I pledge allegiance…'

Devyn Mesarosh and Kimmy Burkett recite the Pledge of Allegiance in Sonja Brooks’ first-grade class at State Road Elementary on Wednesday. Michigan students are mandated to have an opportunity to recite the pledge every day, and so far most recite the pledge.

New law requires Pledge of Allegiance to be recited daily

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At promptly 7:45 a.m. every school day, the bell rings to start the first class of the day at Fenton High School. The words “Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance” are then spoken over the public address system by someone selected daily for this honor.

While this may not seem like a milestone for those who grew up reciting the pledge every school day of their growing up years, this is the first school year in decades that all public school students from K-12 are mandated by law to have an opportunity to recite the pledge.

In October 2012, the Michigan Legislature approved this law that was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder to go into effect for the school year 2013-14. See PLEDGE on 21A

FBI’s most violent city list includes Flint, Saginaw and Detroit

By William Axford
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From the raging fires that swept through Colorado this summer to Hurricane Sandy pounding the East Coast last year, America is no stranger to natural disasters. But for former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, there’s a manmade disaster waiting to happen. For Napolitano, a nationwide cyber attack isn’t a matter of ‘if’ but a matter of ‘when.’ See CYBER ATTACK on 8A

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Janet Napolitano
Former Homeland Security secretary

We eat genetically modified organisms every day

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If you’re wondering if you’ve consumed genetically modified organisms (GMO), don’t worry — you probably have.

More than 90 percent of the soy and corn crops planted today are grown from GMO seeds, according to Michigan State University horticulturalist Rebecca Grumet. See GMO on 20A

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are different from traditional breeding, in that traits are passed on through specific genes in a lab. The process itself is not unsafe, though it has its detractors.

Prepare yourself for a nationwide cyber attack

Former Homeland Security secretary says it’s a matter of ‘when’ not ‘if’

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Millennials take baby steps toward growing up

Student debt, tough job market keeps young adults from buying houses, starting families

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‘Young people are uncertain of the economy even though it’s muddling along.’

Dennis Leyder
President of Wealth Management
The State Bank

Summary

Flint, Detroit and Saginaw are amongst the most dangerous cities in America for violent crime, according to data compiled by the FBI. See VIOLENT on 14A
Creating Memories

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Police & Fire

CRASH ON TORREY ROAD

On Sunday, Sept. 15, at about 1:30 p.m., deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a one-vehicle crash on Torrey Road, just south of Lahrng Road in Fenton Township. Dep. Guadalupe Gatica said a man from out of town was northbound on Torrey Road. He lost control of his vehicle in the S curve and struck the guardrail. He was not injured and no other vehicles were involved.

The deputy said there was no cellphone use at the time of the crash.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING

Michigan deer hunting seasons of 2013 are set for Sept. 21-22. Youth, antlerless deer hunters and 100-percent disabled veterans all will be taking those hunts is also included in the hunting and trapping digest on michigan.gov.

All about birthdays

By Tim Jagielo

Growing up, Linda Mora, director of the World of Wonder (WOW) Early Childhood Center in Fenton always had freshly made, personalized birthday treats, and that practice is engrained in her. “My mom was always about, ‘it always had to be home-made,’” said Mora. “She put a little bit of herself, in celebrating our birthdays.”

Birthdays in the U.S. can be celebrated with a cake, presents, friends and family, but varieties exist and each family is different. Colleen Aben is a Young Fives teacher at WOW, and has two children of her own, one 3½ and one 5 months.

“He’s old enough that he has a say in what he wants to do,” she said. He can pick out a treat and has friends over. They made pizza, and decorated aprons to make the pizzas. He’ll eat off of a special plate that the person having a birthday eats from.

They’ll have a separate party for family and adult friends. She said his first birthday was a big deal — with around 40 people over, but the meetings are smaller and more intimate now.

She hopes he remembers a birthday as a celebration of him as a person, and his favorite things. As a child, Aben could pick the meal of her birthday, and her favorite was always a Thanksgiving dinner, so that’s what her family did.

To her, a birthday is simply celebrating the person in a low key, no-frill fashion, and making them feel special with friends and family. “I think no matter the age you are, you still get to know you’re special, you still get a special treat and get people to spend time with you.”

Different cultures intertwine add their own flavor to the mix. Birthdays around the world

Internationally, the picture changes even more. In the United Kingdom, “birthday bumps” are a common practice — if it’s your birthday, you are lifted up by a group of friends and gently bumped on the ground for the amount of years you’ve been alive.

According to the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy, some parts of Asia use extra long noodles to symbolize a longer life, and Philippines use blinking lights to show that someone in the house has gotten a year older.

In Ghana, you must celebrate your birthday on that date, and day of the week on which it fell. This day is called “Krada,” and includes waking See BIRTHDAYS on 7A
Baby boomer failures

Baby boomer is a term used to describe any of the 76 million babies who were born during the post-World War II baby boom between 1946 and 1964. I am one of them.

For that, I can only say I am sorry. I am sorry because never in the history of mankind has one generation been so grossly negligent in passing down traditional values and standards to the following generation as the baby boomers.

I grew up in what history will likely characterize as the last generation able to enjoy the kind of innocent, carefree, full-fledged childhood that has been the right of every American child for the last 200 years. I grew up wanting nothing materialistic. I lived in a drafty old house that was cold in winter and hot in summer. I rode an old bike. I played with old toys and I wore hand-me-down clothes. I ate whatever my mom set down in front of me.

I regularly came home from school with torn clothes and blackened eyes from fistfights with classmates. No one ever threatened to sue. We watched TV for an hour in the evening without fear of seeing sexual innuendos, MTV filth or sick movies. If we stole, lied or cheated, we received punishment — often including a whipping — at home and school.

For all this, I am truly sorry. I am sorry we replaced Father Knows Best, Leave It To Beaver and Superman with MTV, Girls Gone Wild, Two and a Half Men and other sex-soaked deviancy.

I am sorry we didn't make you strong. We changed the rules so that one team didn't win by too lopsided a score. We made the coach play every kid, regardless of talent. We gave everyone a trophy just for showing up.

I am sorry we eliminated all pain, physical or mental, from your life.

I am sorry we introduced sexual purity into your lives at an ever younger age. We taught you to put condoms on cucumbers in eighth grade. We taught you that having sex was okay, as long as you were 'protection.' If you did get pregnant, we taught you to simply get rid of 'the problem.'

I am sorry we replaced John Wayne and Annette Funicello with Sean Penn and Miley Cyrus.

I am sorry that we taught so many young women that getting married and raising a family is demeaning and should be secondary to a successful career.

I am sorry that we taught you to value material things — cars, clothes and houses — over church and family.

I am sorry we selfishly destroyed families through casual divorce.

I am sorry that we failed to instill patriotism and appreciation for the greatest nation on the planet.

To our children and to our country, I am sorry for all the above mentioned things — and for a thousand more.

Sunday, September 22, 2013

By Foster Childs

I will think of you every time I enter the library and see the new carpeting.

I LIVE OUT on McAslin Lake Road, almost two blocks away from a dog that keeps barking all day and all night. Why don't the owners of that dog take care of the dog? I feel so sorry for the people that live next door to them.

WHERE HAVE YOU been in the last 50 years? I graduated from high school in 1951. The Pledge of Allegiance didn't have 'One Nation Under God' in it. I wonder how people are confused.

I'M DOING 55 mph on Silver Lake Load and the Linden school bus pulls right out in front of me. I had to lock my keys and keep from hitting her.

I am wondering how many people are aware that there is a foreign intelligence security court that is way more powerful than the Supreme Court.

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I was on Jayne Road heading west, a school bus was going east with yellow flashing lights on. I nearly stopped waiting for the red lights to come on, they never did. Finally the yellow lights went off, I passed the bus and then the bus turned north onto East Street. No wonder people are confused.

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No more ‘sidewalk to nowhere’

Officials rescind Academy Road sidewalk project

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Holly Twp. — What some residents were calling “a sidewalk to nowhere,” won’t come to fruition, at least for now, after Holly Township officials unanimously rescinded the Academy Road sidewalk project during their Sept. 18 meeting.

Last October, the board narrowly approved constructing the sidewalk that would have spanned 160 feet on the south side of Academy Road, just east of Holly Academy. The board originally awarded the bid of $6,400 to Stilwell Construction, and agreed to take the money from the township’s general fund.

At the time, several Holly Academy parents, and Ken Kander, the director of finance for the academy, were all in favor of the sidewalk, maintaining that it would make walking to school safer for students, even though it would fall 350 feet shy of the crosswalk.

Openly against the project last fall, Clerk Karin Winchester said 160 feet of sidewalk wouldn’t solve the safety problem, and cited concerns that the project had not been approved by the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) in terms of the sidewalk’s installation in the road’s right of way.

In order to obtain a permit from the

RCOC, the township would be required to provide engineering drawings to the county. Last year’s quote from the engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. estimated engineering cost to be approximately $6,600.

On Wednesday, Supervisor Dale Smith attributed the “cost issues” with his support in rescinding the project. “There were cost issues when the board voted on it — engineering costs were not included,” he said. “There were a lot of things on the table that we didn’t know about.”

Winchester agreed, adding that a newly constructed sidewalk would be torn out if and when future sewer lines are installed to affected Riverside subdivision properties.

“To make it a safe sidewalk, it needs to be a whole project, and it has to be through the Road Commission of Oakland County,” she said. “There are a lot of issues that have never been addressed.”

In a vote of 5-0, the motion to rescind the sidewalk project passed.

“It’s not something we are saying we’ll never do,” Smith said. “It’s just something that we can’t do now.”
Antiquated cassette recorder must go

Outdated equipment blamed for inaccurate meeting minutes

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Holly Twp. — An outdated recording system and the format of Holly Township’s meeting minutes became the topic of discussion during the public comment segment of the Sept. 18 Holly Township Board of Trustees meeting.

Grant Street resident Jim Manning told board members that he was dissatisfied with the quality of the township’s meeting minutes, blaming the inaccuracies on the poor quality of the recording recordings.

“Many of the details are wrong, things are left out,” Manning said. “Our voices aren’t being heard, and we can do better. We’ve been asking for it for a long time, and I think in this modern day, we could get some modern equipment.”

Currently, the township uses a 1970s-era Sony cassette tape recording system. Clerk Karin Winchester said the transcriptionist produces the meeting minutes from the recording, and later re-recorded over the tape at the next meeting. Currently, the township neither retains recordings of public meetings, nor produces audio copies for purchase by residents.

“Our minutes are not verbatim and are not transcribed,” Winchester said during the meeting. “That’s how we do the minutes, so the recording equipment is sufficient for the way that we are doing it now.”

On Thursday, Winchester said the original plan to upgrade the township’s recording equipment fell by the wayside.

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The Holly Township Board of Trustees uses this cassette recorder to record meetings. Cassettes are recorded over once the minutes are transcribed.

after former Trustee Janet Leslie’s departure earlier this year.

“She was the one board member who was really driving the project,” Winchester said. “And the deeper we got into the project, the more we realized there was a little more to it than we had anticipated, especially as we began to consider new configurations for the meeting room.”

Winchester said she hopes to bring the matter to the forefront again. “We do have plans to upgrade to a digital recording system in the future,” she said. “By doing so, we will be able to keep copies of the meeting recordings more efficiently, and we can also make recordings of the meetings available to residents for purchase.”

Winchester said by making meeting recordings available to residents she believes the township’s current format of summarized meeting minutes will also become more accepted.

“Fundamentally, I think as a citizen, it would be nice to be able to say that whatever transpires in a meeting, we have some way that we can follow up on what is actually said,” resident Maria Smith said. “You can stand behind it — it’s transparency in government, and we really need that right now.”
Lower taxes for public safety fund

Winter tax bill will reflect reduced rates

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Tyrone Township officials voted to lower resident fees to the public safety fund by $10, fees to owners of vacant lots by $5 and fees to commercial properties by $12.50.

The unanimous vote was spurred by a mixture of a surplus in the public safety fund and a renegotiated contract with the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department.

“Since we have about a $100,000 surplus, I suggest we investigate lowering the rates slightly,” said Clerk Keith Kremer. “We’ll still have a surplus to cover any potential overages and fire runs by $45,000.”

Currently, residents pay $150 annually to the public safety fund for services. Owners of vacant lots pay $75 and commercial property owners pay $250 to the fund.

Tax rates for the public safety fund are collected from 28 commercial properties, 782 vacant properties and 3,431 residential properties.

BIRTHDAYS

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early to feast with friends and family in the alfresco dining area.

Of course, some cultures don’t celebrate birthdays — instead they celebrate a coming of age.

When do most births occur?

According to statisticsbrain.com and census data, the most births in 2010 occurred in August, with 362,798 births. The month with the lowest births was February, with 299,235 births.

Cindy Ficorelli of Genesys Health Systems said the hospital doesn’t have data to show a pattern, or which month or day might be busier for births, but said that births across southeast Michigan are dropping due to younger people leaving the state for jobs, or waiting on having families.

Birthdays and astrology

Astrologists believe that the time of the year you were born can influence your personality. Often, one’s Zodiac “sign” is seen as a way to compare compatibility through traits assigned to different birth dates.

Those born this time of year are a Virgo — “You have the most unusual intellectual approach to things,” reports astrology.com.au. “Unless you can find a practical outlet for your zillion watts of nervous energy, you could go up in smoke. It is absolutely essential for that power to be directed in a well defined form, otherwise you run the risk of forever contemplating ideas without ever getting anything done.” Also, a Virgo’s lucky colors are electric blue, electric white and multi-colors.

The birthday song

“Happy Birthday to You” is one of the most widely recognized songs ever, and is actually an owned business commodity. A subsidiary of Warner Music Group owns the rights to the song most of us have been singing to friends and family our entire lives. Fortunately, this is considered “fair use,” because it isn’t commercial use.

The song was originally written by a pair of sisters for kindergarten students, and was called “A good morning to all,” with the same melody and different lyrics. This was first published in 1893 according to a Forbes.com article, and morphed into a birthday song by 1963.
HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO SOME OF the ‘victims’ I read about every week in the Police and Fire Blotter, the solution is simple. Remove your valuables from the car, lock your car doors and close your garage door at night. You are inviting the thieves in and they are accepting. Case closed.

TO THE PARENTS dropping and picking up their children from the elementary, Fifth Street is not a drag strip! We watch these cars fly east on Fifth Street, all the way up to the school, drop a kid off or pick a kid up, and then drive as fast as they can.

I AM A LIBERAL and couldn’t care less about how many or what kind of guns anyone owns as long as there is a minimum standard of screening about who can buy them in both commercial and private sales.

THE LINDEN CITY Council and Mayor are at it again. They hate business and it shows. We need an ordinance to protect our businesses from them. The latest politically correct effort disguised as an anti-discrimination ordinance will further deter growth due to a threat of lawsuits. They must go.

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PLEASE DO HOLLY the tremendous favor of stepping down. You have no concept of what you are supposed to be doing as a council member and are essentially the last major liability to the village.

I’M CLEARLY AGAINST discrimination, but I am bothered that Linden’s new law was not more thoroughly investigated. If you go to City Hall and ask to see it, it goes beyond tolerance and technically forces acceptance of views one may object to. Think before adopting someone else’s ordinances Linden.

THE INTERNET SALES tax is not a new tax. You are already obligated to pay it yourself if the online retailer doesn’t collect it. It’s called a ‘use’ tax on your state tax return. Because enough don’t pay it, the state wants the retailers to be required to collect it.

I AM VERY liberal and am very against abortion. I am for preventing unwanted and unplanned pregnancies. Unfortunately, many parents are uncomfortable about talking to their children about it. Reducing abortions doesn’t start with laws or government. It starts with you being a responsible parent to your child.

CYBER ATTACK Continued from Front Page

“Our country will, at some point, face a major cyber event that will have a seri- ous effect on our lives, our economy and the everyday functioning of our society,” Napolitano told the National Press Club in August.

Cyber security company Symantec reports cyber attacks increased by 42 percent last year, with 31 percent of attacks focusing on small businesses and 32 percent of attacks targeting mobile devices.

In such a hyper-connected world where everybody is accustomed to accessing technology at any time, an Internet crash could potentially be one of the most devastating disasters in the world. Banks could close, restricting people from access to money. Power grids may be disrupted, cutting off electricity and heat. Pipelines of water could be shut off and cellphones could become inoperable.

Whether natural or manmade, families should always have an emergency kit available and a meeting place in case of a disaster. FEMA recommends that each person should have one gallon of water per day for drinking and sanitation, as well as canned food. How much food and water should be saved up ahead of time is up to the individual — a cyber attack could last a few days to a few months.

A first-aid kit, tent, rain gear, compass and matches in a waterproof container are other items you should consider for your survival kit.

A battery-powered radio capable of receiving NOAA alerts and two-way radios (walkie-talkies) may be your only method of communica- tion, especially if cellphones cease to work. You may want to consider having a solar-powered or hand-cranked radio as well, in case your batteries run out.

Outside of basic human necessities, a cash reserve should be kept within reach, in case credit and debit cards can’t make purchases. Birth certificates, Social Security cards and other essen- tial documents should also be held in a secure container, since access to a computer won’t be guaranteed.

Discuss and plan a meeting spot for family members and friends to gather in case of a disaster, since texting, Facebook and other social media sites may be disabled. If you have younger kids, be sure to rehearse your emer- gency plans until they memorize them.

It doesn’t take a cyber attack to render technology useless — a powerful snowstorm or rain season can take out power lines and cell phone towers. Good planning in the event of any disaster can be the difference of life and death. Build or update your emergency kit and discuss your emergency plans with friends and family now before a disaster strikes.

Online safety tips

• Limit the amount of personal information you post on social media sites, chat sites, forums and online games.

• Know and use privacy settings provided on sites like Facebook and Twitter.

• Be suspicious of unknown links or requests sent through email or text messages. Don’t click on unknown links or answer strange questions sent to your mobile device, regardless of who the sender appears to be.

• In your email, turn off the option to automatically download attachments. Save and scan any attachments before opening them.

• Verify the authenticity of requests from companies or individuals by contacting them directly, especially if you are being asked to provide personal information.

• Pay close attention to website URLs. Malicious websites sometimes use a variation in common spelling (petfun.com instead of petfun.net, for example) to deceive unsuspecting computer users.

Source: Department of Homeland Security website

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Dauner Haus celebrates 35 years

Management hosts afternoon of fun, activities for residents

By Sharon Stone
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Residents and community members showed their support for Dauner Haus during its 35th anniversary celebration on Friday, Sept. 13.

The Fenton Non-Profit Housing Corporation worked for seven years to make this apartment community a reality.

It was created to provide housing for Fenton’s aging population. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in July 1977 for the apartments and the townhome section was completed a year later.

Last Friday, Dauner Haus officials provided a day of fun for their residents. Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn and Gary Offenbacher, Continental Management’s executive vice president were on hand to say a few words about Dauner Haus. Other Fenton City members and elected county officials were also in attendance.

While the Village Strings provided music on the back patio, children could take part in the balloon stomp, hoping to find prizes.

Local resident Jack Bretzke led a discussion of the Dauners and the history of the development’s namesake, as far back as the late 1800s.

Residents also had the opportunity to visit with local firefighters and to see a fire truck up close. The afternoon of fun included a watermelon eating contest as well as gospel music performed by Dauner Haus resident/pianist Janet Price.

Harold Crane, guitarist for The Village Strings reads music as the band plays its brand of Irish folk music to Dauner Haus residents and visitors Friday. Also being played are an autoharp, hammer dulcimer and fiddle.

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VIOLENT
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Flint ranked second overall with 2,774 violent crimes amongst 101,632 residents; Saginaw ranked fifth with 1,211 violent crimes amongst 51,267 residents, and Detroit ranked eighth for most violent with 15,011 violent crimes amongst 707,096 residents.

Compared to last year, Flint had an increase in violent crime by nearly 400 more incidents while Detroit had 234 fewer incidents in violent crimes. Flint topped the list of most murders per capita at 62 murders per 100,000 people, followed by Detroit at 54.6 murders per 100,000 people, with a total of 386 murders last year. Saginaw was not far behind with 53.7 murders per capita, or 27 murders amongst 51,267 residents.

Other cities with high incidents of violent crime include New Orleans (2,958 violent crimes and 193 murders in a population of 362,874 people), Baltimore (8,789 violent crimes and 218 murders amongst a population of 623,474 people) and Oakland (7,963 violent crimes and 127 murders amongst a population of 399,487 people).

Nationally, the FBI estimates there were 1,214,462 violent crimes committed last year, an 0.7 percent increase from 2011. Out of an average of 1,000 people, 3.5 people were arrested for murder; 5.8 were arrested for rape, 33.1 for robbery and 123.9 for aggravated assault. Overall, 166.3 people per 100,000 people in America were arrested last year for a violent crime and an estimated 12.2 million arrests were made last year, excluding traffic violations. The tri-county area is extremely safe when compared to bigger cities in Michigan. In Fenton, 17 violent crimes were reported last year amongst a population of 11,662 people.

Holly had 21 violent crimes amongst 6,128 people and Linden had two violent crimes for 3,960 people. Fenton and Linden had no murders last year while Holly had one murder last year.

Top Applefest pies fetch $8,500 in auction
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For the fifth year in a row, Michael LaJoice bought the top apple pie at the St. John Applefest this year for $6,000. And, just like the past 24 years, Roger Sharp bought the second-place pie for $2,500. This year marked the first time Fr. Dwight Ezop helped organize the event.

“I think it went very well, even the weather was ideal,” Ezop said. “It’s an amazing event that brings so many people together. I’ve never been a part of an event like that.”

Ezop said that this year’s sales were record breakers and St. John Church will know its total profits by early October.

“It helps to spend that much money when the pie tastes good,” said LaJoice. “I do this every year to support the church I grew up in.”
**Al Jazeera launches American news channel**

Available locally, stated goal is to produce neutral, in-depth stories

By Tim Jagielo

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“From a market standpoint, the name sounds foreign and might be difficult for America,” he said. What might make it easier is to recognize the talent they’ve hired. Many are from large networks. Soledad O’Brien, for example, was hired on, along with other top execs “cherry picked” from recognizable networks.

AJAM has a built-in reputation for excellent news reporting. “If you watch right now, the story selection process is very good,” said Duffy, as is their Syria coverage. They’re avoiding the latest trends. The “Miley Cyrus” type stories are not seen on the AJAM station. Duffy said they’re “sticking to the news.”

They also are without flashy graphics or theme songs for individual stories. He feels the station knows it’s being closely watched right now. He thinks the most important thing the new station can do, is give a unique, even outside perspective on the U.S. “We’ve seen time and again what can happen to our domestic politics when we ignore what’s going on in the world,” he said.

Todd Hipkins commented on the Times Facebook page. “Yes...actual news, not just one or two stories beat to death 24 hours a day. Not politically motivated...just great reporting. Too bad so many people will be turned off by the name.”

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**Clarification:** A story published in the Sunday, Sept. 15 issue of the Tri-County Times said that Pigeon in the Parlour in Holly sells Chaulk Paint by Annie Sloan for re-finishing kitchen cabinets. The cost per gallon is $36.99, which covers about 150 square feet, so most kitchens might require two gallons for a total cost of $73.98, for do-it-yourselfers. The Fall Home & Garden story about kitchen cabinet makeovers said that the industry average cost of refinishing cabinets professionally is about $1,600. With a do-it-yourself application and the use of Chaulk Paint, the cost for the project would be substantially less.
Area teams are making waves in state polls

By David Troppens
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For those that haven’t noticed, the tri-county area has four fall teams ranked in the top 10 of their sport.

Linden is particularly well represented, posting three teams (boys and girls cross country and boys soccer) on state lists. Meanwhile, Fenton girls golf gives the Tigers some representation.

We are getting to the midpoint of the fall sports season, so the rankings are getting a bit more exciting. If thunderstorms prevented Friday night’s football games, you are probably reading this in the Sunday edition of the paper. Go to www.tctimes.com for more information on the football games played, or read Wednesday’s publication.

Through events played on Sept. 19, here is our Tri-County Elite Eight.

No. 8 - Holly boys tennis: It’s time to give the Bronchos their due for dominating the Metro League so far this season. Honorable mention goes to Lake Fenton boys cross country, Lake Fenton football and Linden football.

No. 7 - Fenton volleyball: All the Tigers do is win when it comes to Metro League matches. Their win streak is up to 47 straight after a victory against the Holly Broncos on Tuesday. The Tigers are going to be mighty tough to beat in league play again this season.

No. 6 - Linden boys cross country: Ranked sixth in the state, the boys have fallen a notch in our poll. While they have a strong resume, they aren’t leading the Metro as is the case for the Fenton football team.

No. 5 - Fenton football: The Fenton Tigers have outscored their opponents 102-34 through three weeks this season. That’s impressive.

No. 4 - Holly boys cross country: The second Metro League jamboree is Wednesday. It should be another good battle between Holly and Linden.

No. 3 - Linden girls cross country: The Eagles are ranked in the state for the first time ever, earning the No. 6 position in the Division 2 polls. Congratulations girls.

No. 2 - Fenton girls golf: The Tigers are ranked seventh in Division 2 and remain undefeated in Flint Metro League play. They are the favorites to win that championship.

No. 1 - Linden boys soccer: Times are pretty good for the Linden Eagles. They are undefeated in the Metro, are 14-1 overall and ranked fifth in Division 2. Their only loss came against third-ranked Mason.

This group of photos include all three Linden teams that are ranked in the state. The Linden boys cross country team is ranked sixth. Pictured in top photo are (from front to back) Scott Schultz, Andy Bennett and Dustin Sack. (Above left) Linden soccer player Kevin Wright (left) fights for a header against a Fenton foe. The Linden boys soccer team is ranked fifth in the state in Division 2. (Above right) McKayla Guy and the Linden girls cross country team is ranked sixth in Division 2.
Devils sweep event at home; Lady Devils split
By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789
Lake Fenton — Bring up the growth of the Lake Fenton cross country program to senior Caleb Fletcher, and it’ll create a nice smile on his face.

It’s no wonder. When Fletcher joined the program, both the boys and girls teams were lucky to have enough runners to actu-

ally compete for a team score. That’s completely changed now.

“I think we have close to 30 kids,” Fletcher said. “When I was a freshman, there were maybe four guys and two girls. I think how we’ve grown is pretty awesome.”

The Lake Fenton boys have grown to the point where they are true contenders for the Gene-

see Area Conference crown. The Blue Devils proved that point on Tuesday, by raising their GAC record to 6-0 with victo-

ries against Montrose 15-48 and Goodrich 27-28 in dual action at Lake Fenton High School.

The Lake Fenton girls are proving they are no pushovers either. They defeated Montrose 23-32, and lost to Goodrich 19-42. The split put the girls at a very respectable 5-1.

The boys remained undefeated with the tight victory against Goodrich. Winning the boys race was Durand’s Jaren Guy with a new 5K course record of 17:18. Durand’s Zack Adkins was sec-

ond in 17:30. However, Lake Fenton had three of the next four runners. Fletcher led the Blue Devils by taking third overall in 17:43, while Jacob Fletcher finished fifth (18:24). Hunter Corcoran was sixth (18:40). The rest of Lake Fenton’s top five runners were Winston Ray (19:25) and Dylan Callimore (19:43). Durand also competed at the event, but not against the Blue Devils.

“Obviously we have a goal of doing our best in the confer-

ence every season,” Lake Fenton coach Chris Sobczyk said. “With the runners I had returning from last season, I knew they would have a chance of compet-

ing for the title. That being said, Goodrich is a really good team and will be tough to beat again.

We will face them at the league meet and, again, at regions. Both teams are so close, it is going to be fun to watch. In terms of what (winning on Tuesday) meant to the program, I would have to say it showed them that if they set their minds to it, they can run with the best teams in the conference.”

“I’m really happy. We are deeper than we’ve been in a long time,” Caleb Fletcher said. “I think we have the potential to win the league.”

Fletcher has goals of quali-

fying for state meet. He is one of two Blue Devils on the boys team that competed at the event last year. Fletcher placed 17:30 last season in 17:56.6 at the state meet, while Ray placed 202nd in 18:24.6.

“My goals are making it to the state meet and breaking 17 min-

utes,” Fletcher said. “I think on See GAC on 19A

Young LF soccer team showing progress,
ears split results vs. Goodrich, Mt. Morris

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Lake Fenton — The Lake Fenton varsity boys soccer team realizes this is a rebuilding season.

The Blue Devils went into the season with a decent group of returning players, but, at the same time, also had a large ros-

ter of players that had never played high school soccer before. Some had never played the game prior to this fall.

But for the most part, the Blue Devils have enjoyed a pretty solid year. How-

ever, when it comes to playing a team of Goodrich’s caliber, Lake Fenton still has a ways to go. And that was proven in Tuesday’s 5-0 loss to the Martians at Lake Fenton High School. The Blue Dev-

ils did bounce back with a 5-0 victory at Mt. Morris on Thursday, however.

Goodrich enjoyed most of the posses-

sion and most of the good scoring chances, resulting in the victory. Still, consid-

ering the Blue Devils’ status, 5-0 wasn’t that bad a result. After all, Goodrich de-

feated Mt. Morris 8-0. And the Blue Dev-

ils have enjoyed some reasonable success this year, posting a 4-4 record.

“We are coming together as a team

has to prove itself over the next 17 games in October.”

Lake Fenton’s Jacob Newblatt (front) competes to get a ball in the Blue Devils’ 5-0 loss to Goodrich on Tuesday. The Blue Devils are 4-4 this season.

See LF on 18A
Fifth-ranked Eagles still improving, earn two more wins

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Flint — A week ago, Kevin Fiebernitz wasn’t a happy Linden boys soccer coach.

His fifth-ranked squad in Division 2 didn’t lose a game. In fact, the Eagles defeated the Holly Bronchos 2-1.

But Fiebernitz realized the pre-game intensity wasn’t there and it translated into a lacklustre effort, enabling the Bronchos to remain close throughout the night.

“We had a ‘coming to Jesus’ meeting after the Holly game,” Fiebernitz said. “I told them to not even bring a soccer ball to practice (the next day), and we ran, ran and ran. I wasn’t happy.”

Apparently the message was received. The Eagles completed another perfect Metro League week by defeating Kearsley 8-0 on Wednesday night. The win came just two days after the Eagles beat Chio 5-0, a squad that beat Holly 2-1 on Wednesday. Linden also beat Southfield Lathrup 7-0 on Thursday.

“They came out with some energy and scored a goal 21 seconds into it, and then another one a minute later,” said Fiebernitz about the Kearsley win. “We opened it up and we looked good. I liked the way we were playing and I liked the second half of the Chio game. We put a good first and second half together and played well from start to finish (against Kearsley).”

The effort improved with Monday’s Chio game, but it didn’t show at the half of the contest when the Eagles led just 1-0. But then, Fiebernitz asked a question that was good about the first half.

“(Linden player Zach) Bakos said we didn’t have to work that hard because we passed well. But I looked at him and said that was the problem, we didn’t have to work too hard,” Fiebernitz said. “In the second half they exploded, and we did against Kearsley too. We have to learn we have to come out, play our game and not worry about our opponent.”

Bakos had a big game for the Eagles against Kearsley, scoring three goals. He opened the scoring just 21 seconds into the game off a Kevin Wright assist, his first of four in the contest. Then, a minute later, Ben Thornton scored off a Tyler Ziccardi assist. Not even two minutes into the game, the Eagles already led 2-0.

They added three more goals in the first half. Bakos scored a second goal with 15:50 left in the half off of Wright’s second assist, followed by a Nolan McDonald goal off a Timo Schreiner assist. The Eagles capped the first-half scoring on a Michael Ziccardi goal off a corner kick assist from his brother Tyler Ziccardi.

Linden’s Nolan McDonald wins a header in the Eagles’ 8-0 victory against Kearsley on Wednesday. The Eagles also beat Southfield Lathrup 7-0 on Thursday.

The Eagles (14-1 overall) return to Metro action with a home game against Lapeer West.

Tigers’ Metro win streak grows with sweep vs. Holly Bronchos

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The Fenton varsity volleyball team’s win streak in Metro League action continues.

The Tigers upset it to 47 straight Metro League matches by defeating Holly 25-7, 25-11, 25-12 at Holly High School on Tuesday.

Fenton is currently 2-0 in Metro play, and just one of two squads in the league that remain undefeated. Meanwhile, the Holly Bronchos fell to 0-3 in league action.

The Tigers were dangerously effective, providing 30 kills on just 65 hitting attempts, translating into a kill 46 percent of the time the Tigers attempted an attack. No one was more potent than Carly Granger. She had six kills in five hitting attempts.

Meanwhile, Ashley Bearden led the Tigers with seven kills and Bobbie Eastman chipped in six kills as well. Dori Carpenter had five kills. The Tigers had just five hitting errors during the night, resulting in a .385 hitting percentage. Bearden and Carpenter set up the offense, getting 10 assists each.

Meanwhile, the Bronchos weren’t able to get enough attack attempts to stay in the match. Only Abby Lewandowski had as many as five kills for Holly. Adrienne Cheff led the Bronchos with eight assists.
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Lake Fenton— Angie Del Morone isn’t one to use excuses.

So when one looks at her team’s tough 25-9, 25-5, 25-13 loss to Byron on Thursday, she’s not one to try to find excuses why her team struggled so much.

The squad’s roster looks a lot like a JV team based on the player’s grade status. Del Morone’s team includes three freshmen, four sophomores and not a single senior. However, she won’t hear any conversation about youth being the key issue why the Blue Devils are just 1-12 so far this season.

“They aren’t a JV team,” Del Morone said. “They are a varsity team. We just didn’t play.”

The Blue Devils struggled in every aspect of volleyball, resulting in the convincing loss. Lake Fenton managed just five kills in the three sets, including just one in the final two sets. The Blue Devils trailed 11-7 when Alyssa Frank earned her only kill of the night. From that point, the Blue Devils played 72 services before they got their next attack kill. It came during the third game when Alyssa Rodgers provided it, cutting the third set deficit to 16-9.

And earning kills wasn’t the only area the Blue Devils struggled. Lake Fenton finished the match with 14 hitting errors, and just three aces versus five service errors. Service reception wasn’t strong either.

The Blue Devils had 14 service reception errors which kept them from returning the ball over the net. Byron added six aces to those service reception woes, actually getting match point on an ace.

In short, it was just a night of struggles for the young Blue Devils. And it’s been a season of struggles as well.

“We did not play very well and that’s not atypical of us,” Del Morone said. “Our communication wasn’t there and it haunts us. We just have to get better. Hopefully, we will.”

Lake Fenton had the lead in any of the three sets for only one stretch the entire night.

The Blue Devils took a 2-1 lead in the third set after a Byron hitting error and raised the edge to 3-1 on a Rodgers ace. The lead grew to as many as 6-3 at one time on a service reception error by Byron. However, the Eagles scored the set’s next four points, earning a 7-6 lead. Lake Fenton never led again.

The Blue Devils’ biggest positive stat was Rodgers who had three aces and a kill. No one else had more than one kill, one block kill or ace during the match.
GMO Continued from Front Page

GMOs are essentially a food product, usually a seed that has been bred by scientists for different qualities. “Virtually any crop that we use today is very different from what we’d find in the wild,” she said. Humans have been breeding plant varieties for decades — centuries, even. Like breeding animal species, plants are bred to bring out better features — disease resistance, bigger fruits, easier preparation, better taste and now, the resistance to pests and specific types of herbicides.

The difference between GMOs and regular selective breeding is that instead of breeding two related plants together, scientists cherrypick one trait from a possible different species, transmit it through a single gene, or group of genes, and introduce that directly into an organism.

This organism, corn for example, will then be able to breed normally, and carry on that trait.

Since at least the early 90s, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has sought to guide and regulate bioengineered foods.

Dwight Eichelberg at Eichelberg farms said they’ve received a lot of inquiries on GMOs. He said though he has tried GMO for corn in the past, he said nothing he grows now is from a GMO. “First of all, it doesn’t taste as good,” he said. He also said that customers made it clear they wouldn’t be buying any GMO products if that’s what he had. This reflects the level of mistrust some consumers have.

Grunet said that there is nothing inherently unsafe about the process in which a GMO is made. It is possible, she said, for a scientist to accidentally insert a “bad” gene into an organism, like an allergen for example, but then that product would have to make it through the FDA, the USDA and the EPA, and be vigorously tested. This is after rigorous testing at the development stages, said Grunet.

She said this process is more specific and as safe as traditional plant breeding, which can bring positive traits into foods, but also bring negative traits, which then have to be bred out over time in traditional breeding.

The corn and soy crops are modified to be pest resistant, containing a protein that when a specific type of beetle that poses a threat to crops ingest it, a specific receptor in its gut would trigger, and the insect would die. She said mammals, birds, and even other insects are safe to ingest the product, because they don’t have that same receptor.

These crops can also be modified to be “Roundup ready,” meaning they can be sprayed with defoliant Roundup, without any harm to the plant. Grunet said this herbicide is the safest for the environment, and farmers even till less, which discourages soil erosion. Herbicides are also not usually toxic to humans.

While Eichelberg does not use GMOs, he said he’s indirectly benefiting from the rest of the corn growers that use it. Because their crops are pest resistant, there are less corn-eating worms to defend his crop against, and therefore he sprays fewer pesticides. Cotton, which is sprayed heavily for pesticides, can be sprayed far less as a GMO.

This practice does have its detractors. As mentioned before, European consumers resist GMOs, and there are websites dedicated to slamming the practice. The institute for Responsible Technology, an anti-GMO website said that mice eating GMO corn for the long term had fewer, and smaller, babies.

“Foods are being distributed that have not been adequately tested for long-term human safety or consequences, without a control group, without approval by those participating in the experiment,” wrote Victor Katch of the University of Michigan, in Michigan Today.

A recent topic of study and discussion has been “golden rice,” in China. Golden rice, as it sounds, appears golden next to plain white rice, and has been modified to contain beta-carotene. The idea is that the lives of the poor can be improved by this food staple containing this important nutrient.

A Tufts University study reported that a single bowl of rice can supply more than half a child’s daily intake of Vitamin A — though the ethics of the study are being questioned according to NPR.org.

With labeling, Grunet said that unless the corn or soy occur or taste differently, they do not have to be labeled as a GMO in the U.S.

Dr. Partha Nandi has ties to the Fenton area, and has a show called Ask Dr. Nandi that airs nationwide on Comcast. He did a show introducing his audience to GMOs. “We don’t really know what GMOs do,” he said.

He’s concerned by what he feels is a lack of large scale human studies in the affect of GMOs. He’s also concerned by the rejection of American imported food because of GMOs.

As a physician, he is seeing a shift toward younger people developing cancer. Though he isn’t specifically blaming GMOs, he thinks it’s best to try to avoid them, by looking for a non-GMO label, and buying certified organic foods. He plans to do another show on GMOs in January.
PLEDGE
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This law also requires schools to provide American flags in each classroom. However, the state does not provide the funding to do so.

Students have the option of not joining in the pledge, or reciting the pledge, or omitting the words “under God” if they so choose. “I’d say about 95 percent of our students are participating,” said Fenton High School Principal Mark Suchowski.

“It has gone over way better than I had ever expected. Our adults in our building are proud and respectful, and that’s how the kids are handling it, too.”

Last Monday, Life Management teacher Janet Kidd was nominated by another teacher to lead the pledge. Patriotism has special meaning for Kidd, whose son, Marine Cpl. Mark David Kidd, was killed in Iraq on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007. She, in turn, nominated a student, who recently did a whole project on “Whatever happened to the Pledge of Allegiance?”

FHS senior Cole Taubitz doesn’t mind this new morning routine at school. “Personally, I think it should be recited,” he said. “It’s a good way to start off each school day.” But he also feels that each individual student should have the right to choose to say it or not, without feeling pressured in the classroom.

At Lake Fenton High School, when the bell rings at 7:32 a.m., the pledge is recited over the loud speaker, led by the same student who is reading the day’s announcements. Principal Todd Reynolds said that more kids are participating in the pledge than he expected. “Students don’t have to do it, but we certainly encourage them to,” he said. “I asked our staff to be role models for this and that is exactly what’s happening.”

Linden High School students recite the pledge at 7:35 a.m., after the first bell. It is led by teachers and students taking turns on a daily basis. “The new law has only changed procedures at our high school, as we already recited the pledge throughout the district K-8,” said Superintendent Ed Koledo. “We added the opportunity for the pledge to our high school and students have responded positively.”

Students at Holly High School got an education along with their right to recite the pledge every day.

“Our principal, Peter LoFiego, introduced the new law to the students, explained why the change was coming about, and led the pledge himself,” said Holly Superintendent David Nuss. “He broke the pledge down word-by-word, explained the meaning and then teachers followed through with this in the classroom.”

The results? Ninety-nine percent student participation, according to Nuss.

“Students have a new found sense of appreciation and gratitude for where they live and the freedoms and liberty they enjoy in this country. Most of the students said that before this, they really didn’t know anything about the Pledge of Allegiance. It has been extremely positive.”

The pledge is recited at the end of the first period of the day, all by itself. “It’s a special moment,” added Nuss.

Michigan is one of three states to have approved similar laws, restoring the practice of reciting the pledge that was common from the 1950s until the 1990s. It’s not without controversy. In Massachusetts, according to a Washington Times report, the Supreme Judicial Court of the state was scheduled to hear the argument of an atheist couple who think the Pledge of Allegiance, with its mention of “under God,” violates students’ rights.

These 31 words...
The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country. In its original form it read:

“I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

In 1923, the words, “the Flag of the United States of America” were added. In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words, “under God,” creating the 31-word pledge said today.

TODAY, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE READS:

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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MILLENNIALS — POST 2007
• In 2007, 40 percent of Millennials owned a home. Homeownership amongst this generation fell to 33 percent by 2011. Homeownership fell overall from 2.54 million to 1.61 million between 2001 and 2011. Rather than buying a home, some Millennials are moving back in with their parents or renting a home with multiple roommates.
• Nearly half of all households with people younger than 35 had a car loan in 2007. That number fell to 32 percent by 2010, with vehicle debt averaging $1,700. Although the number of licensed drivers has increased in the past decade, Millennials are buying fewer cars than previous generations.
• At least 40 percent of Millennials have some sort of student debt. On average, nearly 20 percent or about one out of five households owe some kind of student debt. Credit card debt has diminished in the past decade with the average young adult owing $1,700, compared to $2,500 in 2001.
• Despite owning fewer assets and having more student debt than previous generations, roughly 70 percent of young adults believe their financial situation will improve within their lifetime. Young adults are also likely to save more money than older generations, however, they’re less likely to invest their money into the stock market.

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**Mirror, mirror on the wall...**

**Remember when you used to be YOUNG, THIN AND TALL?**

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Sometimes when you look in the mirror, you barely recognize who you see.

Why are there “laugh lines” around your eyes (when you haven’t been laughing that much lately) and lipstick-holding creases around your lips? Your belly keeps laughing long after you’ve stopped laughing, and you look down at your hands and see your mother’s or grandmother’s.

The physical changes that take place in your face and body from your teens/20s through the mid-life years and supposed golden years can be so gradual on a day-to-day basis that you don’t hardly notice them — until you walk by a store and barely recognize yourself in their reflective glass window.

Whether you’re age today, here’s what you can expect decade to decade.

**In your 20s:**

Your skin and features reflect your youth. You’re blessed with smooth contours, glowing skin, full cheeks and pouty lips. These years should be called the golden years! How well you take care of your skin and your overall health during these years will affect how well they will work for you later in life. In your late 20s, you may begin to see the very early signs of fine lines caused by repeated muscle movement. Your skin may start to feel drier or show signs of sun damage or hormonal changes.

Your body is in the best shape of its life and will never be stronger. This is the time of life to learn good health habits to carry you through the upcoming less-forgiving decades.

**In your 30s**

If you were raised to never trust anyone over 30, you can imagine your surprise when you hit that decade faster than you ever thought possible. Weren’t you just 18 years old and mostly carefree?

Now your skin will begin to show your maturity, becoming a little less supple or showing larger pores. The constant pull of gravity may begin to show, through the lowering of the brow and cheeks. You may also notice a loss of volume in your facial cheeks, even if your weight remains stable. The lines that form when you smile or frown might leave traces when you relax your face. You may feel as if you’ve begun to lose a little of your youthful glow.

As early as 35, you’ve already begun to lose 1 percent of bone mass per year, which should spur you on to doing some kind of strength or resistant exercise.

**In your 40s**

Even if “40 is the new 20,” you’ll still notice that your life experience begins showing on your face. Laughter and expression lines start to become more obvious, along with the loss of some of the natural, youthful volume that has been keeping your upper and mid-face smooth and unlined. The constant pull of gravity begins to show.

**View a video image of a woman aging right before your eyes from childhood to an older adult at:** mysceienceacademy.org

**Actress Sophia Loren is regarded as one of the world’s most beautiful women.**

Actress Sophia Loren was born in Rome and turned 79 on Sept. 20. Rised in poverty, she began her film career in 1951 and is regarded as one of the world’s most beautiful women.

**Actress Sally Field hasn’t lost much of her youthful appearance from when she played TV’s Gidget at age 19 to her today at age 66.**

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Linden business donates services to community

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Instead of receiving some advice on how they should clean a deck and a discount on some stain, the Parks & Recreation Board in Fenton was pleasantly surprised by the generosity of a local businesses.

Mary Hansen, who serves on the parks board, said a large deck at Ellen Park, overlooking the millpond in Fenton was recently restored to clean and new stain. They reached out to Kevin and Steve James, owners of The Stain Shop in Linden for their knowledge on how to redo the deck despite not having money in the parks budget to do so.

Hansen said Steve James was very generous and offered to take over the project completely.

“It is absolutely beautiful and looks like a new deck,” said Hansen. “We have received a number of comments from people in the area who have expressed their thanks for all who took part in bringing this deck back to life.”

As a newcomer to the parks board, Hansen is so pleased with how the deck looks now. “It’s great what The Stain Shop has done for the city,” she said. “To see people using the deck for senior pictures is just a joy to see.”

Hansen said the city of Fenton is beyond appreciative of what The Stain Shop has done to help the community.

Steve James said Hanson initially approached them about buying discounted stain for their project. He said he was happy to do that, however, when he went out to assess the work to be done, he and his brother Kevin decided to just go ahead and donate all of their services and stain. They spent one day cleaning and one day staining.

Steve said he and his brother did not take on the project for any recognition, rather, they just wanted to contribute to a community that supports their Linden business. The brothers anticipate doing similar projects closer to their shop, as well.
Fenton Township Fall Farmers Market debuts Sunday

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Pumpkins, mums, straw bales and more. The bounty of autumn will be the theme of the area’s newest farmers market, the Fenton Township Fall Farmers Market, debuting this Sunday, Sept. 22 and running through Sunday, Oct. 13.

Vendors will be set up for the next four Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lake Fenton Middle School parking lot. Artisans with handmade hats, mittens, etc., will also be on hand to sell their wares.

“Many people want to go to farmers markets for healthy produce, etc.,” said Kristen Archambeau of Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, which is sponsoring the market along with Fenton Township.

“The Fenton Township Fall Farmers Market will continue where the Fenton and Linden farmers markets left off, following their successful seasons.”

Special Sunday events will include Oct. 6, when Fenton’s Adopt-a-Pet will be on site, and on Oct. 13 for Kids’ Costume Day. “Kids who are dressed up in their Halloween costumes can trick-or-treat at the vendors’ booths,” said Archambeau.

For more information, call the Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation office at (810) 714-2011.

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Gravity may also begin to show, causing the eyelids to lower, jowls to form and the tip of the nose to droop. You may also notice continuing changes in your skin tone and texture, such as broken capillaries and larger pores.

Your body composition begins to change, and you may notice your clothes fit a little tighter around the middle. You’ll likely see it below the bra area, in your triceps, on the back and in your belly, especially as you move past 50.

In your 50s

If you’ve taken good care of your skin with a skincare regimen and protected yourself from the sun, you will reap benefits in this decade. Now you begin to look beyond the surface of your skin and notice that changes begin happening in other layers of your face, including the volume beneath the skin, the muscles and even the bones.

Wrinkles can deepen in the upper face, while your skin continues to lose its youthful volume and elasticity around your cheeks and mid-face. In your lower face, you may notice your skin starts to sag and loosen a little.

The sixth decade is also the time when many people face arthritis, bad knees and spinal stenosis (spinal degeneration due to aging).

Actress Dakota Fanning looks like a young child when she was 11 years old in the hit movie, “War of the Worlds.” Just eight years later, she has grown into a young woman of 19.

Barry Manilow impersonator Frank Starnett sings directly to an audience member at the Fenton Township Fall Farmers Market.

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‘Like a good neighbor,’ Keith Jones appreciates customers

Barry Manilow impersonator Frank Starnett sings directly to an audience member during the Keith Jones State Farm Agency customer appreciation day. The event was held Wednesday at the Fenton Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post. Starnett was hired because Barry Manilow wrote State Farm’s “Like a good neighbor” jingle.

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“It was ’86 because I gave birth to my first child.”
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“The last 21 years have been perfect because of my kids, but I’m really looking forward to 2014 for the grand opening of Salon 416.”
— Angie Wynn
Fenton

“1985, I joined the coast guard after seeing a rescue of a son and husband at Sleeping Bear Dunes.”
— David Gregson
White Lake

“1947, because I was drafted in the army and that was the year I got out.”
— Al Flores
Linden

“2013. It feels like life is coming to together in a positive way.”
— Melissa Gatza
Fenton

“The last 12 years have been tough, and 2011 was particularly hard for the nation.”
— Heather Martin
Linden

Woodman sees them falling short in this current crisis, writing: “In earlier eras, ministers regularly exhorted congregations to humbly ‘confess our sins.’ But aging baby boomers who are rushing back to church do not want to hear sermons that might rattle their self-esteem.” He pointed out that even those ministers who speak out against sin usually shake their fists and point their fingers at the world outside rather than at sins of those in the pews so there is little effect on the listeners.

It is one thing to bemoan the sins of society and quite another to face our own. I’ve often reflected upon the woman in her 80s I heard pray, ‘Lord, forgive me! I do so many things I used to think were wrong.’

Solomon said: ‘Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people’ (Proverbs 14:34).

So we’re in real trouble when we don’t know what sin is.

How shall we find out?

The late writer of enduring Christian classics, A. W. Tozer, explained: ‘As a sailor locates his position on the sea by shooting the sun, so we get our moral bearings by looking at God. We must begin with God. We are right when and only when we stand in a right position relative to God, and we are wrong so far and so long as we stand in any other position.’

But how can we look at God?

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James, the apostle, called the Bible a mirror, into which we can look and see how we measure up to God’s perfect standards (James 1:22-25). Daily trips to that mirror by enough Americans will restore the needed national sense of right, of wrong.
Meet Nao
Nao is the creation of French company Aldebaran Robotics and is a robot designed specifically for use in academic environments. There are currently 700 Naos being used by over 200 universities and schools around the world, making Nao the world’s most popular academic robot. Nao can see, hear, speak and feel, and designers hope it will eventually be used within domestic environments and in care homes as a companion for the elderly.

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Five Personalities of PaPeRo
Leader PaPeRo has a cute voice and loves dancing and talking. Lazy PaPeRo becomes quiet when ignored. Dancing PaPeRo is active but also headstrong. Computer PaPeRo responds to praise and touch, while Knowledgeable PaPeRo can use the Internet to provide certain information and is described as polite but “prone to sulking.”

PaPeRo
The undisputed winner in the robot-cuteness stakes, PaPeRo (who stands 38.5 cm tall and weighs just five kilograms) was created by NEC as a personal robot which could provide companionship to the elderly or infirm. PaPeRo has five personalities.

Asimo
Widely regarded as the world’s most advanced humanoid robot, Honda’s legendary creation can walk, talk, ride a bicycle, recognize faces, identify the sources of sounds, distinguish between voices and other noises, and respond to questions with a nod, shake of the head or verbal answer. Additionally, a camera mounted on Asimo’s head enables the robot to interpret the positioning and movements of objects, allowing it to respond to humans with a wave or handshake.

PR2
PR2, a “personal robot” capable of carrying out everyday tasks, is the creation of American firm Willow Garage. PR2 was the company’s first robot. To celebrate his creation, Designers created an in-house web interface which enabled employees to choose their favorite beer, before clicking on a button imaginatively entitled “beer me”. PR2 could then grab the appropriate cold one from the canteen fridge and deliver it to the thirsty recipient (after closing the fridge and opening the bottle, of course).

Stanley
Backseat drivers beware, Stanley is the world’s first robotic car. Designed by the Stanford University Racing Team, Stanley’s first achievement was to come first in the DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency) Grand Challenge, where he successfully navigated 175 miles of rough terrain in under 10 hours, with no human intervention. Stanley uses a hi-tech combination of sensors and custom-written, algorithm-based software to operate. It’s hoped that future versions will eventually be used in dangerous military missions and warzones.

BigDog
BigDog lacks the cuteness factor offered by other robotic mutts but, when it comes to agility, this electronic canine wins hands down. Designed to run, walk and climb over rough terrain, up steep inclines and through snow, mud and water while carrying heavy loads, BigDog’s agility relies on a series of sensors which measure factors such as load weight, ground angle and joint position. BigDog’s creator, American robotic design company Boston Dynamics, hopes this will eventually become a domestic robot and, while he’s no match for man’s best friend, he’s unlikely to pee on the carpet either.

Topio
We imagine many robot inventors secretly dream of their creations one day taking over the world. But the creators of Topio have a more unusual dream — that their bipedal humanoid robot will one day beat a professional sportsman at a game of ping pong. The frighteningly Terminator-like Topio was created in 2005 by Vietnamese robotics firm Tosy, with his unique feature being an ability to instantly recognise and respond to fast-moving objects. With his lightning-fast reflexes and impressive hand-eye coordination, we doubt it will be long before he achieves his goal.

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Walking to end world hunger

Six-mile CROP Walk to be held Oct. 6 at Bush Park

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In developing countries, it’s not unusual for people to walk as many as six miles a day to get food, water, fuel or to take their goods to market.

It’s no coincidence then that the Fenton-Linden-Holly CROP Walk on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. will be a 6.2-mile (10K) loop around Bush Park in Fenton. “Walkers don’t have to complete the entire route,” said David Rayner, who coordinates this walk every year with Bruce Coffin. “Since it’s a loop, you can choose the part of the walk you want to do.”

The CROP Walk is part of Church World Service’s (CWS) mission to end hunger locally and across the globe. CROP actually stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program, when its primary mission decades ago was to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, CROP has outgrown the acronym, but CWS retains it as the historic name of the program.

In the last 20 years, this community-based interfaith organization has raised more than $294 million. In the 32 years that the tri-county area has participated, the CROP Walk has raised a total of $294,008. A record amount of $12,991 was raised in 2012, according to Rayner.

“We’ve been successful over the years because our local CROP Walk has served as a model for charity,” said Rayner.

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Ladies Night Out — A ‘Change for Kids’ fundraiser on Oct. 11
The “Change for Kids” charity raises money for local schools to help meet the needs of low- and moderate-income families within the district. Women are encouraged to join Ladies Night Out on Friday, Oct. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. at The State Bank, 175 North Lapey St. in Fenton. Pre-register for VIP tickets by emailing events@thestatebank.com and you will receive $5 admission at the door and a free raffle ticket. General admission is $7. Admission includes a drink ticket, snacks, shopping, clothing swap, raffles and more. Additional drink tickets are $2 each. For the clothing swap, bring quality wardrobe items that you’d typically consign or donate. Items must be clean and in very good condition. Swapping is free, but if you have nothing to swap, items can be purchased for $2. For further information, call (810) 714-3979.

Fenton Village Players shows WPVP Radio Theatre
On Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. WPVP returns for another spectacular — and free — installment of radio theatre. This trip to the golden age of radio brings us “The Fat Man,” and “Captain Midnight!” Seating is first come, first served.

The Pony Express
On Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m., the FVP presents The Pony Express. A friendly establishment ran by Star Bright and Aunt Dee Caff is the setting of this audience-participation story. Wear your cowboy gear with bandannas, boots, and hats as you join in the fun. Prizes will be awarded for best western wear in the audience.

The Kitchen Witches
On Oct. 10-13, 17-20 (Thursday through Saturday, at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.) the FVP presents The Kitchen Witches, about two “mature” cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years. Dolly’s TV-producer son Stephen tries to keep them on track, but the show becomes a rating smash as Dolly and Isabel top both Martha Stewart and Jerry Springer! The FVP Playhouse is at 14197 Torrey Rd., Fenton Township. Phone is (810) 750-7700.

Livingston County Genealogical Society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower St. in Howell. The speaker will be Guenter Loepertz, president of the Livingston County Genealogical Society. The topic will be German research — you found the city, now what? The meeting is free and open to the public. For more details, call (810) 227-7745.

LF grad fulfills a dream playing for MSU’s marching band
Meredith Herman, a 2013 graduate of Lake Fenton is going places — at least everywhere the Michigan State football team is traveling to. The former LF drum major and baritone player is now studying pre-optometry at Michigan State University, while continuing her love of music.

After auditioning in June, Meredith found out in July that she was accepted to the Spartan Marching Band (SMB). During her first week of practice, she placed at ninth chair in the baritone section, which put her in a position to perform in every MSU football game halftime show.

To kick off the season and to show his support, on Friday, Aug. 30, Gonder traveled to East Lansing and met Meredith for MSU’s first football game of the season. Amy Herman said her daughter is so excited to be a member of the SMB, which is ranked in the top 25 in the nation.

Lake Fenton Marching Band to perform in America’s Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit
By Sharon Stone
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The Lake Fenton Blue Devil Marching Band received some exciting news recently. Ryan Gonder, director of bands for the school district said he recently shared with his marching band members that the marching band had been accepted to perform in the America’s Thanksgiving Parade on Thanksgiving morning.

The band sent several forms of audition material and received a congratulatory letter accepting their participation.

This parade is one of the country’s oldest and most celebrated parades — an 87-year tradition that steps off in the morning of Thursday, Nov. 28.

Gonder told his band students that hundreds of thousands of parade-goers will watch as the parade makes its way down the 1.5-mile Woodward Avenue parade route. The entire parade will be broadcast on TV and radio with half of the parade being nationally syndicated in 74.5 million households.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our band that will provide great memories and help continue to build the resume of the Lake Fenton Blue Devil Marching Band,” said Gonder. He added that success at all of their performances, including this nationally syndicated performance, will provide continued grand opportunities in the future for the band program.

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Meet Ryan Gonder

- Lake Fenton Band Director
- Life long music lover
- MSU graduate

By Tim Jagielo
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Lake Fenton Community Schools’ Ryan Gonder is currently teaching two sections of middle school choir, one section of high school choir, and two sections of high school band. Depending on the enrollment of the trimester, he can have 225 to 300 students. He has been with the school system since 2002. Recently, he learned that his high school marching band will perform during the Thanksgiving Day parade in Detroit.

Tell me about the parade performance coming up. The band sent several forms of audition material to America’s Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit, and received a congratulatory letter accepting our participation. This is a wonderful opportunity for our band. It will provide great memories and help continue to build the resume of the Lake Fenton Blue Devil Marching Band.

What are your classes working on/preparing for now? All of our ensembles are constantly preparing for performances. Some performances come with a lot of preparation time and some do not. The choirs are all preparing for their fall concerts and the bands are preparing for their weekly varsity football game performances and various other events throughout the fall.

How do you feel you’ve changed the programs? The music department for Lake Fenton has changed so drastically in the last decade that it would be unrealistic to describe a returning student. The small middle school and high school band program of a decade ago has developed in a marching band of 137 students, two high school band classes, a high school choir, middle school choirs, middle school band classes taught throughout the day and a fully comprehensive upper and lower elementary music curriculum. Most drastically has been the addition of two music faculty to the district to handle the seemingly overwhelming surge in the department’s enrollment over the last decade.

Do you have a vision for Lake Fenton band? The vision for the bands and choirs is constantly evolving. As we reach the goals that I have set for the program, new goals and standards of excellence develop. We celebrate our accomplishments and move the bar a little higher. Consistent goals for the program include increased rigor to the curriculum, course enrollment growth, and students continuing their exploration of music after high school, whether that be privately, in college ensembles, or in community ensembles.

How long has music been a part of your life? When I was in third-grade, I took a recorder and a guitar I had at home to my music teacher and asked her if she would teach me how to play them. She taught me how to play both instruments and our after-school lessons turned into a group activity for approximately five other students. After we were good enough to share our talents with the public, we performed at our community’s churches on Sundays.

Did you know you wanted to be band director, if so, when did you know? By the start of seventh-grade, after spending a summer diligently practicing my instrument and getting first chair when I returned to school, there was no doubt in my mind that I wanted to be a band director. That was the fall of 1991 and I never swayed from my dream.

What instruments do you play? My main instrument and the instrument that I played in high school and performed with in college is the trombone. I left high school having performed in bands and choirs and privately studying trombone, euphonium, horn, voice, piano, theory, guitar and the recorder. While at Michigan State, I received bands-on, small group, and individual private instruction on all instruments found in the woodwind, brass, and percussion families of bands and orchestras.

What for you professionally, is the next step? Although I have earned a master’s degree, specialist’s degree, and completed the course work for a doctorate in educational leadership in addition to having a State of Michigan School Administrator Certificate with a Central Office Endorsement, my intent for the time being, and potentially the remainder of the teacher career, is to remain focused on the continued development of the Music Department of Lake Fenton Community Schools. Should a situation present itself that will allow me to expand my sphere of influence, and I feel confident in the professional transition, I will explore such an opportunity.

What other interests/hobbies do you have? Although my free time is extremely limited, seemingly just a couple of hours every few weeks, I enjoy spending time on campus at Michigan State University. The campus is serene and provides a place to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature. If I am able to get to campus in the late-afternoon, I spend time taking in the sights and sounds of a Spartan Marching Band rehearsal. Other things that I enjoy are tennis and jogging with friends.

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Ryan Gonder
Lake Fenton Band Director

Tri-County Times

Band Director Ryan Gonder leads the Thursday evening rehearsal for his marching band at Lake Fenton High School.

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FOR ROSE TOWNSHIP
FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
AND MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOND PROPOSAL

To the qualified electors of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013
FROM 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY/TOWNSHIP NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN VOTING PRECINCT #1 OF ROSE TOWNSHIP, 9080 MASON STREET, HOLLY, MICHIGAN 48442 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL AND MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOND PROPOSAL.

Full text of the proposal(s) may be obtained from:
Rose Township, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442, 248-634-8701
Facebook match brings out the crazy

DEAR AMY: A week ago I got “matched” with a guy over Facebook (through a friend). I was told that he’s my type, and he’s definitely mine. We are both 19. We have messaged each other over Facebook almost every day for a week. In desperation I asked him for his phone number. He ignored the question but later on I gave him my number. He then replied, saying he didn’t want to swap numbers until he knew me better, but if we don’t talk, how can this happen? I feel we have a connection, but it’s not shining through enough (or at least not fast enough) for him to keep an interest in me. Sometimes I feel like I initiate everything. I don’t want him to freak out, but when is the best time to ask to meet him? — Eager

DEAR EAGER: You are coming on way too strong. This guy is being honest with you, and you are responding by pouring on more pressure. Not smart. He doesn’t want to talk by phone, and you are now thinking about how to manipulate him into meeting you? Yikes. You need to follow his lead and step away from Facebook long enough for him to wonder where you are.

DEAR AMY: I have a 25-year-old daughter who lives at home with my husband and me. She works part time and goes to the local community college. She seems to have problems making the right decision and being realistic about her situation. In addition, she recently got a DUI, and we feel we will probably have to help her with the expenses for this bad decision. She is becoming a financial drain, but we want her to have a college degree and minimize the damage a DUI can be on her future. We struggle with our responsibilities. Are we too enabling, and should we just let her face the consequences alone? — Confused Parents

DEAR CONFUSED: You should help your daughter to set realistic goals that she can then attain: an associate degree, steady employment, and managing her money well. The very essence of enabling is jumping in to fix problems that are not yours to fix. When she starts to feel real consequences, she will start to become her own problem solver, and that should be your ultimate goal for her.

Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Third letter, same request. Please tell me how to get rid of fungus under a toenail. — B.K.

ANSWER: Toenail fungus is prevalent among older people, and often, the infected person has no idea where he or she picked it up. The big toe’s nail is the one the fungus seems to like the best. The nail turns yellow, becomes thick and brittle, and has crumbly material extending from its edge under the nail to its base. The nail doesn’t usually hurt or itch. It just looks awful. Treatment for nail fungus is less than a huge success. Penlac (ciclopirox) Nail Lacquer is applied directly to the nail. The cure rate isn’t impressive. Oral medicines have the best results, but the results aren’t something to write home about. Further, they’re expensive, and often are not covered by insurance. One such medicine is Sporanox (itraconazole). It’s taken twice a day for one week of each month, for three or four months. Liver enzymes should be monitored while using it, because it can, but rarely does, damage liver cells. Some people opt for nail removal. A new treatment employs a laser. As with oral medicines, it’s expensive and most insurers don’t cover the cost. Results are promising but not guaranteed. If the nail isn’t bothersome, if it’s not leading to infections of the toe or foot and if a person isn’t a diabetic, many decide to live at peace with the infected nail. It isn’t likely to shorten life. Home remedies abound. They include Vick’s VapoRub, bleach and vinegar. I don’t have a lot of faith in them, and I wouldn’t use bleach. Studies on Vick’s, applied daily for 48 weeks, show a success rate of 22 percent.
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Proposals are solicited on the basis of a lump sum price for all labor and materials required to complete the project as designed and specified in the contract.

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A copy of all Project and Contract Documents are on file and are available for in- spection on and after Monday, September 23, 2013 at the following location:

Fenton Township Civic Community Center
12060 Mantawauka Drive
Fenton, MI 48450

The documents may also be downloaded from Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

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GOOFS! Spacious ranch with nice setting! 1400 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living & family room, full basement, remodeled bathroom, fenced yard & shed. $170,900. Linden Schools.

FENTON - NUDE, covered, 10 families. September 24-26, 9-6pm. 2182 Martin St.

FENTON MOVING sale. September 27-28, 9-4pm., 1250 North Fenton Road on Woodhull Landing. Furniture, new Mansite rototiller, yard tools and equipment, Cyclone rake, and 42" riding mower.

FENTON SATURDAY, September 28th, 8-4pm., 10164 Bennett Lake Rd. Collectible's, antiques, lawn mower, much more!

FLUSHING Garage and Rummage Sale. This 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath home has a gourmet kitchen with Granite Countertops, Cherry Cabinets, pot filler, and a Butler's Pantry. Spacious Master Bedroom with hardwood floors access to Deck. $179,900.

HOLLY Garage sale! Craftsman tools, large air compressor, furniture, many more! 14016 Fish Lake Rd., September 26-28, 8-5pm.

Linden MULTIFAMILY sale. September 24-26, 9-5pm., 14271 Riplsey Road. New jewelry. Old, new, miscellaneous.

LINDEN UNITED Methodist Church, 201 Bridge St., September 26-27, 9-3pm. Most items 1/2 price Friday.

TEXT: GARAGE SALE 810-475-2030 for an updated list of area garage sales. Tri-County Times.
NOTICE- FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
CITY OF LINDEN

Anyone wishing to salvage flowers, wreaths, etc. from Fairview Cemetery should do so by Sunday, September 29, 2013. After that date, they will be removed and disposed of by the sexton of the cemetery.

Scott Fairbanks
Sexton of Fairview Cemetery

FURNISHED, LOWER level walkout. All utilities paid. no
pets. $140/week. 810-348-1712.

LAKE FENTON Schools. $699 per month. 3 bedroom duplex. Price reduced, no security deposit. 734-765-3828.

LINDEN NICE 2 bedroom home with basement. Good credit score, no smoking. $820 monthly plus 1 1/2 months security. 248-343-5617.

FENTON - LAKE WINDS
PLAZA, 2 separate retail/office units available. New carpet, just painted. 1 unit is 1,340 sq. ft. 2nd unit is 1,080 sq. ft. These units can be rented separately or combined for a square footage of 2,420 sq. ft. Great parking! Get the Best rate in town! No NNN, brokers protected. Call 248-884-8167.

L I N D E N - 1 bedroom, dishwasher. Quiet subdivision on private lake. No pets. $495. 810-923-0274.


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King Crossword. Wednesday Jumble. Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday’s issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday September 16, 2013 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as amended.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $317,977.16.
4. Adopted Resolution No. 2013-17 and Resolution No. 2013-18, establishing the Little Long Lake Improvement Special Assessment District and setting the date for a public hearing on the special assessment roll.
6. Scheduled a public hearing for October 7, 2013 to consider the application of Paragon Manufacturing Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new equipment located at their Thompson Road facility.
7. Accepted the high bids from a sealed bid property auction, approving the sale of 2 township owned properties.
8. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430 Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTICE
THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSE
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
REQUEST FOR BIDS
FOR
Trash and Debris Removal

The Township of Rose is seeking bid proposals from Contractors to perform the above listed services. Bid Specifications can be picked up at the Rose Township Offices, Monday through Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm beginning September 23rd, 2013.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Rose, 9080 Mason St. Holly, Michigan 48442 until 3:00pm on October 1st, 2013 at which time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and the different items noted, for the removal of Trash and Debris. Late proposals will not be considered. Amendments to proposals will be considered only if they are received by the above deadline. The responsibility rests entirely with the bidder, notwithstanding delays resulting from postal handling or for any other reason. Late proposals will not be considered.

Proposals addressed as follows:
Rose Township Clerks Office
Debbie Miller, Clerk
Trash and Debris Removal
9080 Mason Street
Holly, MI 48442

Contact Information (248) 634-7551 email clerk@rosetownship.com

A legally authorized agent of the bidding firm must sign all proposals.

SEALED BIDS MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED WITH THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

“REQUEST FOR BIDS”
Trash and Debris removal
(Cogash 06-03-203-008)

Rose Township reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities or both, to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Debbie Miller, Clerk
Rose Township

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tyrone Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on October 8, 2013 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive comments regarding a request to rezone property at 12356 White Lake Rd from Residential Single Family (R-1) to Rural Estates (RE). This change would be consistent with the Future Land Use Map.

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

Mark Meisel, Chairman
Tyrone Township Planning Commission

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING &
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marra Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Soren Pedersen and Cam Gonzalez.

2. Opened the Police & Fire Protection Special Assessment Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

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

4. Received and placed on file Communication #1-3 as presented.

5. Approved the Action Water Sports’ site plan amendment for three additional buildings and conditionally approved a proposal for three future buildings.

6. Adopted Resolution #130902 Police and Fire Protection Special Assessment Distribution of Levy. Assessments levied in December 2013 will be $70.00 for vacant parcels, $140.00 for parcels with structures, and $237.50 for commercial parcels.

7. Adopted Resolution #130903 approving the 2014-2015 Budget for All Special Revenue Funds.

8. Approved the Supervisor’s request to attend the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors fall conference.

9. Appointed Ryan Rudzis as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

10. Approved the final township millage rate of .9067 for 2013.

11. Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyrone township.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.
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