoaffective disorder. He sleeps in the playroom of their home because he feels safer sleeping in open spaces.

Hoag are there to make caring for Gannon, and his three younger siblings easier on Zeffero and her husband.

Environments where there is a lot going on around him, such as family gatherings, are avoided because they can trigger anxiety or paranoia, which can lead to aggressive episodes where his family could be at risk.

## Paranoia

An attack of paranoia ruined last year's family vacation to Suttons Bay. His mother drove him all the way back to St. Joe's Mercy Hospital in Howell while the rest of the family stayed on vacation with family friends. Police were called because Zeffero thought he might be at risk of harming himself or others.

"There are times when the illness gets the best of me," said Gannon. Over the last couple of years, the police have been called three times, and the family even split up living spaces to deal with him.

"That's when it gets dangerous because you feel the need to protect yourself," said Zeffero. "You were kind of chasing me and you threw the softball at the van."

Fortunately, as he ages he also becomes more aware of his own paranoia. Wednesday night he felt it coming on, and Zeffero gave him a Saphris tablet.

This year, Gannon opted out of the vacation for his and the family's sake. "Which was really hard because obviously I want him there, but I respect his feelings," she said. "It's smart that he made that decision... that's the reality of it."

## Hallucinations

Gannon also deals with occasional auditory and visual hallucinations. He had his last severe hallucination in March. A gory scene with bloody faces and even severed heads compelled him to agree to be put back into the hospital. "They were just everywhere," he said.

He has trouble describing schizophrenia, but said that hallucinations are very real to him. On a number scale, he gives them an eight or nine out of 10. Sometimes he'll see vapors, simple lines or patterns, or sometimes horrible hallucinations alongside physical objects that can be hard to tell apart.

"That's the really confusing part," he said. "It's like I know it's not real, but at the same time, it's right here, I can see it I can hear it, whatever."

That last episode led to a stay at the hospital. It was a group decision, including that of Gannon, which made it a more positive experience for everyone.

## Calmer days

It's a good time for the family. "I feel like God or someone is making it easier on me," he said. Gannon is back from the hospital and from living with his grandmother in Fenton. He's been at home for seven days straight, which is a big deal for the teen who has had to jump between home and his grandmother's for a year.

He's taking driver's training, and has appointments for blood draws, and the psychiatrist and therapist. He sees movies like Monster U and The Heat. He likes scary movies, because it challenges his

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Gannon, along with brother Jack, 8, and sister Ellie, 7, launch into a race across the pool last Wednesday. Physical activity allows Gannon to use nervous energy that otherwise causes involuntary movements when he's at rest.

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## ILLNESS

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paranoia. "I figure that's just one way to kind of work on it," he said.

He's learning to cope with his symptoms, which was more difficult as an 8-year-old. If he feels paranoid, anxious, or feels he is hallucinating, he can distract himself with music or activities. He sometimes uses his own hallucinations, like when lines appear on the ground while playing basketball. "I'll make plays in my head, using those lines."

### The police standoff in Fenton

The 42-year-old male who was the central figure in the recent standoff was reportedly off his medication for bipolar disorder when a standard police welfare check escalated into the high-profile standoff. The standoff occurred when he threatened police more than once. According to Police Chief Rick Aro, he was apprehended by Michigan State Police but he will not be prosecuted.

Gannon was there, watching the scene unfold, and said he could empathize with the man in the house. "If that was me, really I probably would have acted the same way that guy did," said Gannon, who can become aggressive



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Gannon is down to three medications per day, and an occasional prescription for paranoia.

when he feels unsafe or threatened.

"Our department certainly sympathizes with families of those with mental illness, and people with mental illness," said Aro. The chief made it clear though, that protecting the local residents was the first priority. "His actions made it clear to us that he was a danger to people in our area."

Aro said a different approach is taken when someone is clearly having an episode, and that intent is required for criminal activity, which someone suffering from mental illness may not have. In an ideal world, Aro said more training would be available to law enforcement agencies, which end up being on the front lines of mental health struggles.

### Summary

► A 15-year-old Livingston County teen and his family openly discuss what it's like to live with his mental illness, described as schizoaffective disorder.

## BEAR

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poked my shoulders and said, 'Sam, there's a bear in front of you,'" Samantha said.

Although it was in her sights, Samantha said it took her nearly an hour to shoot the 6-foot tall, 400-pound Cinnamon Bear, as she was waiting for the right time to shoot. She took her shot when the bear stood up on its hind legs, pulling the trigger of her .30-06.

The bear is currently being tanned in Midland and will be stuffed in Indian River in the pose Samantha shot the bear — on its hind legs.

While other 18 year olds may have participated in soccer or football during their high school years, Samantha focused her energies on hunting. Samantha's mother Lynn said hunting was a perfect choice due to her daughter's health history.

"She'd always run out of energy because of what she'd gone through in the past," Lynn said. "A lot of sports didn't work out for her but this was ideal. She always wanted to go on a bear hunt and this opportunity came up."

Samantha was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) since she was 5 months old. ALL is a cancer where white blood cells are overproduced in bone marrow and can cause death by

**“I feel happy, healthy and that I accomplished something huge.”**

**Samantha Smith**  
Fenton Township hunter

crowding out other cells and forcing them onto other organs. Samantha was diagnosed with ALL again when she was 3 years old. Lynn said for the first five years of her life, Samantha underwent chemotherapy, full body radiation and a bone marrow transplant.

"You name it, she had it," said Lynn, who is impressed by her daughter's accomplishments. "It makes you really think about the things she's able to do because of what the radiation has done."

During her hunting trip in Canada, Samantha noticed that deer and other game are bigger there than they are in Michigan. Samantha also felt there was more sunshine during the day, allowing her to hunt longer.

In addition to the Cinnamon Bear, Samantha bagged a six-point in 2010. For her next game, the hunter would

like to get an Axis Deer, which is native to countries like Sri Lanka and Nepal. For now though, Samantha will probably hunt locally, especially with bow and gun season coming up right behind summer.

"Hunting makes me feel happy that I got through cancer. I feel happy, healthy and that I accomplished something that was huge."

Lynn and her husband Jeff are proud of their daughter's ability to survive and cherish the time they have with her.

"Hunting is a wonderful family hobby and sport, even if you don't shoot anything," Lynn said. "A lot of families miss out on a lot of things because everything is so fast paced. We're extremely fortunate she's still here, especially what she's gone through with the cancer. We just cherish every moment."

## MEMORY

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may be subject to dormancy status include checking and savings accounts, Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), Certificates of Deposit (CDs), money market accounts, cashier's checks, IRAs, 401ks, KEOGH accounts, personal trust property and uncashed checks and valuables left in safety deposit boxes.

It used to be that banks and other financial institutions had between five and 15 years before they had to turn dormant accounts over to the Michigan Treasury, as required by law. But the law changed in 2010 and dropped that dormancy timeframe to three years.

While it's true that the Michigan Treasury can seize a bank account that hasn't had any activity in three years, local banks assure customers that they give them plenty of notice before that ever happens.

"We do monitor all of our customers' accounts, and our system automatically produces a notice that tells us which accounts are about to reach dormancy status," said Margaret Cady, assistant vice president of retail operations and project manager at The State Bank in Fenton.

"First, we try to educate our customers and let them know at 24 months of no activity that their account will reach that 36-month dormancy limit in about a year. All they have to do is deposit \$1.00 or withdraw \$1.00 to change the account status back to active."

Annually, July 1 is the deadline for The State Bank to remit funds from dormant bank accounts to the state of Michigan, for accounts that reached dormancy between March 31, 2012 and 2013. They have to prepare the documents and get the money to the state by July 1. "There are usually fewer than 50 accounts in this status," said Cady.

This process is known as "escheatment" — identifying customers' deposit accounts and time deposits that are considered "abandoned" and are remitted to the state.

The law also includes funds left in accounts at credit unions, in addition to banks. However, the process is slightly different because credit unions

**Other forgotten money?**

Dormant bank accounts aren't the only source of money you may have overlooked. Here are a few other sources you may want to check:

- **Unclaimed IRS funds**
- **Unspent gift certificates and gift cards**
- **Uncashed checks**

include all of a customer's accounts under one membership number.

"Once a member's cumulative balance falls below \$250 with no activity in the last year, there is a \$5 fee charged to that member per quarter," said Jennifer Ludwigsen, director of marketing for Dort Federal Credit Union, with a branch in Fenton Township.

"If the account becomes dormant with three years of no activity, then it is mandated by the state that those funds are remitted to the Michigan Treasury. There's also a fee associated with this escheatment process, which the bank or credit union takes before remitting the money. At Dort Federal Credit Union, the fee is \$50. There is no fee charged if the account holder is a minor."

The State Bank also charges a fee of \$50 for accounts that get remitted to the state because of inactivity.

Dort Federal Credit

Union also sends letters to each member whose account is about ready to reach dormant status. "It's only when they don't respond that the cash is taken out and remitted to the state," said Ludwigsen. "We do it once a year in April. It's usually

a couple of hundred accounts. Typically, it's a savings account that has been forgotten."

The good news is that this money can be recovered, either by the account holder or his or her heirs. If you believe you have lost money due to a dormant account, you can go to the Michigan Treasury website at [www.michigan.gov/treasure](http://www.michigan.gov/treasure), or do an on-line search for "Michigan's

Money Quest." Once there, you can enter your name and see if the government is in possession of any of your lost assets.

**“We do monitor all of our customers' accounts, and our system automatically produces a notice that tells us which accounts are about to reach dormancy status.”**

**Margaret Cady**  
The State Bank

**Summary**

► If you have a "forgotten" account at a bank or credit union, the state requires by law that those funds be turned over to the Michigan Treasury after three years of inactive status.

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evolving needs of the community.

"We started off at \$3.2 million but the project has downsized because the Fenton Village Players have their own facility now. More realistically, we are looking at raising 2.5 million now," Lockwood said.

The building will see renovations made to the current structure, including a new elevator, restorations to parts of the flooring and to make the building more handicap accessible. New restrooms will be accessible, independent from the rest of the building, allowing them to be opened for outdoor events while the rest of the building remains closed.

"The renovation is not really doing much to the exterior, but is mostly to bringing the interior of the building up to code," said Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland.

The 5,400-square-foot addition of the building will include two classrooms for arts and cultural programs, with a gallery upstairs, adding on to the building's existing 11,000 square feet. A subcommittee is in the formation stages and it will work with the artists of the area and plan programming events for all ages to make use of the new space.

Changes to the community center landscape will also take place, which may be done along side the city's Streetscape project.

Of the money raised, \$1.3 million has come from the city and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). "The City Council recognized the historic value of the building, and I believe they understand the necessity of maintaining that existing building," Lockwood said. The remaining money has come from donations, both small and large.

"We try to identify people in the community who are in a position to give and have a real interest in the community," Burek said. "We've hit a pretty good record of going to



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Bob Burek and Pat Lockwood stand in front of the Fenton Cultural and Community Center. The two have been a driving force and co-chairs of the fundraising committee that has been raising funds to renovate the center.

these folks and getting the kinds of money we need, going from \$10,000 to \$100,000." (See story at right.)

With construction starting possibly as soon as September, Burek and Lockwood believe the project will continue to pick up speed and attract a combination of donors who have been here all of their lives and new people to the community who understand the needs of the whole picture of a vibrant community.

The renovations and additions could see themselves complete by the summer of 2014.

Burek, who is also a retired superintendant of Fenton Area Public Schools, is both excited and optimistic for the community center's future.

"People really believe in education and do believe in education in the city. There's a real pride here and we will get things done," he said.

"It really is a part of the economic development of the downtown development area," Markland said. "If you want a strong downtown you need to have a strong center, and the community center really is in the center of downtown."

**MAJOR DONORS**

By Sharon Stone

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Several local community members have stepped up in a big way to show their support of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center expansion.

Although the totals are increasing weekly, Pat Lockwood said as of this week, many local residents who have been active in the Fenton community have cumulatively donated more than \$374,000 toward this project.

Major donors include Russ and Shirley Van Gilder, Joe Serra, Fred Shaltz, Forrest Shook, John and Connie Cislo, Nick Popa, June Adams, the Robert Dery family, and Dick and Ruth Beardsley. The list of major donors also includes The State Bank, Hall Chrysler auto dealership and the local non-profit civic organizations.

A portion of the privately donated funds will beautify the outside of the center. Shaltz intends to donate a fountain that will be added to the exterior landscaping in memory of his wife Judy. Lockwood said, the "in memory of" bricks that the committee has been selling raised \$11,000 so far. These bricks will be worked into the design of an exterior walkway leading to the building. Additional bricks are still available.

Lockwood said she and her co-chair Bob Burek are continuing talks with multiple other community members, businesses and

organizations with expectations of bringing in additional significant donations.

Joe Serra, president of Serra Automotive, is one of the major donors on Lockwood's list. When asked why he was compelled to donate he said, "We need to give back," he said. "My son and I are fortunate, blessed to live in this area."

Serra of Fenton Township has been in the Fenton area for years and has businesses in Grand Blanc. With his Grand Blanc business, he has a tremendous customer base from Fenton.

Donating to the community center's expansion is Serra's way of giving back and giving thanks for what this community has to offer. "It's a worthwhile cause," he said. "It's a great value for all."

"It will draw people from all over the county," He added that he hopes others will consider contributing to this project, as well.

Forrest Shook of Tyrone Township is another major donor to this project. He recalled being invited to a meeting about the community center expansion and thought it was a good idea. "I'm very supportive of Fenton and getting the downtown reestablished," he said.

"I'd like to see the downtown get going again and redoing the community center will be a big help."

"Everyone needs to help out a bit and it will create a better community for the people in the area."

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# Meet Chris White

By William Axford

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Before running Fenton Farms Golf Club for the last decade, Chris White started his career in Los Angeles as a director, making commercials for clients in the Pacific Rim. Now White uses his Hollywood experience at Fenton Farms, bringing entertainment to golf.

## Did you have any other professions before you started operating Fenton Farms?

I used to direct TV commercials in Los Angeles with my own company called 'Spot Boy Films.' I dealt with clients from the Pacific Rim, so my clients were coming from Hong Kong, Taiwan and other parts of Asia. The international advertisers I worked with always wanted something they couldn't get in Asia. That was a really fun time for me, 14 years of producing commercials in Los Angeles.

**How did you start a career in filming?** When I stopped making the football team in the ninth grade, I became the guy who made the tapes of the football team. Film was my passion. I had an 8 mm camera and I'd make little films. My brother was a musician so we'd make very rudimentary films back in mid 1980s. I applied to University of Oregon on a whim and got in. I wasn't fast enough to run track and there wasn't really a hands-on film program so it was just a first year of being in a really big university. After that first year was done, I realized I better actually do something so I transferred down to a school in Los Angeles.

**How did you go from film student in LA to eventually owning your own film company?** My first professional gig was as an extra, it was a Chinese fight film with a little known guy at the time, Jet Li, the star of the film. I was one of 100 would-be ninjas in this ninja camp and of course I have no ninja skills whatsoever. After it was very apparent that I could not do the karate routine and about 80 percent of the people couldn't, I was sent home but he was my ride so I just stuck around and asked, 'Can I help? What can I do?' When that film was all done, the producer offered me a job, while I was still in film school. We started getting some international recognition and awards and all of a sudden, I was a 22-year-old kid who got to fly around the world and make TV commercials and work with some pretty cool Asian stars.

**Going from directing TV commercials to running a golf course is a big switch. How'd you do it?** I met my wife in '96, married her in '97 and had my daughter in '98. It was very difficult for me to be the father I wanted to be and the international filmmaker I was. Sept. 11 changed a



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**Chris White**  
Fenton Farms  
Golf Club

lot of things. On Aug. 11 of 2001, we were shooting at the Trade Towers. A month later, they're not there. I wondered, 'What if I was shooting at the towers that day?' Around this time, my mom giving me a call and asking, kind of joking, 'Hey, would you ever want to run a golf course?' It turns out, my grandfather invested in this golf course in Fenton and it needed some family to run it. So between the 9/11 scare and never seeing my daughter, I thought this was a good way to segue into something different.

**Are you a big golfer yourself?** I don't golf anymore. As an owner, you don't get to golf except in some obligatory trade type of things. I'm a pretty poor golfer at this point, but I still enjoy the game. I love golf because of my grandfather. I grew up watching him play at the Buick Open. He invented the luggage rack so every one of them you see today is from one of his 188 patents. I grew up getting to watch him play with the pros and learned to golf with him when I was a kid.

**Did you find your film producing skills helped with running Fenton Farms?** Producing a film is kind of similar to producing a golf outing. The players are like the extras except you don't have a camera filming them. What we try to do is not just provide a golf experience we try to provide an entertainment experience so I think that's where that entertainment experience comes in.

**What are you up to in the off-season?** Every year I'm fixing something. When I first came in 2002, we already had to fix the floors and do some improvements. Even after the 10 years, I've noticed some of the fixes we originally did are dated and old. Last year we gutted all the carpet, rebuilt the wood floors and entirely redecorated. Every year we pick a little project. The off-season is pretty short because our last day of golf is usually right around Thanksgiving and our first day of golf is usually around St. Patrick's Day, so you better get on those projects and get them done before Mother Nature throws you an early spring opening.

**Any advice for people switching careers?** I think about what would I do if they said all of a sudden you can't

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With a background in directing commercials, Chris White uses his entertainment and leadership skills he learned in Los Angeles at Fenton Farms Golf Club.

do it, you're shut down. It's scary but you just have to believe in yourself. You just have to think to yourself 'hey, I've succeeded' and look at all the stuff you've done well in life. It's really important to believe you can do it and project that to whoever is trying to hire you because there's definitely a mojo you have when you're on top of the world.

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## FENTON

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"I truly believe that the projects we have coming are game changers. They are going to put Fenton on the map and draw more people to Fenton, and help spur a lot of future projects," said Michael Burns, DDA director and assistant city manager.

Burns, who has worked to coordinate the many current DDA projects such as the Cornerstone building and Fire Hall, said that getting the private market involved is key to adding to the downtown. With all of the projects currently in the works, Burns believes the city will be in a good position to attract other third parties in the private sector that want to get involved. "Hopefully these will show other developers we mean business."

Exactly what Fenton will look like in 10 years is difficult to say, as Burns said now it is more about waiting to see what opportunities present themselves. However, Burns said there are still a lot of things that need to be done in the downtown district that they would like to address.

"Obviously we would all love to see the former Topps site and the grainery turn into something useful," Burns said. "There is still the vision of putting Caroline Street through, we would love to have that opportunity."

The next big project to start up for the downtown is the Streetscape project that will create a brand new look for downtown, and help increase walkability.

"We're planning it, and doing a lot of paperwork right now and getting things ready to go next spring. We're moving ahead on that, it's going to be a very time consuming project for all involved, but when it's done, you will really have a new downtown between the buildings and the streetscape."

Other projects Burns mentioned include repairing the Silver Lake Road bridge in 2015, the community center additions, and restorations to the library.

"I think a lot of the work the DDA has done has been very positive up to this point and in the future I think it is going to lead to a revitalized downtown, and a more walkable environment."

**"I truly believe that the projects we have coming are game changers."**

**Michael Burns**  
DDA director

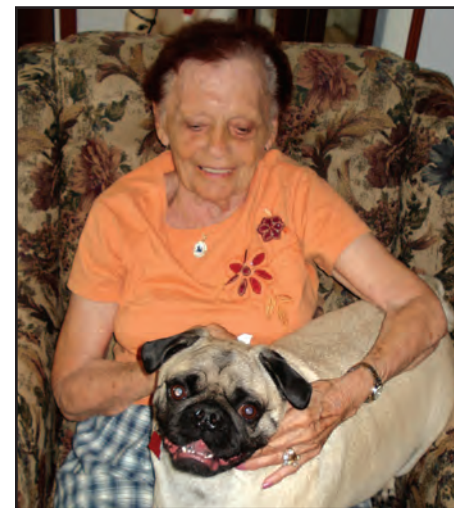
## Social News

### BIRTHDAYS



#### Frieda Lesser celebrates 100th birthday

Frieda Lesser (Ring) celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, July 27. Frieda was born to John and Eva Ring who emigrated from Russia as Germans under Catherine the Great. She was born in Warden, Mont., and lived in Flushing most of her adult life. Frieda is the second and only survivor of seven children. She has two children, both from Flushing, Carl Lesser and Gloria Krupp (deceased) and mother-in-law of Ray Krupp. She has six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Frieda enjoyed baking a special "Nana's Birthday Cake" for all birthdays, for more than 50 years. She now resides at Rockwell Assisted Living in Fenton. Happy Birthday Frieda!



#### Amalia Lang Strecha celebrates 100th birthday

Congratulations Amalia "Molly" Strecha on your 100th birthday. Molly was born in Russia on July 28, 1913 and came to America at the age of 9. She owned and operated Kraus Fire Extinguishers and the Rainbow Bar in Flint at different times in her life. She also worked at A.C. for 18 years and helped run Lang's Marine on Lake Fenton during the last 10 years of operation, until it closed down in 2004. She was a member of the Michigan Polka Hall of Fame board and still enjoys polka music and dancing. Molly will be celebrating her birthday at a party with family and friends on July 28.

#### CORRECTION:

In Our Town, featuring Fr. Dwight Ezop of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, published on Sunday, July 21, it mistakenly reported that Fr. Ezop was looking forward to the annual Septemberfest. It should have said Applefest.

## Calendar of events

#### LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS AUG. 1

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. The topic for that night is Genealogy Software, Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, Rootsmagic with speaker, Thomas Koselka, president of Michigan Genealogical Council. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower St., Howell. For more information, call (810) 227-7745.



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By Tim Jagielo

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The west side of Michigan north of Muskegon offers up a dizzying assortment of options for activities, which

### Summary

► The area that encompasses Ludington, Mears, Shelby and Hart offer fun with Lake Michigan and beaches as a backdrop to a lifestyle that can be adventurous or relaxed.

of course can include doing nothing at all.

There's kayaking, paddle-boating, bike riding, horseback riding, four wheeling, shopping and as they say, the list continues. Whether it's Silver Lake State Park, Pentwater or



Ludington, the water and the beaches are the anchors that support numerous shops and restaurants.

Of course, it starts with checking the availability of where to stay. The Shelby/Pentwater/Ludington and Hart area is busy in the summer, and hotels, and cottages may need to be booked well in advance.

If you're fortunate, grabbing a spot at a state park campground is possible on short notice, especially on a weekday.

### Mears

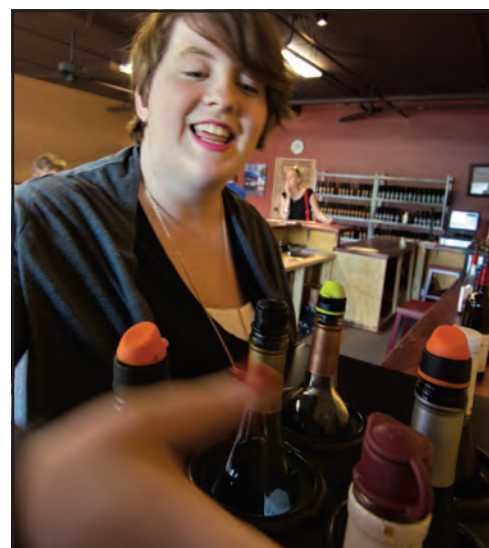
When someone says they're going to "Silver Lake" to go dune-walking or four wheeling, they mean the City of Mears, which comes alive when Silver Lake State Park opens for dune rides. Jeeps, quads, dirt bikes, and dune buggies outnumber regular cars, which air down their tires and bolt on a dune flag to cruise

See **WEST COAST** on 8B



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Steve VanDoornik of Holland prepares his sailboat after docking at Snug Harbor Marina on Monday. He came in with his wife Eileen.



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(Top) Pentwater Beach in Pentwater is packed, even on a Monday afternoon. The village of Pentwater is known for the beach, the marina and the small-town shopping and dining experience. (Above) Hannah Myers of Oceana Winery and Vineyard in Pentwater selects a wine bottle from the cooler for a guest on Monday. This winery is new to the village.

### Extra tips

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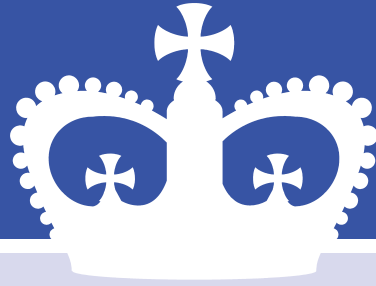


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The highly anticipated arrival of Prince William and Kate's first child sparks a shake-up in the line of succession, so how will the royal baby fit in?



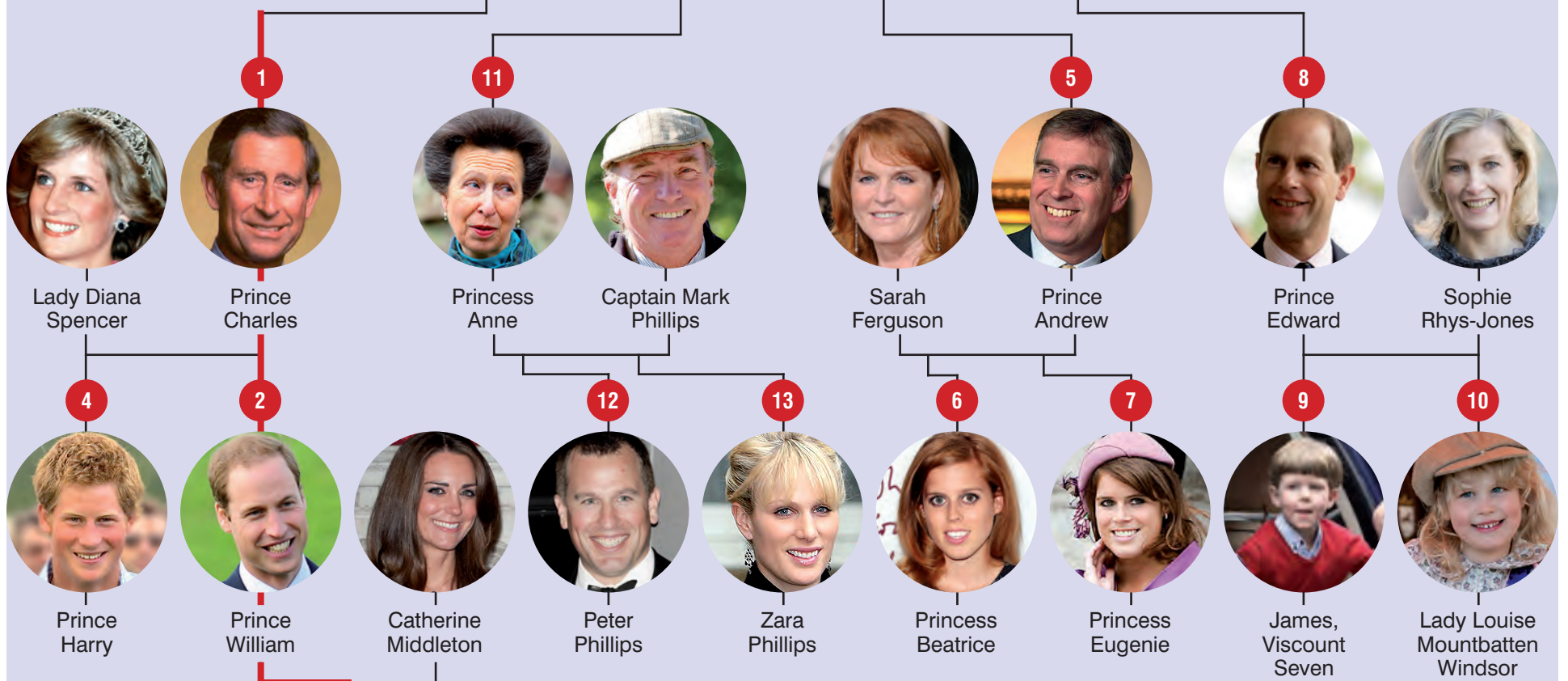
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### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Prince George Fast Facts:

**DOB:** July 22, 2013

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#### Official Title:

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#### He weighs 8lbs 6oz, which makes him **heaviest royal baby in 100 years**

according to royal historians. Revealing the weight of royal babies is a relatively new phenomenon, believed to have started with the birth of Prince Charles who weighed 7lbs 8oz back in 1948.

Being born on July 22, means he'll always share a slice of cake with **Selena Gomez, Danny Glover, Oscar de la Renta and Prince Felix of Denmark.**



This is the **first British royal birth to be announced by palace officials via Twitter.** However, holding to tradition, the birth announcement was written on official Buckingham Palace letterhead and driven to the palace, placed on the same easel used to announce Prince William's birth 31 years ago.

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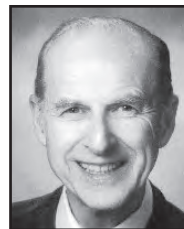
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## Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



## General Lee and the wounded tree

Shortly after the end of the Civil War, Robert E. Lee visited a Kentucky woman who was enraged over the damage Federal artillery fire had done to a once beautiful tree in her front yard. She insisted the tree was a casualty of the war and wanted Lee to condemn Northern forces for what she called their senseless attack on her property or at least sympathize with her over what she considered a great loss. After a brief silence, Lee said, 'Cut it down, my dear Madam, and forget it.'

Ruth Graham once said that a good marriage requires two good forgetters. The same might be said of two good business partners or good neighbors. And imagine the benefit to any church congregation made up of people who are quick to forgive and forget.

Through her tears, a woman told me how negatively her life had been affected by her unwillingness to forgive another member of her church. Once she had been one of the most active members of her congregation, working with children and others until she allowed a disagreement with another person to halt her help and end her service. Now, realizing she had wasted two years fuming instead of forgetting, she made an about face and abandoned her anger, choosing reconciliation

instead of continued regret.

Breaking down the barriers between these two former friends was a great victory but the time they had lost could never be regained. Readiness to forgive at the moment of the offense could have rescued them from nearly a thousand days of discomfort.

A free flow of forgiveness would revive most churches. Road blocks erected through anger would fall immediately, bringing peace. Efforts now spent in holding warring factions together could be used in reaching out to the community and the world.

Sometimes we find it hard to forget old wrongs because the view through our value system is distorted. Perhaps the plank in our own eye further obscures our perspective of the speck in our brother's. Worse, too often that speck is a splinter picked up from our plank. We conclude that wrongs done to us are more grievous than anything we have done to others; we're slow to forgive because we think we've been wounded too deeply to allow those who've offended us to be forgiven. Our self-orientated perspective — our perverse, false pride — promotes the delusion that wrong must never be done to us and that when we wrong others we ought to be excused. After all, 'we're only human!'

Power to forgive comes from being realistic about what we have done and the cost of our own forgiveness. On one occasion, Peter came to Jesus asking how many times he should forgive someone who had wronged him. Seven times seemed sufficient to Peter, but his Lord told him to multiply that number by seventy, calling for Peter to forgive 490 times. Actually, Peter was being taught to forgive an unlimited number of times. And that is what God expects of you and me.

Those who are easily wounded and slow to forgive should face up to the hypocrisy of this attitude in light of the forgiveness granted to us because of God's love. They need to heed Lee's great advice to the woman filled with anger over her wounded tree:

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

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# She came to America in 1923 from Russia

►Business owner and sister of Lang's Marina owner talks about her 100 years of life

By Olivia Dimmer

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Centenarian Amalia (Molly) Strecha sits comfortably in an armchair with her hair perfectly curled. Her make-up accentuates her faded features. She has a neatly buttoned blouse and keeps her hands clasped in her lap. At 100 years old, Strecha still carries on wonderful conversation and can recall childhood memories in her homeland of Russia.

Strecha's story began on July 28, 1913 in a small German-speaking community called Messer, Russia, 90 miles outside of Moscow. As skilled craftspeople, Strecha and her family came upon troubled times during the Russian Revolution and World War I.

Shortly before she was born, Strecha's father, Heinrich Lang and a number of other men in their town left their families behind and traveled to America to begin their search for secure jobs in hopes of establishing a home and later sending for their loved ones. As a woodworker, Strecha's father found work in the automobile industry in Flint. Back in Messer, however, life only got worse for Strecha, her mother and two brothers.

"In Russia, we would go to bed hungry

and crying for food," Strecha said. "I remember my mother would whitewash the walls and I would lick it off as a little girl. It would coat my stomach and leave me satisfied for a while."

In January 1923, her father was able to send for his family. Strecha, alongside her siblings and mother, boarded a train to Bremen, Germany. From there, they boarded the S.S. Yorck and on, Jan. 25, 1923, they passed through Ellis Island and became American citizens. Malnourished, Strecha, was 9 years old and weighed only 40 pounds and mistaken for a 5-year-old.

"The first thing I remember of America was the food," Strecha said. "We got plenty of it over here. We got on a train to Michigan and when we got

off our dad picked us up in an automobile. We kept looking around to see where the

horses were, we couldn't believe it. We had never seen one (automobile) before."

The first snack the children were given on their car ride home was bananas, a fruit the children had never seen before. Strecha recalls that her brother, not knowing how to peel it, ate the fruit, skin and all.

Her brother Alex Lang, began giving boat rides on Lake Fenton in the late 1930s and was able to purchase waterfront property on the lake. He started a successful marina business on the north end of Lake Fenton, Lang's Marine. He made boat repairs and rented boat slips. When her brother Alex fell ill, she ran the marina and took care of him, driving from Lansing several times a week, where she lived with her third husband, Joe Strecha.

Like her brothers, Strecha owned and operated her own businesses. She and her first husband, Alex Kraus, started a fire extinguisher business that they later sold, but is still in operation today. She owned and operated The Rainbow Bar in Flint while owning harness race horses with her second husband,

See **CENTENARIAN** on 9B



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Amalia Strecha has a pug named Freddie to keep her company. After breaking her arm a year ago, Strecha now has close family members take care of her beloved pet and best friend.

**“We kept looking around to see where the horses were, we couldn't believe it. We had never seen one (automobile) before.”**

Centenarian Amalia (Molly) Strecha

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Mark and Mike Ruhlig welcome diners into the newly renovated interior of Villagers Family Restaurant in Holly.

## Villagers Family Restaurant

### Holly's hometown café completes major remodeling project

By Sally Rummel

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If you haven't been into the Villagers Restaurant in Holly for awhile, you'll be pleasantly surprised by its new upscale interior and a revamped menu.

"We updated our look from a 1980s diner to a 2013 café," said Mike Ruhlig, who has owned the Villagers Restaurant with his brother, Mark, since 1991.

A new color scheme with cozy green and brick accents provide a warm ambiance in which to enjoy a newly-designed menu that includes wraps, added breakfast specialties and several new sandwich and entrée selections.

Brand new fabric-backed booths,

leather seats, Corian dining table tops, coat hooks at each booth and new oak accents offer a warm invitation to diners to come in and stay awhile. New LED lighting fixtures offer a soft light and energy efficiency.

The most talked about interior addition is a selection of canvas prints at each booth, depicting Holly's history and scenery. The photographs were all taken by Mark's wife, Eileen. "The artwork is just stunning," said Mike. "People have really enjoyed relating to these local landmarks."

The banquet room also has undergone several updates, including a new patriotic color theme and new buffet units. "We will be placing a photo tribute to the National Cemetery in Holly on the east wall," said Mike. "We are very proud to serve many families who have funerals there."

The remodeling project began in May, and was accomplished mostly by the Ruhlig families, friends and employees. "We owe a sincere debt of gratitude to all of our family and friends who helped and supported us. We are very pleased to be Holly's hometown restaurant."

Villagers Family Restaurant is located at 1121 North Saginaw St. in Holly. For more information or to place an order, call (248) 634-2600.

## Sibling revelry

►This brother and sister duo revels in their close personal and professional relationship

By Sally Rummel

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Dave Gilles, 59, was the jokester of the family when he was growing up as the second oldest of four siblings in his family's east Flint home.

One sister, Barb (Gilles) Bishop, 55, who is four years younger, remembers when she was just 4, he stuck her in the clothes dryer and turned it on. "He'd never let me get hurt, but he was always up to something," said Bishop.

Today, this brother/sister duo are business partners at Auto Lab of Fenton, living out their lives with a unique sibling connection that carries them through each and every business day and even their days off. "We're family," said Gilles. "That's number one. That always comes first — before anything else."

When it comes to factors that shape your personality — your genes, your parents, your peers, your siblings — siblings rate at the top, according to a recent story about "The Science of Siblings" in Parade magazine. The relationships with your brothers and sisters will likely last longer than any others in your lifetime. After your parents are gone, it's just you and your brothers and sisters, and those are the ties that bind.

"People always think that we're husband and wife," said Gilles. "Most people say they could never

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Nic Wilson of Genesee fills an order for a gelato at Panda Water Ice in Fenton last Friday night.

## Panda Water Ice & Sorbetto

Local store opens two new locations in Flint, Frankenmuth

By Sally Rummel

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Panda Water Ice & Sorbetto Company in Fenton is hoping to become a “household name” in the state of Michigan.

Open in Fenton since June 2012, Panda Water Ice is making a name for itself locally, while reaching out to new markets in Michigan. A new store opened March 15 in Genesee Valley Center in Flint, offering a limited menu of 16 out of 32 flavors. A full-service store, plus the addition of funnel cakes, apple fritters, biernots, muffins, cakes, espresso and hot chocolate opened May 15 in downtown Frankenmuth.

“Everyone out east knows all about water ices and sorbetto,” said Steve “Panda” Herman, who has partnered with Amy Everett in bringing this concept to Michigan.

So what is Italian water ice? It’s a delicious concoction of iced water with a smooth, creamy texture, flavored with natural fruits and flavorings. It’s not ice

cream, but it scoops up like ice cream. It’s fat-free, cholesterol-free, milk whey and lactose-free, egg-free, gluten-free and soy-free. Some flavors are also sugar-free.

More than 32 different flavors of hand-crafted sorbetto, sorbet and Italian water ices are on the menu, plus seasonal offerings like cantaloupe and watermelon, pina colada, etc. The Panda menu also includes soft-serve ice cream, gelati (layers of soft-serve ice cream and water ice), added toppings, plus coffee water ices.

Panda’s flavor of Michigan Cherry Vanilla Chocolate Chip is a serious contender as a Michigan entrée in the U.S. Congressional Cafeteria, along with homegrown Michigan bean soup. “Each state is allowed two entrees, and our Pure Michigan flavor has been suggested by local congressional leaders,” said Herman.

Located at 1539 North LeRoy St., the Fenton store now serves as the headquarters and “factory” of a growing enterprise that now employs 31 people in its three locations. For more information, call (810) 714-9600.



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There are individual cabins, hotels and a campground nearby. For hotels, try Silver Sands Resort. Call (231) 873-3769. Cottages run from \$1,300 to \$3,000 per week during peak summer time. Hotels cost \$105 per night, Sunday through Thursday or \$125 on Friday and Saturday.

For a cheaper option, consider Silver Lake State Park Campground. Go to MIDNR.com. You can reserve a spot online. Rates run \$6 to \$17, depending on the amenities selected.

**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | TIM JAGIELO

Off-road vehicles line up at the Silver Lake beach in the ORV Park Monday.

**Pentwater**

Hannah Myers of the Oceana Winery and Vineyard said it's the boats, fishing, beach and shopping that draw visitors to Pentwater.

The tourist website offers a great introduction to the marine city, which is north of Mears on Lake Michigan. Go to pentwater.org for an introduction. The "stay" tab offers a lot of options on where to stay.

The Pines Motel is \$79 to \$119 per night, and can be reached at (231) 869-5128. The Comfort Inn Hotel costs between \$119 and \$149 and can be reached at (231) 869-2309. There are also different cottages for rent, and a resort.

**Ludington**

For a combination of shopping, beach walking, and good food, try Ludington, which is a short drive north of Pentwater. This city offers several blocks of storefronts and antiques.

A famous food and dessert spot is House of Flavors, which creates its own ice cream, and is known worldwide, as evidenced by the map of the world on the wall, with tacks representing visitors' different home spots.

The city website is ludington.mi.us, and it can help guide your stay. Check out ludingtonbedandbreakfast.com for bed and breakfasts in the area. The Abbey Lynn Inn runs \$75 during the week, and \$165 for weekends, and can be reached at (800) 795-5421. Owner Judy Trim said it's "the wonderful beaches we have," that make Ludington special. She said there are six miles of beaches, and the lighthouse.

No matter where you stay, there's no way to lose in this playground in western Michigan.

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Owen Cohen, 5, of Allendale resists leaving Silver Lake, at the Silver Lake State Park Campgrounds on Monday as father Ken Rollenhagen tries to coax him out. Behind him are the Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

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Katie and Brian Richardson of Switzerland dress son Tate in the intense sunlight at Pentwater Beach Monday.

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## Writing a will

► Hire a trusted lawyer or create one using a legal template

Most people know they need one, but aren't sure how to write a will. The first decision you'll need to make is whether to write your will yourself, according to nolo.com. Most people can write a simple will without a lawyer, but some situations require professional help.

If you decide to write your own will, you'll need some help creating your document, you'll need to know what to include, and you'll need to know how to make it legal.

**Creating a will**

First, choose a tool to help you write your will — a book that gives a variety of will clauses that you put together, or a software program that puts it together for you. In any case, you'll want to make a document that is typed, because although handwritten wills are permitted in some states, creating a formal, typed document is less likely to cause trouble after your death.

**What to include in your will**

No state requires specific language to make a will. The best wills are those that clearly reflect the wishes of the will maker. So what you include in your will depends on what you want your will to do for you. Most people use a will to distribute their property after they die. A will can also name your executor, name guardians for young children and their property, state how to pay debts

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Every adult should have a will. While some people choose to have an attorney handle all the paperwork. Some opt to do it themselves.

and taxes, provide for pets and serve as a backup for a living trust.

Things that you shouldn't try to do in your will include putting conditions on your gifts, such as giving your house to a relative if they finish college.

**Making your will legal**

After you use a will template to write your will, you'll need to do a few things to make it legal:

- Sign your will.
- Have two witnesses sign your will.

Your witnesses do not need to know what's in your will. Simply gather them around, say "this is my will" and have them sign. Wills do not need to be signed by a notary public to be legal and binding.

However, in most states, you can also attach a self-proving affidavit and those must be signed by a notary public.

**Having a lawyer write your will**

If you decide that your situation is too complicated to write your own will, or if you would just rather have a professional do it, then you'll need a lawyer's help.

Hiring a lawyer doesn't mean you need to hand over the entire process or spend an outrageous amount of money. Instead, you can educate yourself about the law. Doing so will save you money because you will need less time with the attorney and increase the likelihood that the attorney will draft a document that reflects your wishes.

Source: Betsy Simmons Hannibal, Attorney



# Many school updates for coming year

► Districts take advantage of empty classrooms to make improvements

By Olivia Dimmer

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For students, summer is a time for relaxation and worry-free fun, but for the schools that are awaiting their return, summer is an opportunity to upgrade, renovate and improve the overall teaching and learning experience.

"Each school building will have sinking fund projects completed. The sinking fund allows the district to update and maintain our physical properties without using general fund dollars," said Timothy Jalkanen, superintendent of Fenton Area Schools.

By law, sinking fund money may only be used for specific building and property projects.

Some of the summer projects to be completed include roof repairs at Tomek-Eastern Elementary, replacing the soccer dugouts at Fenton High School and installing new fencing at the baseball and softball fields. The district is also replacing the current light fixtures with more energy efficient systems in the classrooms and gymnasiums.

"With all but one of our school buildings over 50 years old, it is very important to keep them updated and in good repair," said Jalkanen.

In addition to the sinking fund projects, wireless Internet will be installed in both Fenton High School and AGS Middle School. Due to a lack of grant funds, wireless Internet will not be installed at the elementary schools until a later date.

Linden Community Schools will also be upgrading many of its facilities, according to Superintendent Ed Koledo. Linden High School will be receiving new lockers throughout the school, renovations to student bathrooms, a new family-style handicapped bathroom near the gym, have the computer lab in library upgraded, new classroom signage throughout building as well as 11 interactive whiteboards added to the classrooms.

All of the Linden elementary schools as well as the middle school will have technology upgrades including the addition of 27 interactive whiteboards throughout the district, a parking lot expansion at Hyatt Elementary, new windows, doors and lockers at Central Elementary, new cabinets and new shelving at Linden Elementary.



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A worker prepares the tar needed to re-roof Tomek-Eastern Elementary School. Two workers were present to prepare the materials needed for a bigger crew to come in the next day and begin the re-roofing process. The replacement is scheduled to be finished next week.

Linden Middle School will also be equipped with four new computer labs, with two being renovated and two added.

Lake Fenton Community Schools plans to resurface the high school's track as well as upgrade the boiler room and fill cracks in the high school parking lot. The middle school kitchen has been renovated also.

Also in place is a new security system in all buildings. To enter the high school and middle school in the future, individuals will need to push a button and the high and middle school staff will unlock the door as they currently do at Torrey Hill and West Shore elementaries. The system was expanded at West Shore so that the Kinder Care program can open the doors. The system was added to another door at Torrey Hill for the children for pre-school to enter the building.

## Summary

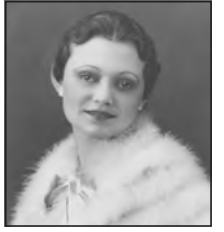
► Lake Fenton, Fenton and Linden schools share their plans to upgrade the various schools for the upcoming year.

## CENTENARIAN

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Jay Horton. She and her late husband, Joe Strecha, were avid bowlers and polka dancing enthusiasts.

"Polka is one thing age won't take away from me," Strecha said. "I did and still do a lot of it." In fact, Strecha's family hired an accordion player to play polka at her 100th birthday party.



During her lifetime, Strecha has seen the start and end of numerous wars, the invention of the radio, the automobile, the television and the Internet. She has seen presidents, czars, and dictators. She has seen the world grow and change over 100 years—and is hoping to stick around to see more in the future.

"I've lived so long because of the way my mother taught us," Strecha said. "She was a good teacher. She was a good woman, one of the best. She got me this far and I owe everything I have and ever had, to her."

This is an old portrait of Amalia Strecha taken in her younger years.

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► The UPS Store sends e-mail and text alerts to mailbox customers

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ing," said Les Beare, The UPS Store owner. "They like the fact that we provide them with a street address, not a P.O. box number, as well as the option to receive an e-mail or a text alert when they have a package waiting," he added.

The UPS Store also provides a package only option for customers. "Package only is a great service. We can receive most packages a customer is expecting one-time or on a regular basis, without the need to purchase a mailbox," says Beare.

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It's true what they say that local businesses are the backbone of the community. Regardless of whether it is a business with a storefront, or an independent business owner working from home, these people bring valuable products and services to the community.



**Back row** (left to right): Justin Manssur, Kimberlee Trainor, Tracy LaMothe, Joseph Hanks. **Front row** (left to right): Gina Zaloga, Stephanie Martin, Bethany Green.

## Chasse makes learning to dance, getting fit fun

**By Olivia Dimmer**  
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From Rumba to Zumba and every dance in between, Chasse Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio offers dance classes for any skill level. True to its name, some of the most popular dance classes at Chasse are Rumba, Cha-Cha and Waltz. Chasse also holds a variety of swing and social classes such as Salsa, Nightclub Two-Step and Country Two-Step. For those looking for a fun way to get in shape, Chasse also has Zumba classes for any age.

“We could not be where we are without our great staff and dedicated customers,” owner Michael LaJoyce said. “We have people that are at our studio every day to work on their dancing or have a blast with Zumba fitness

classes. Our staff is committed to making dancing fun and to also help students reach their dancing and fitness goals.”

Chasse opened in October 2007, and they continue to work hard to keep a non-intimidating environment for singles and couples to learn to dance and feel comfortable on the dance floor. Chasse is equipped with many certified instructors to make dance fun without the stuffiness of a franchise studio.

**Chasse Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio is located at 3180 West Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton and open Monday through Friday 4 to 10 p.m. The studio can be reached at (810) 750-1360 or at info@chassefenton.com.** Chasse currently has expansion plans in the works, so keep your ears open for new and exciting announcements from Chasse!



Joe and Dana Ceresia show one of Avalon Pontoons' latest models on the dock at Lake Ponemah Marina.

## Lake Ponemah Marina ordering 2014s, offering deals on 2013s

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When you first walk into Lake Ponemah Marina, you will almost certainly be welcomed by a fox red lab named Ubu. Not only is Ubu the company mascot, but he will do almost anything for a treat — sit, shake, speak and even fetch a towel for you.

Lake Ponemah Marina originally started out as a few ski boats in a pole barn in September 1994, and under the ownership of Joe and Dana Ceresia grew to the self described ‘mom and pop’ business that it is today. Not only do the Ceresias live in and love the local area, they also carry Michigan-made products such as Avalon Pontoons and accessories such as trailers, docks and hoists.

“You can tell the difference between us and a big company by the way we treat customers,” said Joe, the co-owner of the marina said. “When you call or come here, you are dealing directly with the owners. Not only do we go the extra mile for our customers, but we have boats at affordable prices to match anyone’s budget.”

**Lake Ponemah Marina is located at 3506 Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton Township and is open between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Give Dana or Joe a call at (810) 750-8443, or email them at sales@lakeponemahmarina.com.**

## Frontier Communications continues to enhance network throughout Michigan

**By Olivia Dimmer**  
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Our ability to connect with each other at a moment’s notice is a necessity. Whether by phone or online, through photos, emails or videos, our ability to communicate with family and friends and access the vast amount of information on the World Wide Web is deeply ingrained in our culture. In Michigan, Frontier Communications is proud to provide Internet, phone, satellite TV services and Frontier Secure data products, such as data backup and identity protection, which make those connections possible.

Frontier Communications has invested more than \$147 million to expand its broadband network throughout the state of Michigan, including the communities of Linden, Rankin and Swartz Creek.

“Frontier understands the critical importance of advanced communications in today’s world,” said Kurt Theisen, general manager for Central Michigan.

Access to the Internet opens doors to economic growth through enhanced job opportunities, education and entertainment. Frontier remains committed to providing the network infrastructure that is critical to the success of businesses, education and public safety in the communities it serves.

“We live and work in the communities we serve. Frontier is a 100 percent U.S.-based company backed by live, 24/7 service and technical support,” said Theisen. “It’s all part of Frontier’s commitment to putting the customer first, and we hope this helps our neighbors in Linden, Rankin and Swartz Creek think of Frontier as the first choice for communications services.”

For more information on Frontier products and services, call **877.462.8188** or go to **www.frontier.com**.

“Frontier understands the critical importance of advanced communications in today’s world”

**Kurt Theisen, general manager Central Michigan**



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## Hall Chrysler focuses on customer service

**By Olivia Dimmer**  
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If you’re looking for personal service and a great deal on a Chrysler Jeep, Dodge or Ram, look no further than Hall Chrysler. First established in May of 2005, Jim Hall has been providing great American made cars to the area.

Hall Chrysler services all makes and models and comes ready to handle anything with a 10,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art body shop.

“We have some of the most popular vehicles in the world including the Jeep Grand Cherokee and Town and Country minivan,” said owner Jim said. “Our main focus is customer service. Being fair, building relationships and treating others the way we want to be treated.”

In addition to their attention to customer satisfaction, Hall Chrysler Jeep, Dodge & Ram also sponsors many local events to show their support for the community.

Recently Hall Chrysler announced they are conducting free vehicle inspections, offering a free carwash club, Ladies Day on Tuesdays, oil change specials, and as always, a huge selection of new and pre-owned vehicles.

Hall Chrysler Jeep, Dodge & Ram can be reached by telephone at **(877) 551-8737**, or online at **Hallchrysler.net**. They are located at **15123 North Rd. in Fenton** and their hours are as follows: Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Stan’s Fireplace equipped to handle nearly every situation

**By Olivia Dimmer**  
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Stan Brunhuber has seen firsthand the financial and emotional stress that can be brought on by damaged fireplaces and chimneys. If left un-inspected and un-cleaned, chimneys and fireplaces can cost upward of \$1,000 to repair.

Luckily, Stan’s Fireplace and Chimney Service is equipped to handle almost any situation — chimney cleaning, safety inspection, installation and servicing of gas logs and fireplaces and even masonry work. In addition, Stan’s offers accessories including fireplace tool kits and grates. They are also in the process of expanding their website to not only serve the Tri-County Area, but bring their top of the line products throughout the country as well.

Not only does Stan’s Fireplace and Chimney Service offer everything you need to install, clean and keep your fireplace or chimney safe and functioning, they also have 30 years of trustworthy experience to back it up. Brunhuber works and runs his business on the motto that experience, education and honesty are the best policies.

“Most say that our business is professional, neat and provides peace of mind about their wood burning system or gas fireplace,” Brunhuber said.

To bring peace of mind to your home, contact **Stan’s Fireplace and Chimney Service at (248) 240-1379** or send Stan an email at **stansfireplace@gmail.com**. Office hours are 8-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, but you can schedule a cleaning or inspection anytime online at **stansfireplace.com**.



Joe Miesle, owner of Hunters Ridge Golf Course poses on the deck of the clubhouse with a beautiful Michigan countryside behind him. Hunters Ridge hosts several leagues and clubs, and often uses the clubhouse as a space for pizza parties and meetings.

## Hunters Ridge offers great golf, beautiful setting

**By Olivia Dimmer**  
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Golfing is a serene and relaxing experience: wide open courses, quiet, well-kept, beautiful scenery and if you’re lucky, a wildlife sighting or two.

Hunters Ridge Golf Course has all this and more, including nearly 20 years of friendly staff and exceptional maintenance of the course. Hunters Ridge was built on top of a farm that was first established in 1876. Jerry Mathews, a well-known golf course designer, created the course.

This one-of-a-kind golf course is owned and operated by the Miesle family, who lives in the local area. In addition to a great game of golf at a reasonable price, Hunters Ridge also sells delicious snacks to enjoy on the course, including homemade cookies, muffins and sandwiches.

“We do our best to keep a conditioned course, train friendly staff and give visitors an enjoyable time here plus a challenging fair round,” Janet Miesle said. “We also have a beautiful Michigan countryside that includes deer, birds and turtles.”

**Hunters Ridge can be found at 8101 Byron Rd. in Howell.** They are open “dawn ‘til dusk” every day, but close for the winter on Nov. 14. For any questions or to schedule an outing, call **(517) 545-4653** or email **hrgolf@att.net**



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## REVELRY

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work with their brother or sister. For us, it works."

They've owned Auto Lab of Fenton for eight years and while they wouldn't say they've never had a disagreement, they're both adamant that they put it to rest after each voices an opinion. "At the end of the day, we put it away," said Gilles. "Confidence and trust are two key words for us, and that's 24/7."

Gilles and Bishop are not only close at work their personal lives are deeply entwined. "We're very good at leaving work at work," said Gilles. "Our families spend Sundays, our only day off, together and we actually have cottages next to each other up north."

The Gilles family grew up in a strict Catholic family where Sundays were family days with no work. "Our upbringing gave us structure," said Gilles. "Sunday was a big family day, and to this day, we still live our lives like that. Family is always number one."

They also admit they're both very competitive — just like they were as kids. "Dave's always been focused on sports," said Bishop. "He was always



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Dave Gilles and Barb Bishop don't look much alike, but they are the brother and sister owners of Auto Lab in Fenton, working side by side six days a week. Here, they wait on customer Glenn DeDolph of Fenton.

a jock who excelled in just about every sport at Flint St. Mary's, where we went to school. I was the social one, but always competitive, too."

Today, their competitive spirit shows up mostly when they're playing cards or games, which they do often as a family.

Both Gilles and Bishop find there are many advantages to siblings working together. "We know each other so well," said Bishop. "I know what he will do in most situations."

Gilles agrees. "We can read each other very well."

While they both work together on the administrative side of Auto Lab, they each have their own areas of specialty. She handles insurance, pay roll and accounting while he handles the supply side and parts. They let their crew of ASC certified mechanics do the actual repair work on vehicles, while both Gilles and Bishop handle customers. "We can tell when each customer walks through the door who they will be most comfortable working with," said Bishop. "We let that person take over."

Bishop said she always idolized her brother when she was growing up and he was always there to protect her. "He really is a good person with a work ethic that is unbelievable." For Gilles, he was always taking care of his little sister, and his biggest surprise in running this business with her as an adult is just how sharp her business skills and ethics are.

They both agree that the most important aspect of running a business together is to separate the personal from the professional. "You have to be able to do this, or it will destroy your relationship," said Bishop. "Ours has only grown stronger."

If you aren't close to your brother or sister as an adult, have no fear, you may find yourself reconnecting as you get older. When siblings move away, start their own careers and have families, they often have little contact except through their parents. But in middle age and beyond, as other loved ones pass away, surviving siblings find that they become important sources of support. In fact, research shows that the healthiest, happiest and least lonely people have warm sibling relationships.

This certainly is true in the Gilles family. Gilles lives in Brighton, Bishop in Fenton, another sister, Noreen Navarre, lives in Linden and a brother Dwayne in Grand Blanc. "I'd guess that 90 percent of all our extended families get together to celebrate birthdays," said Gilles. "We're all very close."

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Anna Primak - age 95, died July 20, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Dean Kneisel,

Dean Kneisel - age 91, died July 23, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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#### Plamondon,

Dolores Plamondon - age 82, died July 21, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Flossie Smith,

Flossie Smith - age 92, died July 24, 2103. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Herbert Friesen,

Herbert Friesen - age 82, died July 23, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### James Lale,

James Lale - age 63, died July 21, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Stephanie

#### Schulte,

Stephanie Schulte - age 53, died July 21, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Joseph Hinds,

Joseph Hinds - age 56, died July 19, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Karen Watson,

Karen Watson - age 50, died July 19, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Nicole Phillips,

Nicole Phillips - age 72, died July 18, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### William

#### Stewart,

William Stewart - age 66, died July 23, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Laura A. (DeHart) Boughner,

Laura A. (DeHart) Boughner - passed away on July 18, 2013. Memorial visitation will be Sunday 5-8 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home. Her memorial service will take place Monday, 11 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church. Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



### Janice Y. Dinnan,

Janice Y. Dinnan - age 62, died July 23, 2013. Share memories at [www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com).



### Rebecca Love,

Rebecca Love - age 36, died July 21, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Tina Powell,

Tina Powell - age 51, died July 23, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Cynthia Foster,

Cynthia Foster - age 44, died July 26, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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### Mary Shultis,

Mary Shultis - age 74, died July 25, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Earl Tate,

Earl Tate - age 57, died July 21, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com)



### Annice M. (Coates) Knopf 1919-2013

Annice M. (Coates) Knopf - age 93, of Fenton, died Thursday, July 18, 2013.



Arrangements have been provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel,

209 East Broad Street, Linden. Mrs. Knopf is survived by her sister, Betty Matashed; children, Robert Coates, Barbara (Dr. Douglas) Siders, Virginia (Dr. Ronald) Brattie; grandchildren, Annice Siders, Abigail Siders, Dr. Robert M Coates Jr., Shannon Poulath, Carrie Carlson, Kari Brattie, Matthew Brattie; 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Robert Coates and Elmer Knopf; and several siblings. Online condolences may be shared on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Peter D. Dean 1950-2013

Peter D. Dean - age 63, of Fenton, died Thursday, July 25, 2013. Visitation will be held 2-8 PM Sunday and 2-8 PM Monday at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. A prayer service will be held 7 PM Monday at the funeral home. Mr. Dean was born July 19, 1950 in Newberry, the son of Bernard and Anna (Reames) Dean. He was an Oscoda High School graduate and worked as a heavy equipment operator at Merlyn Contractors. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Rebecca (Benjamin) Nichols of South Lyon, Catherine (Jason) Osborn of Peoria, IL; 1 granddaughter, Mary Ann Nichols and a soon to be born grandson; 4 brothers, Charles (Sherry) of Reed City, Bernard (Lois) of Gaylord, Michael (Jan) of Oxford, and Gary of Harrisville; 1 sister, Francis (Donald) Anderson of Newberry; and several nieces. Online condolences may be shared on the obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



### Ricky Reynolds,

Ricky Reynolds - age 52, died July 20, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



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**OBITUARIES**  
——— *online*  
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### Anna Faith Pierce

1932-2013

Anna Faith Pierce - age 81, of Fenton, went to be with the Lord on July 25, 2013.



Anna Faith is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 61 years, Manley. They

served the Lord faithfully in ministry and together raised five sons and a daughter. Michael of Chicago, IL, Marshall (Christine) of New Tripoli, PA, Monty (Sue) of Lennon, MI, Michelle (Dr. Glenn) Carter of Fenton, MI, Matthew (Kelly) of Fenton, MI and Mark (Rhonda) of Davison, MI. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Anna Faith spent her life devoted to her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, as both a preacher's daughter and preacher's wife. She met the love of her life at Lincoln Christian University in Lincoln, IL and was faithfully by Manley's side throughout their 50 years of ministry. Known for her vibrant personality and great sense of humor, she was loved by all who knew her. She was a talented pianist, organist, and member of National Music Teachers Association. Her great joy in life was teaching children to play and she poured her love into the lives of several hundred students she taught for over 50 years. Anna Faith enjoyed nothing more than seeing her young pianists grow to love music and use their gifts to glorify God. Her friendly personality made her a people magnet and she will be sorely missed by her family, piano students, church and many, many friends. Most important to Anna Faith was her love for her husband, family and little pug, Muffy. She enjoyed decorating and making the family home a beautiful and welcoming place. She also enjoyed cooking and invited people for Sunday dinner her entire life. Anna Faith loved the Lord and is now finally able to see Him face to face. "In all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Celebration services will be held at Central Church of the Nazarene, 1261 W. Bristol Rd., Flint, Monday, July 29, 2013 at 11 AM with Pastors Dr. Glen Gardner and David Hintz officiating. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to the Central Church. Visitation will be held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton on Sunday, July 28, 2013 from 2-4 PM and 6-9 PM. Visitation will also be held 10 AM until the time of service at the church on Monday. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



## TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on August 13, 2013 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive comments regarding a proposed residential accessory structure to be built larger than 800 sq ft pursuant to Section 21.02.J Accessory Structures Provisions.

Supporting documents may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Hall, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by calling (810)-629-8631. Comments regarding the application may be made at the time of the hearing or submitted in writing to the Planning Commission prior to the date of the meeting.

Mark Meisel, Chairman  
Tyrone Township Planning Commission

## TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, August 12, 2013 by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01 (Table of Schedule of Regulations)

A variance request by Robert Gunory for a 15-foot front yard setback variance in order to build a new house and attached garage, located on vacant property at the corner of Ridge View Trail and Hidden View Court, (TAX CODE # 4704-03-203-025). Mr. Gunory is in the process of purchasing the property from the current owner, Tim Williams.

Additional information, legal descriptions and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman  
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals



paw's corner

## Boarding Cats



**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** We're headed off on vacation, and I would like my cat to be cared for during the two weeks we're gone. I don't know a reliable pet sitter whom I can trust to come into my house. Is there such a thing as kennels for cats? — June

**DEAR JUNE:** There are boarding facilities that will take cats as well as other pets. I prefer to use facilities that are exclusively for cats. Call around to several facilities. Even if none cater just to cats, look for one that has a living and play area completely segregated from other types of pets. One of my favorite places offered each cat a private "cubby" with scratching post and shelf. There were no bars or fence grates. Instead, each cubby had a clear plastic door so caretakers could see each cat, and a one-way-glass wall with a view of a park. During the day, they were taken to a common area to socialize with other cats, and the facility was attached to a veterinarian's office. Contrast that with a boarding facility I found in another region when trying to board my cat. It was mainly for dogs, with a small room full of metal cages for "other" pets, including cats, rabbits and so on. The pets all looked stressed out, especially as the constant barking from the dogs' play area reverberated into their living area. That's why it's important to personally visit each facility you're considering, so you get a feel of the place. It'll help make the experience better for your cat. If you can't find one that works, please reconsider the pet sitter.



Food Smart

## Greek Salad Skewers

### INGREDIENTS:

one-quarter English cucumber  
kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 lb feta cheese, cut into 16 small cubes  
8 pitted kalamata olives, halved  
8 ripe cherry tomatoes, halved (or grape tomatoes)  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

### DIRECTIONS:

Cut four 1/2-inch-thick diagonal slices from the cucumber and then quarter each slice. Set the cucumber pieces on a large serving platter and season with 1/4 teaspoons each salt and pepper. Top each with a piece of feta and then an olive half. Stab a toothpick through a tomato half and then thread through one of the cucumber stacks, pushing the toothpick down to secure it. Drizzle with the olive oil, sprinkle with some more black pepper, and serve.

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## Appropriate retaliation for bratty aunt

**DEAR AMY:** Three years ago, my (then) 35-year-old sister-in-law (who lives with my mother-in-law) referred to my 9-year-old and her 9-year-old cousin as 'bitches,' 'brats' and other words that I would have preferred my daughter had never heard. This was the straw that broke the camel's back, and my husband and I have not allowed our children to go back without our presence. I would like an apology given to my child, and have made this known, but I am told I am creating drama. If you tell me to let bygones be bygones, then I will certainly do that. But if not, do you have some advice for me to give to my daughter? — Resentful

Amy Dickinson


**Ask  
Amy**

**DEAR RESENTFUL:** Three years after this incident, you can do the math and know for certain that an apology will never come. Some people just 'don't do' apologies. Not surprisingly, these are often the same people who wallow in their own offensiveness. You reacted appropriately by removing your daughter from this aunt's toxic presence. Other than to say, 'Your aunt was completely inappropriate and used words no one should use,' you should not dwell on this with your daughter — or anyone else. You need to demonstrate a mature ability to file this incident in a imaginary drawer titled: 'Regrettable, Unfortunate and Won't Happen Again.' Your sister-in-law's 'punishment' for this offense (and I agree that it is a grave offense) is that she has to live with herself. The very act of being her every single day can't be a picnic. You should retaliate by forgiving her. Forgiveness works every time.

**DEAR AMY:** I am a soon-to-be divorced middle-aged man. My daughter has a boyfriend, and I have known his mother since we were both teenagers. She has been divorced for five years. We've had this unspoken thing for each other for over 30 years. We met for drinks and hit it off, just talking about our kids. Is it wrong to take it to the next level? — Wondering Dad

**DEAR DAD:** If by 'the next level' you mean waiting until your divorce is final and then pursuing a romantic relationship with this friend — then I say, go for it! Climb aboard life's elevator, hit the 'up' button, and see where it takes you.

## SundayJumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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LEARNY  
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SUDJAT  
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" □ □ □ □

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION



PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

**To your  
good health**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** What should I eat with type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol? All the advice I get tells me what I cannot eat -- no potatoes, no bread, no crackers, no cereal, no fruit. Since breakfast is the most important meal of the day, I don't know what to eat. — C.L.

**ANSWER:** The diet for type 1 and type 2 diabetes is not as restrictive as it once was. You can eat all the foods you mentioned. Sugar also can be eaten, something that was strictly prohibited in the past. You have to use it in moderation, and it's best to save sugar calories for other carbohydrates by using artificial sweeteners. Weight reduction, if applicable to you, is the best way for you to control blood sugar. A 5 percent to 10 percent weight loss is a sure way to keep blood sugar where it should be. For high blood pressure, limit salt. You ought not to eat more than 1,500 mg a day of sodium. Read the sodium content of foods on their nutrition labels. For cholesterol control, cut back on fatty meats and whole-fat dairy products. You can use low-fat dairy. Carbohydrates are an issue with diabetes. Carbohydrates are sugars and starches. They should constitute 50 percent to 55 percent of your total daily calories. Fruits (yes, you can eat them), vegetables, cereals, breads, crackers, pastas and similar foods are carbohydrates. You have to get a book that lists the calorie content of foods and their protein, fat and carbohydrate make-up. These guides are in all bookstores, and they're cheap. Breakfast shouldn't be a problem. You can drink orange juice if you like it, have cereal, have toast and drink coffee or whatever. You need a coach in the form of a dietitian. The dietitian can help you navigate through the difficulties of understanding a diabetic diet. Your doctor or the local hospital can put you in touch with one. You also need to contact the American Diabetes Association, whose website is [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org). Or call 1-800-342-2383. The association will provide you with tons of information on diet and on diabetes in general.

**iPhone  
tip of the week**
by [howto.cnet.com](http://howto.cnet.com)

## Know when iMessages are read

iMessage automatically sends a delivered notification when a message has been delivered to its intended recipient. It's a great way to ensure your message has gone through. If you don't mind someone knowing when you have read a message, it can also send a read receipt once you have opened a message. Send receipts are turned off by default, and can be enabled by going into Settings > Messages and then toggling the switch next to Send Read Receipts. Turning them on doesn't mean you'll be able to see when someone reads your messages, it only means your device will send a read receipt when you read your messages. In order for you to see when someone has read one of your messages, the recipient will have to have his or her read receipts turned on.

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Notices**

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✝ **HOLY SPIRIT**, who solves all problems and lights all roads so I may attain my goals. Who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me. In all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. This person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the favor will be granted, even if it appears difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted, without mentioning the favor. Only your initials should appear at the bottom. **TG**

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✝ **THE PRAYER** to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Never been known to fail). Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed mother of the son of God, Immaculate Virgin. Assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the sea, help me and show me you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (You make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mother I place this prayer in your hands. (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Publish it, it will be granted to you. In loving gratitude. **TG**

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**Garage  
Sales**

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**FENTON**

**FENTON 12381** Fenton Road, across from Dollar Lake, August 1st-2nd, 9-5p.m. Miscellaneous household, sports, comics, toys, quilts, and lawn equipment.

**FENTON AUGUST 1st-3rd, 9-5p.m.**, 8393 Green Rd., west of US-23, off Center Rd. Freezer, Playschool Step 2 gym, much more!

**FENTON RESCHEDULED.** Collectible's, miscellaneous, clothing- all ages, men and women's. 705 Worchester, August 1st-2nd, 8-4p.m.

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Garage Sales 13

FENTON RUMMAGE sale. August 2nd, 9-3p.m. and August 3rd, 9-2p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 806 Main Street, corner of Orchard. Many great bargains!

FENTON HELP send missionary to Israel. August 1st-3rd, 9-4p.m., 10235 White Lake Road. Furniture, household, tools, miscellaneous. Donuts and coffee.

HOLLY

HOLLY AUGUST 2nd-3rd, 8-12p.m., 120Park. Household, Christmas, antiques, games, books, yard tools, much more!

HOLLY BARN SALE, downsizing to remodel. Antiques, household, Christmas, garden. August 1st-3rd, 9-5p.m., 500 E. Rattalee Lake Rd., Holly, MI 48442.

LINDEN

LINDEN ESTATE sale. July 25th-August 8th, 9-5p.m., 1137 Ripley Road. Contractor downsizing to retirement. No clothes or kids things. Follow the finger.

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LINDEN THREE family sale! 16220 Pine Lake Forest Ct., August 1st-3rd, 9-5p.m. Appliances, furniture, tools, household, miscellaneous.

Antiques & Collectibles 14

ARGENTINE - MANY GENERATIONS accumulation of household, collectible's. Porcelain table, gas cook stove, hoosier, Christmas, cabinets, dinnerware, pots/pans. Just too much to list. August 1st-3rd, 10-6p.m., 15175 Longfellow Rd., on Meyers Lake.

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Vacant Land For Sale 16

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Manufactured Homes 17

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A Look back at the TOP 10 SONGS

- Week of July 26, 1980 As determined by Billboard
1. It's Still Rock And Roll To Me - Billy Joel
  2. Magic - Olivia Newton-John
  3. Little Jeannie - Elton John
  4. Cupid - Spinners
  5. Shining Star - Manhattans
  6. Coming Up - Paul McCartney
  7. Steal Away - Robbie Dupree
  8. Tired Of Toein' The Line - Rocky Burnett
  9. Take Your Time - SOS Band
  10. The Rose - Bette Midler

BY TRIBUNE MEDIA SundaySudoku

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

KING FEATURES SuperCrossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Brother of Harpo and Groucho
  - 6 Impress in stone
  - 10 Kind of orange or Indian
  - 15 General — chicken
  - 19 Like Cato
  - 20 Spicy tea
  - 21 Move spirally
  - 22 Greet loudly
  - 23 — flowing with milk and honey
  - 24 Lewis of track
  - 25 Winter song
  - 26 Unightly
  - 27 Start of a riddle
  - 31 I-80, e.g.
  - 32 Eternally, poetically
  - 33 Unduly
  - 34 Prefix for "ear" or "gold"
  - 36 Riddle, part 2
  - 45 A birdie beats it
  - 46 Yr. parts
  - 47 Voice mail prompts
  - 48 Run away to wed
  - 49 Riddle, part 3
  - 54 Pros at spinning LPs
  - 55 "Well, I'll be!"
  - 56 Widen, as pupils
  - 57 Very long time unit
  - 59 Ogden's state
  - 61 Prefix with conservative
  - 64 1983 Woody Allen film
  - 66 Jamb's place
  - 68 Rhode Island city
  - 71 Riddle, part 4
  - 76 Actor Pierce
  - 77 Restrain
  - 78 Dr. Seuss' "The — the Hat"
  - 79 Kind of milk
  - 80 — me tangere
  - 82 University mil. program
  - 84 Eight-armed cephalopods
  - 88 Skin blemish
  - 90 Debut on the NYSE
  - 92 Riddle, part 5
  - 94 Bird or plane
  - 97 Thrown
  - 99 City in Brazil, briefly
  - 100 Turf
  - 101 End of the riddle
  - 107 Nipper the dog's corp.
  - 108 Maintain the status —
  - 109 Start for existing
  - 110 Electrolysis particle
  - 111 Riddle's answer
  - 121 Sci-fi sights
  - 122 Sanders of baseball and football
  - 123 Seedy bar
  - 124 Innocent
  - 125 Griffin of talk TV
  - 126 Spin — (do some taletelling)
  - 127 Holiday preceders
  - 128 Like a pixie
  - 129 Get ready for surgery
  - 130 Emerson work
  - 131 Auto ding
  - 132 Winter vehicles
  - 6 Caesar's "Lo!"
  - 7 Bangkok cuisine
  - 8 Actress/singer Irene
  - 9 Jewish campus organization
  - 10 Academy Award nomination
  - 11 Waver
  - 12 Snobs put them on
  - 13 Beards, e.g.
  - 14 Singer Cass
  - 15 Dull, heavy sound
  - 16 Big cactus
  - 17 Crankcase attachment
  - 18 Devious
  - 28 Six, in Italian
  - 29 Whip mark
  - 30 Checking account lure
  - 35 Bakery loaf option
  - 36 Whizzed
  - 37 Cabby's car
  - 38 River in Kazakhstan
  - 39 Abbr. for someone with only one given name
  - 40 Flip out
  - 41 Arthur of tennis fame
  - 42 Bodily harm
  - 43 Liza Minnelli ex David
  - 44 Bullring bravo
  - 50 Labyrinths
  - 51 Austere
  - 52 Dependent
  - 53 "It's — for!"
  - 55 Slummy districts
  - 58 GI's refusal
  - 60 Author Seton
  - 61 Negative conjunction
  - 62 Hosp. sections
  - 63 Mel of baseball
  - 65 "This — time for jokes!"
  - 67 As — (henceforth)
  - 69 "— way did he go?"
  - 70 Calico horse
  - 71 Sit-ups' targets
  - 72 To's counterpart
  - 73 Kid's amuser
  - 74 Cause to err
  - 75 He debated with Obama
  - 81 Tulip relative
  - 83 "Comin' — the Rye"
  - 85 Kick out of office
  - 86 Map out
  - 87 "... and — it all again!"
  - 88 Alphabet-ending letter
  - 89 Baghdad native
  - 91 A single cent
  - 93 Suited — tee
  - 94 Christmas tree, often
  - 95 Satan
  - 96 Animator Freleng, a.k.a. "Friz"
  - 97 CBers' cops
  - 98 Dog's sound
  - 102 Dairy treat
  - 103 Like some grapes
  - 104 Be horizontal
  - 105 Des —, Iowa
  - 106 Standing by in readiness
  - 112 "Please reply" abbr.
  - 113 Actresses Carrere and Texada
  - 114 Israeli ring dance
  - 115 Almost half a dozen
  - 116 Cooking chamber
  - 117 Take 115-Down
  - 118 Prevalent
  - 119 Fervent
  - 120 YMCA part
  - 121 Sports arbiter

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: HENNA UNCAP BUCKLE CHISEL  
Answer: What the bathing beauty was—A BEACH PEACH

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: YEARN BASIN NEARLY ADJUST  
Answer: If today's Jumble seems difficult, save it for this—A "BRAINY" DAY

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 21 mins.

WALL VEG CLAP  
ALIA IDA AIDE  
VAMPIRES MEAN  
ERE MEN SPURN  
QUO DEF  
BOGUS PRAISED  
ARIA JOY ROME  
TANGLED BELOW  
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HAIR HOTWIRES  
ESNE ARC VISE  
AYES MAH YEAR

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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## Free Items 28

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## Household For Sale 29

**LIVING ROOM** set, kitchen table and chairs, bedroom set, 2 desks, 2 TV cabinets, coffee table. Priced to sell! 810-397-8272.

## Lost &amp; Found 31

**FOUND - MALE**, possible Beagle mix on July 19th, White Lake Rd. and US-23 area. 586-703-3203.



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## Pets 34

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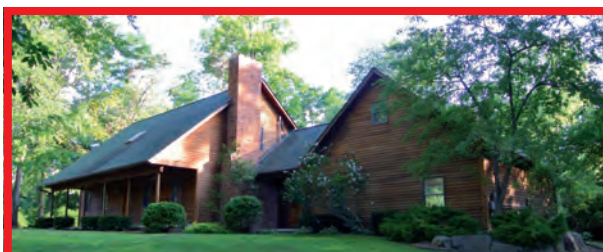
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**FORECLOSURE NOTICE** This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Connie Graham to Bay Creek Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2004 and recorded January 4, 2005 in Instrument # 200501040001016 and modified by agreement dated May 12, 2011 and recorded November 17, 2011 in instrument # 201111170078533 Genesee County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated March 30, 2011 and recorded April 7, 2011 in instrument #201104070035241 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-One Cents (\$102,359.61) including interest 4.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00 AM on August 21, 2013 Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 25 feet of Lot 841 and the West 35 feet of Lot 840 and the West 35 feet of Lot 839 of EVERGREEN PARK SUBDIVISION No. 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 16 of Plats, Pages 25 of Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 3743 Lynn Street, Flint MI 48503 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 07/21/2013 CitiMortgage, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potesivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-84195 Ad #56107 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2013

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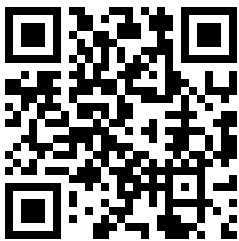
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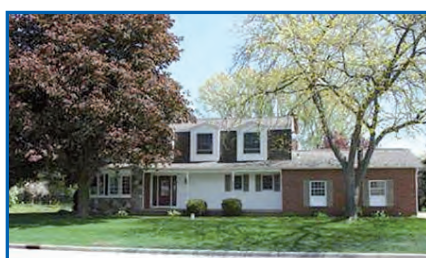
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**Q** Who was the first MLB player to hit grand slam home runs from both sides of the plate in one game?

**A** It was Bill Mueller who accomplished the task for the Red Sox on July 29, 2003. He did it against the Texas Rangers. Boston won the contest 14-7.

### Fall Sport reminders

It might still be July, but it seems some of the annual symbolic happenings that I use to remind me that the fall athletic season is right around the corner have already happened or are just about to happen. Here are some of those things.

#### 1. The end of the Wednesday Night Races

Last Wednesday's races were the last ones of the summer. I contend for what many road racers pay for some of the larger known events, that the Wednesday Night Races remains one of the best athletic bargains in the tri-county area.

#### 2. It's Tour des Lacs time

Without a doubt, one of my favorite people I've met since I took this job over 10 years ago has been Tour des Lacs director Kim Foerster. This year's event is Aug. 3. I have yet to actually ride in the event. This year's event might have to be the year I do something about that.

For more information about the charity bike ride go to <http://www.tdl4charity.com>.

#### 3. The first day of prep football practices

It's coming up. You can bet at least one or two area teams will start practice at midnight on Aug. 12.

## Last year's team was 4-12, but this is the season for...

Okay, so the Lions weren't 2-14, as they were the previous season when some players remade Queen's "Another One Bites The Dust" but the theme still works. Here's a list of seasons that the Lions won four games and what they did the next year.

4-win season	Next year	Playoffs?	Comment
1988 (4-12)	7-9	No	The Lions drafted Barry Sanders in the draft after the four-win season.
1987 (4-11)	4-12	No	Darryl Rogers won nine games in two years but kept his job.
1984 (4-11-1)	7-9	No	Lions lost their last three games, missing out of the playoffs again.
1982 (4-5)	9-7	Lost to 49ers	The 1982 season was a strike-shortened season. Heartbreaking loss in the playoffs.
1968 (4-8-2)	9-4-1	No	Best bounce-back record of the four-win squads.



Linden's Austin Buerkel

## Super soph Buerkel is our Baseball Player of the Year

► Four-sport athlete overcomes injuries to earn our team's top spot

By David Troppens  
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Austin Buerkel had made a cut like it a thousand times before.

He was taking part in his first open gym basketball of the summer just over a year ago, when that same cut he made a thousand times ended in a result much different than before. He had torn his ACL and his meniscus.

"I was doing a drill and I just happened to make a cut I have made all my life and my knee rolled instead of my ankle," Buerkel said. "I freaked out, wondering what was going to happen. It was a freak thing. It wasn't as painful as it was shocking."

The Linden athlete suffered the injury on June 8, 2012 and was having surgery on June 10. Buerkel was going to have a long and gruesome recovery period, and had just that. However, just over a year later, Buerkel was back on the baseball diamond, and earning the Tri-County's 2013 Baseball Player of the Year award.

"I think the injury made him more driven in some ways," said Steve Buerkel, Austin's dad and varsity baseball coach. "Being a three- or four-sport kid and missing the winter season was tough. From a parent standpoint it was tough seeing him sitting on the coach, but the injury made him work really hard with his physical therapy to get back."

Austin Buerkel could've returned during the middle of basketball season, but chose to get completely healthy for the baseball season. It was a smart decision. In Buerkel's first at bat of the season, he hit a home run, proving he was healthy.

"His first varsity swing at Lapeer East, against the back-to-back defending Metro champs was a home run over the fence in the first game of the year," coach Buerkel said. "In his first 19 games, he had a 19-game hitting streak. And he pitched the second game against Lapeer East and got the win."

See **BUERKEL** on 15A

### All Tri-County Baseball Team PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

#### Austin Buerkel, Linden outfielder/pitcher

Buerkel overcame a serious injury to post a .409 batting average at the plate, 26 steals on the bases and a 4-1 record on the mound.

Here is a list of the players that made our All Tri-County Baseball Team as selected by the sports staff.

#### REST OF FIRST TEAM

##### Pitchers

Drew Eggleston..... Holly

Jamie Castiglione..... Fenton

Bryce Benedict..... Linden

##### Outfielders

Austin Buerkel..... Linden

Joel Perry..... Holly

Connor Davidson..... Fenton

Cody Alexander..... Lake Fenton

##### School

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## David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



### SOCIALIZING ON THE INTERNET

These days it seems like we are all members of about 20 message boards or online community sites.

I find myself involved on three to a pretty strong degree. One is Facebook. It's amazing how many people from my past have hunted me down and are now on my Facebook page. Just 10 years ago, it seemed I'd never see any of these people again. But now, you get to see a piece of their life almost on a daily basis, and that's pretty cool. It's cool even if you don't ever see them face-to-face again.

The two others are hobby/business/work related sites. One is a Detroit-based sports message board called Motownsports.com. On it we have conversations about everything Detroit sports. And this isn't your normal message board — we patrol it pretty well to make sure it doesn't become the third-grader verbal war site that many sports sites become. One additional benefit of the site is it has become my key resource for sports news and for some of the trivia questions or info boxes you see in this paper.

Finally, I am a member of many of sports game-playing message boards as well. As a life-long avid card and dice gamer, and now a game creator myself, I didn't realize there were thousands of people like me until the Internet existed. It's cool to be able to discuss your replays or your games with others that are as geeky as you are.

And then there are those sites you are a member of but don't know exactly why. For me, two of these sites stick out — Twitter and LinkedIn. About 18 months ago, I finally joined Twitter because a curling show was answering questions off of Twitter. I quickly joined, asked about three questions and haven't been on it since.

The second is LinkedIn. In theory, it's supposed to be a professional network to engage with those similar to you and in the process build up and display your credentials. But I wonder how much the site has remained to its ideal premise.

For example, almost on a daily basis my email is bombarded by people I never met asking me to be part of their network. Most are in some profession that has nothing to do with what I do. Others are just friends I know. How does this help me in the workplace? I don't think it does any good, really.

Secondly, I frequently get these emails telling me someone has endorsed my abilities at doing something. It's great that people do it, but 90 percent of the people endorsing me have never experienced my ability to do what they are endorsing. Most are friends that are being kind. I know because I've done the same. It got me to thinking if there has ever been a person that got a raise, a promotion or a new job because they were endorsed by someone on LinkedIn.

If anything, that would keep me from hiring someone. In a strange way LinkedIn has become the anti-site of what it was designed to do — at least in my mind. I'd never use that site for any sort of legitimate purposes and someone else using it would set off red flags. For Pete's sake, the site gives you the ability to endorse people in groups of four — that doesn't seem too sincere. It makes me wonder if I'm missing something. But that's my social life on the internet.

That's enough for now. I have to go, someone wants me to endorse their ability to blog.

## BUERKEL

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That was just the start of the highlights. the sophomore batted .409 with an on-base percentage of .485 and a slugging percentage of .557. He drove in 42 runs and scored 30 others. He finished with eight doubles and three triples as well. On the bases, he stole 26 bases in 29 attempts. He hit safely in 30 of 34 games, and had a batting average that would've placed him in the top five in school history before he went hitless in the regional tourney.

On the mound, he posted a 4-1 record and posted a 1.47 earned run average.

"Looking back at it I'm really happy the way everything went," Austin Buerkel said about his rehabilitation. "I was lucky all the people were there to help me through it. I feel 1100 percent. The knee feels 100 percent strong again."

### Rehabilitation

"I was heading down to the X-rays and before we got there my parents received a phone call that I had a full tear from my ACL and I had shown two tears in my meniscus," Buerkel said.

Dr. Kyle Anderson performed the surgery and Tim Webb helped with Buerkel's rehabilitation.

"He did a great job with getting my knee strong, all the joints and all the muscles around them," Buerkel said. "I had a weaker hamstring at the time and I had to get it stronger. It was a lot of painful exercises at the beginning, but Tim pushed me forward. It took a lot of hard work and dedication for sure."

Buerkel also worked on rehab at Wixom Total Performance.

"I got used to doing cuts and was cleared to play halfway through basketball season," Buerkel said. "I figured it was not worth the risk of tearing it, so I got ready for baseball. I've been cleared to play and it's been strong from there."

### Dad as a coach

Buerkel has an interesting dynamic in that his Linden coach is his father. And the elder Buerkel knows a bit about baseball. He played at Linden and played at the University of Michigan.

"My dad played at Michigan so he helps me through all my questions," Buerkel said. "He helps me understand the mental and physical aspect of the game. I've grown up loving sports."

Because Austin is his son, he's able to push him harder than other players.

"I don't have to worry over the ramifications of how I coach my own son,"

## Buerkel's Numbers

Linden sophomore Austin Buerkel is our Baseball Player of the Year. Listed below are some of his stats from last year.

### Offense

- Batted .409 with an on-base percentage of .485 and a slugging percentage of .557.
- Finished the season with 42 RBI and 30 runs scored.
- Stole 26 bases in 29 attempts.
- Had a 19-game hitting streak and hit safely in 30 of Linden's 34 games.

### Pitching

- Posted a 4-1 record.
- Struck out 18 batters in 20 2/3 innings of work.
- Had an earned-run average of 1.47, while posting a WHIP (walks plus hits divided by innings pitched) of 1.36.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN

Austin Buerkel posted a 4-1 record on the mound for the Linden Eagles this spring, and it's not even the pitcher's mound where he's known for his greatest baseball skills. He's an outstanding hitter and baserunner as well. Buerkel is the Tri-County's 2013 Baseball Player of the Year.

Steve Buerkel said. "Plus, I can relate to him because my dad coached me for 10 years as a youth and I thought he was harder on me than the other kids."

The younger Buerkel likes the relationship.

"He's the best coach I'll ever have," Austin said. "He's hard on me when he needs to be and he's there when I need picking up."

Buerkel didn't need much picking up in the spring of 2013.

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