Fenton Township officials still working to build park

Donations expected to cover majority of funding

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Fenton Twp. — More than a year after acquiring land near Wiggins and Thompson roads in Fenton Township, officials are still working out plans to build a public park. On Wednesday, officials discussed plans on how to move the project further and to start building support for the park.

Trustee Vince Lorraine said that while the park would be beneficial for the public, a comprehensive plan has to be laid out before officials can begin to gather support from local business owners.

“We want to do it is a great idea. But if we do it wrong, we’re going to get hammered on it by residents,” Lorraine said. “Business

See PARK on 9A

LIFE AS AN EMT

‘Anything can happen during a 12-hour shift’

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Flint — Alex Boros refers to it as the “smart call.” A 72-year veteran of the medical responder profession, Boros once responded to a call at a middle school where a girl was turning blue. Boros eventually discovered that the dye from the girl’s shirt was responsible for the blue color.

“That’s the type of stuff you remember — when you go

See EMT on 26A

LF football gets Marine-style motivation

Lake Fenton High School football player Kiel Cole and his team grind out ladder push-ups after an already challenging surprise workout session supervised by marines from the local recruiting center. Lead by Sgt. Allen Sullivan (left), the team ran 880 meters, hoisted 30-pound ammo boxes dozens of times and took a combat fitness test that included carrying a partner 75 yards. Full story on Page 18A

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Lucky 13

Non-golfing Linden teacher scores a hole-in-one in memory of brother

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For Brett Smith of Linden, the number 13 is a lucky number indeed. That’s the number of the hole he aced on July 14 at Arcadia Bluffs, one of Michigan’s most prestigious golf courses, while on a once-in-a-lifetime golfing trip with friends.

See HOLE-IN-ONE on 21A

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Brett Smith of Linden couldn’t believe it when he aced the 13th hole at Arcadia Bluffs in northern Michigan on July 14.
Farmers markets — fresh produce, artisan goods, and friendly smiles

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Linden — The downpour of rain on Wednesday night may not have been good for business at the Linden farmers market, but it didn’t dampen the spirits of the vendors.

If you ask the vendors why they set up shop at the farmers market, they will be quick to tell you — it’s all about the people.

“It gives you another way to interact with people, in a more relaxed fashion,” said Dave Johnson, whose wife owns Tami’s Sweet Treats.

There are a few other reasons too. Some do it to promote their business, others do it simply because they love to make things and interact with market goers.

“I love to bake,” said Diane Paterson of Linden, who sells quick breads, syrups, vegetable dips and more. “It’s all about the homemade things here. People are very conscious about what goes into their bodies now. I make everything here myself aside from the nuts and the paper cups.”

Some people are natives of the area, while other vendors travel quite some distance for the opportunity to participate in the farmers market. Jato Davis likes to grow her own produce, which she brings from Owosso. She has been coming to the Linden Farmers Market for five years.

See MARKETS on 13A
Morning show hosts Stephanie K and Mike entertain thousands of listeners at any given time during their radio show at CK 105.5. Their chemistry keeps things light and humorous.

On-air duo reach 5,000 listeners each morning

> Stephanie K and Mike own the 5 to 10 a.m. slot at CK 105.5

By Tim Jagielo
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Mundy Twp. — It’s peak time at the studio that houses top 40 radio station CK 105.5 and between 7 and 8 a.m. Stephanie K and Mike grab the ears of 5,000 listeners during their radio show, which runs weekdays from 5 to 10 a.m.

The CK 105.5 signal stretches north to Bay City, south to Howell, and from Lansing to Lapeer. “That’s a pretty big footprint,” said host Mike, who has been behind a mic for 39 years. Co-host Stephanie has 15 years in, and a background in acting.

The duo said they have about 15 minutes with each listener as they shower, eat breakfast, or drive to work or school. It’s 15 minutes they fill with celebrity gossip, current weather and road conditions, interesting national news and popular music, every weekday.

“Sexy Back” by Justin Timberlake and “Radioactive” by Imagine Dragons is cued up on the proprietary computer system Opex. In the morning, the station plays the most familiar popular music, with newer songs entering the rotation after 10 a.m.

It’s this duo’s job to keep the breaks entertaining. See CK 105.5 on 10A

Mike runs the console, which today controls things like gain from microphones and headphone volume.

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One million dollars!

How much is a million dollars really? After all, it's a number that gets thrown around a lot. You hear it in movies, TV commercials, game shows, business reports and random notes. Growing up, every kid’s goal was to be a millionaire. How often have you said, “I’d give a million dollars for (blank).” And yet, I don’t know anyone who has actually ever seen a million dollars in cash. How big would the pile be? Would it actually fit in a briefcase? Would it be too heavy for a grocery bag?

Today, we put these “million dollar questions” to bed once and for all. My first step in solving this conundrum was to go to the bank and withdraw one million dollars in cash from my bank account. I soon realized that this was also my first problem as I didn’t have quite that amount in my account. Not to be deterred from my mission, I noticed that 100 one dollar bills came in a nice, tidy little packet with a sensible blue band around them. Hmmm... just the tool I needed to continue my critical, but socially useless, mission.

Now, the largest bill in circulation is the one hundred dollar bill. Thus it will take 10,000 one hundred dollar bills to make one million dollars. Thus, ten thousand bills of any denomination would thereby be required in order to replicate the smallest physical package possible that could conceivably contain one million dollars in cash.

No problem. Next I visited a local printing company where a nice young lady named Kelli, after determining that I was not planning on actually counterfeiting real money, helped me select a grade of paper most closely resembling actual currency stock. She also reminded me that I would not be able to pay for the paper with fake bills. Insulted, I paid with a fake check.

So, armed with 2,500 sheets of appropriate paper stock, I began the process of cutting ten thousand bogus one hundred dollar bills. A couple of hours later I proudly surveyed my one hundred packets, each containing one hundred ‘bills,’ thereby accurately representing one million dollars in cash.

My findings: a pile containing one million dollars in cash is much bulkier and heavier than it appears to be in movies. It’s about the size of four shoe boxes and weighs in at just under 20 pounds. Will it fit in a briefcase? Yes and no. A regular briefcase will hold only about $78,000. But, one of those metal briefcases you always see in movies was just the ticket.

The Halliburton Première Silver At-tache case ($745 at fine luggage stores), held exactly one million dollars. Add a pair of titanium Attaché French handcuffs ($220) and our experiment is at, last, complete.

My conclusions? 1) One million dol-

lers in cash is, surprisingly, pretty much accurately depicted on TV and in mov-

ies. 2) The average grocery bag should not be used to transport one million dol-

ars in cash (it broke). 3) It would cost about $22.75 to stuff one million dollars in cash to Florida. 4) The King has way too much time on his hands. For those of you still reading – thanks a million.

Compiled by Oliva Dimmer, intern.
Michigan Internet sales tax still not a sure thing

Many debate if tax will help or hurt small businesses

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Could shopping online become a little more expensive? That is the question currently up in the air, waiting to be discussed in the House of Representatives.

The Marketplace Fairness Act is a bipartisan bill that is sponsored by Richard Durbin, an Illinois Democrat, and Mike Enzi, a Wyoming Republican. Despite the combined effort between the two parties, it could still be a while before a decision is reached.

The bill would not create a new tax — it would simply enforce the tax code that is already in place.

Currently, you may be able to avoid paying taxes on your purchases from the web depending on where you live, where the company you are buying from is located, and many other factors.

Well-known Republican economist Arthur Laffer has even spoken out in favor of the act. “Not collecting sales taxes, which in 2012 trimmed state revenues by more than $23 billion, results in a smaller sales tax base and an inefficient system that stifles job creation and economic growth,” he said.

Support is split between both sides of the bill. Many brick and mortar stores support the idea, as they find it difficult to compete with online sales that are essentially tax-less. However, other small businesses that rely on Internet sales for a large portion of their businesses believe that managing the new tax code is so difficult and costly, and it will render them unable to continue their own businesses.

The bill passed the Senate last May, and next requires to be voted on the House of Representatives.

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State has first confirmed West Nile Virus case

 Residents are reminded to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites

Michigan health officials have identified the state’s first confirmed human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) for 2013 in a man from St. Joseph County (southwest area of state), and are reminding people to protect themselves against mosquito bites.

West Nile can cause serious neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis. Last year, 202 WNV illnesses and 17 fatalities were reported in Michigan.

“We have clear evidence that West Nile Virus is present in the state again this summer,” said Dr. Matthew Davis, Chief Medical Executive at the MDCH. “Taking a few minutes to protect ourselves and our loved ones from mosquitoes can make a big difference.”

Statewide, eight birds have tested positive for WNV so far this season, including Saginaw (4), Bay (1) and Midland (1) counties, one wild turkey from Gratiot County and one Cooper’s hawk from Wayne County.

No WNV-positive mosquito pools have been detected. Infected birds and mosquitoes can provide an early warning of WNV activity in a community, re-enforcing the need for residents to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Citizens can report sightings of sick or dead birds on the West Nile virus website at www.michigan.gov/westnile.

Michigan residents are encouraged to take the following steps to avoid WNV:

- Maintain window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes out of buildings.
- Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes lay eggs.
- Use nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.
- Avoid being outdoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Apply insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other EPA-approved product to exposed skin or clothing, always following the manufacturer’s directions for use.

Choose a repellent concentration rated for the time you will spend outdoors. When applying repellent to children, apply it to your own hands and rub them on the child. Avoid the eyes and mouth and do not apply to children’s hands because they sometimes put their hands in their mouths. Do not apply repellents to infants under 6 months of age and instead place nets over strollers and baby carriers.

Most people bitten by a WNV-infected mosquito show no symptoms of illness. However, some become sick three to 15 days after exposure. About one-in-five infected persons will have mild illness with fever. About one in 150 infected people will become severely ill.

Symptoms of encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the spinal cord and brain linings) include stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, muscle weakness, convulsions and paralysis.

People 50 and older are more susceptible to severe WNV disease symptoms. Physicians are urged to test patients for WNV if they present with fever and signs of meningitis or encephalitis, or sudden painless paralysis in the absence of stroke in the summer months. For more information and surveillance activity about WNV, visit www.michigan.gov/westnile.
Are you throwing too much food away?

Local experts share tips on proper freezing and refrigerating

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No one likes to waste food or the feeling of money literally going into the garbage whenever it happens. Avoiding air, moisture and handling will help keep all foods fresher longer, and each type of food can be kept safe for consumption in slightly different ways.

Perhaps the biggest waste of money is seeing expensive beef, poultry or fish get tossed. Unfortunately, meat will always go bad near the sell, or freeze-by date marked on the package.

Mark Russell, VG’s on Silver Parkway Meat Department manager, said storing meat starts with a good refrigerator. If the meat can be stored in a separate meat keeper, which limits the exposure to air when the refrigerator is opened, the meat can be kept fresher, and kept at between 35 and 45 degrees Fahrenheit, ideally.

Beef will last about four days in the refrigerator, pork five days, and seafood two.

The best method of preserving meat is properly freezing without the Styrofoam in meat — use a vacuum sealed bag, or a thick freezer bag. It can last six months to a year or more if safely frozen.

Meat should not be thawed and re-frozen because it will help break down the meat.

A lot of people make the mistake of thawing their meat on counter tops after being frozen — this can lead to food-borne illness. “You don’t want to thaw anything on counter tops,” he said.

The safest method is slowly thawing meat out in the refrigerator, trickling cold water onto meat in a container. In the summer, get that meat back to refrigerator from the store as soon as possible.

Lunch meat has a shelf-life of about six days once it’s opened, according to Annette Spiece. VG’s on North LeRoy Deli manager. Before opening, it should be maintained at about 38 degrees.

The best way to keep lunch meat safe is to only touch and open what you plan to use — human hands spread bacteria, which contributes to the food breaking down, and this goes for cheese as well.

For pre-cooked deli food like potato salads or reheated food, the rule is the same. Only open/ touch what you plan to eat, and only reheat what you plan to immediately eat. “It’s better to only heat up one portion,” she said.

With baked goods, common sense prevails — keep it away from air to keep the moisture in, and store the right items in the refrigerator.

Cakes and English muffins, toasted bread and bagels can be kept in the refrigerator. Carey Jackson, North LeRoy VGs Bakery manager said though it’s tempting, storing regular bread in the refrigerator doesn’t necessarily help stave off the stale and the excess moisture may cause it to mold quicker.

A cake can more than double its life expectancy by being covered and refrigerated.

Cindy Caudle Assistant Produce Manager at the LeRoy Street VGs refrigerates most of her fruit and vegetables unless she wants them to ripen quicker.

Potatoes and onions are the only ones she doesn’t keep in the fridge, and most of her veggies go in the crisper.

Some fruits like apples and pears give off a gas that will help anything close by ripen, so it helps to separate them from other produce. Don’t save cut potatoes — they also give off a gas once they’re cut, which will cause quick ripening.

To ensure bananas ripen correctly, keep the temperature even — don’t store them in the fridge or against anything cold.

To keep lettuce fresh, trim the bottom stalk, rinse it and keep in a bag that allows airflow.

Real Simple Magazine online compiled a detailed list for different dairy products. Again, these items should be kept in the refrigerator. Soft cheeses like mozzarella should be kept in airtight containers once opened. Semi-hard cheeses should be wrapped with wax paper before being placed in a resealable plastic bag.

Yogurts and milk can be frozen if they are moved to appropriate freezer containers. Real Simple suggests leaving an inch at the top of the container for expansion, and plan on remixing the solids once thawed.

Buttermilk will keep in the refrigerator for two weeks, but cannot be frozen. Butter and dairy spreads can be kept for up to three months refrigerated, and cannot be frozen. Sticks of butter can be frozen six months. Grated cheese can last one month in the refrigerator, and four in the freezer.

Keeping food fresh starts with a good refrigerator, preferably with separate drawers for produce and meat.

“IT'S BETTER TO ONLY HEAT UP ONE PORTION.”

Annette Spiece
Deli Manager
VG’s on Silver Parkway

Summary

Keeping food fresher longer involves proper storage and handling. Keep meat products in a “meat keeper” drawer and handle only when being used, and keep veggies and fruit in the “crisper” drawers. Bread should be kept in cupboard while cakes keep better in the refrigerator, covered.

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Local families sought to host exchange students
Fenton area families are sought to host foreign exchange students who will study at local high schools for a semester or school year. Families of all types are eligible to host. Families are expected to treat their exchange students as family members. The students, who will arrive in August, are participating in SHARE!, a high school exchange program to learn firsthand about Americans and our way of life. They speak English, have medical insurance, and bring spending money for personal expenses. For more information call Larry and Heather Kokx at (810) 429-7801, or email kokx97@charter.net.

Michigan DNR Boating Safety Certificate Class
Persons who have reached the age of 12 or who will be 12 by Aug. 1, 2013 are eligible to take a course that will be taught by Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) certified instructors. Anyone born after July 1, 1996 must have the above certificate. The course will be held at the Argentine Township Fire Hall at 9048 West Silver Lake Rd., Linden on Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Thursday, Aug. 8 from 6-9 p.m. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. Participants must attend both sessions. The course is not limited to students — adults are also welcome. Enroll by Friday, Aug. 2 by calling Marty Vyskocil at (810) 423-5674 or by email to marty50@aol.com. The cost is $25 per student to be paid at registration. Cash or a check made payable to LBLA (Lobdell-Bennett Lake Association) will be accepted. Students are asked to bring a pencil, a pen and highlighter to class. Pizza and pop will be served before class on Aug. 8.

Free CPR training session in Fenton Township on Aug. 17
State Rep. Joe Graves and the Genesee County Sheriff’s Marine Division will conduct cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training at a free class on Saturday, Aug. 17. The CPR session will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive in Fenton. “CPR can be used in so many instances, and spending a few hours on a Saturday morning to learn how to save a life is well worth the time,” said Graves (R-Arentine Township). “That’s particularly true with the number of lakes that we have in the 51st House District, where CPR could make a difference between a near-drowning and a drowning.” Residents interested in enrolling in the class must RSVP by Wednesday, Aug. 14 to attend. Call Graves toll-free at 866-989-5151 or email him at JoeGraves@house.mi.gov to reserve a spot for the training.

News briefs
PARK
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owners want to know the long-term plans and hard costs.”

Last summer Town Clerk Robert
Krug proposed the construction of a park
within the township that would include
baseball fields, soccer fields, a walking
path and a small amphitheater. Officials
now plan to place a lacrosse field into
the park rather than an amphitheater.

Under Krug’s original prop-
osal, funding for the park would come
to a maximum of $500,000 to township
residents. Instead, volunteerism and fundraising
from local businesses would help
support the project and upkeep of the
dark. So far, Krug has secured
the support of the La Forza Soccer Club,
local Little League teams and Lawrence
Engineering PC, which has drawn maps of the
park that have been submitted to the
planning commission.

At an estimated $500,000 for construc-
tion, building the park may take years and
numerous donations. Krug expects the
park to be open in three different
phases, with phase one costing roughly
$250,000. Krug said township officials
have all the necessary permits for the
park. All that remains now is collecting
the funds necessary to build the park.

“I truly believe through contributions
and volunteerism, this can work,” Krug
said. “I’m very confident we have all the ex-
perience in the township to make this work.”

Construction of the park has brought
some concerns from local neighbors,
specifically with costs and the potential
for increased traffic. A road into the
property and numerous parking spaces
are to be constructed along with
the park as well.

Lorraine said officials could
raise money by allowing busi-
nesses to place signs through-
out the park, a method that has
helped to erect parks in nearby
Grand Blanc. Lorraine also sug-
gested the township build the
fields rather than allowing other
organizations to build them.

“I would rather have the township
build the fields and lease it to baseball
and soccer leagues,” Lorraine said. “That
way, we can use the fees to help maintain
the park.”

Officials plan to create a comprehen-
sive packet of the proposed park with
some more definitive projected costs.

The land for the proposed park cov-
ers 36 acres and includes two wetlands.
About 20 acres of the land is expected
to be usable for the park.

HOT LINE
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NOW DO YOU see why the unemploy-
ment rate isn’t going down? House Re-
publicans refuse to do anything but vote
to repeal Obamacare, despite the fact that
the Senate has actually done something for the
economy to recover.

TO THE LADY at the store’s courtesy
desk on Tuesday at 2:30. You need to
know that the whole store was laughing
at your temper tantrum. So you had two
items, and the lady in front of you had six.
Ask your agent, and learn patience.

WE ALL NEED to be more considerate
while driving on the freeways. We are sup-
posed to drive on the right and ‘pass’ on
the left. Too many people ‘hi-jack’ the left
lane and then wonder why so many driv-
ers are angry. Shame on you for deliber-
ately tying up traffic.

DEAR BEWILDERED, YOU missed
one glaring point. The LGBT issue was not
that way. For the churchgoers it was a choice
to commit their sins.

MY NEIGHBOR HASN’T worked in three
years. The lives off of unemployment, food
stamps, Section 8 (free rent) and countless
other benefits that my taxes pay for. Every
day is spent smoking cigarettes and drink-
ing beer. There is absolutely no accountabil-
ity. How do I know? He brags about it.

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NEWS
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According to National Public Radio, at least 52 percent of Millennials read a newspaper at least once a month, just like adults from other generations. One thought as to why print media is declining lies with advertisement — news media outlets are competing with services like Craigslist, eBay and other sites that exist to specifically sell items.

The NAA study reports that 68 percent of Millennials interacted in some way to print newspapers however, indicating that online advertising may not be the only way to grab the attention of younger people. The studies may give some comfort to newspaper enthusiasts as bigger newspapers across the country continue to layoff and restructure their staff while pushing readers to view the news online.

Earlier this week, nearly 50 people were laid off from the Cleveland Plain Dealer, which owns the Detroit Free Press and USA Today, is laying off more than 200 employees in the near future. New Orleans’s flagship Pulitzer Prize winning-newspaper The Times Picayune also laid off more than 200 members of its staff last year. Since then, media outlets in Louisiana have reported a declining readership in the newspaper, with many readers switching to the smaller local news publications. The Oregonian took a similar approach earlier this year and has faced a declining readership as well.

So which newspapers are continuing to succeed? According to a study by the University of Kentucky, Hyper-local newspapers, like The Times, are expected to continue to thrive. Another newspaper that is growing is the Orange County Register, where owners are expanding their number of employees and coverage area. The mindset of the newspaper, according to Ken Brusic, is not online or print first, but “subscriber first.” So far, the Register has not reduced home delivery and profits are slowly gaining.

The change in newspapers from news websites will no doubt continue to change and adapt, much like the reading habits of Millennials. What is clear however is that younger generations want a trusted news source, whether in print or online.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
I JUST REPLACED my water heater for the third time in eight years. You would think as much as we pay for water in Holly it would be the best water in the world but all it does is destroy my bank account and my appliances.

WHEN WILL THE chain gangs return to clean away the brush along our roadside? I am surprised more people aren’t killed while backing out of their driveway or trying to cross an intersection when they can’t see up or down the road. Convert need to earn their keep.

SO WHEN IS Trayvon’s mother going to plead with President Obama to investigate the double murder of Christopher Newson and Channon Christian, when five blacks were killed? Never!

I WORK AT (local manufacturing plant). I would just like to say my appreciation to my employers, I have a good job and appreciate all the things you do for us — special luncheons, incentives offered etc. Thank you for helping me support my family.

CONGRATULATIONS AND A huge shout-out to the girls from Linden Cheer, who once again this year, July 27, captured the title of National Champions!

TO THE RUMOR-monger asking about the Holly Village manager using a police vehicle, Dolley didn’t have a dedicated building official and this work has been spread amongst the Village manager and the fire chief. They use municipal vehicles to travel to inspection sites.

AFTER WASTING BILLS on ‘green companies’ that produced no permanent jobs, Obama’s mocking the Keystone Pipeline because he says only 55 jobs will be produced. He didn’t mention the ancillary jobs created or increased American energy products generated.

PROMPT AND PLEASING service attracts more customers. Long lines waiting in checkout aisles when only a small percentage of the checkout counters are open does not attract more customers or improve business profits.

THANKS FOR SHARING the story of the cancer survivor. Hunting is a great family sport and teaches respect for firearms as well as nature and all animals. My daughters are hunters also.

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“The people here are really nice,” she said. “For being a small community, the people here really do come out and support their local market.” Timmery Foster of R&C Homemade Bakes says that with farmers markets, everyone wins. “It’s very local, and it supports our local economy. People buy my things, and I take that money and go and continue to spend it here in the community,” she said.

On Thursday, at the Fenton Farmers Market, Dustin Rayner of Fenton purchased some peppers for his homemade salsa, which he cans and eats throughout the winter. Rayner regularly visits the farmers markets in Fenton, Linden, Holly and Oakland County in order to secure all of the produce necessary for his salsa.

“It’s nice to have places where you can come and get fresh produce,” Rayner said. “There’s more variety of vegetables this year but it seems like the tomatoes are taking longer to grow.”

Farmers Kenneth and Sally Maher of Byron, who had a booth at the Fenton Farmers Market, said the weather between this summer and last summer have been near polar opposites. “This year there’s too much rain, last year there wasn’t enough,” Kenneth said. “Hopefully it won’t stay too wet for too long. We could have awfully good tomatoes, potatoes and corn in the next few weeks though.”

William Axford contributed to this story.

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are called “stop sets.” Each two-minute segment includes a mix of weather and news, back and forth banter and pop culture information.

Mike spends a few hours after each on-air shift preparing for the next day, and each stop set is written with a general topic. Supporting Internet articles are printed and laid out before each break.

Mike essentially leads the program, and Stephanie provides the color commentary, and her own personal experience. “It’s good because we can go at it from a different angle,” said Stephanie, who at 7 a.m. is very energetic.

They also constantly monitor social media. Stephanie watches Facebook and Mike, Twitter. They will respond to anything that comes up and change their program. “People are all about what’s happening in real time,” said Mike. “We’re constantly updating all our social media pages.”

Trending topics are applied to the morning show during, and while planning shows.

Stop sets occur every 20 minutes. They’ll also tease an upcoming break, which on Wednesday included a pre-recorded answer session with Katy Perry about her part on the upcoming Smurfs movie. Other major topics included the weather and back to school deals.

Their main target audience is women 18 to 49, with a 34-year-old woman being their core listener they picture.

When their stop sets are over, Mike and Stephanie continue their discussions, almost like they’re still on air — they cite an immediate chemistry that makes the back-and-forth natural and fluid.

Mike said much of radio has been automated to best suit their market since 1999. Today, requests can’t really be taken, though songs can be attributed to someone who wanted to hear it. With all the automation, both appreciate their jobs.

Behind Mike, there’s a wall full of CDs, which serve as a back-up in case their computer system goes down.

As it is a top 40 station, there is plenty of fluff, behind the advertisements and pop culture news. On Wednesday they had to decide whether they could mention Katy Perry’s breasts directly, in regards to a quick stop set story. Stephanie ended up... Continued on next page
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generalizing in a story about Katy Perry and Robert Pattinson hanging out after Pattinson broke up with mutual friend Kristen Stewart. “I’m always picturing the mother with her kids in the car, so I try not to say something offensive,” said Stephanie. “Off the air I let it rip.”

But after discussing Katy Perry, Stephanie took a call (off the air) from someone in need, linking vital resources to someone with a family member who was homeless.

Both agree they love their job. “I love making people laugh, I love helping them on their commute to work in the mornings, I love giving things away when people need it,” said Stephanie. She also mentioned her post 9/11 work collecting funds from listeners to aid the bombing victims.

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Both Michael and Stephanie K bring a different flavor to their popular morning radio show. Mike provides the structure, while Stephanie supplies the commentary.
Fenton resident hired as Clearly’s women’s soccer head coach

TO THE FRONT OF THE PACK
Final Wednesday Night Race results are included.

Conditioning - Marines style

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — Football is usually about throwing footballs. But on Thursday, it was about throwing grenades. It also was about doing firemen’s carries and lifting ammo containers at Lake Fenton High School. For about two hours, Marine Sgt. Allen Sullivan ran Lake Fenton’s conditioning session on Thursday morning. And during it, the Blue Devils earned a sense of brotherhood among each other and got in some good and diverse conditioning, while learning a tiny bit about the challenges a recruit goes through to become a Marine.

“Honestly, it was a good experience,” Lake Fenton senior Neil Allor said. “I didn’t know it was going on until I got here. That 75-yard (obstacle course) was the hardest thing I’ve done in a long time. It taught teamwork. It pushes you through everything. It was a good team building experience today.”

Conditioning started with about a half-mile run. But, from there, the Lake Fenton football players took part in a 75-yard combat fitness test. It began with an athlete sprinting and then doing a dolphin dive and crawl. Eventually, back up on his feet, the athlete finds a teammate who is representing an injured soldier. First, the teammate drags the injured player about 10 yards and lifts him in a firemen’s carry and took him to the start destination.

Once back at the start, the participant had to carry two ammo boxes, both weighing between 30 and 35 pounds, and run them to an area where they stop, do some push-ups and throw.

Entering prep career, Hall is already a long jump national champ

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Fenton’s Maddie Hall recently captured the long jump championship in the 14-year-old girls long jump competition at the 2013 AAU National Track and Field Championship held at Eastern Michigan’s Rynearson Stadium last week.

Hall began the event with a leap of 17-feet-4-inches and then improved on her second one with a jump of 17-7 3/4. That leap was enough to win as Pennsylvania’s Madison Walker took second with a jump of 17-6.

Meet Abe

Abe is a fun six month old pup who would like a family who is home more often than not.

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**Spring Meadows concludes strong Jr. golf season**

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Hannah Joslin has worked hard on her golf game since March.

It paid off recently when Spring Meadows held its Junior Golf Tournament.

Joslin, who will be a junior at Linden High School in the fall, captured the 18-hole division of the Spring Meadows Country Club's 18-hole girls division at the junior golf outing. She finished the two-day, 36-hole tournament with a score of 189.

"I was very excited to win," Joslin said.

"I have been practicing and working on my game since March with a local pro, Joel Hoffman. It's always great when it pays off. It's the first time I've won it. Julie Guckian has been the previous title holder and she has been a great mentor and friend."

Joslin also placed second in the 18-hole girls event.

In the 18-hole boys division, Alec Bond captured the top spot, posting a two-day, 36-hole score of 75-77-172. Zack Sutika placed second.

Joslin and Bond were just two of many division champions for the program. Other boys winners were Tommy Hagerman in the nine-hole boys event, Kyle Dunshee and Evan Brown in the five-hole division, Preston Evans and Kyle Dunshee in the three-hole division and Olivia Irvin in the one-hole division.

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For the girls, Taylor Spees won the nine-hole division. Other female winners were Brook Herbstreit and Limnea Wittbrodt in the five-hole division, Matty Tenmosrski in the three-hole division and Olivia Irvin in the one-hole division.

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**CROSS COUNTRY RACES**

Here are the results for the final week of the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park.

**HALF-MILE RACE**

**GIRLS 5 & UNDER**

1. Sanibel Sack...............................5:53
2. Cheyenne Mead..............................6:00
3. Melody McKestropp.........................6:35

**GIRLS 6 & 7**

1. Avel Fahrenkopf...........................4:59
2. Natasha Needham..........................6:13
3. Olivia Fahrenkopf..........................4:45

**BOYS 5 & UNDER**

1. Evan Crane................................4:06
2. Dylan Katzenberger.......................4:18
3. David McKestropp........................4:55

**BOYS 8 & 9**

1. Nolan Fahrenkopf........................3:36
2. Patrick Mead...............................3:48
3. Michael Crane................................3:58

**ONE-MILE RUN**

1. Lauren Gadola.............................8:44
2. Sophie Crane................................9:50
3. Ava Fahrenkopf..............................10:10

**GIRLS 11 & 12**

1. Shelby Holtser.............................7:27

**WOMEN 13 & OLDER**

1. Rachel Hammon.............................9:15
2. Carrie Hamilton............................9:49
3. Rebecca Stack..............................9:59

**BOYS 7 & 8**

1. Owen Cox....................................7:49
2. Evan Fahrenkopf............................9:45

**BOYS 9 & 10**

1. Mike Crane..................................7:33
2. Sean Bowles.................................8:08
3. Evan Katzenberger.........................9:35

**BOYS 11 & 12**

1. Grant Maxheimer...........................7:30
2. Nathan Katzenberger......................9:07
3. Jack Mead...................................10:48

**MEN 13 & OLDER**

1. John Smigieliski............................10:09

**TWO-MILE RUN**

**WOMEN 14-16**

1. Kailee Corcoran.............................14:23

**WOMEN 30-39**

1. Melissa Crane..............................18:19

**WOMEN 40 & OVER**

1. Chris Wilkes.................................17:09

**BOYS 7 & 8**

1. Sam Cox.....................................14:04
2. Chris Latteva...............................15:22
3. Nolan Fahrenkopf.........................16:33

**BOYS 9 & 10**

1. Connor Brooks............................7:04
2. Matt Hitt....................................15:02.32

**MEN 40 & OVER**

1. David Gardner..............................17:22

**MEN 60-69**

1. George Wood................................17:39

**THREE-MILE RUN**

**WOMEN 14-16**

1. Grace Gergel...............................28:52

**WOMEN 45 & OVER**

1. Jamie Madrigal.............................20:41

**WOMEN 30-39**

1. Amanda Brosch.............................29:19

**BOYS 11 & 12**

1. Liam Sack..................................24:39

**BOYS 14 & UNDER**

1. Chase Morse................................20:26
2. John-Jack Needham.........................23:50
3. Jack Elliott................................25:49

**MEN 40 & OVER**

1. Jarren Guy..................................18:03

**MEN 50 & OVER**

1. Don Richardson............................20:23
Fenton’s Hackenberry preparing to coach first-ever Clearly women’s soccer team

By David Troppens
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Thomas Hackenberry doesn’t have a lot of time to put a team together. But the Fenton resident and ex-Fenton city council member is up to the challenge.

Hired about two weeks ago, Hackenberry will lead Cleary University’s first-ever women’s soccer team this fall. He replaces initial first-year coach Andrew Callahan, who resigned for personal reasons.

“It’s exciting,” Hackenberry said.

“You are coming in on the ground floor. You either get all the credit or all the blame. It’s going to be exciting, and there’s no doubt we are going to set some records. The girls I’ve talked to are excited about it too. It’s an exciting opportunity.”

Right now, Hackenberry is still trying to get himself a complete roster for the school’s first year in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association. The season begins soon, with the first game scheduled at Lawrence Tech on Aug. 21.

“I know we have a 17-game schedule and things are running pretty tight,” said Hackenberry. “It’s a rather small squad. Our roster amounts to 12 players, so it’s a pretty light bench. And our first practice is on Monday.

“I’m still trying to find some players. I am looking for graduates who play soccer and are interested in a degree in business administration. That’s what Cleary offers. In the past few days I made contacts with Fenton, Holly and Linden’s athletic programs looking to recruit some last-minute kids. I’ll probably accept players the day before the first game.”

Hackenberry had coached 22 different teams during his career, ranging from four-year-old squads to high school athletes. Most of those teams he coached in the Holly/Fenton area. He served as the Regional Coach Administrator for the American Youth Soccer Organization for Holly/Davisburg for seven years and was the Area Coach Administrator for the AYSO Area 8-G, providing oversight and support for 10 mid-Michigan regions.

“I coached a team called the Chicken Chicks, a U19 program, for three years. I coached them when they were much younger but some of the kids told me, ‘We enjoy high school soccer, but we had our most fun playing for you.’ So I coached a U19 team for three years.”

Hackenberry has lived in Fenton since 1976. He’s still learning his team but is encouraged.

“I haven’t met them face-to-face, but I’ve had several telephone conversations and gotten to know them through the press releases when they signed,” Hackenberry said. “I don’t have a great feel for their skill levels, although they did make it this far and have some nice credentials.”

Hackenberry played soccer at Amherst Central High School in New York, and played at SUNY College in Buffalo before entering the Coast Guard. This will be his first collegiate coaching position.

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Missouri’s Bailey Turner (17-1 1/4) took third. Only four participants jumped as far as 17 feet.

“My goal at the meet was to get first place, but I was not sure if I would because there were some good jumpers there,” Hall said. “I was nervous. I was not sure if I was going to win, but that was what I wanted to do. I was thinking high 17s might win, maybe the 18s.”

Hall knew she was strong when she posted the impressive first jump.

“My goal was around 18 and I kept on climbing,” Hall said. “(The winning leap) was my second jump. I knew I was in first, but I didn’t know if I would stay there. But it did take some of the pressure off. My third jump was a really good jump, but I fouled.

“I was really excited (to win). All my hard work finally paid off. I’m a national champion. I’m very excited.”

Hall hasn’t even started her high school career, but she’s already proving she can compete with the best in the state. Last year she jumped 18-7 at an AGS Middle School meet, and she also took second in a Michigan indoor track meet with a leap of 17-8. She was the only middle school athlete competing in that indoor long jump event.

It used to be her mom was good competition for Maddie. The family have created a photo that has Maddie jumping on one side and her mom on the other. But it’s quite possible the rite of passage has hit that relationship as well.

“At practice we have competitions to see who can jump further,” Maddie said. “I win, of course.”

Hall used to play soccer but has bypassed that sport to concentrate on track, and specifically the long jump. She’s been competing for seven years.

“It’s fun,” Hall said about long jumping. “It’s a lot of fun when I jump far. It’s a feeling of accomplishment.”

In the long term, Hall hopes her future accomplishments earn her a spot in the 2016 Olympic Trials.

Hall’s younger sister, Emma, also had a strong showing at the meet. She placed 11th in the 11-year old long jump (13-6 1/4) and also was a member of a 34th-place 1,600 relay team (5:15.15).

Other area athletes competed at the event. Fenton graduate Kira Rentschler took 16th in the 17-18 discus throw (98-10), while Emma Hiscock placed 28th in the 12-year old girls long jump (13-0 1/2). Finally, Justin Mattingly placed 80th in the 15-16 boys 100 meter dash (11.87 seconds).
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While getting a hole-in-one is a milestone event in anyone’s life, it is particularly poignant for Smith, who lost his older brother Brad to an aneurysm on March 4, 2011, at age 45.

“He was the golfer in the family,” said Brett, a fifth-grade teacher at Linden Elementary School. “I’m not a golfer at all. I play once a year in a golf outing to raise money for a college fund for Brad’s two kids, and maybe one or two other times, that’s it. My passion is slow-pitch softball.”

Given a chance invitation from friends to play at Arcadia Bluffs with a free guest pass, Brett was hesitant to accept the offer. “I admit I’m a terrible golfer,” he said. “I’ve never even been on a golfing trip. I called a friend to get golf advice and he told me I had to play this course, because it’s the most beautiful in the world.”

Brett decided to accept, and he would do it in memory of Brad. He asked Brad’s widow, Kathy, if he could borrow Brad’s clubs, his golf cap, shirt, even his golf shoes. The foursome set out to play, and at once, were awed by the course’s beauty. “You have awesome views of Lake Michigan at every hole,” said Brett. “I was paying more attention to that than my golf game.”

By the time Brett had reached the 13th tee, he had already lost more than 20 golf balls. “You either hit the green or you’re down in the bluff,” said Brett. “All I wanted to do on this 168-yard hole was hit the ball over the valley and onto the green. I teed the ball really high and hit it with Brad’s driver. The ball came down, shot up in the air 10 feet and went into the hole. No one could believe it ‘til we drove our cart to the hole and I actually plucked the ball out.” (See video on tctimes.com)

As soon as Brett drove that ball into the 13th hole, he thought of Brad. “I knew he was looking down on me and smiling. I believe he watches me constantly.”

In case others might think that Brett is just being humble about his golf game, he shared his final score for that 18-hole round of golf: 128. “I slowed everyone down so much that they told us on the first nine that we had to speed up,” admitted Brett. “I got caught up in the scenery of the course. It was just so beautiful.”

But in the end, Brett admitted that the hole-in-one was not about him at all, it was about Brad. “I’m so happy to have been able to do something that honored my brother,” said Brett.

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• Price to play 18-holes is $150, plus tips for several offered services.

Arcadia Bluffs is located in northern Michigan, is on the “top 100 golf courses in America” list.
Fenton Vision Center

Leads the way in local optometry, downtown Fenton location excites staff and patients

By Sally Rummel
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Keep your eyes on the Fenton Vision Center. They continue to be the leader in style, technology and medical advances in the practice of optometry in the tri-county area.

The Fenton Vision Center offices of Juan Alvarado, O.D. and Cynthia Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O. moved last year to 212 W. Silver Lake Rd., in the heart of downtown Fenton. “Our patients and staff love our location,” said Alvarado. “We’re in the cultural area of the city with shopping and coffee shops. We also have lots of convenient parking.”

Their building includes a fashion optical boutique, spacious exam rooms, an on-site optical lab, a conference room for staff training and families of young patients — plus lots of large windows to enjoy the downtown area while waiting for appointments, etc.

Their offices offer not only the latest in technology, but also one of the largest inventories of frames in the tri-county area. Patients will appreciate their high fashion optical area designed after upscale optical boutiques in metro areas. “Rather than having all of our frame selections out on a counter, they are narrowed down by design and kept in easy access optical drawers,” said Alvarado. “Patients coming in to select frames can easily narrow down their frame choice with our new system.”

Some of the most in-demand frames include styles by Oakley, Coach, Dolce & Gabanna, Prada, Ed Hardy, Harley-Davidson, Juicy Couture and Aframes. There are frame styles to suit just about every taste and budget.

Fenton Vision Center is pleased to have on staff the services of licensed optician Cherie Campbell. “She has been with us for more than 12 years and brings her skill in dispensing glasses and contact lenses as a licensed optician to our patients,” said Cupal. “It’s rare for a practice to have a licensed professional in this area, and we are very happy that she’s part of our team.” The staff of Fenton Vision Center includes five employees, in addition to the husband and wife optometry team of Cupal and Alvarado.

Together, they bring to their patients a high level of practice and specialization. “We’re a full service optometry practice for all ages,” said Alvarado. “We see patients under age 1 at no cost, so we can test their vision and eye development. Our patients then go through their senior years under our care, treating them for glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes-related vision issues and more.”

Cupal’s specialization in the diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma brings many patients from the Kellogg Eye Institute at University of Michigan for close monitoring at Fenton Vision Center. “We get referrals from the Kellogg Eye Institute at U-M Hospital to monitor the surgical success of patients who live in our area. We take this work very seriously.” Cupal had practiced for five years at Bascom-Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida and five years at the Kellogg Eye Institute before coming home to the Fenton area to open the practice in 2001.

Fenton Vision Center is also proud to specialize in vision therapy and low vision, offering vision help to all ages. They’re committed to providing the latest in technology so that vision impairment, eye injuries and diseases of the eye can be detected and treated early.

Their latest equipment is a new Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) machine, which helps the doctors see how well the eye is communicating with the brain — in patients as young as 6 months. “It’s like an EKG or EEG for the eyes,” said Alvarado.

Both Cupal and Alvarado are passionate about the importance of nutrition and eye health and are pleased to have been accepted as members of the Ocular Nutrition Society — a very strict group of doctors of optometry and ophthalmology that study nutrition as it relates to the eyes. “Your eyes tell a lot about your overall health,” said Cupal.

For more information, call (810) 629-3070 or visit fentonvision.com.
'I love you to the moon and back'

Mother-daughter mantra even more special as I begin freshman year at MSU

This phrase was my mother’s mantra when I was growing up. As a little girl, I went almost my whole life without truly realizing what this statement meant. It is supposed to be a measure of distance, miles from the moon, and back being the amount of love my mother had for me.

I misinterpreted it to mean that no matter where I was, whether in Fenton, Michigan, across the world, to the moon or any place in between, my mother would be by my side loving and supporting me the whole time.

My first day of kindergarten, I realized that my mother would, in fact, not be by my side all the time. She was, however, hovering outside the door of my colorful classroom, occasionally shooting me a smile or holding up her pinkie, pointer finger and thumb: the sign language symbol for ‘I love you.’

I’m not sure on what day I woke up and decided to be an adult — or at least act more like one. When did I trade my pink plastic Barbie high heels for the real deal? When did I make the transition from stealing my mom’s eyeshadow to buying my own? When did I swap drawing on the sidewalk with chalk for writing checks for tuition and car insurance? It seems like it happened all in one day.

But for my mom, this has been a very slow, meandering path to one of the most bittersweet days of her life: Me, her only daughter, moving out on my own and going to college.

My mother tells me, almost daily, that I was the only thing she ever wanted — a baby, a little girl. That I am her life’s work, the single thing she is most proud of. That I am her pride and joy and that her number one job in life is to be a mom.

And now she thinks her job is almost over. There will be no more prom dresses to shop for, no more forgotten socks to pick up off of the laundry room floor, no smudges of makeup to clean off the bathroom counter.

All of the sudden, my best friend, only parent and number one cheerleader is no longer one bedroom away. From Michigan State University, she is approximately a 45-minute drive, which seems like a greater distance than to the moon and back.

All of the sudden, I am on the edge of a towering cliff and my only option is to jump. To explore, to fall, to fly and to chase any dream I ever had. And on top of being absolutely ecstatic, I am absolutely terrified of the unknown.

But even though my mom was with me every step of the way so far, she has taught me how to take steps by myself. This just seems like an awfully big one.

My mother has taught me that it is easier to take steps when somebody else is behind you, pushing and encouraging. She has also taught me that the only steps that matter are the ones you take all by yourself. And at this point, my mother has walked me as far as she can go.

She has pushed me by stroller, held my hand through my first steps, ran behind me and tried to catch up and finally, she will be driving me up to college to help with moving in.

I can’t turn back now. I don’t want to. I have to keep walking on and trust that no matter how far I get, she will be there when I turn around.

So, to my mother, who will be sitting in her robe at our kitchen table on Saturday morning reading this, crying with her head in her hand: I love you to the moon and back; Because no amount of distance will ever change what you mean to me.

Summary

As Times intern Olivia Dimmer embarks on a new chapter of her life as a freshman at MSU, she shares her thoughts on her experiences at the University, State which did up absolutely the in on 45-minute taught I my is be finally, day one. bedroom the sidewalk and moving trade my out of would first and turn she 23A I supporting of and behind only towering cliff my When side me .

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Meet Dan Allen

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Dan Allen’s day starts around 4:30 a.m. when he arrives at his office armed with a wheatsheaf bagel, egg white and sausage breakfast sandwich from Tim Horton’s. At the office, he sifts through police reports that have stacked up from previous shifts, while sipping his large single cream single sugar coffee. With an average 14-hour day of policing, teaching a wide range of martial arts and brushing up on his guitar skills, Allen needs all the caffeine he can get.

How did you come to be the chief of police? I worked for the city of Flint for 20 years and in 2007, I saw this position was open and I applied for it. There were around 30 applicants and I was selected by the board. The nice thing is that most of the board, minus two members, has stayed the same since I got here.

What inspired you to be in law enforcement? It was around 1976 and my mom had a stroke. Back then, the 911 system wasn’t what it is now. They didn’t have addresses registered so the ambulance went to the wrong house. The police officer was the first on the scene. I remember how chaotic it all was, and that he gave us such a stabilizing feeling. I wanted to be able to give that feeling to somebody some day.

Have you ever given that stabilizing feeling to somebody else? That would be more a perception of the people I’ve responded to. I don’t know that, so I couldn’t say. I’ve been involved with a lot of cases and one of the ones that sticks out to me is the Dominick Calhoun case. With Richard Calhoun in that kind of situation, I’m not sure I could stabilize that. That kind of stuff is what sticks with you. It was just a bad situation.

I understand that you’re in a band? Yes, I am the guitarist for singer/songwriter Virginia Sepanek. We performed at a song writer’s showcase in Nashville. I started playing when I was a little kid. I had other musicians in the family and I just picked it up and started playing. Music is a hobby for me, though I hate to call it that. It’s a relaxation technique. When I trained the Flint recruits, I always told them they needed to have something else in their lives to keep them balanced.

On top of that, you also own a martial arts studio in Grand Blanc? Yes, I own the Warrior’s Den. I teach three or four days a week. I teach Brazilian Ju Jitsu, Combat Hapkido, Tang Soo Do and Mixed Martial arts, which is popular in the world now. I have three black belts in three disciplines. I’m a master’s level in Hapkido and in October, I will be a black belt in Brazilian Ju Jitsu. I’ve been doing Ju Jitsu since ’99 or ’98. I also have a third-degree black belt in Tang Soo Do. I use these disciplines all the time in my line of work. I use it to restrain people and take them down if need be. Most people go to the gym to stay fit, I do martial arts and just happen to get paid for it at the same time.

Tell me about your family, I have a son going into his second year at Western, he is studying computer engineering. My wife is a teacher in Grand Blanc. My daughter is married to an administrative assistant to a colonel in Indiana.

What are you looking forward to in the future of your job? I’m excited to get an officer out to Linden schools. I’ve wanted to be more involved in the schools. I want to bridge the gap between the kids and the police and stay in touch with them. We can stop a lot of things before they happen as far as parties. We can also give the kids somebody to look up to.

If you had to choose, what would your favorite job be? Well I would say it’s the one that puts the roof over my head. But otherwise, I love music. Music and martial arts are neck and neck. There is so much beauty in both. You can change people’s minds with music and help people. We sing country and gospel. I love being a police chief and having come up through the ranks. I used to be the guy knocking on doors. I want to be the person that the officers can look to up and help them get their job done in any way I can. I want to be the person that the officers can look to up and help them get their job done in any way I can. Everyone has their own leadership style, but man, it’s a tough job. When I was a traffic investigator, it was always so hard to see fatalities with children or the elderly. We hang on to those things and carry it with us. I know what it feels like, and I want to be the person the officers can come talk to about it. I’ve been there, done that. This job is hard, but when you get a case to resolution, there’s nothing like it. It’s so rewarding.
EMT
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somewhere expecting the worst and end
up leaving with a chuckle,” Boros said.

Being an emergency medical tech-
nician (EMT) brings a wide range of
situations and the demand for constant,
updated skills. Beyond a high school di-
poma, emergency responders are ex-
pected to know human anatomy, physiology,
mathematics and grammar. Certifications
have to be renewed every three years and
workers have to familiarize themselves
with new technology. And that’s all on
top of saving lives.

“TV dramatizes things a lot. We don’t
get too many situations where a save is
necessary,” Boros said. “We mostly help
people get through a situation, ease their
pain and suffering and help make their
day better.”

Medical responders usually work 12-
hour shifts and are positioned at strategic
points within a certain coverage area.
Boros said they can receive anywhere
from zero to 10 runs in a shift, depend-
ning on need and where the responders
are located. Runs can include transport-
ing someone from a medical facility to
another one, transporting someone to
a hospital, and arriving at someone’s	house or a scene and administer first aid
or medication. Cardiac related calls and
car accidents are the two most common
calls Boros has responded to throughout
his career. He once responded to 19 calls
during a 24-hour shift on Christmas.

EMTs do respond to deaths, however,
such situations require a lot more than just
ambulance drivers. Police and medical
examiners have to be called to the scene
and bodies can only be transported by a
contracted agency.

All procedures and protocols are ap-
proved by the physician, giving guide-
lines to all emergency responders within
a given county.

While William Barnum, EMT/Para-
medic for Stat EMS, usually responds
to cardiac reoperation calls and car ac-
cidents, the paramedic recently helped
deliver a baby after responding to a call.

Barnum said anything can happen during
a 12- or 24-hour shift. One trend Barnum
is seeing is more people seem to be using
ambulances as a mode of transportation
to the hospital, whether they have an ailment
necessary medical treatment.

“I would say at least 90 percent of calls
end with a patient being transported to a
hospital,” said Barnum, who once trans-
ported someone to the hospital because
of an ingrown hair. “We are required to
transport anyone who calls. Everyone
is given that opportunity, we can’t deny
transportation.”

No matter how small or unnecessary
the call may seem, Barnum and Boros
stress that 911 and medical emergency
providers should be called if someone
believes they are needed at a scene.

“I’d rather be called and not needed
rather than be needed and not called,”
said Boros.
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Finally...IT’S FARMERS MARKET TIME

Local produce is plentiful and delicious this time of year

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Fresh peaches are so juicy and flavorful that they drip down your chin with every bite, and blueberries burst with the taste of summer. Vine-ripened Michigan tomatoes are at their peak with rich and full-bodied flavor that is only available this time of year.

This is the time of year when eating local Michigan produce grown in season is at its peak of flavor and nutrition.

Local farmers markets in Fenton, Linden and other nearby communities make it easy to buy what’s in season, but there are some “tricks of the trade” in maximizing your experience — in convenience, nutrition and minimizing waste after your farmers market visit.

First of all, know your seasons. Learn what grows in your local area and talk to the growers at the market about what will be available in upcoming weeks. Right now, local farmers markets are filled with corn, tomatoes, plums, peaches, blueberries, summer apples and more.

If you’re not sure how to prepare a particular produce item that may be new to you, ask growers how they like to prepare it at home. Keep it simple — often, the most flavorful preparation is the simplest, letting a food’s nature flavor shine through.

Figure out the best time to visit the farmers market for fewer crowds. For the best selection, it’s wise to go early.

See FARMERS MARKET on 6B

How to pick the healthiest produce

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Local farmers markets to visit:

Fenton Farmers Market — every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., now through Sept. 12 located downtown near the Fenton Community & Cultural Center

Linden Farmers Market — every Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m., now through Sept. 11 at the Millpond area

Holly Farmers Market — every Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. in downtown Holly

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Cooking over a campfire is a favorite summertime activity — and the food tastes so much better when cooked outdoors. Roasting hot dogs, marshmallows for S’mores and popping corn over an open fire are the better-known favorites when it comes to campfire cuisine. Ordinary tomato soup spiced with garlic and fresh ground black pepper tastes ever so good when prepared over an open fire on the beach.

Campfire cooking is on the move with all types of food now being prepared, including gourmet selections. Almost anything can be cooked while camping. All it takes is planning and preparation.

Foil packets can be filled with combinations of vegetables, meat, seasonings and a little olive oil or butter.

Potatoes and sweet potatoes can be seasoned and wrapped in foil and cooked in the fire. This is also a popular way to prepare corn-on-the-cob.

**Campfire omelet**

The ingredients for omelets (beaten eggs, mushrooms, bacon or ham, cheese, green pepper and onion) along with seasonings can be placed in a zip-top plastic bag and placed in a pot of boiling water atop an open fire. The cooked omelet will slide easily onto a plate.

**Applesauce Doughnuts**

You will need large strips of foil, one dozen large cinnamon sugar doughnuts and one jar of applesauce. Slice the doughnuts in half like a sandwich, pour about 1/2 cup of applesauce on one-half of the doughnut, and then place the other half on top. Wrap up completely in the foil and then heat in the coals for 10-15 minutes. Campfire should be burned down to just hot coals. Open the foil packet and enjoy!

**Shrimp Boil**

A classic Southern shrimp boil involves cooking a kettle of shrimp, corn and sausage with pickling spices, notably bay leaf, cloves and mustard seed. Here, all the ingredients are tucked inside foil packets, seasoned with Old Bay and cooked right on the grill or in a pot of boiling water atop an open fire.

**Campfire Baked Bananas**

Holly Harrison, who was visiting Fenton from Portland, Ore., suggested baked bananas as a campfire treat.

With the banana still in its peel, you make an incision lengthwise through the length of the peel and the fruit, leaving the underside of the peel intact. Pull the sides of the banana apart and dot with pieces of butter inside. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Wrap in foil and bake 10 to 15 minutes. She said you could add other ingredients such as chocolate chips or marshmallows.

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Eagle Scout

Joseph Bannerman of Boy Scout Troop 74 — Water in the Woods Council, through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, earned his Eagle Scout rank on April 24. Joseph joined the scouting program at 8 years old and since then, he has obtained numerous advancements. His Eagle project took many hours, man-hours and served the community and the veterans from the Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton. His family and friends are so proud of his hard work and accomplishment.
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**G.I. JOE: RETALIATION**
In this sequel, the G.I. Joes are not only fighting their mortal enemy Cobra, they are forced to contend with threats from within the government that jeopardize their very existence. PG-13. 1 hr. 30 min.

**BLACK ROCK**
Three childhood friends set aside their personal issues and reunite for a girls’ weekend on a remote island off the coast of Maine. One wrong move turns their weekend getaway into a deadly fight for survival. R. 1 hr. 19 min.

**UNDER THE BED**
This is the story of a small child who knew about the monster under the bed—Neal Hausman’s mistake was trying to fight it. Neal (Jonny Weston, Chasing Mavericks) has returned from a two-year exile following his tragic attempt to defeat the monster, only to find his father ticking ever closer to a breakdown, a new stepmother who fears him, and his little brother Paul (Gaztín Griffith, Green Lantern, Changeling), terrorized by the same monster. While Neal and Paul work together to try and fight the nocturnal menace, their parents are taking desperate measures to get the family back to normal. With no support from their parents, the brothers have nothing to rely on but each other, and courage beyond belief. R. 1 hr. 27 min.

**Faithful Lady**

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My nose drains so badly when eating that I have to blow it twice before I can taste anything. Isn’t this especially disturbing if I eat something warm or steaming? I was given a nasal spray, but it hasn’t worked as well as I would like. — S.J.

**ANSWER:** Your condition has a name: gustatory rhinorrhea—a runny nose upon eating. Physically hot foods or spicy foods often trigger it. The spray you mentioned often works well. Astelin nasal spray is an antihistamine that is used before eating that seems to effect the dripping. So can Flonase intranasal spray, a cortisone product.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I was diagnosed with a urinary tract infection, and I took antibiotics for a couple of months. I went back to the doctor and tested negative on two occasions, but I still had symptoms of an infection. I have been on an antibiotic, once a day, ever since. I am completely at a loss to know what to do next. Can you offer any suggestions? — J.T.

**ANSWER:** It’s not normal to stay on antibiotics for as lengthy a time as you have been on them for a urinary tract infection. It’s next to impossible to have a urinary tract infection if the lab cannot substantiate that there is an infection. Ask your doctor if you can go off all antibiotics and then have a microscopic exam of your urine and have the urine cultured for bacteria. Conditions other than infection can produce symptoms similar to those of an infection—painful and frequent urination. Interstitial cystitis is such a condition. The woman (less often a man) spends much of the day and night dashing to the bathroom to empty her bladder. She does this with urgency to avoid losing urine control. It’s something that disrupts life. A specialist can view the bladder with a scope to see if there are changes of the bladder lining that are consistent with interstitial cystitis. Treatment is not with antibiotics. It’s not an infection. A number of other medications are used. If you haven’t gotten a definitive diagnosis soon, I’d recommend you see a urologist or a gynecological urologist.

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**Girlfriend must rethink relationship with cheater**

**DEAR AMY:** I’ve been in a relationship for 17 months with my boyfriend, but the trust issue comes between us. I always think he is cheating on me because he has cheated on me three times already, but I forgave him. I’m afraid he might be cheating on me again. Sometimes he will just text me twice a day. Then sometimes he won’t even get in touch to say good night, but I will know he is still up until 3 in the morning communicating with people on Facebook. I love him so much, Amy. What should I do? — Faithful Lady

**DEAR FAITHFUL:** At some point, even the most faithful person needs to wake up and smell the cheating. You are at the point in your relationship where it no longer really matters what your boyfriend is doing; what matters now is what you do. You should muster the courage to leave this relationship because you know you deserve something better. Judging from your boyfriend’s track record and current actions (as well as your instincts about him), I’d say that if you want a faithful love relationship, a good place to start would be to get a dog.

**DEAR AMY:** My boyfriend and I have been together for almost four years and are very much in love. The one thing I can’t stand about him is his friend ‘George.’ He has such an ugly personality, and I find that he makes me so irritated sometimes that I cannot stand to even be around him. He says hurtful things to me and goes out of his way to say them. My boyfriend does not stand up for me, and I’ve had it with his pal. What should I do? I can’t believe my boyfriend has such bad taste in friends! — Pal is a Pain

**DEAR PAIN:** I honestly can’t imagine standing idle while someone mistreated a loved one, and I agree that it would be a relief if your boyfriend defended you, but your first job is to stand up for yourself. The next time “George” mouths off to you, you should take him aside, look him in the eye, and say, “George, stop it. Thank you.” And then you say to your guy, “Honey, I’ll see you later.” And you leave. By all means, if you don’t want to spend time with this guy, then don’t.

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**iPhone tip of the week**

**Let Siri get to know your family**

Break the ice with Siri and let her into your life by assigning nicknames to your contacts. You can do this in one of two ways, vocally or manually. After firing up Siri, you can tell her “John Doe is my father” and she’ll respond, “Okay, do you want me to remember that John Doe is your father?” With a confirmation, you’ll be able to say “Call Dad” and get linked to John Doe’s phone number. If you want to store a number of relationships at once, go into your own contact, tap Edit and scroll down the line that reads Mother. By tapping Mother, you can change to Father, Brother, Sister, even Assistant or Manager.

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**SoCal Guacamole Burger**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 ripe peeled avocado, divided
- 2 T. nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 T. low fat mayonnaise
- 2 t. fresh lime juice
- 1/4 t. ground cumin
- 1/3 cup tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 t. kosher salt, divided
- 1/2 t. lime juice, divided
- 1 lb. 90% lean ground sirloin
- 1 1/2 t. olive oil
- 1/2 c. alfalfa sprouts
- 1/4 c. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 t. avocado oil
- 1 lb. 90% lean ground sirloin
- 1/4 c. freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb. 90% lean ground sirloin
- 1/2 c. alfalfa sprouts

**INSTRUCTIONS**
- Preheat grill to medium-high heat.
- Place half of avocado in a bowl and mash with a fork until almost smooth. Add yogurt and next 3 ingredients to bowl; stir to combine. Dice remaining half of avocado. Add diced avocado, tomato, jalapeño, and 1/8 teaspoon salt to bowl; stir gently to combine.
- Season beef with remaining 3/8 teaspoon salt and pepper; mix well. Divide beef into 4 equal portions. Gently shape each portion into a (1/2-inch-thick) patty. Grill 3 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness.
- Place 1/4 cup sprouts on bottom half of each bun, top each with 1 patty, about 3 table spoons guacamole, and top half of bun.
FARMERS MARKET
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early. A lot of the most popular items, fresh corn example, may be limited and sell out before the day is done. However, if you want to get a good deal, you may want to wait until the end of the day when some vendors may prefer to sell at a discount rather than load everything up to take back home.

You may want to bring your own sturdy canvas bags for weighty or bulky items. A backpack can make the browsing and buying even easier, keeping your hands free to tap that melon or peel back those corn husks.

If you plan to do a lot of shopping, you may even want to use a stroller or wagon, but be considerate of other shoppers when winding your way through the market.

Bring small bills and change with you for quicker transactions. Although vendors are usually prepared with change, it’s faster and more considerate of their change box to bring closer to the exact change needed. This isn’t a good place to bring large bills.

You’ll avoid a lot of waste of delicious, perishable foods if you have meal ideas planned ahead so you know how much to buy. But do leave a bit of “wiggle room” in your planning so that you can try new or unexpected foods you find at the market. That’s part of the fun.

The best deals at the market are available when you buy foods at harvest peak in bulk quantities. For example, those peaches sure look good, but if you want to buy them by the bushel, you’ll need to be prepared at home to preserve them in some way by canning or freezing them. One of the joys of shopping at farmers markets is saving these seasonal tastes for later in the year.

Recipe tip:
To find a recipe for just about any farmers market item you can buy:
Visit localharvest.com and click on the produce item. A selection of recipes using that produce will pop up on your screen from recip.esource.com.

How to pick healthiest produce at Farmers Market

• CARROTS — leave the baby carrots on the shelf. Their shape comes from whittling away the nutritious outer layers. Look for full-size carrots with their tops still attached. Surprise tip: Carrots are healthiest when cooked, absorbing three times more beta-carotene.
• KALE — seek out red-leaved varieties for more antioxidants. Serve kale raw, which has more vitamin C, antioxidants and phyto-nutrients than cooked.
• TOMATOES — pick out smaller and darker varieties like grape and cherry tomatoes, for more cancer-fighting lycopene.

Surprise tip: One serving of kale has more calcium than six ounces of milk and more fiber than three slices of whole wheat bread.

• PEACHES — pick out smaller varieties have 18 times more lycopene than a beefsteak.
• KALE — ignore the rule about choosing the brightest, most colorful produce when it comes to peaches.

Surprise tip: White-fleshed peaches have up to six times more antioxidants than yellow-fleshed varieties.

Source: “Eating on the Wild Side” by Jo Robinson
An ancient prescription for good health

In his book, ‘There’s a Lot More to Health than not being Sick,’ Bruce Larsen tells about a friend who he says is one of the happiest people he knows. Larsen describes him as a very senior citizen, now almost blind and living on a modest income, but who is fun to be around because he’s excited about life.

King Solomon gave the following prescription for good health that fits with Larsen’s happy friend’s way of life: ‘A merry heart does good like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones’ (Proverbs 17:22).

In other words, attitude affects altitude. Reading Solomon’s prescription for good health brings back memories of my mother quoting it often and living by it daily. She refused to worry and found laughter in her tonic for getting through tough times.

Did her positive attitude make a difference?

Without question! She’s remembered by her family and others for her refusal to complain and to always find something for which to be thankful. Solomon’s prescription enabled her to live into her mid-90s.

But how can one live fearing severe trials and have a merry heart?

In ‘Letters to an American Lady,’ C.S. Lewis comforted a troubled woman by telling her not all the things she feared could happen to her and the one (if any) that did would probably be very different from what she expected, adding: ‘The great thing, as you have obviously seen, (both as regards to pain and financial worries) is to live from day to day and hour to hour not adding the past or future to the present.’

Regardless of what the future holds, a dose of Solomon’s prescription will be sufficient for the present.

Are you having a good day? I asked a receptionist.

‘So far,’ she answered.

‘That’s all any of us have,’ I replied.

What was I attempting to do?

I was trying to help this woman be thrilled with her blessings of the moment.

In his published sermon, ‘The Sin of Borrowing Trouble,’ the eloquent nineteenth century minister, T. DeWitt Talmadge said, ‘The majority of the troubles of life are imaginary and most of those anticipated never come.’

Most things that make us fear and fret are those we haven’t happened yet.

So we can take Solomon’s ancient prescription for troubled hearts one teaspoon at a time, being thankful for every good moment, shutting out the fears of tomorrow and taking in the blessings of today.

Wise Solomon concluded his prescription with a warning about falling into doubt and negativity, adding: ‘A broken spirit dries the bones.’

Thankfully, broken ones can come in faith to the One who receives the weary. ‘Come unto me,’ He said, ‘and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28).

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The Times is compiling a story, comparing the trust local residents feel about their city, village, or township government, to the national figures concerning federal government.

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Chamber membership ‘on the grow’

» Membership campaign set for Sept. 10-12 with goal to boost membership past 500
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An upcoming membership campaign for the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce is not only good for adding members, it also helps remind current members and volunteers about the value of Chamber membership.

Joan Testa of Chamber Development Services in Bedford, Texas will once again be leading a local campaign Sept. 10-12. She has led more than 700 successful campaigns in her 27-year career.

Her initial visit will be on Tuesday, Aug. 20, when she will work with current board of directors, Ambassadors and other member volunteers in training them to effectively share the value of Chamber membership with other members. See MEMBERSHIP on 14B

Lots of excitement at this year’s Taste in Fenton

Guests attending the Taste in Fenton will have plenty of opportunities to try delicious samples from several local eateries.

Road races, entertainment, car raffle add to the fun of this 13th annual event

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Another Fantastic Freedom Festival Parade and Fireworks!

Once again, we had a record turnout for Fenton’s Freedom Festival Parade. Special thanks go to Pat Lockwood for her leadership and the many hard-working volunteers that made the Freedom Festival such a wonderful event!

There is no better time like the present to take advantage of our community events, activities and businesses in our own communities. Just around the corner is ‘Taste in Fenton’ on Aug. 10, from 12 to 8 p.m. on the Fenton Community & Cultural Center grounds. There will be plenty to do and taste for all ages, so join us for one of the premier events our city has to showcase. This year the weather will be perfect, so start making plans, invite your friends and relatives from out-of-town and bring them all to enjoy the array of tasty hors’ d’oeuvres, entrées, drinks and desserts from some of the greatest restaurants. It’s a ‘foodies’ delight’!

As fast as summer has gone by, the color on the leaves will be turning soon, so don’t forget to mark your calendar for this Fall’s Linden Autumn Fest on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 12 to 6 p.m. in beautiful downtown Linden on the Mill Pond.

It is amazing the time commitment required to plan, organize and manage these events and programs. Without our fantastical staff, the wonderful volunteers, board members, and our business community members and city officials, we wouldn’t be able to showcase our fine communities.

As you know, part of the North LeRoy business district is under road construction again this summer, but ‘progress’ is being made! The City has been instrumental, as has the staff from the Fenton Chamber office in reminding the community to continue to Shop Local at those businesses this summer.

As always, thanks for your commitment to Shop Local! I look forward to seeing everyone at this year’s Taste in Fenton. We all should have a wonderful time. Bring the family!

Serving Linden and surrounding areas

Approximately five years ago, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce (FRCC) became the chamber for Linden and Argentine.

The FRCC Economic Development Committee is assisting Linden/Argentine business owners in starting up a Business District Committee. The committee has met two times and it continues to grow in business representation. At its last meeting, the committee decided it will meet quarterly and the next meeting will be Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. The committee is still securing the location.

All Linden/Argentine business representatives as well as FRCC members are welcome to attend.

The business meeting’s agenda will allow continued dialogue and representatives of help improve the local business climate. At the last meeting the committee approved a Linden business survey (see survey on 1SB).

The results will be presented at the October meeting then the information will be shared with the city of Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Argentine Township. The survey is now available on the Chamber’s website at www.fenton-chamber.com. All businesses that complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a free button ad on the Chamber’s website ($250 value.)

Rochelle Jones, our Membership Director, along with the Membership Committee will be visiting businesses in Linden and Argentine to encourage them to take the survey and invite all to the next meeting. Also coming soon, you will see signs that read “Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce serving Linden and Surrounding Areas” on the four Welcome signs leading into Linden.

See SURVEY on 1SB

Networking after hours at Gerych’s

Chamber members enjoyed Networking after Hours hosted by Gerych’s Flowers and Gifts and Redwood Steakhouse Brewery on July 25th.
Mark your calendars now to meet local candidates vying for mayoral position, council seats

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The date has been set for this year’s “Meet the Candidates” evening on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. This year, the focus will be on the local political scene, including mayor and council positions. However, what’s not known at this time is exactly who the candidates will be.

“We have taken out petitions, but the filing date hasn’t passed yet,” said Patrik Welty, who chairs the committee of this event every year. Every other year, the “Meet the Candidates” event highlights either local politicians or state representatives. “We use the same general format every year,” said Welty. “We pose questions to the candidates, then open it up for questions from the floor, followed by a ‘meet and greet’ and refreshments.”

Summary

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Networking @ Noon

John Strayer and his staff of Tanglewood Assisted living hosted the July Networking @ Noon event.

Ribbon cutting ceremony at FirstMerit Bank

Citizens Bank is now FirstMerit Bank and they celebrated the transition with a ribbon cutting.

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will remain as important parts of the Linden Autumn Festival. “We’re thinking about adding competition between the three different school districts of Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden,” said Day. “participants would build a floatable out of cardboard and race from one side of the Millpond to the other.

Linden Superintendent Ed Koledo is looking into this for us.”

Currently, business sponsorships are being sought for the Fishing Contest, entertainment, putt-putt golf, pop and water and photo booth. For more information or to take on a sponsorship, contact the Chamber office at (810) 629-5447.

Friends and families enjoyed the 2012 Linden Autumn Festival.
Members with 40+ years

Chamber Membership promotes economic growth! Even if you can’t sponsor or attend events, investment as a member allows the Chamber to continue organizing and supporting all the services that help improve the business climate in our region.

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

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

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Business Owner: Jon Gerych
Location: 713 Silver Lake Rd.
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Fax: 810-629-7936
Website: www.gerychsfloors.com

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Business opened: 1979

Owner: Linda Hathaway
Location: 102 South Leroy St., Fenton
Phone: (810) 629-4991
Fax: (810) 629-4555

Membership Director
Report
By Rochelle Jones

Membership Directors Report
Fifty-five new members have joined the Chamber through July. Chamber membership offers businesses the opportunity to meet a broad client base through events and activities the Chamber provides.

On Aug. 7, the Chamber Ambassador group will be conducting their ‘We Care Wednesday’ visits. Will your business be one of the lucky ones to be surprised by this group and presented with a sweet treat?

The Chamber is again partnering with Joan Testa of Chamber Development Services to host a Membership Campaign on Sept. 10, 11 and 12. The focus of the campaign is to increase the understanding of the role the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce plays and how membership can be valuable for local and area businesses. The campaign also stresses to perspective members the importance of advocacy for business, fostering economic growth and advancing quality of life.

Our chamber is a productive partner in our region’s future. Our motto is ‘Where Community and Commerce Connect.’ During the Campaign, we will be offering specials that are good for the Campaign dates only. If you are interested in joining during the week of the Membership Campaign please call or email me with your contact information and we will contact you during the Campaign.

Rochelle Jones
Membership Director
(810) 629-5447 ext. 401
membership@fentonchamber.com

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2012 Community service award recipient, Diane Sloan.

THIS YEAR’S ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD
Friday, Nov. 8, 2013
St. John’s Activity Center.
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Taste, Hungry Howies Pizza, Culver’s of Fenton, Subway, VG’s Bakery, VG’s Deli, Biggby Coffee, Jet’s Pizza, Tropical Smoothie Café and Fun with Frosting. Once again, Crust will sponsor a pie-eating contest.

Kids will enjoy playing in the Kids Zone, which will feature all-day play for just $1. “Every child will receive a wristband that will be good for all day,” said Shelly Day, chamber executive director. “There will be bounce houses, games, mini-golf and more.” In addition, Midwest Soccer Academy will be offering soccer demos and play, and the Fenton Fire Department will be on hand with special activities.

Two bands will provide all-day entertainment, organized by Matt Sherrow owner of Fenton Winery & Brewery. The popular band “3 for All” will be on stage from 1 to 4 p.m. and “2 o’clock High” will be on stage from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are available in advance at the discount price of $12 at the Chamber office or online at www.fentonchamber.com. Tickets will be priced at $15 if purchased the day of the event.

Road races
The day begins bright and early with an 8:30 a.m. “Run through the Flames Race,” sponsored by the Fenton Firefighter Charities. Runners will enjoy participating in a 5K or 10K run through the downtown area in this fourth annual event. Registration in advance is $25 and includes a race T-shirt. On the day of the race, registration is $35, with a limited supply of T-shirts available, while supplies last.

Immediately following the race, a free Kids’ Fun Run will take place, with participants each given a free hat and badge. Both races will begin at the city of Fenton Fire Hall at 205 East Caroline St. For more information, visit www.fentonfirecharities.org.

Car raffle
The long-anticipated winner of the first-annual Fenton Chamber Car Raffle will be announced at 8 p.m., along with 10 other winners of Mini iPads. “We’re hoping this raffle will become a tradition,” said Day. “We’re already planning that next year, part of the proceeds will go toward a local charity.” This year, monies raised will help fund a future Chamber office.

The Chamber is hoping to sell 1,000 tickets at $100 apiece, with a lucky winner driving home a brand new 2013 Chevrolet SS Camaro (MSRP $45,000) or $30,000 cash option. Ten secondary prizes of mini-iPads will also be drawn. The seller of the winning Grand Prize ticket will win a $500 cash prize.

About 20 Fenton Regional Chamber members meet Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center for a Chamber Rally facilitated by Mike Taubitz, of Lean Journey, LLC. Participants brainstormed about their most challenging business issues. “This is just the start of a process to be able to come up with strategies to meet the demands of business in the coming years,” said Taubitz, who will be meeting with several volunteers over the next few months to come up with pilot programs to help with education and training in area businesses.

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businesses. She’ll also help them to think of local businesses in each category that would benefit from being a member.

The actual campaign will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 10 and 11 for two 3½-hour sessions and Thursday, Sept. 12 for one three-and-a-half hour session. The campaign will take place at the Chamber office, where volunteers will be busy manning phones set up for this purpose.

“Many of the volunteers from our last campaign felt it was very beneficial in reminding them about all that Chamber membership has to offer,” said Shelly Day, executive director. “We did this two and a half years ago, and it was very successful. At that time, we added 94 new members and have retained more than half of them.”

The Chamber’s goal with the 2013 campaign is to go from 445 members to over 500, engaging and retaining members so they take full advantage of what the Fenton Regional Chamber has to offer.

Some of these benefits include:
• Advertising and networking opportunities, such as social media, retail discounts, ribbon cuttings, email ads, Networking@ Noon and more.
• Business opportunities, such as bulk mailing rates and mailing labels, seminars and workshops.
• Many programs and events, from the Community Expo and Taste in Fenton to More than Just a Golf Scramble, Meet the Candidates, to name just a few.

For a full list of benefits in becoming a Chamber member, visit www.fentonchamber.com. If you’d like to become a Chamber member, call the Chamber office at (810) 629-5447.

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Fennon Freedom Festival float winner

Land O Lakes Bowmen was the first place winner of the 2013 Fenton Freedom Festival Float contest.

Ribbon cutting at Vicinia Gardens

Vicinia Gardens celebrates the opening of their third location with a Ribbon Cutting on July 30th.

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Here’s to the memories.
Is your home ‘underwater’?

By Sally Rummel
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Home prices are on the rise, but Michigan is still in the top five states in the U.S. to have the highest percentages of mortgaged properties that are “underwater” — meaning that homeowners owe more on their property than they are worth.

As of March 2013, Nevada was number one, with 45 percent of mortgaged properties “underwater,” followed by Florida with 38 percent and Michigan, Arizona and Georgia each with more than 30 percent, according to a recent article in USA Today.

The metro Detroit areas of Warren and Troy join Tampa, Miami and Atlanta as the top five “underwater” metro areas in the U.S.

With home values on the rise, however, don’t assume that you are still “underwater,” even if you were only a year ago. Most Realtors will offer an initial home value analysis at no charge. “Let us do a sales analysis on your property so you know where you stand in today’s market,” said Kristy Cantleberry, of RE/MAX Grande in Grand Blanc. “You might find this is a very good time to sell your home.”

But there’s still hope for homeowners whose mortgage balance exceeds the current value of their property. “Many people have had great success with loan modification programs like HARP, HAMP and through their own mortgage lender,” said Roger Latham of Huron Valley Financial in Fenton. “What it takes is a positive attitude, patience and persistence.”

While refinancing options are limited for these mortgages because most lenders require some equity in the property — usually about 20 percent - there are three main options that “underwater” homeowners should look at:

1. Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) — this federal program allows qualified borrowers to refinance a loan that is from 105 percent to as high as 125 percent of a home’s value. However, there are specific guidelines.

   — First, you must not be on the road to foreclosure. Having any delinquent payments in the past 12 months will automatically disqualify a homeowner from eligibility.

   — Second, either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac must own the loan.

   — Your eligibility will also be determined by your payment history, credit score, structure of your current home financing and specific lender guidelines.

   — While not everyone is eligible, it’s worth investigating your own particular situation. Visit makinghomeaffordable.gov for more information.

2. Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) — if you not only have

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Making a Move

Now is the perfect time to transition your family into a new home, neighborhood or community

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Whether you’ve recently made a move with your family to a new home, or are still looking for your dream property this summer, there’s a big transition to be made — especially with school beginning just a month away.

There may still be time to find a new home before school starts, but the clock is ticking. The process certainly quicker if you’re a cash buyer or have already started the financing process for a conventional loan.

“A conventional loan takes between 30 and 45 days,” said Ken Brant, of Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton. “If you’re looking at an FHA or Rural Development loan, those take 45 to 70 days, because there is so much demand.”

If you’re making a move with kids, one of a parent’s biggest worries is how to make the adjustment easier. “It’s hard for kids to visualize living in a new house,” said Kristy Cantleberry of RE/MAX Grande in Grand Blanc. “They don’t always understand that they can’t take all ‘their stuff’ with them. That’s what they’re most concerned about at first.”

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New buildings, renovations on the rise

Shengething economy helps projects pick up across the board

By Ryan Tackabury
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Building projects around the area are on the rise, which could be a hopeful example for the shape of things to come.

In the city of Fenton, these projects are taking every size and shape imaginable. Two new residential houses, major renovations to houses on the lake, additions, decks, fences, roofing, siding, windows — you name it, and it’s happening somewhere.

What unites all these of projects — they have not been happening much until recently.

“There’s just a lot more activity. They weren’t doing anything with the houses a year or a year and a half ago. It was real slow,” said Fenton’s building and zoning administrator Brenda Hissong. “The economy must be getting better or we wouldn’t see these.”

This time last year Fenton Township had seen 10 new residential constructions. This year, it’s seen already seen 17. Over all, projects including remodeling, deck additions and so forth are up by 13 and Julie Lewis, the building department coordinator, expects to see more.

“This has been a little bit of an increase,” Lewis said. “I think the economy is starting to come around a little bit.”

Linden Building Inspector Jason Payne said that although he cannot give a definite reason as to why, he has also seen an increase in building projects this year — the majority of which are house remodeling and decks.

There is a lot on the move in Holly Village. “Our permits are up,” Village Manager Jerry Walker said, who noted a lot of activity was happening with commercial permits.

“Some of the more notable we have had is an auto repair facility that is locating from one place in the village to another and they are going to build a new auto repair center,” Walker said. Additionally, the village’s McDonald’s is going to demolish and completely rebuild their building, and they have just had a house demolished to make way for a new microbrewery.

The residential size has also seen an increase in building permits. While there are no new buildings going in the village, Walker said there are a lot of improvements and renovations being made.

“I think the economy is starting to pick up slowly. I think for a lot of years people have held off on additions and improvements and now that the economy has ticked up they are acting on it,” Walker said.

Kristy Beelby from Holly Township said that she has seen an increase in building projects, with more being built this year than the year before. Projects include things as small as new decks and garages, to much larger with new homes being built.

In Argentine Township, new homes are right about where they were last year, but there has been a big pick up in people repairing and adding onto their homes.

“We’re having a tremendous amount of permits being pulled for window repair, roof repair, siding, just normal maintenance things to the existing homes as well,” said Tom Brooks, code enforcement administra tor in Argentine Township.

A better economy, and people taking pride in their homes are two factors Brooks credits for the increase, but he said that there are many reasons.

“All intertwinings, I am not sure quite what the common link is, but it’s nice to see,” Brooks said.

HAMP isn’t a refinancing program, it’s a change to the contract terms made through your original mortgage lender. It can lower your payments for up to 60 months. In the sixth year, the mortgage rate may begin to increase at no more than one percentage point a year until it reaches “the market rate at the time modification agreement is prepared,” according to the Making Home Affordable web site.

3. Loan modification through a homeowner’s mortgage lender. As an alternative to foreclosure, many lenders are willing to offer some kind of loan restructuring, even without a government-backed program. The most important thing to note is that you shouldn’t wait for a foreclosure notice, take to proactive action with your lender.

If restructuring the loan isn’t an option, consider a short sale — selling your home at market value, with the remaining loan balance forgiven by the lender. It has less of a negative impact on one’s credit history and financial future.

MOVE

Summer can be a great time to move because kids and families are outside and it’s easier to get to know your neighbors. “We actually host housewarming parties for our clients to help them adjust to a new neighborhood,” said Cantleberry. “It’s also helpful if kids pick out new room décor to get them excited about a new house.”

Here are some ways to help kids adjust to a move, especially to a new community.

• Once children tend to look at the negative aspects of a move — leaving friends behind, adjusting to a new school, changing sports teams, etc., it’s important to help your child look at the positive side of things. Move can be a “new beginning,” so—cale and academically speaking. It can give a child of any age a chance to make friends without their former reputations and self-images. However, a child shouldn’t be given unrealistic expectations that a move will make everything “perfect.” It’s best to reassure that you and your child can do differently in a new community, according to healthychildren.org.

• Give a child adequate notice about the move, even a year in advance may be appropriate. Let your kids talk about their sadness and worries about leaving a familiar place, and reassure them you’ll make the move as easy as possible for the entire family. The stress of a move is greatest two weeks before the move and two weeks after, so these are times to take breaks to relax and connect with each other as a family.

• Emphasize the excitement of moving. While it may make everyone in the family uneasy, it will also be adventurous and interesting. Get books that describe families moving from one city to another. Give a child age-appropriate tasks and projects to do.

• Visit the community where you’ll be moving to alleviate the “fear of the unknown.” There may be new museums, malls, zoos, etc., that will make a move more exciting. Plan to enroll your child in sports, clubs, lessons, etc.

• Give a child a chance to participate in their decisions about what his or her room might look like with new décor or what kind of pet might the whole family enjoy in this new house?

• Become involved in your new community, to open some doors for your child to make new friends. Reach out to people who have kids the same ages as yours. Investigate community sports activities, YMCA’s, churches, etc. If your child can find a new friend before school starts, it will make the first day of school an easier transition.

• Maintain contact with the old community. Host a farewell party and take pictures as keepsakes. Invite old friends to spend weekends or vacations at your new home.

• Make the move a family event. It can bring everyone closer together as you all support each other in adjusting to a new community.

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### Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting

**Call to order:** @ 7:09 p.m.

**Approval:**
- Minutes of previous meeting (9-2-2013)
- New business
- Public hearing

**Appointments:**
- Board of Education
- Municipal Court

**Special Blue Book Resolution**

**Truck Routes:**

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- Legislation
- Ordinances
- Legislation

**Adjournment:**

**Next Meeting:**

- 9-2-2013

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**Notice Argentine Township**

Please be notified that the Argentine Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Meeting on Wednesday, 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Rd. to consider the following Variances:

**Tabled Item:**
Christopher Rexin is requesting a Variance to the Rear and Side Yard Setbacks and also the Height Ordinance. Described as 01-36-100-009, Part of Lot 1 Haviland Beach & Part of SEC 36 T5N R6E.

**New Items:**
Henry & Barb Hess is requesting a Variance for Side Yard Setbacks. Described as 01-33-501-007, Lots 11 & 12 Skinner’s Plat.

Richard & Tracey Willett-Williams Ordinance/Section 17.13.02 (Visibility 00%) at least 80% of its area. We will need a variance to include 100% covered fence permitted. Described as 01-35-526-182, Lot 2331 Argentine Park Lobdell Lake.

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Denise Graves, Clerk
Argentine Township

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