

from an on-ramp. I saw someone put their shopping cart in the coral at VG's, my neighbor that walks every morning picked up someone else's trash. Little things add up quickly.

The president needs a vacation

would anyone

begrudge him



choosing to spend time with his family.

fit has been unseasonably cool and very rainy for more



ing 10 degrees less than normal and rainfall double the average. Next up on the liberal agenda, global cooling/flooding. The sky is falling!"



For police, threat of taser is ultimate deterrent

Local officers use tasers less than once a year

By William Axford

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 It has been more than a year since Michigan residents with a concealed pistol license (CPL) could purchase a taser, an electroshock weapon and alternative to guns. Tri-City Trading Post salesperson Jessie Curtis said tasers are popular amongst women and the elderly who cannot handle the kick of a gun.

"We've had to order more since See TASERS on 7



Since tasers have become legal, Tri-City Trading Post in Fenton has sold approximately 20 kits.

The flotilla was a colorful gathering on Lake Ponemah on Saturday. Anything that could safely float was accepted.

was perched near Silver Lake Road on Lake Ponemah, and anything that floats was welcome. Kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, pontoons, inflatables and stand up paddleboards were gathered around rally flags See FLOTILLA on 10



on Saturday. It also had nine pontoons, according to Linden Mayor David Lossing. The colorful gathering Competitors fly high at Action Water Sports





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Nick Dyckman, 15, of Hudsonville was one of 33 wakeboarders to compete in Winch Wars on the man-made pond in front of Action Water Sports in Tyrone Township. Dyckman took second place in the advanced category. See story on page 14

Space issues tackled with library renovation project

Phase 1 not to exceed \$9,375, may take up to 70 days to finish

By Ryan Tackabury

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 **Fenton** — The city of Fenton has received a proposal to address functional planning, space usage, shelving and furniture

See **RENOVATIONS** on 11

Summary

Library Design Associates, which has worked with other Genesee District Library locations in the past, will work on Fenton's library renovations.



State police records to weed out animal abusers

New state bill aiming to protect animals to hopefully become law by December

By Tim Jagielo

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The steam has gone out of the original House Bills 4535 and 4534, which aimed to create a registry of animal abusers similar to the sex offender registry. It's being abandoned because of the hefty See ABUSERS on 7

Summary

The animal abuse registry derived from HB 4535 and 4534 is shelved because of the potential cost of the registry. A possibly more efficient alternative is being drafted now







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Longtime Fenton detective retires his badge

▶Ron Skarzynski to start new career with Attorney General's office in Lansing

By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 After nearly 28 years, Det. Ron Skarzynski is retiring from the Fenton Police Department. The detective, who turns

50 in November, has taken a job Summary as an investigator Det. Ron Skarzynski of the Fenton Police with the Attorney General's office in Department is Lansing. retiring. He has accepted an "I don't know where all the time investigator's went," said Skarposition with the Attorney General's zynski. "It's been office in Lansing a great career, no regrets."

Though he believes this is a good move for his career, he admits it has been a little stressful. His family supports the move.

As the primary investigator for Fenton, Skarzynski has been involved with all of the critical cases for the past 25

🖬 It was such a

great career for

- Det. Ron Skarzvnski

Fenton Police Department

a small town."

years, including train accidents, boating accidents, carbon monoxide deaths, arsons, homicides and the disappearance of Randa Jawhari.

The homicide investigation that took two years resulted in Robert Parks' conviction and prison sentence. Parks was convicted of strangling his wife Jes-

sica to death in 2004 in their Fenton apartment.

Skarzynski said the Jawhari case is a heart breaker. "It's still ongoing," he said. "It's in the hands of the Violent Crimes Task Force of the state police." Looking back over his career, Skar-



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO In this March 2009 photo, Det. Ron Skarzynski stands in front of what used to be Randa Jawhari's apartment. The Fenton woman went missing in February of that year and Skarzynski has investigated her disappearance since the beginning.

zynski said Fenton was such an easy place to work. He had the opportunity of traveling all over the country, including Oklahoma, Texas and Chicago, to name a few, as he investigated cases. "I've been all over the place," he said. "It was such a great career for a small town."

Skarzynski has worked for three police chiefs, Ted Glenn, Jerry Cattaneo and the current chief, Rick

Aro. "The chiefs treated me very well," he said.

Aro said, "Detective Skarzynski has been a highly respected member of our department for nearly 28 years. He has been a valuable source of information and advice for our officers as well as police officers throughout Genesee and

Livingston counties. "He has been recognized by David

Leyton, the Genesee County prosecutor, for his work on several cases and his advocacy for the victims of crime.

"Ron is a dedicated father and husband, and has a work ethic that few can match. His shoes will be hard to fill."

The city of Fenton is hosting a retirement reception for Skarzynski on Friday, Aug. 16 at 12 p.m. at Fenton House restaurant. For reservations, call the police station at (810) 629-5311 or the city at (810) 629-2261.





FEATURESANDNEWS

Police&Fire **report**

HUSBAND ARRESTED

On Aug. 5, Linden police responded to a home in the 200 block of Cathy Circle to be on stand-by. A woman was divorcing her husband and she was attempting to get her belongings from the home. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said the 40-year-old husband was not cooperative and became belligerent. A computer check revealed he man had a valid warrant from the Friend of the Court. He was arrested and taken to court to take care of the warrant.

LINDEN MAN **REPORTS THEFT**

On Aug. 7, Linden police responded to the 300 block of East Rolston Road, near Bridge Street on a report of a larceny from automobile. The owner of a 2003 Chevy Impala told police that someone entered his unlocked car overnight and stole 30 CDs from the center console.

TEXTING AND

DRIVING IN HOLLY On Saturday, Aug. 3, at 12:05 p.m., a Holly police officer observed the driver of a vehicle

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Residents take a bite out of local restaurants at Taste in Fenton Saturday

By William Axford

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Fenton — Residents took in the flavors of the city on Saturday at the 13th annual Taste in Fenton this past Saturday, where 15 different restaurants had booths at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. The grounds of the center were divided by a tent housing all of the eateries See FLAVORS on 5



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The 13th annual Taste in Fenton featured pie eating contests (above), various activities for kids (below left) and food from local vendors (bottom right).





Food allergies on the rise

School cafeterias offer alternative choices for kids with variety of allergies

By Sally Rummel

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I'm a shy, quiet

girl, who is just

A quiet home,

with minimal

activity would

suit me best.

under a year old.

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 For most Americans, eating a peanut butter sandwich is one of life's simple pleasures, but for 1 percent of the population, such a meal can be deadly.

About three million Americans have an allergy to nuts, and if you're one of them, you understand just how serious this allergy can be. Every meal or snack can bring you one step closer to anaphylaxis shock — a life-threatening, allergic reaction. Making matters

worse, a peanut allergy See ALLERGIES on 9

The most common food reactions are caused by:

- peanuts tree nuts
- fish and shellfish
- These allergies tend to last a lifetime.

Kids often outgrow allergies to: wheat

- eggs
- soy
- cow's milk

Source: American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology













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GOP searches for its missing white voters

Remember how Republican leaders vowed to improve their outreach to minorities after Mitt Romney's demographic disaster in November? A lot of folks in the Grand Old Party's conservative wing prefer to tap another group that let them down: the 'missing white voters.'

They're the focus of a widely discussed post-election series by Sean Trende, senior elections analyst at Real-ClearPolitics.

Democrats liked to mock the GOP as the 'Party of White People' after the 2012 elections,' Trende wrote. 'But from a purely electoral perspective, that's not a terrible thing to be. Even with present population projections, there are likely to be a lot of non-Hispanic whites in this country for a very long time.

'The 2012 elections actually weren't about a demographic explosion with non-white voters,' Trende wrote. 'Instead, they were about a large group of white voters not showing up.' Trende estimates the actual turnout of blacks, Hispanics and other non-whites was about two million less than in 2008, but that was less of a decline than the six million drop-off in the white vote.

Romney, who won 59 percent of white voters, would have needed 62.54 percent to beat President Obama, political consultant Karl Rove writes.

I don't often agree with Rove, but I think he's right this time. As the 'autopsy' report found in polls and focus groups, the GOP has lost touch with a lot of voters across racial and ideological lines. What happened to the missing white voters? Democrats asked that same question after 1988, their fifth loss of the previous six. They responded by reconnecting with working class white 'Reagan Democrats' and reoriented their message back to the political center to solve problems, not just present policy arguments.

Trende's candid language drew some predictable criticism, but he was not calling for the GOP to ignore minority voters. He mainly argues that the fate of the parties will not turn on a single issue like immigration. On that point, he's right. There's no need for the parties to argue over which Americans deserve their attention most. We all do.

Compiled by Tim Jagielo, associate editor

I WANT TO see an angry Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson as well as the far-left community with banners marching along Saginaw Street. They must be really angry about that racist, white, homeless man who was tortured and murdered by two black teens in Flint last week.

TV COMMERCIAL AT-**TORNEYS** like Feiger and Bernstein are not just soliciting scammers, they are also

tying up our legal system for personal gain at our expense. To me, that should be a criminal offense.

LOCAL BUSINESSES, PLEASE make sure your websites are up to date. There have been several times when I've tried to look up calendar events, and the calendars still say 2011-2012. This is especially important when your business is entirely about scheduling classes.

PLEASE TAKE FLUORIDE out of our water supply. The water bill is high enough. This would save money and I cannot be the only one that feels fluoride is toxic. Very toxic. I pay for water I can't drink.

WHY WOULD YOU blame Obamacare for insurance premium increases in other states and it has not even taken effect. Breaking news - premiums have been out of control for 40 years. You probably keep voting in the same idiots that don't even try to do anything. Keep blaming everyone but yourself.

I WONDER WHY Republicans are against healthcare for everyone, a living wage, individual freedoms of choice and still do everything to support trickle



TIMES MIDWEEK

down economics by giving 'special' breaks to giant corporations that moved most of the jobs overseas years ago yet say they are looking out for me.

THE RICH ARE get-

ting richer and we are told it is their fault. The American people have \$54 trillion in wealth. Why do we never hear about the trillions of dollars

gambled by the poor in this country as a major contributor to the rift between rich and poor?

UPDATE, OBAMA AUTHORIZED an Obamacare exemption to the Congressional elite political class that will take more money from the taxpayers in order to cover the health plans of our duly elected representatives and all their employees. Obamacare is failing before it starts. Just say 'no' to this disaster for America.

NON-PROFITS AND churches in this community need to require DHS denial letters before giving cash assistance to people. There are reasons why this would protect our community that I will not go into. Please look into this.

IF FENTON IS going to continue holding these wonderful events that include closing LeRoy Street down, why don't they look into purchasing the old Topps land for parking, and build a walking bridge over the river to the park. This would free up the roads from people parking where they shouldn't.

DOES THE CITY of Fenton own the old Bean Company? Editor's note: No, the building is privately owned.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times



FROM THE RIGHT Cal Thomas Nationally syndicated

The legacy of Anne Frank

On the day I visit the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, which is actually the family's hiding place atop Anne's father's business, the wait to get in is as long as three hours. Such is the attraction of this historic site, 53 years after it was opened to the public.

Anne and her family were among an estimated 107,000 Jews deported to concentration camps from The Netherlands during the German occupation in World War II.

Anne's diary has sold more than 30 million copies worldwide and is available in 75 languages. It is a testament to the indomitable spirit of a young girl and a vision of hope in the midst of perhaps the greatest inhumanity in world history.

Her story and that of her family and some friends who eluded the Nazis for two years before they were betrayed by an unknown person, is a living narrative that must be retold to this and future generations.

Anne's diary entry dated April 11, 1944: 'God has never deserted our people. Through the ages Jews have had to suffer, but through the ages they have gone on living, and the centuries of suffering have only made them stronger!'

In the midst of this declaration of strength, there was also her understandable fear of being discovered. As Anne wrote, also on April 11 after hearing footsteps outside the wall of the building: 'That night I really thought I was going to die. I waited for the police and I was ready for death, like a soldier on the battlefield ... '

Ultimately she was not spared, but the literary classic she created in the midst of suffering, indeed because of it, has survived.

Anne and her sister, Margot, died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in March 1945, just weeks before liberating British troops arrived.

In a diary entry dated April 4, 1944, Anne wrote, 'I want to go on living even after my death.' And so she has.

Anne Frank's life was a candle in the midst of great darkness. Her flame should burn forever.

street talk

To what are you allergic?



"I found out a couple years ago I'm allergic to sulfa. My son's allergic to bananas."

—Sam DiVita Tyrone Township



"Nothing, I'm a very fortunate person."

— Bob Adams Rose Township



"Nothing, but I have three daughters and one is allergic to amoxicillin.'

- Deb Beerens Swartz Creek



"Peppers, roses and apricots. I break out and itch like crazy. I can also suffocate and go into shock." Misty Drinkwine Deerfield Township



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"I do take allergy pills for dirt, dust, musty smells. So probably mold and dust."



"I'm allergic to certain metals such as tungsten. I had to return my wedding band for a titanium one.'

New Google gadget connects computer, smartphone to television

Summary

The new Chrome-

Cast device easily

lets you turn your HD television into a

receiver for content

smartphone

or tablet.

from your computer,

►New tech is cheapest way to go from any mobile device to your television

By Ryan Tackabury

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Do you ever want to show a video to family or friends, but don't want to make

everyone crowd around your computer? Or maybe you just want to watch Netflix from your couch, but have no way to get it on your television.

Google may have the easiest, and cheapest, solution for you.

The new device called ChromeCast simplifies the process of taking what's on your computer, and sending it right to your television for your viewing pleasure.

In fact, it works with a lot more than just computers too. Smartphones, both android and iPhone, tablets, and laptops can all be used to send the content you want to

send the content you want to watch to your television. ChromeCast is a small device that you

can hook up to any HDTV. It's small, and requires essentially no set up — just plug it in, and you are good to go, easily enough for the most novice computer users.

Only supported apps will work with ChromeCast. Current apps include YouTube, Netflix, Google Play Movies and Music, with Pandora coming soon. If you are using ChromeCast with your computer and you use the Google Chrome web browser, you can surf the World Wide Web from your television.

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and activities for children. Kids enjoyed activities like putt-putt golf and inflatable bounce houses while eateries like VG's bakery and deli, The Laundry and Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ served a variety of meals to inquiring foodies.

The anchor of the event was the annual pie-eating contest, organized by Crust. Contestants for the kids and adult competitions had to eat as many blueberry pies as possible in a limited amount of time.

"I just tried to stuff as much pie into my face as I could," said Jack Cairnduff, 10, this year's winner of the children's pie eating contest. Jack has won second and third place in previous years. "It feels really good to win. I wish everyone else who played could have won, too."

Jack will receive pies for a year from Crust for being the top eater this year.

Shelly Day, executive director of the Fenton Chamber of Commerce, said she was pleased with this year's event. Day said 2,500 to 3,000 people attended the event and they sold more than 200 of the \$10 presale tickets for the event. The chamber sold 438 tickets for the raffle this year, 362 tickets short of the 800-ticket goal to raffle off a 2013 Camaro. The winner of this year's was Swartz Creek resident Marshall Callard, who bought his ticket at Vic ChromeCast requires a Wi-Fi connection to work however, enabling it to connect to your mobile device.

Another great feature of the device is its small size, meaning it is easy to take with you. "This is going to be great to travel with. It's so small and so easy to set up on a new Wi-Fi network that it's truly

portable," wrote Mat Honan in a review of the device for Wired.

The new device can be purchased online through Google's website, through Amazon, or at a Best Buy store for the small price of just \$35.

Google's new device is meant to compete with much more expensive alternatives such as AppleTV or the Roku box. Though they are a new release on the market, there has already been an incredible demand so finding

one may be difficult. If you have to wait however, time will likely only improve the product as Google

likely only improve the product as Google expands the number of apps available that work with the gadget, increasing its functionality.

This is going to be great to travel with. It's so small, and so easy to set up on a new Wi-Fi network that it's truly portable. **77**

Mat Honan, Wired



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I WILLIAM AXFORD This year's Taste in Fenton featured more activities for kids, like bounce houses and putt-putt golf.

Canever Chevrolet. Callard won a grand prize of \$21,900.

"We had a new layout this year and I've heard nothing but positive comments," Day said. "We'll probably keep the same layout next year."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I WWW.CHROMECASTTUTORIALS.COM

Google's ChromeCast device connects physically to your TV and accepts Wi-Fi signals from a computer or mobile device, much like AppleTV or a Roku box.



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POLICE

Continued from Page 3 typing or reading on his cell phone. The driver put the phone down when he saw the officer. The officer followed the car as it pulled into a parking lot. A computer check revealed the driver had two . warrants for his arrest. The man was taken to the police station for processing and was issued two citations, one for driving with a suspended license and one for texting while driving.

CAN'T DRINK BEER IN PUBLIC

On Sunday, Aug. 4, a Holly police officer received a report of individuals with open alcohol at a drug store on Grange Hall Road. A caller told police that the individuals went to an apartment complex in the 1000 block of North Saginaw Street. At 8:25 p.m., the Holly police officer saw one of the individuals walk out of an apartment and walk on Saginaw Street, drinking from a glass bottle of beer. When stopped, the 27-year-old Holly man said he was carrying the bottle in public because he had not finished the beer yet. The man was arrested for having open intoxicants in public. When searched, the officer found plastic bags containing prescription medicine in his pockets. A computer check revealed the man also had an arrest warrant out of Fenton. He was taken to the Holly police station for processing and then released to Fenton police. Holly charges are pending the analysis of the unknown pills.

TEEN GIRLS SHOPLIFT SNACKS

At 7 p.m. on July 25, Holly police responded to a grocery store in the 15000 block of North Holly Road to investigate retail fraud involving two teenaged girls that were detained by employees. After observing the girls behaving suspiciously, an employee followed them around the store. One girl, later identified as a 15-year-old from Pontiac, was seen selecting snacks and concealing them in a backpack worn by the other girl, later identified as a 13-year-old from Holly. The girls were confronted as they exited the store without paying. They denied taking anything, however, the items were recovered from the backpack. The storeowner indicated to police that they prosecute all shoplifters so the girls were taken to the police station for processing. The girls were released to their mothers and both will be petitioned into probate court.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE WORD OF God is not intended to be used as sound bites to support one's position. True, Jesus said, 'Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.' He also said four verses later, 'Go and sin no more.' The (whole) truth shall set you free.

YOU PEOPLE ARGUING about the GM and Chrysler bailouts need to remember it was Bush who bailed them out, not Obama. It happened in December of 2008 and Bush rerouted money from the TARP bill to give to the automakers. Obama just agreed with it, but he was not president.

WHEN YOU CALL sexual orientation,

something that science proves is not chosen, but biologically determined before birth, 'abnormal,' use the legal system to take away rights from human beings and then say that the fact that gay people exist offends you, you're being homophobic and are bashing gays. Enough said.

FENTON TOWNSHIP NEEDS to get together with Fenton and Linden and build a bike/jogging trail. You cannot jog or ride a bicycle around here without putting your life at stake. Also, many small towns have street parties with sidewalk sales, bands, vendors. Please Fenton area, get with the times!



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The community caretaker function of the police and warrantless entries under the Fourth Amendment

In 1955, the Los Angeles Police Department conducted a contest to have an official motto for its police academy. The winning selection was 'To Protect and Serve' submitted by Officer Joseph S. Dorobek. This motto now appears on all department patrol vehicles.

Since then hundreds, if not thousands of police departments throughout the country have adopted this motto or a slight variation of it.

On an entirely different note (but related as you will see), the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution states that:

'The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.'

There are a number of different meanings that have been ascribed to the motto and a number of different exceptions developed by the courts over the years to the warrant requirements of the Fourth Amendment

One very important but perhaps not well known of the exceptions is based on what is usually described as the 'community caretaker function' of the police in dealing with 'emergency circumstances.'

Community caretaking involves the police or other government personnel ensuring the health and safety of people.

Indeed the American Bar Association Standards for Criminal Justice indicate that society expects the police to aid individuals who are in danger of physical harm and provide other services on an emergency basis.

There are times when such emergency circumstances require or allow the police to make a warrantless entry on or into premises without a warrant. Examples of justified warrantless entries require a reasonable belief of a problem existing and include rendering aid and assistance to a person in need or help, entry to avert the possibility of fire (as to firefighters), and entry to prevent imminent violence.

When proper entry is made and evidence of criminal activity is observed it may be seized and used in a subsequent criminal prosecution.

By definition in such situations, every case is different and the court must evaluate the facts and the law to determine if the warrantless entry and/or seizure was legal.

On a roll .

►Linden senior takes second place in national bowling championship

By Sally Rummel

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Grace Vickroy, 87, of Linden, has been bowling for almost half of her lifetime, but never did she expect to win second place in a national tournament in Reno, Nev.

She and her husband. Mel and daughter and son-in-law Diane and Doug Jordan made a vacation out of their trip out west, but the two days of the United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships on July 2-3 were anything but restful.

'I bowled three games on Tuesday and six games on Wednesday," said Vickroy. "I was worn out by the last game."

Vickroy had earned her spot in the national tournament following her win in the state senior ladies tournament for ages 75 and up. She bowls twice a week,

on a Tuesday ladies league at Fenton Lanes and a Thursday mixed league at Grand Blanc Lanes. The state association paid for her bowling, her shirt and \$250 of her travel expenses.

"It was one of the most exciting things that has ever happened to me," she said. "I wasn't at all nervous, and I certainly didn't expect to take second place."

She came in second out of a field of 32 in her age group. By the time the field was narrowed to six bowlers, she was in

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price tag a new system would impose. But have no fear — both sponsoring legislators are working on a bill that is supposed to achieve the same results. The original bill was introduced in April by Democrat Harvey Santana, and Republican Paul Muxlow, and it had the

support of local groups like Adopt-a-Pet, and the Genesee County Animal Control Shelter.

"We're going to take a different path to achieve the same results, and even double those results," said Santana's Chief of Staff Chris Zavisa. Santana represents Michigan's 9th district in Detroit.

New language is being drafted, and Zavisa expects the new bill to be available for reading on Sept. 10. The bill could be

reintroduced by mid-September, and back on the winding road to becoming a law.

Because the original bills had positive hearings, and there is already support in the Senate, Zavisa expects the bill to have an easier time making it though. "We



Linden resident Grace Vickroy represented Michigan senior women well by placing second in a national bowling championship.

second place. "If I wasn't so tired on the

last game and could have bowled my average (150), I think I would've come in first," she said. Her last three games were a 146, 191 and 120.

For her win, Vickroy brought home an engraved mantel clock and \$600 in prize money. "My family was more excited than I was," said Vickroy, mother of six in a blended family, plus 17 grandchildren and

33 great-grandchildren. "They thought it was pretty good for Grandma to have done this," she said.

expect that the animals in Michigan will get a Christmas present this year, and I guess I should say animal lovers too."

The upcoming bill will utilize the existing Michigan State Police (MSP) Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT) system. When someone tries to adopt an animal from a Michigan Department of Agriculture licensed shelter, the person's

criminal history will be checked on ICHAT.

If the person has been

convicted of violating

Michigan laws concern-

ing animal abuse within

five years, that person

by law cannot adopt

the animal. If they have

other offenses, or have an

abuse record more than

five years old, that adop-

tion is up to the discretion

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Grace Vickroy

Senior bowler

Chris Zavisa Chief of staff, Rep. Harvey Santana (D-Detroit)

Zavisa feels this is better than the previous bill, because only those convicted after the law's implementation could be barred from adopting.

of the shelter.

Though he can't say exactly, he thinks the bill could become a law by the end of the year.



TASERS

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they've become legal," said Curtis, who estimates the store has sold approximately 20 tasers in the past year. "The voltage on it is smaller than a Christmas light bulb. It hits two separate points on the body and can incapacitate someone for 30 seconds."

While tasers aren't flying off the shelf for CPL holders, they remain a popular option for those seeking a nonlethal form of protection.

For local police, simply showing a taser is usually enough to

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deter people from interacting aggressively with officers. Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said seeing a taser on an officer has usually been enough to calm an aggressive person down.

"We've had many, many times where the presence of the taser has stopped a situation," said Slater, who estimates the department has deployed tasers five times in the last six years.

Slater said tasers could be deployed when someone is resisting arrest or if an officer encounters an aggressive animal. Fenton police upgraded their tasers last year, which now shoot two cartridges and have high definition cameras attached to them.

Det. Heather Wolkow of the Holly Police Department said tasers are deployed whenever an officer experiences resistance from an individual. Wolkow said having tasers is more preferable to other nonlethal weapons such as pepper spray, where officers have the risk of accidentally spraying themselves or a bystander.

"Tasers are a safe tool for us to have for ourselves. For the person who is being tased, it lessens the injury," Wolkow said, who estimates the Holly Police Department received tasers in 2007.

Det. Sgt. Julie Bemus said Holly police have deployed tasers once in the past three years since they've had the devices and that most officers with that department have been tased at least

> once. Bemus also added that getting tased does not immobilize someone for a long period of time after the prongs are removed.

> "It's not like in the movies where people get stunned and can't move afterward," Bemus said.

Slater, who volunteered to be tased during his training, echoed Bemus and said that while the fivesecond electric shock is quite painful, people who are tasered are capable of movement afterward.

"There are no after affects. You just feel as though you had a strenuous exercise, since the taser interferes with the body's ability to communicate with your muscles," Slater said.

At Tri-City Trading Post, Curtis said getting tased is not a requirement when purchasing a kit. For those interested in purchasing a kit, Curtis encourages CPL holders to stop in the store or call them at (810) 750-1644.



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IMPORTANT NEWS - OBAMA has created more than 900,000 jobs this year. Yes, 900,000, but 700,000 of those 900,000 are part-time. That's 77 percent part-time jobs. Three cheers for Obama.

HAVE YOU EVER noticed how Liberals / Democrats / Progressives preach 'tolerance' yet they are the vicious and mean if you dare to disagree with them?

REMEMBER WHEN YOU lived under your parents' roof (some of you still do) and all of their rules applied? 'My House - My Rules.' Well, Obama owns your healthcare, food stamps, energy, education, and your life. Seems you wanted to get away from this kind of control.

SOMEDAY, I AM going to buy a secluded island where only positive attitudes are allowed. Those of you who cause your own drama and make yourselves miserable are not welcome.

AFTER THE MEGALADON goof the Discovery Channel has shown itself to be creating a new genre of programming: fake documentary disguised as science. TV gets more silly and irrelevant each season.

I AM SURE everyone feels safer knowing that the man arrested at the Trillium theaters with body armor and a loaded gun

only broke the law by having a fake ID. REPUBLICANS ARE NOW trying to scare everyone with health insurance into thinking that they will lose it as soon as Obamacare takes effect. The fact is the middle class has been losing their insurance and pensions for decades. Does anyone in Washington really care?

FENTON TOWNSHIP'S APPROACH to building a park is ridiculous. Trying to get businesses to donate money when the park would be for the benefit of residents? Let the people vote and decide what they want. I want a community center like the city of Canton has. Check it out.

IF THE FBI came and said 'tell us the names of everyone you have called, how long you spoke, and what are their phone numbers,' would you happily provide this info? No? Then why should we tolerate our government collecting that information without our permission? 'Sheeple' of America, wake up.

LEAVE IT TO a union supporter to think that a business owner should just raise prices and pay unskilled workers more money. Fast-food restaurants are a great training ground for young workers but have no place for the 'give me more for less' union mentality.

TO THE ATHEIST who thinks they are defending gays by quoting the Bible. Just by inferring that if you are without sin cast the first stone at gays is an admittance by you that being gay is a sin.

ONE WAY OR another if you have health insurance or not it is all paid for. Poor people get Medicaid, seniors get Medicare. Those without insurance in the middle file for bankruptcy after a major illness and rates go up to cover it for those with it.

SENATOR TED CRUZ (R) Texas was recently asked if being born in Canada would stop his plans to run for President. He responded that his mother was American so he could be born anywhere and he would still be American. Funny how he couldn't apply this same reasoning to President Obama.

Correction: In the Wednesday, Aug. 7 article, "WANTED: One-bedroom apartment" by Tim Jagielo it incorrectly listed Hickory Meadows Apartments as being in Holly. The apartment complex is in Rose Township with a Fenton zip code and in the Fenton school district.



Michigan's constitution has history of revisions

Most recent document amended 31 times since 1964

By Ryan Tackabury

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 It's all over the news, and it would be difficult to find someone who hasn't heard about it - Detroit filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

Almost immediately after however, the filing for bankruptcy was challenged by a ruling from Michigan Circuit Court Judge Rosemarie E. Aquilina, who ordered Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr to withdraw the bankruptcy petition. Why? The state constitution.

Filing for bankruptcy would be unconstitutional Aquilina ruled, as it would disrupt the pension benefits. According to section nine, article 24 of the Michigan constitution, "The accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual obligation thereof which shall not be diminished or impaired."

The state constitution is an interesting document — and one that many people are not familiar with. While our national constitution is a famous document that is often talked about. the same is not true of our more local legal document.

If one were to look at the Michigan constitution, they would find something very similar to its older brother in D.C. Consisting of 12 articles that spell out how the government of Michigan is to function, as well as your rights - it may be one of the most important pieces of writing that barely anyone reads. Yet it is still brought up every year around election time, used to support or oppose particular different arguments sometimes both at the same time.

Amending the constitution is not necessarily an easy task, although it has been done in the past. In fact, the most recent constitution has been amended 31 times since it was first put into place in 1964.

The two questions you may be asking are how is the constitution amended, and what do you mean first constitution?

What may be most interesting about our state constitution is just how fluid it has been over the years. Michigan has in fact had four different state constitutions over the years, the first of which was adopted by voters in 1835. In this first version of our constitution, the right to vote was restricted to white males of at least 21 years of age.

It was just 15 years later that a constitutional convention was called, resulting in the drafting of the Great Lake State's second constitution. This included changing how the positions of Secretary of State and Attorney General, and Supreme Court members were elected and included articles on managing local government.

ALLERGIES

Continued from Page 3 is seldom outgrown and compared with other food allergies, is more severe and persistent.

Anaphylaxis may begin with severe

itching of the eyes or face and, within minutes, progress to more serious symptoms — including swallowing and breathing difficulties, abdominal pain, cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, hives and swelling beneath the skin, according to WebMD.com The condition can turn deadly fast, with an increased heart rate, sudden weakness, a drop in blood pressure, shock and unconsciousness.

This makes a nut allergy the most serious food allergy to deal with, especially in the close quarters of a school cafeteria.

Jaymi Whalen, food service director for Fenton Area Public Schools for 18 years, has seen the incidence of food allergies grow in the past decade. "We do have kids who carry EpiPens (epinephrine shot) with them throughout the school day," said Whalen. "There are definitely more cases of it today than there were in the past, but the number of cases we see has remained quite stable in the past couple of years."

At each school in the Fenton school district, there is a peanut-free table in the

cafeteria, if necessary, to provide a noncontaminated environment for a child who suffers from a severe peanut allergy.

"We don't use any open peanut butter products in our kitchens," said Whalen. "Even our peanut butter and jelly sand-

wiches are bought from Smucker's and arrive in our building sealed and ready to eat.'

There is new hope on the horizon for peanut allergy sufferers, according to a recent article in USA Today. A patch containing a peanut protein may be worn to desensitize a person who is allergic to peanuts. It is now being researched in 24

Other food allergies are also prevalent, especially gluten sensitivity, according to Whalen. "It's a close second

to peanut allergies," she said. "We shop for glutenfree products for about 10 kids throughout the district. When we're serving wholegrain pizza for lunch, we'll use a gluten-free crust for those kids. We even serve gluten-free lunch meats, because they contain gluten, too,"

Any kids who suffer from food allergies, including lactose-intolerance, can

have special foods to meet their dietary needs. "We just have to have a signed medical statement from your child's physician," said Whalen.



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The flash mob is coordinated during the Saturday flotilla on Lake Ponemah, for the video being produced about the Shiawassee River and the communities it connects.

FLOTILLA

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"We had young and old," said Lossing. Essentially the gathering was like any

other staged in a vibrant community --- this one just happened to float. "It was just a really cool community event," he said. "It was just a great sense of community to be out on the lake."

The flotilla was organized with support from Fenton, Linden, and Holly government, along with the Keepers of the Shiawassee and Headwaters Trails. A social media

campaign helped to spread the word.

The initial purpose of the event was to

4 It was just a great sense of community to be out on the lake. **77**

David Lossing Linden mayor

film the flotilla, and include it in a video the municipalities are making to compete for a Community Excellence Award from the Michigan Municipal League (MML). Participants began putting their watercrafts in at 1 p.m., and taping

began at 2:30. A coordinated flash-mob activity was conducted, as hover shots were taken. Afterward, \$5 lunches were available at Spoonz Lakeside Tavern, and participants paddled back to their respective areas. "We had a blast," said Lossing. "We all got sunburned as well, I know I did, I'm feeling it today."

They'll know the results of the competition in mid-September.

Ponetian Nights parade



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Lake Ponemah was a flurry of activity Saturday as the Ponemah-Squaw-Tupper (PST) lake association hosted its annual Ponetian Nights Parade and boatdecorating contest. The best-decorated boat in the parade was called, "Angry Swans." It was the creation of Larry, Lorie, Morgan and Madison Gavulic, Lisa, Jeff, Hannah and Chloe Polzin, Michelle and Mike Sloop and Rachel and Rylie Becker. They won a gift certificate to Spoonz Tavern. Best Costume Boat went to "Duck Dynasty" and Best Decorated House went to "Palm Tree House."



RENOVATIONS **Continued from Front Page**

recommendations for the city's library. This plan comes from Chris DeBear of Library Design Associates. DeBear toured the library to evaluate what areas

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are complete. **77**

Fenton assistant city manager

Michael Burns

of the library from the earlier feasibility study needed to be addressed. One such issue, it was decided, was a better utilization of available space.

Assistant City Manager Michael Burns said that the first set of library upgrades will include a new design pattern and ensuring ADA compliance. "One concern that everybody has is ensur-

ing that we have a functional library to

layout for both floors of the library. "In terms of coming up with a functional layout, I would say it will take 65 to 70 days," DeBear said.

The cost for Phase 1 of the project is set for a cost not to exceed \$9,375, and will come from the Capital

Outlay line item of the library budget.

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This does not include the new carpet and paint that is being planned for the library, which is coming out of the \$100,000 the DDA budgeted for library improvements for the 2013 fiscal year. Councilman Bradley

Jacob, who serves as the appointed representative to the Library Board said



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to play the happy couple for the sake

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by Justin Zackham. R, 1 hr. 29 min.

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When the White House (Secret Service Code: Olympus") is captured by a terrorist mastermind and the President is kidnapped, disgraced former Presidential guard Mike Banning finds himself trapped within

the building. As our national security team scrambles to respond, they are forced to rely on Banning's inside knowledge to help retake the White House, save the President and avert an even bigger crisis. Antoine Fuqua (Training Day) directs an all-star cast featuring Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman, Angela Bassett, Melissa Leo, Ashley Judd and Rick Yune. R, 1 hr. 59 min.



THE BIG WEDDING

With an all-star cast led by Robert De Niro, Katherine Heigl, Diane Keaton, Amanda Seyfried, Topher Grace, with Susan Sarandon and Robin Williams, THE BIG WEDDING is an uproarious romantic comedy

about a charmingly modern family trying to survive a weekend wedding celebration



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SPORTS TRIVIA FOOTBALL

Who replaced



Buddy Parker as Detroit Lions head coach?

We are asking this question because of the strange way Parker resigned. He resigned the position on Aug. 12, 1957 during a "Meet the Lions" banquet with 500 Lions fans in attendance. He was replaced by assistant George Wilson, who would end up leading the Lions to their final NFL Championship later that season.



The Flint Metro League has found itself a new member. Starting with the 2014-15 school year, Flushing Community Schools will be joining the Metro League, replacing Lapeer East High School and Lapeer West High School. The two Lapeer schools are consolidating and will be leaving the Metro League after the upcoming school year.

Flushing was accepted into the Metro on Tuesday after the principals and athletic directors reviewed their applications and conducted site visits to both Carman-Ainsworth and Flushing.

According to a press release distributed on Tuesday by the Flint Metro League, the conference will begin the process of planning and scheduling for the 2014-15 school year.

The conference change will create one major adjustment in scheduling. All eight teams will have what is considered their rival school, and that contest will be their last game of the regular season for those schools in all sports. Fenton and Linden are rivals, while Holly's rival will be Brandon.

For the purpose of scheduling football games, the first two weeks of the season will be non-league dates.



Linden uses canoe trip to mark the start of football season



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Area football teams pumped to get season started

Setzke's troops continue midnight practice tradition

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By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Fenton** — For Jeff Setzke, the opening day of football season has one pretty good comparison.

And that day involves visions of reindeer, Santa Claus and presents.

"The start of football season is like Christmas Day," the Fenton varsity football coach said. "You work for it and work for it all summer."

So just like most want to get Christmas Day going as soon as possible, it's apparent the Fenton football program likes to do the same with their varsity team. And just as they have every year Setzke has been at the helm, the Tigers opened the football season at exactly the same time - 12:01 a.m. on Monday.

"The rules say it has to be Monday, Aug. 12 so 12:01 a.m. is Aug 12," Setzke said. "It's not like we get a lot accomplished, but it's fun. It's fun for the kids and coaches to get the season kicked off. It's not every day you come out at midnight to go practice."

The excitement of the night begins at about 11:30 p.m. when See **TRADITION** on 15 tri-county schools.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES DAVID TROPPENS (Above) Lake Fenton's football program does a cheer during their midnight practice on Monday. (Right) Fenton's Luke Idoni FENTON leads the stretches at the start of the Tigers' midnight practice. Fenton has been doing the late-night sessions for their first official practice longer than any of the area

Blue Devils celebrate start with fans during late-night practice

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By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Lake Fenton — When it comes to preparing for a midnight football practice, Lake Fenton's program is still in its infancy stages.

But it seems with every year, it gets a little bigger.

Two years ago, the Blue Devils held their first midnight football practice during the official practice day of the fall sports season with little fanfare. The team was pretty much by itself while they celebrated the start of the season together with a short practice.

On Monday, it was a different story. Approximately 50 students and another 50 parents were eager observers cheering on the practice that started right after midnight. There was music, and, just as you'd expect during a Friday night football game, a lot of kids throwing a football around behind the stands. Indeed, in many ways Lake Fenton's first football practice felt like a game.

"It's starting to grow," Lake See DEVILS on 15

Bronchos don't let rain dampen their excitement for new season

By David Troppens

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Holly — In many ways, one couldn't ask for better weather on Monday morning for the first official day of prep football practice.

Just like most of the summer so far, the morning was cool, making it perfect to get a lot of work done without overheating. If there was any issue, it was an occasional light rain that turned off and on frequently through the practice.

But at Holly High School, that rain didn't seem to bother the team as they began their second session of two-a-days at around 10:30 a.m. After all, the squad is excited to get the new season going.

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"The rain doesn't bother me at all. We still have to do what we have to do in the rain and you never now what is going to happen at game time," said Holly linebacker Kyle Pepper. "You have to be prepared for everything.'

Pepper was just excited to be back on the football field.

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See BRONCHOS on 15

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Linden football camping trip remains a hit with coaches, players

Players see coaches in a different light weekend before start of practice

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 **Harrison** — In the backyard, Linden co-head football coach Denny Hopkins is keeping score of a cornhole single elimination event. The winning team earns free ice cream at Dairy Queen.

In the sideyard, co-head coach Nick Douglass is riding a winning streak. He is on a team that has already won about 10 can jam games (a contest where players try to throw a Frisbee into what looks like a round laundry basket). He is talking trash against two of his football players, who are his current opponents.

Meanwhile near them four Linden football players are competing in a game of slam ball, while another large group is sitting at a picnic table, trying to figure out how to play Texas Hold 'em poker with a chip set one of the players brought up.

Indeed, it seemed everyone was having a fun time at Linden's annual canoe camping trip at assistant coach Jeff Krause's summer cabin in Harrison. The camp has been held at various locations for about 15 years the weekend before the start of football season. All players are invited to join in. All that's asked of them is to behave responsibly and have as much fun as possible, allowing everyone to see players and coaches in a different light before the start of the actual football season.

"It's fun to see the coaches, especially when they are competitive like that," said junior Andy Roberts, just moments after losing to the Linden coaches at the can jam game. "We get to see them as coaches, but this gets them out of the coaching element and we are able to try to beat him and talk back."

"It's really fun just hanging out with everyone, playing around with everyone," Linden junior Kyle Korman said. "I have fun playing all these games and the competitions. That's what I enjoy most."

This year about 40 kids ventured to Harrison on Friday afternoon, preparing for a weekend of fun. The biggest venture for the trip is the Saturday canoe trip down the Muskegon River. The ride is about four hours long and involves a lot of splashing, tipping and rowing down the river.

The players sleep in tents they bring and meals of hotdogs and hamburgers become the norm for most of the weekend. However, the annual trip to Dairy Queen is another bright spot. After the trip to Dairy Queen comes the one event that is semi-football related — learning the words of the fight song. Players stand in groups of



four and must recite the fight song 100 percent correctly. If a player doesn't get the some exactly right, they remain as one of the group of four until he gets it right. At the end, the entire team combines to sing the song enthusiastically together.

"It's the starting of the season," Krause said.

"It gives us a chance to show some love for the kids be-

cause God knows we'll do our share of hollering and screaming at them over the next

See CAMPING on 15



TRI-COUNTY TIMES DAVID TROPPENS

(Above) Linden's Mike Gold (left) watches a bean bag thrown during a game of cornhole at Linden's canoe camping trip. Nolan Hill is on the right. (Left) Zach Appleberg plays a game of can jam. He's trying to hit the thrown Frisbee into the bucket.



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Adam Marks was one of 33 competitors at the Winch Wars Action Water Sports wakeboarding competition on Friday.

Annual Winch Wars wakeboarding event continues to grow at Action Water Sports

By Torrey Christpher

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 Although Winch Wars, Action Water Sports' wakeboard competition, is still in the early stages of its life, the event had people from all over the state to show off their skills on Friday.

The annual competition that began five years ago originally started with only boys entering. However, the event has grown. This season's event had 33 competitors competing in four divisions, ranging from the ages of 14 to 27. Lowell's Kyra Marks has seen it grow. Two

years ago she was the first girl competitor. This year, Marks, 18, was entered advanced division action, ranked as the fourth-place girl after the prelims. She eventually finished third.

"I have been wakeboarding for seven years," Marks said.

"I live on a lake so I decided to give wakeboarding a try. It's fun to hang with my friends and do it and I like learning new tricks. I started the girls division here and I had to ride with all the guys See **WAKEBOARDING** on 15

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Fenton varsity football coach Eric Doyle said about the growth of Lake Fenton's first official practice, which lasted until about 1 a.m.

'We have a tradition going and it's getting stronger. This is another beautiful thing about our program. Not only do we have a student section, but they are playing music and having fun.

"For one night we appreciate the neighbors allowing us to do this. We are only out here for an hour, but it's something to get excited about. We are excited about the year and that's what is great about doing this."

Another great aspect of it was seeing the numbers. The Blue Devils don't make it just a varsity football experience. They had about 80 kids on all three Lake Fenton teams - varsity, JV and freshman - compete at practice together.

'We are building excitement about the program for all three levels," Doyle said. "When the freshmen come out with the lights on and people in the stands, it gets them excited to play football. Our numbers are pretty good. We are at 80 kids in the

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players start filing the stadium. Before midnight, the coaches talked to the players for about 10 minutes before the team headed to the field. The team waited at one of the entry fences as Setzke warned them, "We still have about one minute 50 seconds to go, get lined up." The players did lineup behind a vocal Luke Idoni. Before he charged on the field at 12:01 a.m. he yelled, "Everyone touch the (field goal pole)." Most everyone did as the team ran to the 50-yard line to the Tiger emblem on the field. While there, a player yelled, "Let's get better tonight."

And soon after that the players lined up to do their stretches just as they would a regular practice. However, this one was happening deep into the night.

"I love this," Fenton quarterback James Clayborn said. "It brings a lot of energy to the season. It's something everyone looks forward to.

"I'm a late-night person, so I like it."

Of course, this wasn't the first time the team has practiced during the summer. Just as with most teams, there were camps, conditioning sessions and weekly sevenon-seven camps. But, this was the first of-

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since I was the only girl at first."

wakeboard Another advanced competitor was Chelsea's Brendon Thibodeau. Thibodeau also began wakeboarding since he lived on a lake.

"My dad brought a board home one day after work," Thibodeau said. "I decided to give it a try. I like that it feels free and you can do what you want. I do 360s, rail tricks and big air tricks."

Like Thibodeau and Marks, White Lake's Theresa Kewley also competed in the Advanced Division. Kewley, who eventually finished second in the

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Continued from Page 14 couple of weeks. It's a neat way for them to see a different side of us, and that's neat."

"It's fun," Roberts said. "I just like hanging out and doing the stuff, the canoeing and the games. It's a lot more relaxed and fun. We don't have to be going 24/7

program and that's not too bad. If we can keep that and grow on those numbers, we will be excited."

For a good portion of the practice, the teams ran their offense on the field in front of their fans. They hurried up and down the field, executing some of their plays. The event ended with a drill that had players start in a defensive stance, wait for a snap count and then sprint toward one of four pylons located on the sidelines. Once the player reached that pylon they did standing knee lifts while running in place until a whistle blew, but usually they did it much longer.

In many lines, the older players would encourage the other to continue to do the knee lifts until the next person made it to the line. In most cases, the player did so, eventually earning the encouragement of their teammates.

Doyle admitted that the early Monday practice was more ceremonial. The team was slated to start their actual two-a-day practice on Monday at noon.

"I'm glad we were able to this on tonight and show the people something," Doyle said. "But the real work starts tomorrow (later Monday)."

ficial practice of the season, even if it was more symbolic than anything. The Tigers were going to practice again on Monday, at 3:30 p.m.

"If anything, it affects the coaches because we are the ones sleeping at this time," Setzke said. "It doesn't affect (Monday's afternoon) practice that much. Tonight we just get a little bit done. But, really it's tomorrow (or in better terms later on Monday) when practices really start. This is more ceremonial."

One theme came out of the practice, however. For the second straight season, the Tigers will open the season with a game against the Linden Eagles. The home game is slated for Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. Chants of "Beat Linden" and "17 days" were heard occasionally, reminding the players what is coming up during that first game of the season.

"It would be cool to play them later in the season after both teams figure things out, but it doesn't matter," Clayborn said. "I am looking forward to that game right now. I know the whole team is. We are looking forward to playing them and beating them."

Girls Division, began wakeboarding just two years ago because she was in to snowboarding.

"I was really big in to snowboarding," Kewley said. "In the summer I wanted to try something similar so I got into wake boarding, because they are so similar I was able to pick it up easily."

The Pro Division was won by Ohio's Gunther Oka. He beat out 11 other competitors to earn the first-place purse of \$1,000 and other prizes. Other division winners were: Adam Mars in the Advanced Division, Jess Reed in the Girls Division and Marko Ross in the Wake Skate Division.

playing football. It's just nice to be together and have fun."

Douglass has been coming since joining the varsity staff.

"The fact they come up here speaks volumes about the kids," Douglass said. "They want to hang together and have fun. That speaks about the true nature of the kids."



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The Holly varsity football team works on some blocking tactics during the first practice of the season on Monday.

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"I love it," Pepper said. "Just being out there with all the guys, I have one more year at it. It is the best sport there is out there."

The Bronchos return with a squad that has about half of its starters back, but at the same time lost a lot of veterans that had two or three seasons of starting football games.

"We have a young team," Holly coach Ryan Culloty said. "If we are dialed in and ready to go, we'll be OK. We have some people stepping up."

Cool weather has helped the Bronchos adjust to their changes with their lineup.

"It's been a unique summer and we have been able to get a lot of work done with the lower temperatures," Culloty said. "It's been really nice. We had only one really bad week where the heat index was an issue."

"I think we got a lot of work done," Pepper said. "It's one of the better summers we've had in a long time."

Pepper is excited about the team's possibilities.

"I think we have the potential to do anything we want to do," Pepper said. "We have to get a team goal set and work as a team to accomplish what we want to do. We can compete with every team in our league if we work at it."



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Bids will be due on August 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

Cathrene A. Behrens Clerk-Treasurer



Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Robert N. Cameron 1942-2013

Robert N. Cameron - age 71, of Fenton, died Saturday, August 10, 2013. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 AM Thursday August 15, 2013 at the Drver Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Ed Pedley officiating. Military honors and burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 12-7 PM Wednesday at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Mr. Cameron was born in Greenville, MI on February 17, 1942, the son of Norman and Margaret (Smith) Cameron. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the US Army and was a member of the G.W.R.R.A. and the Vietnam Veterans. Surviving are his wife Sylvia; 2 daughters Candice (Darrin) Asplund of Swartz Creek and Jody (Christopher) Ayotte of Fenton; 2 grandchildren; sisters Judy Robert of Croswell and Donna (Sonny) Bridges of Ludington; brother Bruce (Becky Halicek) Cameron of Holly. He was preceded in death by his parents Norman and Margaret Cameron. Memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

David Allen Smith

1949-2013 David Allen Smith - age 64, of Fenton, died August 10, 2013 at



August 15. 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held 6-8 PM Tuesday, and also will be held 2-8 PM Wednesday and 12-1 PM Thursday. David was born June 16, 1949 in Pontiac the son of Wilfred David Smith and Dorothy Geraldine (Keast) Smith. David was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Vietnam/ North Korea. He worked as a dispatcher/truck driver for years; he was a "Red Eye." Surviving are: three children, David Shane (Shelly) Smith of Auburn Hills, Jason Scott Smith of Atlanta, MI, Brandy Kay Smith of Everett, MI; grandchildren, Kaleigh, Madison, Jace, Harmony; siblings, Judith Coste of Waterford, Krystal (Paul) Shoun of Pontiac, William (Marie) Smith of California; many nieces and nephews He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





Carol (Blumenschein) Richards 1938-2013

Carol (Blumenschein) Richards - age 75, of Holly, died Tuesday,

August

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held at

11 AM

Friday,

13, 2013.



August 16. 2013 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Rev. Sharlyn Gates officiating. Burial will be in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be from 2-9 PM Thursday. Carol was the daughter of Glenn and Anna Blumenschein; loving mother of Debbie Diehl (Russ Asbel Sr.) and Jeff (Kathy) Richards; loving grandmother of Adam Diehl, Colton Richards, and Craig Richards; and great-grandmother of her Great-Gram's Girls" Joslyn and Rylee Diehl; and sister to Jerry (Joyce) Blumenschein, Jim (Eleanor) Blumenschein, and sisterin-law to Phyllis, Marion, Hugett and Bonnie. She was preceded in death by her sister Rita Dunning and brothers Don, Bob, Ed, and Dave Blumenschein. Carol was a lifelong resident of Holly. She worked at the Fashion Cleaner's in downtown Holly, was a teller at Citizen's Bank for 17 years and then went on to work for GM, first at the Fiero Plant and then the Lake Orion Plant. Carol was an animal lover her whole life, with a special spot in her heart for horses. She also had a soft spot for Conway, Daisy, Molly, and Jasmine, her grandogs, and loved to feed and watch the birds. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the National Wildlife Federation. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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Melvin William Fredric Jacobs 1935-2013

Melvin William Fredric Jacobs - age 78, of Linden, died



day, August 14, 2013 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Rev. William Donahue officiating. Burial immediately following at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Tuesday from 1-8 PM and also will be held at church Wednesday from 10 AM until the time of service. A V.F.W. Memorial Service was held 7 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to Fenton United Methodist Church. Mel was born February 4, 1935 in Shell Lake, WI, the son of Louis William and Martha (Belling) Jacobs. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1958-1960. He had resided in Fenton since 1952 coming from Shell Lake, WI. He married Sharon E. Myers November 22, 1957 in Fenton and she preceded him in death January 4, 2000; Mel then married Elizabeth "Beth" Hutchinson May 19, 2001 in Colling, MI. He retired from Consumers Energy in 1996 after 37 years of service. He was a life member of Fenton V.F.W. Curtis Wolverton Post #3243 and was post commander from 2002-2003, Cootie Seam Squirrel Pup Tent #32 from 2003-2004, V.F.W. Life Member Camp Trotter, and V.F.W. Life Member of National Home for Children; He also was a of member Fenton United Methodist Church, National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, Second Amendment Foundation. Surviving are: wife, Elizabeth "Beth"; 3 children, Cindy Jacobs of Linden, Debra Desmond of Davison, and Melvin and wife Cheryl Jacobs of Vassar; 5 grandchildren, Kayle and Jamie Desmond and Jessica. Justin. and Jeremiah Jacobs; 2 sisters, Arlene and husband Richard Wright of Flushing and Pearl and husband Sam Elston of Holly: half sister, Josephine Yeager of Searcy, AR; and Beth's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and 5 brothers. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL .7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Scott Roat AKA Scott D. Roat and Marianne Roat AKA Asianne F. Roat, Husband and Wife to United Mortgage of America, Mortgagee, dated August 14, 2001 and recorded August 22, 2001 in Instrument # 200108220083921 Genesee County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to Citi Mortgage, Inc., by assignment dated April 18, 2012 and recorded April 19, 2012 in Instrument # 201204190037226 and subsequently re-recorded in Genesee County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$29,755.55) including interest 8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said nortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises , or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on August 21, 2013 Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County , Michigan, and are described as: Lot 120 of Homedale Subdivision, City of Flint, County of Genesee and State of Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 6, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 1525 Mabel Ave, Flint MI 48506 The redemption period shall oths from the sale, unless d etermined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date o such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600 .3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Actof 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 7/24/2013 Citi Mortgage, Inc. , Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-85474 Ad #56232 07/24, 07/31, 08/07, 08/14/2013

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The City of Fenton will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196, for the maintenance of Oakwood Cemetery, until 2:00 PM on September 5, 2013.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the conference room of the Fenton City Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked "OAKWOOD CEMETERY MAINTENANCE BIDS - CITY OF FENTON.'

Bids are being solicited only from responsible and established bidders known to be experienced and regularly engaged in the work of CEMETERY MAINTENANCE. Satisfactory evidence that the bidder has the necessary capital, equipment and personnel to do the work may be required.

Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Fenton City Offices, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Sealed proposals must be submitted on the bid forms furnished by the City.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept any bid which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.

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