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LIBERALS

“There are many reasons to be liberal and they can all be summed up into one: Liberalism works better for working people than conservatism. History proves that over and over.”

ARROGANCE

“Looked up the word ‘arrogance’ in my dictionary today. Guess what? I saw a picture of Foster Childs.”



HOT LINES

“America’s current leadership is the laughingstock of the world. I’m not laughing.”

“I have a new tagline for Fenton: ‘Twenty Lakes within Twenty Minutes.’”

“Rick Snyder is the best governor in the nation, open-minded, fair and logical.”



Of course, most blind-mice Dems would still vote for Granholm, the silly do-nothing whose major accomplishment was signs that read ‘Cool City.’”

“I join the King in apologizing to my children’s generation. I’m sorry.”



HOT LINE of the week

“The Emmy Awards were a testament to how sick America has become. It was a two-hour commercial for depravity.”



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Football players credited for reacting quickly

► Incident involved
45-year-old Fenton man
and 11-year-old boy

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Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro is crediting Fenton High School junior varsity football players for intervening in the correct manner when they had a hunch a boy was in trouble Tuesday afternoon.

Aro said at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 24, his police department received a 911

call from football players who were waiting for practice to begin at the high school. Police were told that a suspicious man had approached an 11-year-old boy who was hanging out near the practice field.

See **INCIDENT** on 20A

“Something
was off with
this situation.”

Tyler Reish
Fenton junior
varsity football player

Unemployment benefits may require drug test

► Legislators look
to prevent drug
abusers from
receiving benefits

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Passing a drug test and performing community service may become conditions to receive unemployment benefits in the state of Michigan. House Bill 4952, which was passed earlier this month, would require all unemployment recipients to pass a drug test before receiving benefits.

State Rep. Ken Goike (R-Ray Township) said



Summary

► A new house bill could deny unemployment benefits to those who test positive or refuse to take a drug test.

he introduced the bill after hearing a business owner claim he turned away more than 50 job applicants because they failed the pre-employment drug screening but could still claim unemployment benefits.

See **DRUG TEST** on 14A



Under the Affordable Healthcare Act, Americans will be required to have health insurance by March 31, 2014 or face a penalty.

OBAMACARE

More money, better coverage?

► Uncertainty plentiful
as open exchanges for
healthcare begin Oct. 1

By William Axford
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Healthcare in America will change once again starting Tuesday, Oct. 1 when open enrollment for a public health-

care plan becomes available under the Affordable Healthcare Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. Whether you plan to stick with your current healthcare provider or to explore options through

See **OBAMACARE**
on 11A

The fight to control blight



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A contractor removes wood from around a window opening at the formerly blighted property at 102 First Street in Holly. Outside, a pile of material accumulates as the inside is gutted on Wednesday.

Local governments working to keep weeds, garbage, eyesores under control

By Tim Jagiello
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Holly — The repetitive clattering emanates from the large primer-

white house at 102 First Street. The place is a mess, with piles of broken wood, plaster and glass outside. Inside, the

home is being gutted. Workers swing picks and crowbars, dust hangs in the air as piles of plaster

See **BLIGHT** on 15A

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Police & Fire report

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR COCAINE POSSESSION

A 37-year-old Flint woman was arrested for possession of cocaine at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 20 in Fenton. Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said police were sent to a bank parking lot on Owen Road on a complaint of a male customer, later identified as a 47-year-old Grand Blanc resident, who would not leave. Police located the man sitting in his pickup truck, along with a 37-year-old Flint woman. During a consent search, police recovered crack cocaine and a syringe in the woman's possession. She was arrested and processed at the police station. The woman initially gave two false names. Police identified her from fingerprints. She was transported to court for an outstanding warrant from Flint Township.

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OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH



Each area school district offers a variety of preschool programs

By Amy Mayhew
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Childhood experts agree that sending a child to a high-quality preschool program helps prepare him or her for kindergarten and beyond. While finding the best option for your child takes time, tri-county area parents are lucky that its four area school districts offer a wide variety of preschool options from which to choose.

Fenton

In her sixth year as the Early Childhood Director for Fenton Area Public Schools, Linda Mora said her district offers a wide variety of preschool and early childhood development programs, both for children, and in some cases, also for the parents.

"We offer tuition preschool classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds," Mora said. "We have a program called WonderWay which is multi-age — that is having both 3- and 4-year-olds." With flexible days and times, it's open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., the program is an integration of preschool and childcare, Mora said.

Tuition preschool ranges from \$100 a month, to \$250 per month, depending on how many days the child attends class.

Fenton also offers both full- and half-day sessions of **See PRESCHOOL on 21A**



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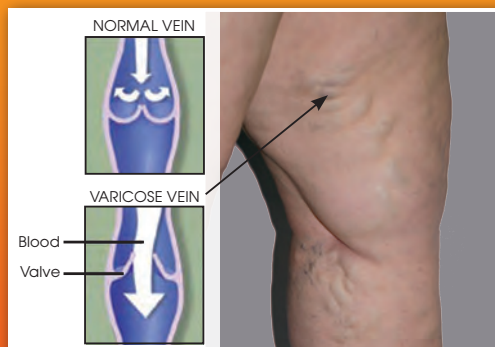
(Top) Caelyn Bono paints during work time at the World of Wonder ECDC on Wednesday. There are 14 stations for kids to use while interacting with others. (Bottom left) Xander Meloche plays with clay. (Bottom right) Rainah Allinger, 4, plays with the phone at the telephone booth. Many children make pretend calls home to parents or grandparents.

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Government: the stupidest person in the room

• **READ THIS CAREFULLY:** Residents who are unable to prove they are American citizens will receive free health insurance, which will be paid for by those of us who are forced to buy insurance because we are citizens. How much longer will we continue to let this insanity go on?

• **MOST DON'T KNOW** that Congress has exempted itself from the prohibition against trading on inside information — the same law that got Martha Stewart sent to prison.

• **'WE HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO CUT'** — Quote from Nancy Pelosi last week on government spending. In the last year, the government spent a million



dollars to study the 'sexual attractiveness' of fruit flies. We pay out \$2 billion annually to farmers to not farm land. We also shelled out \$500 million on a program that, among other things, attempted to determine why 5-year-olds 'can't sit still' in a kindergarten classroom. (duh — could it be because they're 5?) These — and many more ridiculously stupid programs — are actual government expenses.

• **ACCORDING TO THE** highly respected and non-partisan think tank, Pew Research Center, the number of illegal aliens living in the U.S. has increased by more than 400,000 since President Obama came to office.

• **THE SAME GOVERNMENT** that

says we shouldn't judge all Muslims because of a few lunatics, then wants us to judge all gun owners because of a few lunatics.

• **IT'S HARD TO** imagine a more stupid or dangerous way of making decisions than to put those decisions in the hands of people who pay no price for being wrong. — Thomas Sowell quote

• **OBAMACARE IS SO** rife with loopholes that IBM, UPS, Trader Joes and the City of Chicago have all shifted the cost of employee health benefits to Uncle Sam, pocketing tens of millions of dollars in the process. They join literally tens of thousands of smaller companies that are doing the same. Bottom line: due to the mass stupidity of the trainwreck known as Obamacare, you and I will now be paying for their employees' health care.

• **LABOR UNIONS HAVE** received an astounding 89 percent of all Obamacare waivers. If President Obama really believed that this new health care mandate is a good thing, why have over 96 percent of the waivers gone to companies and organizations that were his biggest donors? President Obama's sole job is to protect the interests of all American citizens. It is treason to continually steal our money in order to give it to those who support(ed) him.

• **STUNNING STATISTIC:** The net worth of the typical elected U.S. Representative or Senator increases by 4-6X in their first term in office, and 8-10X at the end of their second term.

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Hot lines

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• **'WHY WOULD ANY** real Americans ever be watching Al Jazeera television?' So we can see terrorist propaganda.

• **THE TEA PARTY** people want no one telling them what to do but they sure like telling everyone else what to do. Their form of government, without compromise or regard to others, is more like communism or a dictatorship.

• **WE ARE IN** a political 'perfect storm.' Division and hatred is fueling money being spent at unprecedented levels. All media is cashing in and doing its part to keep it going. Unfortunately governing is at an all time low when we need it the most.

• **THE TRICKLE DOWN** policies and tax rates from the Reagan administration are mostly still in effect. The 30-plus years since have left the bulk of the middle class living on a 1966 buying power dollar. Do you continue to expect the middle class to bear the tax load?

• **HEY KING, WHAT'S** your solution to the problems you take credit for? Would you please start by getting your minions to get their congressmen off the milk of lobbyists and special interests? Campaign finance reform must

happen at the same time. Why don't you try to make a difference?

• **WHEN WAS THE** last time you heard that a business was going to skip adding automation or technology that replaces working people? I can't remember either. That is one reason I don't do the self-checkouts. If you don't value people then no one will value you.

• **WHERE ARE THE** Linden area churches? This reckless and foolish ordinance is going to hurt you more than anyone. Do something! The character of this community is reliant on you being the church.

• **THOSE WHO PROVIDE** with and who pay for medical insurance pay for and subsidize the cost of medical care for those without insurance. It would seem that getting people who don't pay anything now to pay something would help keep rates from rising as fast.

• **COULD THE POLICE** on the school buses please report to the school board how dangerous it is for kids to be walking a half mile to the bus stop in the pitch dark on streets without lights or sidewalks? I've seen several close calls because cars can't see them.

• **IS THERE ANYONE** that pays attention to the political situation in the United States? Those that believe we have a Democrat and Republican party, there isn't. There is one party run by the Federal Reserve, the other is a scam. This is a money and power thing. It is a game. There is no party, but one.

• **I FAITHFULLY PAY** my taxes. Where are my police? I am being defrauded. We don't need downtown buildings. Let's use the money for police.

• **YOU CAN CALL** me a whiner or a hater or anything else you want, but if you open your eyes and see, nothing is going right. The economy, the employment rate, the foreign policy, the embarrassing way we handle every situation. The truth is when Obama won, everyone in America lost.

• **TO THE COMMUNIST:** If you don't like these programs that are here to help those in need, by all means move to a Communist country. If you prefer to stay in this wonderful country where you can enjoy all the freedoms that we have, then be thankful that one day you won't need these programs. One more thing, if it weren't for the 'unproductive old people,' you wouldn't have what you have today.

• **LINDEN RESIDENTS, YOU** have to remember Mayor Lossing is a student of Liberal-Progressive politics. He studied under Carl Levin. Why would you be surprised he'd jam through a 'special interest ordinance' under the radar? You keep electing the same progressives, Lossing, Levin, Stabenow, Obama. Why are you surprised?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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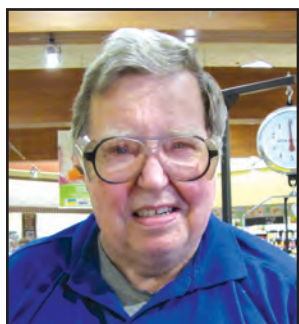
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Should welfare recipients be drug tested?

streettalk



"Yes, because I am a taxpayer so I pay for it."

— Russell Summers
Fenton



"Yes, because they get enough freebies and they don't need drugs."

— Marilyn Chapman
Linden



"Yes, people take a drug test before being employed and receiving their pay checks so welfare is like those peoples' pay check."

— Brenda Hasse, Fenton



"No, the government should stay out of everything."

— Dennis Willingham
Fenton



"Yeah. If they can afford drugs they don't need welfare."

— Elwood Bowers
Byron



"Yes, but they should get rid of welfare all together, people take advantage of it."

— Lenny Jaczynski
Las Vegas, Nev.

History textbook from 1952 reveals attitude of post WWII Americans

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"The inefficient and the lazy became indifferent and the industrious disgruntled. Workers and peasants refused to work to support the ne'er-do-wells, and the government executed many for disobedience."

No, the above sentence is not the latest rant in the Hot lines but rather, a description of communism from a 1952 American government school textbook. When compared to today's version of government and history books, Magruder's American Government 1952 edition is far different in tone and presentation. Published during the years of McCarthyism, the antiquated schoolbook carries a heavy anti-communist message while carrying America in high esteem.

"The class-struggle theory of the communist is disproven many times over by the American way of life... Ours is an individualistic society. We do not have sharp divisions of classes, and our standard of living is the highest in the world."

It's clear that objectivity was not the main focus of the writer and that the American public school system operated under a different mindset. For context of 1952, World War II was over and segregation was still a major part of American society. Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream Speech' was a decade away and Elvis Presley had yet to record an album. Cable television was relatively new while smartphones and the Internet were found in science fiction novels, not reality.

Another startling difference between now and the 1950s are attitudes toward mental health. Rather than identifying ADHD, schizophrenia bi-polar or another psychiatric evaluation, people who acted differently from the majority were considered 'insane.' "Insane people, kleptomaniacs, and morons unable to compete under complex urban conditions commit crimes. We should endeavor to remove the cause of insanity, apply the laws of eugenics, and salvage as many prisoners as possible." With other statements like "Mental and physical deficiencies caused about 4 million men to be rejected by selective service tests during WWII. This is not a record to which we can point with pride," mental illness was still viewed with a stigma.

Alcohol and spirits were discouraged in the '50s as the book quotes everything from the Bible to Shakespeare to Dr. Charles (founder of the Mayo Clinic) condemning the consumption of alcohol. Students were encouraged to learn a 'wholesome philosophy' at church, home and school. With sentences like "Atomic bombs and long-range bombers have made American cities prime targets in any future war. New York City has made great strides in preparing for such an attack," it is clear nuclear war was an expectation rather than a possibility.

Contemporary textbooks used in today's classroom are far more objective and obviously contain more history of America. History Alive!, a text book used by Fenton Area Public Schools, starts at the formation of America and ends at America's global war on terror.

Rather than focusing on battling communism and the impending future of a nuclear war, today's history books show

"The education of imbeciles and morons should be apart from other children."

— Magruder's American Government, 1952 edition History textbook

how American lives have been shaped by events and attitudes through different eras. Attitudes against the role of government grew after the resignation of Richard Nixon and the Vietnam conflict. The fears that came with the Cold War and communism were replaced by wars in the Middle East and terrorism. It's also clear that the expansion of technology

gave more people a bigger outlet to express themselves, thus leading into new social constructs and ideas.

Though today's textbooks are written with more thoughtfulness in regards to wording and presentation than they were in the past, it's not farfetched for people decades from now to view us as biased or partially uninformed. Even when lacking in what most people would refer today as 'political correctness,' history books are an invaluable look into how a society views itself. Who knows what they'll say about us years from now.

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Flu season is officially here

►Health officials urge
people to get flu shots early

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It may be early in the flu season, but health experts recommend that people get the flu vaccination as soon as possible.

This year, vaccinations have been developed for four strains (quadrivalent) of influenza, according to Mark Valacak, M.P.H. health officer of the Genesee County Health Department. A three-strain vaccination (trivalent) will also be available, as well as a Super Dose for seniors and others with compromised immune systems. A nasal mist for those who prefer not to have an injection will be available again this year for those age 2 to 49 in the quadrivalent strength.

"My preference for most people is the quadrivalent flu vaccine," said Valacak. "It will provide added protection against four of the many strains of the flu that are out there."

Of the 135 to 139 million doses of flu vaccine projected to be available this flu season, manufacturers estimate that 30 to 32 million doses will be available as quadrivalent flu vaccines, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Because there aren't as many available,

they might be more expensive than the trivalent flu vaccine.

A CDC website, www.flushot.health-map.org, will provide Internet users with a chance to input their zip code and find all the local medical offices and pharmacies providing flu vaccines this year.

"You'll be able to see what offices or pharmacies offer the kind of vaccine you're looking for, as well as the cost of the vaccine," said Valacak.

The flu season officially begins in October and runs through March, although

it can extend through April and May. "You can get the flu at any time," said Valacak. "In the northern hemisphere, flu season peaks in February."

Valacak encourages local residents to get their flu shots early, before the holiday rush. "Protect

yourself and your family early, before other things get in the way," he said.

He is passionate about the importance of the flu shot, especially after several deaths related to the flu during the last flu season. "I'd hate to see pediatric deaths happen again in Genesee County," referring in particular to the death of 15-year-old Joshua Polehna, a Lake Fenton student who passed away Jan. 5 after being hospitalized for flu-like symptoms. "That weekend, every pharmacy in the area ran out of the vaccine."

**“I’d hate to see
pediatric deaths
happen again in
Genesee County.”**

Mark Valacak
Genesee County Health
Department health officer

Village to pay \$9K for water study

►Municipalities required to have
study done every five years

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Holly— Village Manager Jerry Walker said last month's site evaluation of Holly's water distribution system by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality came back satisfactory, but with the recommendation that the village update its Water System Reliability Study.

"It is required that the village or any municipality has their water reliability study updated every five years," Walker said. "Our last study was done in 2008, and was performed by Rowe Services."

Walker said Brian Klaassen, director for Holly's Department of Public Works (DPW), checked what other comparable municipalities were paying for their water reliability studies, and reported that all were paying in excess of Rowe Service's

quote of \$9,150. Walker said the funding is currently available in the budget.

The study will include hydrant flow testing, the creation and calibration of a hydraulic model that will update the electronic water model of the village's existing system using the software application, WaterCAD, and a complete report and presentation to council in the future.

"Being the fact that Rowe provided the prior study, they already have information that will help keep the cost down in this study," Walker said before making the recommendation that council accept Rowe's proposal.

In a vote of 4-1, council approved the recommendation with newly appointed Councilman Jesse Lambert casting the negative vote. Lambert said he voted no simply because he hadn't had the chance to review the information prior to his appointment.

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Springfield Township firefighter dies from crash injuries

►Twenty-year-old off-duty firefighter ejected from truck during rollover crash

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The driver involved in a single motor vehicle crash that occurred just before 10 p.m. on Hall Road, north of Andersonville in Springfield Township on Friday, Sept. 20, has died.

The driver, Jason Richard Hernandez, 20, of Waterford was pronounced dead at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township on Monday, Sept. 23. Hernandez was an off-duty, probationary Springfield Township firefighter, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies with the OCSO responded to

the one-vehicle crash where one individual, later identified as Hernandez, had been ejected. Hernandez was not wearing a seatbelt. He and his passenger, a 20-year-old Waterford resident, who was wearing a seatbelt, were transported to the hospital via Star EMS. Hernandez was initially listed in critical condition and his passenger was listed in stable condition.

From their investigation, the OCSO crash reconstruction team determined that Hernandez's 2001 Ford F150 pickup truck ran off the roadway, struck a guardrail and overturned, ejecting him from the truck.

Hernandez was not responding to a call at the time of the crash. According to the sheriff's office, alcohol does not appear to be a factor. The crash remains under investigation.



Jason Hernandez

News briefs

'First Friday in Holly'

The next "First Friday in Holly" will take place from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. Visit the village of Holly for your dining and shopping adventures where guests will have several restaurants to choose from. Then stroll the downtown or the north end of town for some unique shops for gifts for family, friends or yourself. Some of the stores include jewelry, ladies' boutiques with clothing and accessories, log furniture, Michigan products, candy, blackboard paints, candles, wine tasting, antiques and more. According to Sandra Kleven, owner of French Flamingo Fashion Accessories, "We are trying to get more of the stores to be open until 9 p.m. on the First Friday each month so people know they can come have dinner and do some shopping." She said these events have been going on since May and Holly business owners are seeing some success with all but a few stores staying open.

Holly 911 services to merge into Oakland County

State Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) announced Wednesday a \$21,700 state grant to consolidate the village of Holly 911 emergency service with Oakland County. This merger is expected to result in more efficient and effective government. On Wednesday, the Michigan Department of Treasury awarded \$6 million to 17 local governments through the Competitive Grant Assistance Program. The money helps offset costs associated with consolidations, mergers, interlocal agreements and cooperative efforts for municipalities and school districts. Special consideration and preference was given to proposals calling for complete mergers of two or more local units of government, Graves said.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST FOR THE record. It is not OK to cut your grass, blow clippings into the street and leave them there. Clean them up!

HOMOSEXUALS HAVE NATURAL

urges? I have urges to be slothful, to eat gluttonously, and slap idiots, but lucky for you I don't do them because they are sin. Your character is part of the sum total of the character of the nation. You can't say it doesn't affect others.

WE JUST MIGHT be tempted to keep our religion out of your government if your government would stay out of our religion. Your flawed logic led you to a faulty conclusion.

THE IDIOT IS the one who refuses to see that anti-discrimination ordinances have already been used to 'attack' Christian businesses. Call the American Family Association or the ACLJ and ask for real world examples. They are in the hundreds.

OBAMACARE WILL COLLAPSE all by itself, without any help from the Republicans. The Democrats own the Obamacare train wreck, lock, stock and barrel. Getting healthy young people to purchase insurance even with subsidies, with money they don't have, will be like herding cats. That is Obamacare's premise and its eventual demise.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS, A fancy term meaning we will deny the truth, live a lie and force our view on you because it profits us. Anyone with an education would understand that. Freedom of speech is one of the greatest freedoms this country has ever had. Rockman knew that and I applaud that man for he told the truth. The reporters are too politically correct to speak the truth.

JUST WANTED TO know if any other Fenton residents are sick to death of looking at stained mattresses, smashed televisions and broken furniture on the curb on Mill Street where the drop off box is.

TO ALL THE people complaining about people on food stamps, you don't know their circumstances, just like I don't know yours. I want to lower mine because I am a single person and I don't need a lot of food, but if it weren't for food stamps, I would be begging for food.

WE CAN NO longer afford proper background checks on government employees. They admit that felons have been hired into the system. They also say there will be no background checks on those that have access to all your personal information for Obamacare. God help us all.

ONCE AGAIN THE Democratic president has cleaned up a Republican's mess. Obama has ended combat in Iraq, dispatched Bin Laden, stabilized the banks, cut deficit in half, created jobs for 41 straight months, saved GM and Chrysler, provided health care for 35 million Americans, IRAs and 401Ks are profitable and the stock market is way up.

MR. PRESIDENT IF you had a son would he have looked like Aaron? One

of your advisers should have told you one day the comment you made would come back to bite you.

I SAW THE CEO of Starbucks stating on TV that they prefer open and concealed to not carry their weapon into their store. They don't have to worry about it, I won't buy another Starbucks drink again.

MARIJUANA IS A socialist's dream. It takes away your motivation to work. I know from past experience.

I GET A BIG kick out of these currently know-nothing educated people that are creating stuff like Obamacare and use the term 'navigator.' I don't know what idiot thought that up, but in my day, World War II, he flew on a bomber.

SIT DOWN AND think how great this country could be again. I don't know if we can wait, but if Obama resigned, that would be the only thing he did right and it would be a start. I just hope it isn't too late. We lost our leadership and desire and our presidency. Nixon resigned and I think Obama should too.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put lines on the road. The young drivers driving to school think if there is no line they can drive in the middle and they run you right off to the shoulder.

I GET A kick out of Obama. It's kind of like reading the funnies every day. He reminds me of a rabbit. Every 30 days he is hopping all over the place coming up with another goofy idea, all of them hurting the country. If he is doing this intentionally he is very successful, if he's not he is very stupid.

I BELIEVE THIS is the first time I have ever agreed with Foster Childs. Baby Boomers are failures and we are to blame.

Three ways to get cash out of your home

►Selling, buying or staying put, today's housing market can put money in your pocket

By Sally Rummel

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You don't have to look under your sofa cushions to find cash in your house. With today's rising home prices, still low interest rates, surging house sales and a better overall economy, you can use your home as a source for cash in three different ways, according to Kiplinger magazine.

If you're selling . . .

In most markets, including the tri-county area, limited supply has given sellers the advantage. "There have been more buyers than sellers this past summer, which have resulted in an above average number of multiple offers," said Ken Brant, of Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton. "I do see it 'evening out' a bit, with the inventory going in a direction of a more equal number of buyers and sellers in the next six months."

The most important aspect in selling a property quickly (less than 30 days) is to price it right. It will move more quickly and the homeowner can avoid all the frustration of having to keep their home prepared to show all the time, and worry as to whether the price will hold up in an appraisal.

In a recent sales scenario at Coldwell Banker Professionals, the seller got it right by pricing their house appropriately. "The more it is priced in the market range, the more offers a seller will have right now," said Brant. "It's important to listen to your Realtor and it's also important that your Realtor gets it right."

Ultimately, it's the appraisal that will actually determine the fate of the sale, as most buyers won't pay more than the appraisal price and a seller may choose not to sell their property if it appraises lower than the asking price.

"Here's when buyers and sellers can meet in the middle," said Mike Doherty, regional director for Prudential Great Lakes Realty, with an office in Fenton. "If a buyer has cash or enough equity, a bank may lend him or her the remaining money to make the deal, or the seller can decide to accept less than the asking price. If the parties don't agree, then we do a mutual release and the house is right back on the market."

Next, make your property stand out, as buyers love a home that is move-in ready. De-clutter and make small repairs. If your home has higher-end amenities like stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, it will likely sell quickly at full price, or may have multiple offers.

"Multiple offers are very common right now," said Doherty. "With a low inventory, it's very much a seller's market. Sellers have much more leverage than they've had in awhile."

If you receive multiple offers from qualified buyers, you may want to consider a cash offer first, or start with offers that aren't contingent on an appraisal.

If you're buying . . .

If you're moving up or downsizing, you'll want to coordinate your sale with a strategy for finding your next home.



Whether you are in the market for a new house or staying with the one you have, you can extract cash from your home due to better housing prices and increased sales.

One option may be to sell first, then rent back, until you find the right place. You can also buy first, then try to sell your former home before you close — but you must be prepared to make both mortgage payments for as long as it takes you to sell your first home.

Buying a home with a cash offer is very attractive to sellers, because they can usually close the deal quickly. But you may not want to park your cash there, because of low interest rates now available, unless you're approaching or

in retirement. To get your money out, you'd have to pay to borrow against the home or sell it.

Not all properties attract multiple offers, but if you see competition on your dream property, make a full price offer. If your finances allow it and you really want the house, you may have to bid above the asking price and include an escalator clause that will lift the offer a certain amount above the highest bidder's up to a maximum amount.

If you're staying put . . .

You can still cash in on your home if you have no plans to move. Rising home prices mean more equity in your home, which provides options. You can refinance to cut your monthly mortgage, do a cash-out refi to refinance and extract equity for other purposes at the same time. You can also borrow against your home's equity for a major expense, such as home improvements.

If you've been paying for private mortgage insurance, you can cancel it when your loan-to-value ratio falls to 80 percent. According to Kiplinger, the lender must cancel it automatically when it reaches 78 percent.

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Council appoints former supervisor to empty seat

► Jesse Lambert to fill in until November 2014

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — A familiar face will be joining the ranks of Holly's Village Council after Village President Ryan Bladzick nominated former Holly Township Supervisor Jesse Lambert to fill the vacancy during the Sept. 24 meeting.

The vacancy came as a result of Bladzick's appointment to fill the village president slot following the resignation of former Village President Jason Hughes.

"Mr. Lambert's experience serving as supervisor of Holly Township and his knowledge throughout the entire Holly community is really immeasurable," Bladzick said. "Specifically, while he was supervisor and even after he was supervisor, he has really continued to serve the community in terms of our sustainability, and most importantly, quality of life."

"Those are the things that are needed most if we're going to see economic growth and if we're going to see community engagement."

Bladzick's motion to appoint Lambert was supported by Councilwoman Debra Musgrave, and in a vote of 5-0, passed. Councilwoman Jackie Campbell was excused from the meeting.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | AMY MAYHEW

Clerk/Treasurer Cathy Behrens swears Jesse Lambert into office on Tuesday. He was appointed to serve the remainder of Jason Hughes' term, who recently stepped down.

Lambert, who currently serves as the deputy treasurer for Rose Township, said being a part of Village Council isn't that much different than serving Holly or Rose townships. "It's still Holly — still all the same friends, neighbors and people that were there before," Lambert said.

"The burdens and gratifications of leadership are the same no matter

where you go — it just depends on the municipality and what the restrictions or the opportunities there are in front of you and that present themselves," he added. "I'll have a lot of homework to do, but I know I'm very comfortable in speaking with everyone on council to get up to speed quickly."

Lambert's term will end in November 2014.

Calendar of events

AGLOW INTERNATIONAL-HOLLY

Aglow International-Holly will meet at 315 South Broad St. in Holly on Wednesday, Oct. 9 beginning with fellowship and snacks at 9:30 a.m. and followed by a 10 a.m. meeting. The speaker will be Phyllis Fox, who will join the group to share prayer, praise and proclamation in strategic places in Israel. For more information, contact Julie at (248) 841-5126 or jawbe333@hotmail.com.

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN VETERANS TO MEET ON OCT. 14

WSWV meet the second Monday of each month at the 2/42 Community Church Building, 7526 W Grand River Ave, Brighton. The Oct. 14 meeting will feature Dr. Eric Amberg, a clinical neuropsychologist working with children and adults who have experienced neuropsychological disorders. Dr. Amberg is currently working with veterans and nonveterans on the development of a program for addressing veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in addition to other related disorders. The business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and the open discussion starts at 7:15 p.m. There is no charge to attend. For more information, go to www.wswvets.org or contact Arlene Callaghan at (810) 599-6014 or wswvets@gmail.com.

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OBAMACARE

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the exchange, healthcare won't be the same.

"Most people are afraid of change and something that's uncertain," said Thomas Rupp, an employee benefits broker with Brown and Brown Insurance in Fenton. "What people should know is that this affects everyone, whether you have coverage or not. This is going to be a huge transformation of healthcare."

According to Rupp, healthcare plans are most likely to increase overall, however, the quality of care and coverage is expected to improve. Starting next year, all healthcare plans must include services such as maternity, mental health and physical therapy. People can no longer be denied coverage for pre-existing conditions and insurance companies cannot put a lifetime cap on how much they will pay per customer.

Federal subsidies may be available to some families, depending on what percentage of income a household pays in healthcare costs.

For people 40 and older, Rupp advises asking health insurance providers how their coverage and network will change and if they will have the same access to their doctors and specialists. Rupp said older generations are concerned about the quality of healthcare that will exist once doctors begin seeing more patients.

While Rupp sees some positives and good intentions with the healthcare overhaul, his biggest concerns lie with costs. In theory, hospitals should have less debt if a majority of Americans are paying for a healthcare plan. However, taxes will most likely increase to help offset the costs for subsidies.

"The negative of the bill is it does not attack costs. The taxes are going to be substantial for this," Rupp said. "You can't cover 32 million people for free and not pay anything."

Mark Valacak of the Genesee County Health Department said that the healthcare profession will experience a transition period and changes in coverage rates won't be known immediately. Valacak expects health professionals to start promoting preventative measures rather than relying on treatment and emergency room care. Rather than focusing on pro-

moting medication and surgery, doctors may push for more annual screenings and promoting abstinence from damaging activities such as smoking and excessive alcohol consumption.

"Like anything new, we're going to learn some things along the way. I think this is movement in the right direction," said Valacak.

Those who do not have healthcare coverage by March 2014 will have to pay a penalty of \$95 or 1 percent of their taxable income. By 2015, the penalty will increase to \$325 or 2 percent of taxable income. The penalty increases to \$695 a year or 2.5 percent of a person's taxable income by 2016.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), 43 different healthcare plans will be available to consumers in Michigan. HHS estimates three out of five uninsured individuals will be able to get coverage for less than \$100 a month, with tax credits and Medicaid coverage included.

“What people should know is that this affects everyone, whether you have coverage or not.”

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Tri-county fundraisers

Fundraiser for Holly High School's robotics team

The community is invited to support Truck Town Thunder (T3) Robotics Team #68, a combined robotics team of Holly and Brandon high schools. Donate your scrap metal to T3 to help generate funds to cover team costs. This fundraiser runs through Oct. 12. Items, such as water tanks, appliances, bed frames, copper, brass, bikes, car parts and stainless steel can help the team raise money through this scrap drive. It takes place at Sumthing Green Metal Recycling, 103 Wolfe Rd. in Ortonville. Drop-off is Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please mention Truck Town Thunder so the team will get credit. Pick-up is also available by calling (248) 8320-6701. Visit www.trucktownthunder.com to learn more about the robotics team.

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"It's simple. The law states if you aren't willing and able to accept work, you aren't qualified for unemployment benefits," Goike said in a press release. "By making individuals take responsibility for their actions, we are also able to save employers money, which will help them create jobs and pay better wages to the workers they currently have."

If passed into law, employers could report perspective employees who fail pre-employment drug testing to the state of Michigan, making them ineligible for unemployment benefits. Potential employees who refuse to take a drug test or lack the proper documentation for medication would fall under the same category as those who failed a drug test.

State Rep. Vicki Barnett (D-Farmington) said a similar bill signed into law in Wisconsin last year was repealed after

business owners were getting sued for ending unemployment benefits to potential hires who failed drug tests. With the possibility of false positives from poppy seeds and other legal, prescribed medications, Barnett said the bill will likely create more lawsuits, costing the state and employers more money rather than saving money from denying unemployment benefits.

"We should be in Lansing focusing on making the state a better place to do more business, not putting up barriers for people who need help," Barnett said. "This bill is so egregious of how it controls the lives of perspective employees."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports states that have done similar drug testing for welfare recipients vary when it comes to saving money. In 2011, Idaho saved \$1.12 million with preventative substance abuse programs

but spent \$1.2 million in drug testing. Welfare drug testing in Louisiana cost the state an estimated \$61,239 in 2011. Of the 8,797 welfare recipients tested in Florida during 2011, 3.8 percent tested positive for drugs. The department found that nationwide, 5 to 10 percent of welfare recipients had some sort of substance abuse problem, which was on par with the general population.

In 1999, Michigan briefly had a law drug testing welfare recipients. According to politifact.com, about 8 percent of 268 applicants tested positive for drugs. The law was eventually struck down as it was declared unconstitutional to drug test people without probable cause.

Readers on Facebook were divided on the issue, with some claiming too many people abuse the system while others said the drug testing was unnecessary. Tyler Hiliker posted, "certainly not everyone on welfare is like that but we need to seriously cut down in fraudulent cases and people using welfare as a career choice."

Ronna Kulongowski wrote "No, most employers already do drug tests and where is the money gonna come from to pay for these tests?"

“It's simple. The law states if you aren't willing and able to accept work, you aren't qualified for unemployment benefits.”

Ken Goike
State representative,
Ray Township

Social News**WEDDING****Whiteside**

Chelsea M. Behrens of Linden became the bride of Spencer A. Whiteside of Chillicothe, Mo. on June 29, 2013. The ceremony was held at Linden Presbyterian Church and was performed by Pastor Seth Normington. The bride's parents are David and Jill Behrens of Linden and the groom's parents are Steve and Mary Pat Whiteside of Chillicothe, Mo. Attending the couple were Maid of Honor, Whitney Yeakey and Best Man, Alec Whiteside. Bridesmaids were Jenna Konal, Alyssa Longton, Brooke Van Esley and Angela McCloskey. Groomsmen were Neil Evans, Tyler Hamersma, Dan Zalenski, Ben Shachter, Pat Hance (usher) and Bob Riley (usher). Amanda Bush was the flower girl and Wyatt Riley was the ring bearer. A reception followed at Spring Meadows Country Club. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the newlyweds will reside in Grand Rapids.

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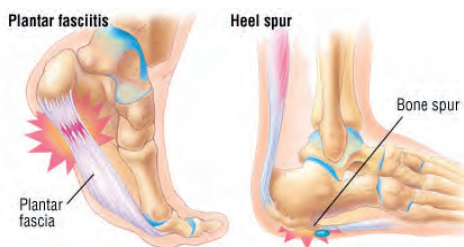
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BLIGHT

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and wood cover the floor. In some places there is no floor.
These sounds and smells are the signs of progress. The home that became known as “the gray lady” was blighted, abandoned and owned by Holly Village. Soon enough, it will be brand new inside, and restored outside by owner Matt McDonald.

Blight is something all municipalities deal with. Whether overgrown weeds, abandoned vehicles, commercial buildings or piles of garbage, each local government must deal with these issues.
In Fenton, fighting blight is constant. Brad Hissong is the zoning and building administrator, and he oversees blight control in Fenton. “We have problems in Fenton that you don’t see and don’t know, but we’re cleaning it up,” he said, and guesses that he spends one third of his time dealing with blight, or up to 600 incidents per quarter.

Things like large driveway cracks, weeds, brush, garbage, property hazards and maintenance issues are all things they consider blight, not to mention vacant structures like the former Topps building on Adelaide Street.

Sometimes when a family or individual knows they will lose their home they stop buying tags for garbage pick-up in the city. Hissong has had fenced-in yards filled with garbage — 350 bags — which were left when the family moved out. It took seven days to

“We have problems in Fenton that you don’t see and don’t know, but we’re cleaning it up.”

Brad Hissong
Fenton’s building and zoning administrator

remove the garbage, and the bill was attached to the property taxes, which the next owner will deal with.

Some municipalities address blight control through complaints only — but Hissong said

there is too much in the city to wait for complaints. His 25-hour-a-week code enforcer also patrols, looking for issues.

Should they find something, the first step is a written notice, along with the code enforcer taking photos. The resident will be given a number of days to correct the problem.

If it isn’t corrected, the officer will talk to the person directly, and give another deadline. If the person is making an effort, then the deadline may be lengthened. The worst case is when the city has to mow the weeds or clean the garbage, and give the person a court appearance ticket. Hissong said the

Summary

►All local governments work against blight, which at its core is an eyesore, whether it’s tall grass, or abandoned cars or buildings. Each government has its own plan, though it is often the code enforcer that handles blight.



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The former “gray lady” in Holly has received primer as the exterior is on its way to being restored. The roof has been replaced and the interior will be completely new when restoration is finished.

goal is compliance, and avoiding a citation or court.

In Holly, blight control is split between the fire and police department. Capt. Dan Myers of the Holly Fire Department handles noxious weeds, maintenance issues, adding to about 10 each month inside the village. He said there are fewer garbage complaints, and more abandoned vehicles.

Holly police deals with abandoned vehicles. Police Chief Michael Story said they spend about eight to 12 hours each month on their side of blight control, which also includes cars, car parts and garbage. Blight happens in the village, and it’s a concern, but he said it’s not “rampant” in Holly.

Matt McDonald owns the house on 102 First Street, and said the community has embraced the project.

In Linden, code enforcer Jason Payne said the city sees mostly noxious weeds and tall grass.



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Broken plaster covers the stairs at the home at 102 First Street, as the inside is torn apart.



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DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Here are a few quick hits:

— Now that the Detroit Tigers have clinched the American League Central Division and are in the playoffs, I hope they rest Miguel Cabrera at least the first two games of this weekend's final series of the regular season. Since the start of September, Cabrera is batting .246. Playing him through injury certainly hasn't been the answer.

— Wolverine fans are feeling a bit unsettled these days. Yeah, the Wolverines are 4-0, but they've been pushed to the fourth quarter against what is considered sub-par talent twice already this year. However, the fans that are griping about these close calls will be the same ones later this year griping how Michigan should go to a BCS bowl because they have a 10-2 record, forgetting exactly who those victories were earned against and how.

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Mitch Hughes

• Holly's No. 3 singles player

• For details about Holly's victory against Fenton go to page 17A.

Fall teams are proving they are tops again

►Linden boys soccer holds on to the top spot

By David Troppens

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It's happening again.

During most years, all we do for our season list of top teams is a top five. It's a nice number and with most seasons it's pretty easy to find five squads that merit being on the list with some that are hard-luck squads that just missed the list.

But over the years I've learned one thing — an elite eight is desperately needed for the fall. Some of it has to do with the number of sports that are played during the fall. We've got football, soccer, swimming, tennis, golf, cross country (both sexes) and volleyball. With so many teams, it makes sense that filling a top five should be easier.

However, the number of teams doesn't explain it all. Talent has something to do with it as well. Check all the Flint Metro League standings. There's a tri-county squad on top of the ladder in every single case. And in every single case a team contending in second or third place is another Metro League squad. Not to be outdone, the Lake Fenton boys cross country team is undefeated in the GAC and the girls are doing fine as well. The Lake Fenton football team also has won their only GAC Red game entering Friday's contest with Beecher.

And how good is this list? Well, the state-ranked Linden boys cross country team isn't on it because they've taken "only" second in the first two Metro jamborees.

Indeed, the fall is a great time to be a fan of tri-county sports. But, it's a hard time being the local sports editor, because I have to figure out this nearly impossible poll. Enough griping. Here's our poll through Thursday night's results.

No. 8 - Lake Fenton boys cross country: Is this a typo? I can't be serious? Well, I am. Just a few years ago the Lake Fenton boys couldn't even field a complete team. Now, the squad is undefeated in GAC play and contending for a conference crown. They've also put to-

gether some nice results in recent weekend tourneys. The most recent was a second-place finish at the Linden Invitational.

No. 7 - Holly boys tennis: Their 20-year string of Metro titles ended last year, but the Bronchos avenged some of that by defeating the Fenton Tigers in a battle of undefeated Metro League teams on Tuesday. With a first-place or second-place finish at the Metro League meet, the Bronchos can make it 20 titles in 21 years. And, of course, their biggest challenge will be those tri-county rivals who became the champions last season once Holly forfeited the title — the Fenton Tigers. Holly will need to win the league meet if they want to stay in our challenging elite eight poll.

No. 6 - Fenton volleyball: Does anyone remember the last time the Tigers lost a Metro League match? Does anyone remember the last time the JV or freshman team lost a Metro League match? They've won every varsity title since 2008-09. We are guessing it's not going to happen this year either.

No. 5 - Fenton football: The Tigers looked like they were destined for a slip-up game at halftime last week, trailing Brandon 14-0 at the time. However, the Tigers bounced back with 28 unanswered points and improved to 4-0 for the season. The defense led the victory.

No. 4 - Holly boys cross country: The Bronchos established themselves as the team to beat in the Metro League once again by winning the second jamboree. Now all they need to do is finish second at the league meet and they'll be at least co-champions. If it happens, it'll be Holly's first boys title since 1996-97.

No. 3 - Linden girls cross country: Ranked fifth in the state, the Linden girls captured the Linden Invitational title and their second straight jamboree title in the last seven days. They won the Linden Invitational title overwhelmingly without their top runner, Sydney



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Kevin Wright and his Linden varsity boys soccer teammates remain at No. 1 in our Tri-County Elite Eight poll for the fall athletic season.

Elmer, who was sick. This team is good, and is a serious contender to end up No. 1 on our list before the season is over.

No. 2 - Fenton girls golf: The Tigers are a perfect 8-0 with the Metro League meet on the horizon. They also won the Davison Invitational since our last poll. It's been an outstanding year, but it's what they do over the next three weeks that will truly determine where they'll finish

in our poll. Right now, they are a serious contender to finish tops on this poll as well.

No. 1 - Linden boys soccer: Now ranked fourth in the state, the Eagles only loss has come against the No. 2 team in Michigan in Division 2. Linden beat Goodrich on Thursday, a team that is on the honorable mention list as well. They remain undefeated in Metro League play.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

SWIMMING

► **Fenton 97, Powers 86:** The Tigers earned firsts in five events and had two state-qualifying times. Bri Costigan won the 200 freestyle (2:07.88), while Addison Ransom won the 500 (6:02.75). Kenzie Deputy captured the top spot in diving (191.55), with teammate Zoe Weinberg placing second (153.60). Lauren Gruber took the top spot in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.65). The Tigers also won the 200 freestyle relay with the team of Gabrielle Haaraoja, Costigan, Grace Siefker and Ransom (1:52). Haaraoja placed second in the 50 freestyle (24.90) and the 100 freestyle (54.41), earning state cuts in both events. Elise Cassidy earned a second in the 100 backstroke (1:08.97).

"Our depth was the key to our win tonight," Fenton coach Brad Jones said.

GOLF

► **Fenton 178, Lapeer West 191:** Fenton's Samantha Moss shot a school record 35, tying for medalist honors with West's Caycee Turczyn during the victory. Fenton (8-0) also had Madison Shegos card a 47 and Tailer Przybylowicz and Sarah Cummings score 48s.

► **Holly 194, Lapeer East 198:** The Bronchos (5-2) moved into a tie for second place with the victory at Heather Highlands. Paige Johnson led the Bronchos with a 46, while Jenna Pepper and Landrea Hill had 49s. Mandi McEachern carded a 50.

► **Swartz Creek 211, Linden 236:** At Spring Meadows, Hannah Joslin led the Eagles with a 54, while Makena Baldwin carded a 55. Ashley Robinson had a 60 and Sydney Bond and Jenna Rokovak chipped in 67s.

► **Linden 205, Carman-Ainsworth 208:** Hannah Joslin led the Eagles with a 43, while Makena Baldwin had a 49. Sydney Bond recorded a 55, while Ashley Robinson had a 58.

SOCCER

► **Linden 2, Goodrich 0:** The Eagles improved to 16-1 with the victory against Goodrich. Zach Bakos and Nolan McDonald scored for Linden, while Timo Schreiner and Tyler Ziccardi had assists. Linden outshot Goodrich 19-1.

► **Oxford 1, Fenton 0:** Oxford scored the game-winning goal with 6:01 left in the second half. Both teams had five shots on goal.

► **Fenton 3, Lapeer East 1:** Andrew Mowery scored two goals and JD Davis had two assists in the Tigers' victory. Liam Adams also scored. The Tigers outshot East 28-6.

► **Lapeer West 3, Holly 2:** The Bronchos were tied 2-2 until a goal by West's Justin Abdelhak with about 10 minutes remaining in the second half.

► **Holly 2, Goodrich 1:** Derek Miller scored for Holly, while Chandler Price assisted.

VOLLEYBALL

► **Linden def. Kearsley:** The Eagles (3-1, 11-6-3) cruised to the win against Kearsley 25-18, 25-20, 25-17. Megan Klavitter had 14 digs and five aces to go with perfect 14-for-14 serving. Rebecca McDonald had 10 kills, while Niki Sargent chipped in nine. Bridget Adams and Taylor Ovington had seven kills each. Sydney Jacques had 18 assists, while Miranda Fowler.

"Overall we had a pretty solid match," Linden coach Cori Mason said. "Everyone had a chance to contribute as well."

► **Clio def. Holly:** The Mustangs defeated Holly 25-9, 22-25, 25-16, 26-24. Adrienne Cheff led the team with a school record 44 assists. Lauren Fultz had 16 kills, while Brooke Jackman had 11 kills. Katie Ordiway had 25 digs, while Shayla Pipischack had 19 digs. Abby Lewandowski had five blocks.

► **Powers def. Lake Fenton:** Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with 10 kills and two blocks in the 25-10, 25-22, 25-13 loss to Powers. Alyssa Rodgers had 12 assists, while Reagan Goupil had six kills.

Holly tennis takes inside track, beats Fenton

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Fenton— One is the defending champion.

The other feels they should've been the defending champions.

Both came into a dual meet at Fenton High School with an undefeated Metro League record in boys tennis.

And now the team with the actual inside track to the 2013 Flint Metro League championship has been established.

The Holly Bronchos, who were declared the 2012 Metro League champions, but voluntarily forfeited the title due to using what was later declared an ineligible player, defeated the eventual 2012 champion Fenton Tigers 6-2 at Fenton High School.

With the victory the Bronchos, winners of 19 straight league crowns before last year's results, established themselves as the favorites to win the crown when the league meet is staged at Lapeer East High School on Tuesday. The win means all the Bronchos need to do is finish in second place at the league meet to capture at least a share of the title. The defending champion Tigers probably need to win the league meet to earn at least a share of the crown for the second straight year, as the Bronchos are certainly not expected to finish any lower than second at the meet.

The Bronchos were satisfied.

"We're still proud of the victory even though we kind of felt we'd get the job done," said Holly's No. 1 singles player Jeff Sophiea. "It's a relief we did, though. We are proud of what we did today, at least I am. ... We'll get some practice in and be ready for the league meet for sure."

"It's a routine thing for us," Holly senior Taylor Mills said. "We've been play-

ing good since the beginning of the season. We've been sticking to it, doing what we do. Nothing really changes, we're just keeping it up."

The Tigers tried to give Holly a scare early on, and looked to have a shot at competing for at least a 4-4 tie for some of Tuesday's meet. The Tigers earned two straight set wins and had a first-set victory in another flight. However, when the dust settled, the Bronchos had won three of the four singles flights by straight sets and three of the four doubles flights, two by straight sets, to earn the victory.

"We knew we had more depth in our lineup, but we knew they would have a strong singles lineup," Sophiea said. "Our three and four singles players definitely stepped it up when they got it done. The doubles did what we expected. ... Overall we thought they would have some strong kids at some fights, but we still just had to come out and play our own game."

The Bronchos were strong in the singles flights. Sophiea won his match against Mazzen Saab 6-1, 6-2, while Holly's Mitch Hughes (No. 3) struggled with Neelesh Pedireddy for a set before winning a 7-5, 6-1 verdict. Holly's other singles win was provided by Will Moller (No. 4) against Nick Campbell 6-2, 6-3. Fenton's Mitch Campbell earned the Tigers' only singles flight point with a strong 6-1, 6-3 victory against Evan Vergith.

In doubles action, Fenton captured a point in Landon Mikulenas' and Bailey Gauss' 6-3, 6-1 No. 1 doubles flight victory against Craig Richards and Parker Rowse. The Tigers were able to present two competitive matches beyond that doubles flight as well but were unable to get another point. Holly's Dillon Sink and



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Holly's Jeff Sophiea won his No. 1 singles match against Fenton's Mazzen Saab in the Bronchos' 6-2 victory against the Tigers on Tuesday.

Zac Goodrich (No. 3) lost their first set against Fenton's Mitch Koch and Andrew Olszewski 2-6 but then bounced back for a 6-3, 6-0 victory. Also, No. 2 doubles was a challenge with Holly's Parker Cuthbert and Mills winning their match against Beecher Warren and Jack Pooler by a 6-3, 6-4 score. Holly's No. 4 doubles

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Tigers continue perfect ways in Metro, defeat Blackhawks

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity volleyball team had one mission in mind when the Tigers played the Brandon Blackhawks Tuesday night in Metro League action.

They wanted to make sure no ball cleanly hit the floor on their side of the court without at least a touch on the ball.

The Tigers came close to ultimately satisfying that goal. Only four balls hit the floor without a Fenton player getting to it. Through it, the Tigers earned 49 digs and played an outstanding match, earning a 25-8, 25-11, 25-18 victory against the Blackhawks.

"I didn't think we played particularly strong (last weekend) and was disappointed in our play. So we sat down and we had a team talk," Fenton coach Linda Rusaw said. "I tried to change my focus and move our intensity up. We looked at how we were going after balls. We need to make everything important."

"We've tried to focus on refusing to lose. There should be nothing that lands on our side. We had only four balls that went to the floor untouched against Brandon. There were only two that we watched (hit the floor). That was phenomenal."

The Tigers (4-0, 20-12) remained undefeated in Metro play with the overwhelming victory. Fenton played a strong match in pretty much every aspect of volleyball. Defensively, they had the 49 digs, with seven players earning at least three. Jaime Hansen, Ashley Bearden and Morgan Gavulic each had nine digs, while Carly Granger chipped in seven.

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Lady Eagles crush field in second jamboree

►Fenton surprises field, places second at meet

By David Troppens

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The Linden girls cross country team has won or shared four of the last six Metro League titles.

But with all of the Eagles' success, they haven't won back-to-back league crowns during that period.

On Wednesday, the Eagles took a nice stride forward to doing just that this year.

The defending Metro League champions won the second jamboree of the season, earning Linden the inside track for the league crown.

Linden finished the second Metro jamboree at Kearsley's Armstrong Middle School with four of the top six runners, scoring just 26 team points. Fenton, who placed fourth in the first meet, were the surprise of the event. The Tigers placed second ahead of usual Metro contenders Holly. The Tigers had their entire top five finish within the top 17 places, earning them 65 points, five points better than third place Holly. The Tigers and Bronchos enter the final meet, scheduled for Oct. 23 at Springfield Oaks County Park, in a battle for second place. But more importantly for Linden, second-place Holly is three points behind Linden. That means as long as Linden places first or second at the final meet, and they'll be expected to do that relatively easily, the Eagles will have their second consecutive outright Metro League championship. The Lady Eagles have never won back-to-back league titles before.

"Winning another Metro title would accomplish one of our season goals," Linden coach Teresa Wright said. "We are in a good position to do so as long as we stay healthy and work hard. We feel very fortunate to win the first two meets. We enter every meet knowing we have to run our best and stay focused on being competitive."

The Eagles' dominance was apparent. Sydney Elmer remained the dominant runner in the Metro, winning the race with a time of 19:23, 27 seconds ahead of Holly's second-place runner Maggie Schneider.

The rest of Linden's top scorers were McKayla Guy in third (19:53), Jordan



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Several Linden, Holly and Fenton cross country runners begin the second Metro League jamboree on Wednesday. Linden won it with Fenton taking second and Holly placing third.

Holscher in fifth (20:20), Savannah Ferrara in sixth (20:22) and Courtney Davis in 11th (21:07). Linden's entire starting seven finished within the top 16, or better than any one else's top five finished. Taylor Ganger placed 14th (21:32), while Maya Gossett placed 16th (21:38).

"The addition of Savannah and Jordan has definitely strengthened the dynamic of our team," Wright said. "Those two, with Sydney, McKayla and Courtney have made us a contender everywhere we have competed so far. I hope it continues."

The surprise of the jamboree were the Fenton Tigers. Fenton returned one of their key runners, Emily Bemis, and it certainly helped the squad. The Tigers finished with 90 points at the first jamboree, but cut that point total by 25 points, putting them in second. Fenton had its top five all finish within the top 17, and had six runners within the top 20. Senior Torrey Christopher led the squad, improving her placing from 12th to eighth place, finishing in 20:40 on Wednesday.

"I was really pleased with our perfor-

mance as a team," Christopher said. "We worked really hard to get where we are and it was nice to have all five that scored under 22 minutes."

"We knew our top five needed to be within that time range, and we all trained really hard. It was nice to get one of the girls that was hurt back as well, Emily Bemis."

The rest of Fenton's top five were Danielle Hack in 12th (21:19), Emily Battaglia in 13th (21:27), Bemis in 15th (21:36) and Jenna Keiser in 17th (21:39). Emma Lane also placed 20th (21:43).

Holly fell to third place, but remain in second in the overall standings, a point ahead of Fenton. The Bronchos top five were not drastically different in terms of placings from where they were in the first meet, but the Tigers' strong performance was able to eclipse them. Schneider placed second to Elmer for the second straight meet, earning a time of 19:50. The rest of the Bronchos top five were Alex Matvchuk in seventh (20:33), Abby Brown in 10th (20:56), Courtney Kettle in 19th (21:42) and Haley Ruff in 32nd (23:32).

Holly boys move step closer to Metro crown, earn top spot at league event

By David Troppens

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During the first Metro League jamboree, the Holly varsity boys cross country team had to deal with injuries and snuck out of the first event with a tight first-place finish against defending Metro champions Linden.

In the second jamboree at Kearsley's Armstrong Middle School that wasn't the case.

Holly had all of its top seven runners back and showed why they are the favorites to win this season's title by winning the second jamboree by a healthy 24-point margin ahead of the Linden Eagles. Holly now enters the league meet — held on Oct. 16 at Holly's home course — needing just a second-place finish to earn at least a share of the Metro League title, something they haven't won since 1996. And, through two Metro events, the Bronchos have proven themselves the clear favorites, particularly with a full lineup.

"Somebody asked me before we started off if I was nervous and I was going through my head of all what could happen," Holly coach Richie Brinker said. "We were nervous for the first See **HOLLY** on 19A



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Holly's Vincent Cantu leads teammate Zac Feliz and Linden's Ryan Torok during the second Metro League jamboree. Holly won the meet while defending Metro champions, Linden, placed second. The Bronchos have won the first two jamborees this fall.

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LF boys XC remains perfect in GAC, sweeps recent meet

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team remains undefeated in GAC action.

The Blue Devils defeated Byron 23-32 and Perry 21-34, improving to 8-0 at Byron High School on Tuesday. The Lake Fenton girls split their duals, beating Byron 18-37, but falling to Perry 19-36.

The Lake Fenton boys earned three of the top six runners in the field overall, a field which included Durand and Morrice as well. Caleb Fletcher led the Blue Devils by placing third (17:42), while Jacob Fletcher was fourth (17:55). Hunter Corcoran placed sixth (18:15). Winston Ray placed 11th (19:07), while Jasper Lindsay was 17th (19:42).

The Lake Fenton girls (6-2) had three of the top seven runners overall. However, Perry had five of the top nine in the 40-runner field. The Blue Devils were paced by Laura Carlson's fourth-place performance in 21:32, while Alexis Cash took sixth (22:57) and Denise Carlson placed seventh (23:52). Kim Roe was 11th (24:30.5), while Danielle Schwartz was 13th (24:43).



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Lake Fenton runners Winston Ray placed 11th overall in the Blue Devils' meet on Tuesday.

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jamboree, but not the second one because I felt, for the lack of a better term, I had all my bullets in the gun. I didn't feel like we were going into a fight against someone who had all of theirs and we didn't."

Holly's Nate Frasier won his second jamboree of the season with a time of 16:18, eight seconds ahead of Fenton's Jacob Lee. Unlike the last race though, the Bronchos had Vincent Cantu, who missed the first race with an injury. Cantu placed fifth (16:38), while teammate Dilon Lemond placed sixth (16:41). Holly's last two runners came within the top 15 overall, setting up the easy victory. They were Zac Feliz in 13th (17:03) and Kurtis Cooley in 15th (17:12).

Linden placed their entire top five within the top 17 but didn't have any runners in the top seven, earning them 64 points, 24 less than Holly's total of 40.

Jeremiah Gossett led the Eagles by placing eighth (16:46), while David Doyle finished 11th (16:57). The rest of Linden's scorers were Mikey Varacalli in 12th (16:59), Ryan Torok in 16th (17:12) and Scott Schultz in 17th (17:43).

"When Kurtis Cooley finished ahead of Ryan (Torok), I knew we had our fifth ahead of their fourth man," Brinker said. "I started wondering if I missed someone."

The Fenton Tigers placed fourth overall with 103 points. The Tigers' top two runners matched Holly's first two, but the issue is getting the pack to improve so Fenton can get higher up in the standings. They made some progress at the jamboree. The Tigers finished fifth at the first jamboree but were



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Fenton runners Jacob Lee (right) and Dominic Dimambro finished second and fourth, respectively, at the second Metro jamboree on Wednesday.

only 30 points behind third-place Clio on Wednesday. Fenton finished 61 points behind the Mustangs in the first event.

Jacob Lee improved from third to second in this jamboree, while Dominic Dimambro improved from eighth to fourth (16:36), Fenton's other three scorers were Lucas English in 23rd (18:08), Kyle Lasowski in 34th (18:57) and Samuel Strickhouser in 40th (19:18).

The final Metro meet is at Holly's Springfield Oaks County Park Oct. 16th. The meet will account for 50 percent of the final standings.

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The Tigers did several other things well. From the service line, the Tigers had just two service errors while pounding 11 aces in 74 attempts.

Offensively, the Tigers had 44 kills on 105 hitting attempts. Granger led the squad with 10 kills, while Bobbie Eastman had nine kills. Bearden had seven kills while Hansen chipped in six. Bearden set 26 assists, while Kelsie Fischer had nine.



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Fenton's Mitch Campbell returns a ball in his victory against Holly's Evan Vergith Tuesday in the Bronchos' 6-2 victory against the Tigers.

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team of Aaron Vergith and Morgan Baylis capped the Bronchos' victory with a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Nathan Brown and Devante Jackson.

"I'm very happy. I was thinking it would probably be a 3-5 or 4-4 score anyway, so I wasn't too far off," Fenton coach Michael Dumbrille said. "We have a good team and they have a good team. Of course, we knew that going in. There's no surprise there. We are excited for the Metros and are looking forward to it. We have a title to defend, and we are going for two years. That's the goal right now."

The Bronchos would've earned their 20th straight title a year ago if not for the issue with the player. Holly had a senior in their lineup who wasn't medically cleared the play. Holly had the senior in the lineup right up until his first match was to be played, hoping to get clearance. When it was apparent the medical clearance wasn't coming, they forfeited the flight. However, Holly athletic director Deb VanKuiken was alerted the decision may have been an MH-SAA violation and the Bronchos forfeited the Metro meet title a couple of weeks later.

They appealed the forfeit through the MH-SAA, but it wasn't reversed.

The flight earned a point due to the Bronchos earning a bye, meaning Holly actually earned a point despite the fact the player never played. Some opponents felt the Bronchos made the move for a competitive advantage, to earn the point, while the Bronchos' coaching staff maintained they were trying to give a senior every chance to compete in his last Metro meet.

The Bronchos won the meet decisively. What happened has Holly players determined to capture Tuesday's Metro League meet, and the outright title. By winning the meet at Lapeer East High School, they'll win their 20th title in 21 seasons.

"There's probably a little motivation from that, but we know we won last year," Mills said. "They know we won the Metro last year. The league knows we won it. It's pretty simple."

"Even though we know we won, that 2012 Metro League is not on the board for 20 straight," Sophia said. "We want to get that back. We want to go out and do what we do best and get the title."

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Two patrol cars were sent to the area to investigate.

Tyler Reish, a sophomore on the varsity football team was there at the time of the incident. Reish said he and about eight or nine other JV football players were hanging out on the field waiting for practice to begin. They heard a kid scream and turned to see what was going on.

Reish said they saw a frightened boy running toward them, and the football field. As the older boys asked the 11-year-old what was wrong, they saw an older man, with grayish, shaggy hair walking in their direction.

"He said, 'come here Michael,' in a fatherly tone," said Reish. The football players asked the boy if the man was his dad and he said "no" and added that he had no idea who the man was.

The football players instinctively yelled to the man, telling him to leave.

They also started yelling for a coach to come over.

"Me and two other boys ran toward him," said Reish. The football players ran in the man's direction and saw him get into a blue van, later identified as a 2004 GMC van. Some players took cellphone photos of the van and its license plate as the van left the area. Reish said once the players knew the boy was OK, some ran up to the school to get the athletic director, Mike Bakker.

Within minutes, police and a handful of administrators were on scene.

Reish said, "Something was off with this situation." He added that he and the others instantly knew, "This isn't right."

Aro said police have learned that the man had asked the boy if he wanted to play catch with a football and invited the boy to come over a fence to toss a

ball around.

The 11-year-old told police that he told the unknown man "no" and started walking away from him and toward the football players. Aro said this is when the football players noticed what was happening and intervened.

"They did a great job of not over-reacting, but intervening," said Aro. "They got between them and told him to leave. They got a good description and got a photo of the license plate."

Based on the information provided by the football players, police made contact with the suspect, identified as a 45-year-old Fenton resident, within minutes at his Fenton home.

Aro said the suspect maintained his reasoning for approaching the boy was simply to play catch. "That's concerning to us and parents," he said.

The police chief said the suspect was questioned at length. No laws were broken, however Aro said the man was warned against

doing anything like this again and to stay away from the schools. Police are continuing to investigate and monitor the situation.

Fenton Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said it was a terrible thing to happen but was glad to know the 11-year-old boy did the right thing by going over to the other students. "Everyone did a great job," he said.

Jalkanen arrived on scene within minutes and 20 or so football players were there and several were talking with police. To get out accurate information to parents of Fenton students, Jalkanen went back to his office and sent out an instant alert. He said fortunately the police chief called him quickly and advised him that police were already questioning the suspect. Jalkanen said he was glad to include that information in the alert.

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the state-funded Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), a free preschool program for eligible 4-year-olds. Additionally, Fenton offers Early Childhood Special Education classes for preschoolers who have an individualized educational program (IEP).

If parents are interested in working with their kids, Mora said Fenton also offers two parent-child programs, WonderWorks and JumpStart.

"WonderWorks provide a variety of sessions in art, music, story time, gross motor, play time, and soon-to-be yoga," Mora said. "JumpStart is for families that qualify under the same factors as GSRP, and is an integration of all of the WonderWorks components in each class." Mora said WonderWorks is \$40 per four-week session for unlimited classes.

"Our children are expected to come explore, discover, wonder, create, play and experience joy in all they do," Mora said. "We believe children come to us with great competence — the role of the teacher is that they are seen as learners along with the children," she added.

Mora said social-emotional development is one of the greatest benefits children get from attending preschool.

For more information, contact World of Wonder at (810) 591-8349.

Lake Fenton

Lake Fenton offers tuition-based preschool classes to 3- and 4-year-olds throughout the week, with both morning and afternoon sessions available, according to the school district's website.

Preschool classes are taught at West Shore Elementary School. In addition to

a registration fee of \$45 per family, and a tuition deposit of \$100 per child, cost for preschool classes are charged on a quarterly basis and range from \$143 to \$245 per quarter, depending upon the child's age, and how many days per week he or she attends.

Carey Payer currently serves at the director of preschool for the Lake Fenton district, and works closely with kindergarten teachers to make sure that the young students are prepared for the next step in their education.

For more information on the programs, contact West Shore Elementary School at (810) 429-0799.

Linden

The Linden school district offers several early childhood development classes through its Argentine Elementary Childhood Center.

In addition to offering tuition-based preschool classes for 3- and 4-year-olds throughout the week, Linden also offers the Preschool Plus program, a five day per week program providing 3- and 4-year-olds with material designed to meet and exceed state learning standards, and early childhood-focused content including math, science, social studies, literacy, music and technology.

According to the school district's website, tuition-based preschool varies in cost from \$125 to \$145 monthly, or \$250 to \$290 quarterly, depending on the number of days the child attends class. Preschool Plus costs range from \$145 to \$165.

Children ages 6 months to 3-years can take part in Linden's Infant/Toddler program, a program designed to enhance each infant and toddler's social-emotional health and well-being, and to establish



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WOW teacher Jeannette Maus reads to her preschool students Wednesday. Though they can't read yet, she encourages them to anticipate words in the book.

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State-funded GSRP preschool is also available to qualifying families of 4-year-olds, as well as Early Head Start for low-income families with children ages 6 months to 3 years, and Head Start for 3- and 4-year-olds.

"Children attending Argentine Elementary Early Childhood Center's preschool classes follow the Creative Curriculum, which is aligned with the curriculum followed by Linden Community Schools," Early Childhood Coor-

dinator Denise Westervelt said. "Creative Curriculum focuses on the educational, social, and emotional skills needed for kindergarten readiness."

For more information on all early childhood programs, call (810) 591-0320.

Holly

Audrey Winglemire is the Head Start/ GSRP coordinator for Holly Area Schools, and said that the district offers Head Start for 3- and 4-year-olds, GSRP for 4-year-olds, and tuition-based programs for nursery-aged children up to 4 years of age.

Winglemire said there is no cost for Head Start and GSRP classes, but that enrollment is based on eligibility.

Preschool programs in Holly vary from building-to-building, but there is a free program offered at every elementary school in the district. Winglemire said Head Start and GSRP follow the HighScope curriculum, which uses a carefully designed process called "active participatory learning" to achieve powerful, positive outcomes.

Winglemire said preschool gives kids a sense of independence and confidence while preparing them to enter the world of kindergarten. "Many academic activities are structured so the teacher can facilitate cooperative social skills," she said. "Students learn to share, take turns, react appropriately to conflict, and respect the diversity of others through cooperative play." Parent involvement is a big part of Head Start and GSRP, Winglemire said.

For more information, contact Winglemire at (248) 328-3027. For information on tuition-based programs, contact Carla Rigsby at (248) 328-3615.



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- **If you are pregnant**, how much of your pregnancy and delivery will your health insurance cover?
- **If you are pregnant**, do you want a doctor or midwife to care for you during your pregnancy and to deliver your baby? How do you select a good one? Where and how do you want to deliver your baby?
- **Can you take time** off from work for doctors' appointments or to prepare for adoption?
- **How do you** select a good pediatrician for your child?

- **Do you want** to conduct genetic testing during pregnancy?
- **How do you** tell your boss and coworkers that you will soon be a parent?
- **How much maternity/paternity** leave can you take, and how much of it will be paid?

After your baby arrives:

- **How do you** apply for a birth certificate and Social Security Number for your baby?
- **If you are** the mother, what are your rights to nurse in public?
- **How can you** arrange for health insurance for your new baby?
- **How can you** make sure that your home is hazard-free? What about lead paint?
- **When you travel**, how can you make sure your baby is safe?
- **How can you** take advantage of the tax breaks available to parents?

Returning to work:

- **If you are** going to use child-

care, what is the best kind for your family?

- **How should you** manage the relationship to ensure the best care for your child?
- **If you are** a nursing mother, how will you express breast milk at work? Do you have any legal right to do so if your employer objects?
- **Are there any** laws that protect you against unfair treatment at work now that you are a parent?
- **What are your** rights to take time off from work to care for your child?
- **If you are** having trouble balancing work and family, can you create a new work arrangement?

Planning ahead:

- **Whom should you** name to be your child's guardian if the unthinkable happened to you and your child's other parent?
- **Do you need** to write a will? What should you include in it?
- **Should you buy** life insurance? And if so, how much?
- **What is the** best way to save for your child's education?

For help in learning what you need to know to make parental decisions, contact any of the legal experts in the tri-county area.

Summary

►In addition to choosing a name and preparing a baby nursery in their home, new parents should also be thinking about pediatricians, work schedules, health insurance, and any possible tax credits for the upcoming bundle of joy.



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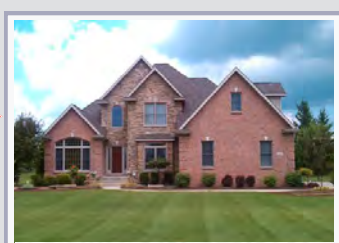
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(Above) Emilio Mireles, 17, waits for his ride on Wednesday. Of his bright colors he said, "It's giving off happiness, I guess." (Below) Students at Lake Fenton High School leave school, and wait for buses and rides Wednesday afternoon. The most popular clothing brands are still Abercrombie and Fitch, along with Hollister and American Eagle.



“In my mind it's kind of important, because you don't want to be judged. To some people it doesn't matter at all, to some people, it's everything.”

Madaline Hall
Fenton High School freshman

How important is being



High schoolers shrug off some of the pressure to dress the part

By Tim Jagielo
tjagielo@tctimes.com

Lake Fenton — At the end of the day, high school students spill out of the front doors, past the flag poles and out to the curb to wait for their bus, or their rides, or to get their own cars.

Outside there is a sampling of each clothing item, an outward selection based on personal choice or maybe just what fits well. Some might buy clothes because of what's popular. There is everything from the athletic, feminine, neutral and flamboyant.

According to the Na-

tional Retail Federation, back-to-school shopping for both college and high school was down this year, taking a \$100 per household average drop for school, and college shopping. Americans still spent \$836 on college, and \$634 for school shopping.

This might explain Abercrombie and Fitch's (A&F) earnings report, which reported a 33 percent profit drop in the third quarter of this year.

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Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What is your favorite, least favorite brand of clothing?

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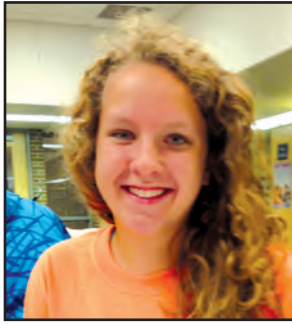
"I like American Eagle because it's a well known brand. I don't like Abercrombie, it's a little young."

— Samuel Strickhouser
FHS sophomore



"Everything I wear is a hand-me-down from my brother, but my favorite pair of pants is Ralph Lauren."

— Evan Dietz
FHS senior



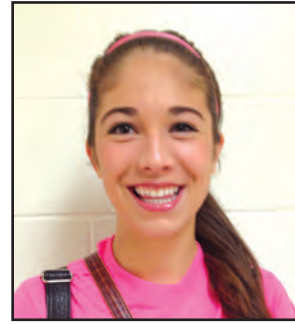
"Nike is my favorite and Abercrombie is my least favorite because of what the owner did."

— Emma Lane
FHS sophomore



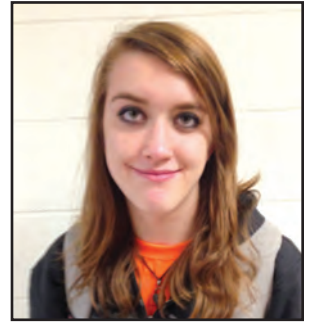
"Zoo York, because it's comfortable and stylish. I don't like Aeropostale."

— Ethan Follett
FHS freshman



"American Eagle. I like the way their jeans fit. My least favorite is Forever 21 their clothes don't last long and they rip."

— Lizzie Deming
FHS senior



"Hot Topic, they have a lot of different styles. I don't like Aeropostale, everyone wears it and it's overrated."

— Emily Fleming-Miller
FHS sophomore

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WITH MORE LAWS, rules, regulations and more and higher taxes, the USA now has a newer meaning. We have become the Unhappy Slaves of America. We are hanging over a cliff by our fingernails with nothing but a huge dark hole below. Time for a war against Washington politicians. Amen.

DROVE BY A church in Fenton that had a sign stating 'Pray To Stop Abortion.' We do not need divine intervention when a simple human solution will do the job quickly and effectively. The sign should have stated 'Stop Abortions — Do Not Vote Democrat.'

DOES ANYONE THINK since they made it legal for pharmaceutical companies to advertise their drugs on television that drug costs have gone down? I think the number of hypochondriacs have increased. Lawyers must love it when they start seeing the side effects.

SOME HOT LINES remind me of my friend's older brother back in the '80s. He was doing acid and thought the government was following him and watching him through his television. He even thought we were replaced by duplicates once.

I DON'T KNOW how someone can force abortion or gay marriage on anyone. If what you read or see on TV or read bothers you, then good luck. The world has changed and yet is the same. A human is a human regardless of skin color, gender or sexuality.

I WISH SOME of the productive seniors would get some laws changed to allow me to die with some dignity on my terms. Physician-assisted suicide is not as much a religious issue as it is an insurance issue.

A HOT LINE agrees we should help people but too many people are living off

Business briefs

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the taxpayers. Another saying minimum wage is no one's business. Why can't people see the connection between wages and public assistance? Lack of empathy I guess.

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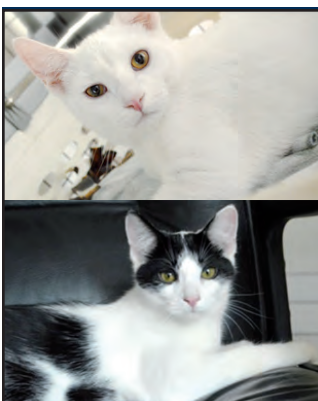
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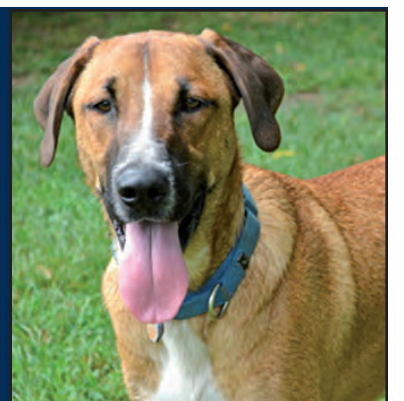
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which included quotes like, "Candidly, we go after the cool kids. We go after the attractive all-American kid with a great attitude and a lot of friends. A lot of people don't belong (in our clothes), and they can't belong. Are we exclusionary? Absolutely."

This brought a drop in earnings and a push back from some, who posted videos online giving A&F clothing to the homeless, so they can be associated with the brand, and faux-ads featuring plus-sized people. A&F clothing is not sold in plus sizes, effectively excluding these people from the brand.

Nevertheless, when you ask a student to name the most popular brands, A&F always come up, followed by their subsidiary, Hollister, and then American Eagle.

Allie Howell is a senior at Fenton

Summary

► Clothing is a regular part of life — it can be a challenge and pressure for some, while others find it easy to express themselves. Some name brands also carry social impacts with their corporate messages.

High School. As a freshman she wrote an opinion column about brands, and resisting conforming to a style or look. She said it was about how everyone is "always wearing UGG boots, Hollister," and expressed that it's more mature just to find your own style, and not worry about the opinions of others.

Believe it or not, at the time, her opinion was unique in the population, but now it's more the norm. "I think the older you get, you grow into yourself, you wear what you want," she said.

For Howell, it's about what fits her well, and A&F clothing doesn't always work.

Lake Fenton High School Principal Todd Reynolds said the style when he was in school was to cover as much skin as possible while today it seems the opposite. He said he rarely suspends students for dressing inappropriately, though it happened a couple times last year. The goal is always to keep students at school.

Emilio Mireles, 17, stands out with his hi-lighter colored leopard print backpack, hat and T-shirt graphic. Even the rubber bands on his braces are bright yellow. Mireles said he doesn't feel pressured by other students to subdue his colors. For him, it's not about a brand, it's about the colors, and the graphic.

Nathan Mann, 15, on Wednesday wore tight pants with neon green skulls, a cropped T-shirt with spiked bracelets and red hair. He tunes out the pressure to dress masculine — he describes his style as dark and flamboyant. This style is pushing it though, and Reynolds spoke

Popular VS knock-off prices

Comparisons are made between similar styles on the companies' current web-pricing

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with him about it on Wednesday.

Fenton High School freshman Madeline Hall said she feels some pressure, but not a lot. Hall is 14, and doesn't see much judgment over clothing — though she admits that's her own experience.

She does remember hearing other students discussing someone's clothing, who may not have been able to afford better, though it isn't widespread.

So how important is buying popular clothing? "In my mind it's kind of important, because you don't want to be judged," she said. "(To) some people it doesn't matter at all, to some people, it's everything."

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► Veteran police officer shares his advice on what to do when you are pulled over

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Do acknowledge

The police officer behind you doesn't know if or when you have seen his flashing lights. The easiest and safest way to acknowledge him is to turn on the emergency flashers on your vehicle. Do not turn on your turn signal unless you mean to pull over immediately.

Do pull over only when it's safe

You are not required to immediately pull over when you see the police car with his/her lights on. You are required to pull over, but only when it is safe to do so and when you feel comfortable.

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Wait for the officer to come to you. Under no circumstances should you leave your vehicle or approach the officer. When the officer reaches in your window, only then open your window. Keep your hands in plain sight.

Do be polite

When addressing the officer, address him as Sir or her as Ma'am. Be polite and courteous and maintain a conversational tone. Be focused on what the officer says. Maintain eye contact when listening and speaking. Remain calm. Do not be angry, confrontational or accusatory. Don't get flustered or panicked.

When asked for your driver's license, registration and insurance, first inform the officer where they are and then get them. If you don't have any or some of the documentation, apologize to the officer and in a calm voice, tell him you don't have the documentation. If you know where the missing documentation is located then inform the officer where you think it is. The officer will most likely return to his cruiser to check your documentation. Close your window and remain in your vehicle and wait.

Do ask for a lawyer if arrested

If you are arrested for any reason, immediately ask for a lawyer. Then keep your mouth shut. Do not answer any questions. Do not resist the officer. Do not argue with the officer. There is a process the arresting officer will follow. Simply follow his/her directions but do not speak or answer any question asked by the officer.

DON'T

Do not be afraid to ask why

When the officer first approaches the car, ask him/her why you were pulled over. Be polite but persistent. If the officer claims you were speeding, you can



ask how did he/she detect your speed. If the officer used a speed detection device, ask to see the recorded speed. If you have a recording application on your mobile phone, turn it on before the officer approaches the car and put it in the center console and then put your hand back on the steering wheel and wait for the officer.

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Do not lie about anything

Absolutely do not lie to the officer. You are however under no legal obligation to answer any of the officer's questions. If you are uncomfortable with any of the questions be polite and inform the officer you do not wish to answer his questions. It is perfectly legal. The standard advice is not to answer any questions; however, if you do decide to answer the officer's questions then stick to short direct answers — preferably responding "yes" or "no." Do not volunteer more information than asked.



Do not argue the ticket

Once the officer issues you a ticket, you are usually free to go. Listen to what the officer says when he hands you the ticket. He/she will ask you to sign it, but remember that signing a ticket is not an admission of guilt.

Depending on the seriousness of the offense, you may want to seek the advice of a lawyer for the best course of action before you plead guilty and pay the fine. It is very important you know how many points you will get as a result of the ticket and what, if any, impact this can have on your ability to drive and your car insurance rates.

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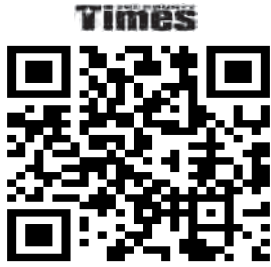
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Our thanks also go to everyone within and outside the parish who patronized Applefest in every aspect. The soggy weather was never reflected in the smiles and warm welcomes that were so evident everywhere!



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The FHS senior homecoming court (back row, from left) Johvi Reynolds, Luke Idoni, Ellie Cowger, Ellen Sage, Jack Pooler, Sarah Hamilton and Monica Bradburn. Seated are Jamie Hansen and Daniel Xiong. Not pictured is Adam Fulton.



Seniors Brant Cassidy and Landon Mikulenas wear their swim T-shirts and khakis for "Twin Day."



Junior running back Madison Wegener runs the ball down the field attempting to stay away from the senior defenders.



Seniors Megan Battaglia (back) and Tori Chapin participate in games hosted by the Fentonian (yearbook) staff on Monday afternoon.

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Meet Greg Pruitt

- Teacher
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By William Axford

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Greg Pruitt taught middle school students in the Fenton school district for 37 years and coached track and wrestling for more than 20 years. Though his eyesight has been in decline since childhood, Pruitt stayed active in his career and athletics, serving as a source of inspiration to his students.

When did you start losing your sight? I lost my sight in fourth grade, at age 9 or 10. I think it was very sudden, I'm not sure. When you're a kid, your world is what it is. It wasn't obvious to any adults that I had a problem until fourth-grade. At that point the doctors took a look, didn't know what it was. In fact, almost 60 years later, they still don't know what it was.

What happened once the doctors realized you were impaired visually? Flint had a program for visually impaired and there was a teacher in the building that was willing to take me back in a regular classroom. I went back and did sixth-grade. I'm not really sure what happened in ninth-grade, it all kind of just fell apart. I had two teachers who would not accommodate me in any way. We butted heads, so at that point, I was shipped to the school for the blind in Lansing and that's where I did my high school.

How did you get drawn into sports? In the early 1960s, the school for the blind was the powerhouse for school wrestling. There were probably only 30 boys in the high school and half of them wrestled. Ten of them were either first or second in the state finals over the course of about three years. I took up wrestling because it was the only thing to do.

What inspired you to become a teacher and coach? I think some of the most influential people in my life, the people who had done the most for me, were teachers. I wanted to be with those sort of people and be that sort of person. I came to Fenton in '69 and started teaching sixth-grade. For maybe about 10 years, I had seventh- and eighth-grade but for the most part, it was sixth-grade social studies. I started coaching track in '72 and continued through the 2001 season. Wrestling, I've coached about 22 years. I was a real hands-on coach. I ran with the kids. My joke was that when I started coach-



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Greg Pruitt
Retired Fenton school teacher and coach

ing, I could beat all the boys and by the time I was finished, I could beat some of the girls. It was very unique, we had tremendous success. I know we had well over 200 wins in wrestling and track.

Was it difficult to teach with limited sight? It was a challenge but all it meant was I had to work a little harder. The biggest problem in the classroom is that I couldn't read the small print. That meant I had to be overly prepared. The kids were always accusing me of memorizing the book. By that time, books were on cassette. When it came to checking papers, I did have some equipment at home, a magnifier that let me check papers and record grades.

You retired in 2006. What were some the changes that came about during your teaching career? What do you do now that you're out of the classroom? I'm not sure that it did change a lot until the technological innovations came into play in the late 1990s. Gradually, every year, more technology became more available and some of it made it much easier for me and in some ways, it made it more difficult. The accessibility of certain programs was not available, that was yet to come. I had to begin to record grades on a computer into a centralized system and at that point, I had an aid one hour a day who would record grades for me. Now I like to salmon fish. Some other older teachers and I try to make an annual trip to Lake Michigan.

What was one of the most rewarding aspects of being a teacher? A few years ago, I got a call from a student who was ill. He wanted to let me know that he felt that the courage I showed in going to work every day had been an inspiration to him. That floored me, I was not facing anything in the multitude he was facing. Of all the memories I have, that would be one that made it all worthwhile.

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Coaching wrestling and track during his career, Greg Pruitt practiced with students and won more than 200 meets.



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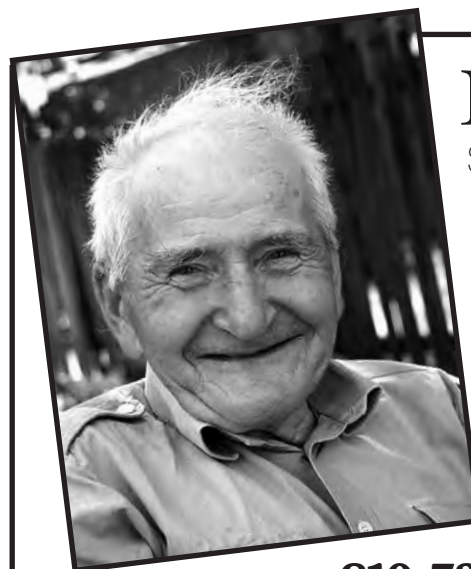
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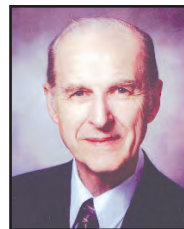
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Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



When grace meets guilt

Following his adulterous affair with Bathsheba, King David felt miserable. Guilt, one of the most unpleasant human emotions, drained his life of the joy that had made him a composer and singer of sweet songs, a man whose heart was filled with praise. Now he lived under a threatening cloud every day.

The guilty king felt older than his years. His thoughts were in turmoil and he had no peace. The one who had written about experiencing the constant care of his Lord now felt God had deserted him.

Viewing beautiful, bathing, Bathsheba from his housetop brought mighty David down. Lust accomplished in moments what the armies of his enemies had been unable to do in years of battle. David fell on his roof. Guilt's anguish made him wish he had fallen off it.

Sound familiar? Have you been there? Worse! Do you live there?

Psychologist Gershen Kaufman wrote: 'Guilt refers to shame which is clearly about moral matters, a poignant disappointment in self owing to a sudden break with one's most cherished values in living.' No wonder guilt feelings are so devastating!

David's immoral involvement with Bathsheba violated values that had been the very foundation of his life. During better days, he had pledged himself to purity. His mind had been occupied with thoughts of praise that have been preserved in the Psalms and are still treasured around the world because they lift those who read them to heights of joy in worship. Now his joy was gone.

Lingering guilt can have devastating effects on its victims, bringing both emotional and physical illness. But there can also be a positive side to guilt. These unwelcome tormentors may move us to deal with the root cause of problems that would otherwise remain unsolved. In these cases guilt feelings can move us to confess our sins so that we can experience the freedom that follows forgiveness.

David confessed his sins to his Lord

Military milestones

FHS grad promoted to Colonel

C. Rod Pattan, a 1979 Fenton High School graduate, was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in a ceremony at William Beaumont Army Medical Center on Ft. Bliss, Texas. The promotion is effective Oct. 1 and the promotion will be officiated by Major General Richard Thomas the Chief of the Western Region Army Medical Corp. Col. Pattan has been stationed at Ft. Bliss for the past two years where he has served as the chief of the Department of Women's Health at William Beaumont Army Medical Center. His military service also includes a tour of duty as the chief of Surgery for the 21st Combat Army Support Hospital in Al Asad, Iraq. Col. Pattan is the son of Charles W. and MaryAnn Pattan, both lifetime residents of the Fenton area.

and was forgiven. Following his confession, he wrote, 'I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden... and You forgave the iniquity of my sin' (Psalm 32:5).

Forgiveness places the past forever behind us.

And confession of sin always brings forgiveness: 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins' (1 John 1:9).

Too often, being afraid to open up to God, we attempt to hide the real reasons for our guilt. Hoping to find a way to relief other than facing our wrongdoings, we postpone accepting His forgiveness. But our refusal to expose our sins to the light only deepens our darkness and feeds our fears. 'Guilt makes cowards of us all,' wrote Shakespeare.

Sensing a troubled man was afraid he had done something for which he couldn't be forgiven, I told him to remember the Lord didn't come to rub it in; He came to rub it out.

My simple statement about the purpose of God in redemption was all this guilty man needed to accept full forgiveness by faith.

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Lost fish and — bananas?

By Amy Mayhew

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Capt. Dave assured me that the loss of the day's first catch — a 15-plus pound fish was not my fault. In fact, he was content to blame the whole ordeal on the netting faux pas of his greenhorn first mate, Lance. Mother Nature had afforded me a glimpse of what I would lose — a huge, silvery King salmon that, with a sharp slap of its tail, disappeared into the dark green waters of Lake Michigan in an instant.



Amy Mayhew

Seemingly, a man of few words at that hour of the morning, our first loss of the fishing expedition only darkened Capt. Dave's mood. 'I hope this isn't the way the rest of the day is gonna go,' he grumbled as he navigated his way through a boat-choked Manistee harbor.

A few minutes later, history would repeat itself.

'Fish on,' Lance yelled handing the pole to Ken. Ken reeled furiously before the line suddenly snapped. It would only be a few minutes later when another fish would hit yet another pole, this time becoming entangled with a line from another boat. We watched helplessly as the huge fish jumped out of the water, shook its massive head and snapped the line.

'Well, so far that's about a hundred bucks in tackle,' Capt. Dave muttered to himself. 'Lance, if you don't get your act together, you're gonna be driving the boat,' he yelled from his catbird seat. 'It's the curse of the first fish,' he said glancing in my direction. 'After you lose that first fish, it's all downhill from there.'

We'd lose one more before Capt. Dave began asking us about the content of our lunch boxes. 'Did somebody bring bananas on board?' he asked gesturing toward our small cooler. 'Nope — just sandwiches, pop and water,' I answered.

'What kind of bread is that?' he asked gruffly as he watched Ken stuff a piece of it into his mouth.

'It's zucchini bread,' Donna said. 'It's

homemade, do you want some?'

'No, thanks,' he said shaking his head and looking a little irritated. 'I just wanted to make sure it wasn't banana bread.'

We all endured a pregnant pause as we collectively tried to connect the dots. If nobody else was brave enough to ask, I figured I'd do it.

'What's the deal with bananas?' I asked, glancing nervously at my dumbfounded fishing buddies. 'Are you allergic to them or something?'

'No,' he said still concentrating on steering the boat. 'Haven't you heard that about bananas? Bananas are bad luck on a boat.'

I was quickly gaining insight into Capt. Dave's psyche — either he was paranoid or just incredibly superstitious.

Capt. Dave told us that the superstition dated back to the days of when bananas

"Haven't you heard that about bananas? Bananas are bad luck on a boat."

— Capt. Dave

were transported by sea on rickety, overcrowded wooden ships. A ship would sink leaving behind a trail of floating bananas, and soon, folks began making the assumption that bananas were bad luck on boats.

Other more scientific theories talk about bananas emitting ethylene gas as they ripen, causing other perishable foods onboard to spoil more quickly. Another talked about the unwanted critters lurking among the bunches — snakes, spiders, mice and flies.

Lance's announcement of 'fish on' would break our concentration. 'Can I take it? Can I take it?' my then 11-year old daughter asked, dancing with excitement.

'Let Nathan try,' I said trying to give us the best possible chance of actually landing a fish.

'No — let her try,' Capt. Dave piped up. 'Go ahead, honey — get the pole.'

With the help of her dad, Jess reeled furiously and gripped the doubled over rod with every ounce of energy she had.

I couldn't help but notice Capt. Dave's immediate interest in Jess' success or failure in this task. He even slowed the boat to make her battle a little easier.

The elated look on Jess' face after she successfully boated a 12-1/2 pound King salmon would have been enough for all of us. From that moment on, it didn't matter if we caught another one or not.

'Maybe our luck will change now,' the Captain said as he cheerfully returned to his perch. It was as if a weight had been lifted from his shoulders — more confident than ever, and dare I say it, a little optimistic.

Did Capt. Dave know something that we didn't? Was there something about the innocent and unbridled energy of a child taking a fish from the waters of Lake Michigan that could ultimately reverse the 'curse?'

Ten Kings and over a hundred pounds of fish later, I had to wonder. In his 30th year on the water, I had to respect the man who never took lost fish and bananas for granted!



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Jess Mayhew, a then 11-year-old and her dad hold the first fish she caught on this particular expedition.

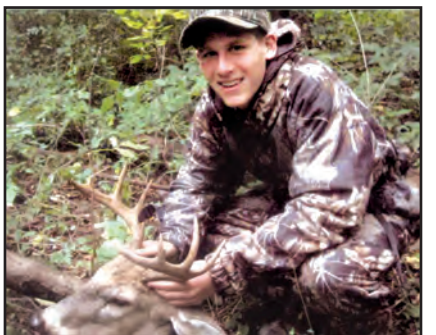
TRI-COUNTY Buck Pole



Evan Hill, 12, of Linden took this doe, his first, on Sept. 21 while hunting in Gladwin with his brother, Nolan and father, Ken Hill.



Ben Statly, 14, of Fenton shot this 9-point buck during the youth hunt last weekend in Fenton.



Ben Thornton, 16, of Linden shot this 10-point, 150-pound buck on the first day of the Youth Hunt, Sept. 21, while hunting with his granddad, Jack Yost in Fenton. This is Ben's seventh deer.

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Gluten-free diet

— hype or helpful?

► Everyone seems to be on the gluten-free bandwagon

By Sally Rummel

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First it was low-fat, then it was low-carb. Now the diet craze of choice seems to be gluten-free, and more and more Americans are jumping on board — celiac disease or not.

For people with celiac disease, about 1 percent of the U.S. population, a gluten-free diet is essential. This condition, caused by an abnormal immune response to gluten, can damage the lining of the small intestine, which can prevent important nutrients from being absorbed.

Symptoms of celiac disease include diarrhea, anemia, bone pain and a severe skin rash called dermatitis herpetiformis. But celiac disease often has few or no symptoms, which means that only about 5 to 10 percent of cases are diagnosed in the U.S., according to WebMD.com.

Nutrition Works in Fenton has expanded its gluten-free food products, responding to the need in the com-

munity for a place to come for gluten-free products and more information. However, they realize that a lot of people are using gluten-free products for reasons other than celiac disease.

“It seems like a lot of people are trying it out to lose weight, but that’s not the way to go,” said Rachel Hasse, of Nutrition Works. “But for people who have health issues related to the way their bodies process grains, we are here to help.”

“Gluten free is not a fad if it is needed,” said Sarah Easlick, clinical See **GLUTEN-FREE on 15B**

“It is important to eat a wide variety of foods, as eliminating gluten could have a serious impact on the overall balance of a diet.”

Sarah Easlick,
Clinical Nutrition Manager
at McLaren-Flint

Making smart choices on a gluten-free diet



✓ **Eat natural foods**, like lean meats and fish, fruits and vegetables and low-fat dairy products. Grains that don’t contain gluten, such as quinoa and amaranth, are another healthy option.

✓ **Remember** that many gluten-free products are twice as expensive as regular products, so choose carefully.

✓ **Limit gluten-free packaged snack foods.** Some are high in saturated fat or cholesterol. Others may be high in calories but contain very little in the way of nutrition.



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Keep your skin supple all year long

► Cold weather temps and dryness add special challenges

By Sally Rummel

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Your skin might need a vacation this winter as much as you do, from the harsh conditions of cold weather. Cold temperatures and lower humidity result in drier air, which takes its toll on your skin. But you can keep your skin soft and supple in coming months, with a few changes in your regular routine and the products you use.

Up the moisturizer

"You'll definitely want to add more moisture to your skin in colder weather," said Susan Adam, skin care specialist at Spa Naturelle in Fenton. "If you're currently using a moisturizer designed for oily or normal skin, you may want to add additional hydration by going up a notch to a moisturizer for dry skin. Check with your skin care specialist to see what will work best on your skin."

When moisturizing, use it all over your body, not just on your face and neck. Pay special attention to areas prone to dryness, like your hands, elbows and feet.



Work with a skin care specialist

Working closely with a skin care specialist is the best defense for beautiful skin all year long. "We offer free consultations and are happy to do a face mapping for you," said Cortney Gwaltney, a licensed skin care specialist/owner at The Retreat Salon & Skin Spa in Fenton. A face mapping is an analysis of the different skin-type zones in a person's face.

"This will help determine the professional treatment and home care needed for each specific skin-type or combination. We also use a magnified lamp to take a good look at your skin type. That's

the most important way to find the right products to use for your skin."

Use sunscreen all year long

Using a sunscreen of SPF 30 every day all year long is the single most important thing you can do to help your skin. Adam prefers using a sunscreen product that serves just that purpose, rather than using cosmetics that add sunscreen. "It's more concentrated that way," she said.

Experts suggest that you apply sunscreen first to clean skin, and allow it to penetrate for 20 minutes before sun exposure. Then top with moisturizer and cosmetics.



Read labels carefully

When choosing skin care products to use, make sure to read the labels. "A natural product like aloe vera should be the first on the label," said Adam. "There shouldn't be any chemical names of any kind on the list of ingredients. They are way too harsh for the skin."

Gwaltney adds that the worst products for all skin types include mineral oil, fragrance, parabens and alcohol, to name a few. "Also, watch for skin care products to say that it is non-comedogenic, which means it doesn't clog the pores," she added.

Add moisture at home with humidifier

You can also add moisture to your home in the winter. This will help alleviate the dry, itchy skin that accompanies the dry heat coming from your home heating system.

Skin retains moisture and gets the most hydration when the relative humidity is 30 percent or above, so a home or office humidifier will really help during the cold, dry winter months.

To keep your skin hydrated, you can use either a steam humidifier that boils water in a chamber, then releases the warm moisture into the air. A cool water humidifier releases a cool mist.

skin care tip #1



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skin care tip #2



Cortney Gwaltney
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skin care tip #3



Susan Adam
Spa Naturelle

Maintaining your skin's pH balance is one of the most essential things you can do to keep your skin supple all year long.

"You'll definitely want to add more moisture to your skin in colder weather."

Susan Adam

Skin Care Specialist at Spa Naturelle

It's important to change the water in a humidifier daily to avoid a build-up of bacteria, mildew and mold, which can escape through the mist.

Gwaltney says that while a steam humidifier can be used at home, it's best to have this process done professionally, especially when it comes to the extraction process after opening the pores.

Other skin care tips for cold weather:

- **Revamp your cosmetics** for the winter season. Save your bronzer for next summer, as well as frosty eye shadows that wash out your lighter winter skin color.
- **Use lip balm** with moisturizing agents. Even rubbing a little olive oil over the lips will help moisturize and prevent cracking.
- **Turn your shower temperature down** a bit for a more skin-friendly wash. Use gentle soaps and cleaners that won't strip away essential moisture.
- **Put a barrier between cold, winter air** and your skin by bundling up when going outdoors, wearing hats and gloves or scarves to protect sensitive skin.

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Letting your kids help with meal selections and preparation can be fun and it allows them to have some input as to what they will realistically eat. They will also learn how to put healthy snacks and meals together.

'Fast food' at home

► **Busy families can make their own with healthy ingredients prepared ahead of time**

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When you're a parent, the clock is always ticking to get dinner on the table, especially on weekdays. Sometimes, "fast food" wins because there simply aren't enough hours in the day to get a full, nourishing, sit-down meal on the table.

However, there are ways you can throw fast meals on the table, without resorting to the unhealthy expense of "fast food" eaten on the road.

Sarah Easlick, clinical nutrition manager at McLaren-Flint, offers these suggestions, as a mother herself:

• **Plan ahead** — have items ready that are needed for your meals, so you can throw them together quickly. "Dinner doesn't have to take hours to prepare, and the kids will like to help," said Easlick.

• **Make meals** that are quick and easy. Easlick's family enjoys chicken or beef fajitas and stir-fries. "Cut up your peppers and onions and any other veggies your family likes, while your meat is marinading," said Easlick. "About 20 minutes on the grill and dinner is ready. Or you can make the meat and veggies a day ahead and just heat them up and go. Throw the items in a tortilla shell, add toppings or toss with rice and dinner is served."

• **Make pasta** sauces ahead of time, then all you have to do is boil noodles, heat the sauce and dinner is served.

• **Dinner salads** are quick when you have all the toppings ready. "Those same veggies that were made for your fajitas go great on a bed of greens with salsa as a dressing," said Easlick. "Then you can add meat as desired."

Summary

► Plan ahead for fast, creative meals for your family on weekdays. Remember, they don't have to be a fancy recipe — it can be simple fare that involves the kids in food preparation.

“Those same veggies that were made for your fajitas go great on a bed of greens with salsa as a dressing.”

Sarah Easlick
 Clinical Nutrition Manager at
 McLaren-Flint

• **Let your kids** help with meal preparation. If you have nothing prepared and need a quick meal, ask them. "My children think it's really fun to 'pack a picnic' when we have crazy sports running at night," said Easlick. "They make their own sandwiches or salads and toss in apples and cucumbers or other fruits and veggies we have on hand, plus a water bottle."

• **Consider forming** a Facebook group with other like-minded parents, who can then share recipes, strategies, etc. One local group is comprised of 15 families with young kids. Not only do they share cooking ideas, but also humorous parenting experiences and a giving spirit. All you need to do to get one started is to invite friends to join with you in a common mission and begin to help each other out with shared recipes, strategies, etc.



#1 TIP FOR BUSY MOMS

I used to stress about dinner and felt bad to make sandwiches when we are busy. But the kids like it when they help, and it is much healthier for all of us to not eat fast food.

— Sarah Easlick

Busy Mom's Slow-Cooker Chicken Fajitas

(Recipe courtesy of Taste of Home)



INGREDIENTS:

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breast halves
 1 can (16 oz.) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
 1 can (14 ½ oz.) diced tomatoes with mild green chilies, drained
 1 each medium green, sweet red and yellow peppers, julienned
 1 medium onion, halved and sliced
 2 t. ground cumin
 2 t. chili powder
 1 garlic clove, minced
 ¼ t. salt
 6 flour tortillas (8 inches), warmed
 Shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes, optional

DIRECTIONS:

In a 3-qt. slow cooker, combine chicken, beans, tomatoes, peppers, onion and seasonings. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken; cool slightly. Shred chicken and return to the slow cooker; heat through.

Spoon about ¾ cup chicken mixture down the center of each tortilla. Top with lettuce and tomatoes, if desired.

Yield: six servings.

NUTRITIONAL FACTS:

One fajita (calculated without optional toppings) equals 347 calories, 5 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 42 mg cholesterol, 778 mg sodium, 49 g carbohydrate, 7 g fiber, 26 g. protein.

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One of the most important elements of losing weight and maintaining that loss is to practice portion control. In fact, there's a saying that "You can eat anything, just not everything all at the same time, and still lose weight." Even healthy foods can be a weight loss sabotage, if you take in more calories than you expend on a daily basis.

Here are some easy tips for keeping your portions in check to lose weight, according to www.fitday.com.

Tip #1:
Avoid family-style eating

Eating meals family style can be a huge diet sabotage, encouraging second helpings, grazing, etc. Fix yourself one serving in the kitchen, enjoy it by eating slowly and mindfully, and get used to the feeling of fullness — which takes about 20 minutes.

Tip #2:
Use meat as a side dish

When you're planning your meal, use meat as a "condiment" and load up on healthy grains and vegetables. You will feel fuller faster, and take in more vitamins and fiber, which is healthier in the long run. Think stir fries and salads, rather than making meat the centerpiece.

Tip #3:
Split a meal when dining out

Most restaurant portions are at least two to three servings of food. By splitting a meal or wrapping half to take home, you can avoid eating a dangerous overload of calories. You might even save a buck.

Portion control

Simple tricks can be the key to successful weight loss

By Sally Rummel
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282



Summary: Portion control is the key to success in losing weight and maintaining that loss

Tip #4:
Learn the size of a serving

Use visual tools to identify simple serving sizes. A three-ounce serving of meat is the size of a deck of cards. A standard serving of grains or raw vegetables is the size of a tennis ball or your fist.

Tip #5:
Eat small meals

Keep your blood sugar even throughout the day by eating mini-meals. Eating more regularly will keep your energy up and allow you to eat less, since you aren't ravenously hungry.

Tip #6:
Portion out food

Divvy up your portion of food out of a large bag or box, before you begin eating. By separating out one portion, you know exactly what you are eating and are more likely to maintain control.

Tip #7:
Break down leftovers

Separate leftovers into single servings to reheat later, instead of storing leftovers in a big container. This will help you limit how much you eat at one mealtime. You can also apply this rule to snacking. Portion out smaller helpings into snack-size individual bags. Make a vow never to put your hand into a large bottomless bag of chips, pretzels, etc. Portion them out.

FAST FOOD PORTION CONTROL

Before eating, divide the plate in half

Decide ahead of time how much you will eat when dining out. Then you can take the rest home for another meal, share the "extra" with other diners at your table or leave the food on your plate and feel good about yourself.

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Different scents for different moods

►Aromatherapy can affect your productivity, your love life and your relaxation

By Sally Rummel

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Think of the memories that the smell of chocolate chip cookies evokes for you as they come fresh out of the oven. Maybe it's a trigger for special time spent at your grandma's house or a special memory of after school hours spent at home with Mom.

Smell is one of the strongest senses and can influence brain activity in the areas of the brain that process emotion and learning. That's why aromatherapy is so beneficial in positively affecting a person's well-being. Using essential oils extracted from flowers, seeds, leaves, roots, fruits and twigs, they are formulated to work in harmony with the body, according to www.swansonvitamins.com.

"People can find various aromatherapies uplifting, calming and relaxing," said Jenny Stilwell, owner of Elements Day Spa in Holly. One of her spa's most popular oils is the blend of lavender and peppermint. "Lavender is relaxing, while peppermint is soothing, cool and uplifting," she said.

Here are a few other examples:

To boost mood and productivity —

Lemon — This scent promotes concentration and has calming and clarifying properties to help when you're angry, anxious or run-down. Lemon also has antiviral and antibacterial properties that can help fight sore throats and colds by boosting the body's immunity system and improving circulation.

Lavender — Its calming properties help control emotional stress, offering soothing effect on nerves and a relief of nervous tension and depression. It's also well-known as a natural treatment for headaches and migraines.

Jasmine — It's also used to calm nerves, but is commonly used as an anti-depressant because of its uplifting capabilities that produce a feeling of confidence, optimism and revitalized energy.

Rosemary — This is a perfect Monday

morning pick-me-up. It improves memory retention and has stimulating properties that fight physical exhaustion, headaches and mental fatigue. It can also be used topically to reduce muscle aches and pains.

Cinnamon — The stimulating properties can help fight mental fatigue and improve concentration and focus.

Peppermint — Perfect for brainstorming, as it invigorates the mind, promotes concentration and stimulates clear thinking.

For relaxation —

Lavender — It's calming and balancing and helps to create a feeling of calmness and composure. If you have only one essential oil at home, it's this one.

Orange — It promotes relaxation, joy and positivity, while releasing stress and frustration.

Sweet Marjoram —

This essential oil possesses the ability to both strengthen and relax. It is superb for calming and regulating the heart. It helps balance a person to relieve stress, worry and overthinking.

Ylang Ylang — This has an amazing effect on the heart, both as an organ and as the symbol of the center of emotions. This is the oil to calm palpitations, hypertension and rapid heart beat. It helps to cool frustration and agitation, as well as promote sleep.

Frankincense — This is a favorite for body and soul, promoting tranquility, delivering a person from nervous tension and exhaustion. It is also good for irritation, restlessness and insomnia.

How to use essential oils

Once you have chosen your essential oil, you can use them in the bath, inhaled from boiling water or on a tissue, and in a diffuser or you may add them to unscented bath oils, hand and body lotions, massage lotions and shower gels.

Where to buy essential oils

- **Marjie's Gluten-free Pantry**
106 South LeRoy St., Fenton
(810) 714-0959
- **Heavenly Scent Herb Farm**
1370 White Lake Rd., Fenton
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- **Nutrition Works**
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GLUTEN-FREE

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nutrition manager at McLaren-Flint. "Most people who have a true gluten intolerance have very severe side effects. Some do not have celiac disease testing done, because once they are eating gluten-free and symptoms are alleviated, they don't want to add gluten back in for the testing to be done."

Many people claim to have an alleviation of symptoms when they eliminate gluten from their diet. "This could be for many reasons other than the gluten itself, such as another ingredient in foods that contain gluten, as many items with gluten are processed items with many ingredients," said Easlick. "It is important to eat a wide variety of foods, as eliminating gluten could have a serious impact on the overall balance of a diet."

Easlick advises people who have eliminated gluten or are thinking of doing so, to be aware of any changes they experience. "Let your doctor or dietician know, to be sure to avoid nutrient deficiencies," she said.

Lacking essential vitamins, minerals and fiber can be a problem with gluten-free diets. Since gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley and rye, foods containing these grains would have to be off limits. Gluten also shows up in many whole grain foods related to wheat, including bulgur, faro, kamut, spelt and triticale (a hybrid of wheat and rye). Some celiac disease experts warn patients to steer clear of oats as well.

Eliminating all of these foods makes it difficult to meet dietary guidelines. The many whole grains that contain gluten also offer an array of vitamins and minerals, such as B vitamins and iron, as well as fiber. Whole grain foods, as part of a healthy diet, may help lower the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some forms of cancer.

How do you know if you have celiac disease?

The only way to know if you have celiac disease is to be tested. The first test is typically a blood test that detects antibodies related to an abnormal immune response. If the blood test is positive, a biopsy is performed to confirm inflammation in the lining of the small intestine.



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Rachel Hasse stocks the gluten-free shelves at Nutrition Works in Fenton.

But what if you don't have celiac disease?

Some people may be sensitive to gluten, but not actually have outright celiac disease. Gluten sensitivity may cause bloating and other digestive issues. These people may feel better on a diet with less gluten.

How many of the following symptoms do you have?

— Digestive symptoms

- frequent bloating or gas
- diagnosed with IBS or acid reflux disease
- daily diarrhea or chronic constipation

— Neurological and skeletal symptoms

- migraines or headaches
- joint pains or aches
- brain fog

— Hormonal and immune system symptoms

- depression or anxiety
- ongoing fatigue
- chronic eczema or acne

Four or more symptoms indicate that gluten may be impacting your health, according to www.doctoroz.com. But even one symptom, if severe and chronic, can be a sign of a gluten sensitivity. You may want to consult your doctor or try going gluten-free for two to four weeks.

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Donald Leon Parker

1930-2013

Donald Leon Parker - age 83, of Hale, formerly of Byron, died Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Covenant Health Care in Saginaw. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, Pastor Jerry Paul Grubbs officiating. Visitation was held 2-4 PM and 6-9 PM Friday and also will be held 10-11 AM Saturday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to the charity of choice. Donald was born May 20, 1930 in Valley Creek, TN, the son of Leo Vincent and Mabel Frances (Moore) Parker. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired from General Motors, and after retirement went to work for Adler Homes. Mr. Parker is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jessie Alfea Parker; three children, Ron Parker of Orlando, FL., Mike (and wife Tara) Parker of Gaines, Debra Olmstead (Tom Line) of Howell; 5 grandchildren; brother, Glen Parker of TN. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Raymond and Bobby; and sister, Dolores. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jeanine Zefferio

Jeanine Zefferio - age 80, died September 26, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Edward Chrenko

Edward Chrenko - age 88, died September 27, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lorne J. (Mike) Tew

1923-2013

Lorne J. (Mike) Tew - age 90, went to be with the



Lord on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Funeral services will be 12 noon Thursday,

October 3, 2013 at the O'Guinn Family Funeral Home in Clio. Pastor Ralph



Pieper officiating. Burial to follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc with mili-

tary honors. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 11-8 PM and on Thursday from 10 AM until time of services at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Eastwood United Methodist Church, 3312 Whittier Ave., Flint, MI 48506, VFW Post #4087, 9474 Lapeer Rd., Davison, MI 48423 or VFW Post #822 G-5085 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, MI 48507. Mike was born May 30, 1923 in Flint to the late Lorne and Laura (Seelinger) Tew. Mike proudly served in the U.S. Army/Air Force during WW II, and was a lifetime member of the Davison VFW Post #4087. He married Lillian Plato on June 2, 1945, whom he met in England during WW II. Mr. Tew worked at Fisher body, Flint Collision then retired from GMSPO as a supervisor in 1981. He was a devout member of Eastwood United Methodist Church. He was someone you could always count on to help. He loved to fish, golf and was an avid deer hunter until the later years of his life. He is survived by: his wife, Lillian, whom he worshipped; his four loving children, Michael Tew, Brenda (Robert) Tew Polzin, James (Sharon) Goth-Tew, Karen Tew; grandchildren, James, Trevor, Anthony, Aaron and their families; sisters, Wilda Boyce and family, Donna Blackledge and family. He was also preceded in death by: daughter, Sandra and husband Louie Summers; and his brother, Stan and wife Micky Tew. The family would like to thank Dr. C.A. Dall'olmo, Dr. P.M. Perez, Dr. Forstall and their staff, all of the caregivers especially Shelby, Becky, Kathy from An Angels Touch, close friends and neighbors Jane and Paul Lee. Please sign the online book or leave a message for the family at www.oguinnfh.com.

Amy Mitchell

Amy Mitchell - age 51, died September 20, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



James Sherwood Ake

1944-2013

James Sherwood Ake - age 69, of Fenton, formerly of Canton, OH, died Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at Genesys Health



Park. Services will be held 11 AM Monday, September 30, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Pastor Dale Swihart officiating. Visitation will be held 2-5 and 6-9 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Fenton First Presbyterian Church or the American Heart Association. Mr. Ake was born August 18, 1944 in Canton, OH, the son of Sherwood and Mary Jane (Kenan) Ake. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Michigan. Mr. Ake was a prosecuting attorney with the Genesee County Prosecutor's office for many years, retiring in 1990. After retirement he taught law at Oakland Community College and the Flint Police Department. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend, and an avid University of Michigan football fan. Surviving are: wife, Lois of Fenton; daughter, Kimberly Ake of Madison, WI; son, Kevin Ake and wife, Megan of Livonia; granddaughter, Charlotte Ake; niece and nephew Mary Ipson and Chaz Ipson; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Emily Ipson. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Billy Bailey

Billy Bailey - age 73, died September 23, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Pauline Clark

Pauline Clark - age 84, died September 24, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Wanieta Durgan

Wanieta Durgan - age 82, died September 22, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Hugh Christian Leaming

1964-2013

Hugh Christian Leaming - age 49, of Holly, died September 23, 2013. He was born in Detroit on February 19, 1964. He is survived by his mother Dorothy H. Leaming of Holly; father Hugh Jerome Leaming of IN; niece Amber Leaming; and great-nephews Trenton and Drake. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Caroline Leaming. Memorial services will be held at 10 AM Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Holly Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Sharlyn Gates officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Hadley House Museum of Holly. www.dryerfuneral-homeholly.com.

Delio Barletta Sr.

Delio Barletta Sr. - age 76, died September 23, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charles Ayers

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Frances Lawrence

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Daniel Todd Hogan

Daniel Todd Hogan - age 50, of Fenton, died September 26, 2013. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mark Nippa

Mark Nippa - age 50, died September 24, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Ardith Marie Smith

1940-2013

Ardith Marie Smith - age 73, of Holly, died September 26, 2013 at her home.



Funeral services will be 1 PM Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Visitation will be 4-8 PM Monday, 11-1 PM Tuesday. Ardith was born April 10, 1940 in East Tawas the daughter of Stanley Archibald Misener and Grace Ella (Blust) Misener. She was a graduate of Tawas Area High School. She married James A. Smith on July 25, 1959 in East Tawas. They have resided in Holly the past 46 years coming from East Tawas. Surviving are: husband of 54 years, James; two sons, Greg and wife Denise of Clarkston, Brian of Grand Blanc; five grandchildren, Nicole, Cody, Isabelle, Ava, and Tristan; two sisters, Marilyn and husband Paul Roach of Tawas, Linda Fahselt of Mikado; many nieces and nephews. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Elwood Elwell

Elwood Elwell - age 75, died September 22, 2013. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Kenny R. Wilder

Kenny R. Wilder - age 52, died September 20, 2013. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Linda S. Copeman

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Pumpkin Pie Pudding



INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup sugar, divided
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 1 3/4 cups 1% low-fat milk
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup canned un-sweetened pumpkin
- 1 t. vanilla extract
- 1/2 t. ground cinnamon
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1/8 t. ground nutmeg
- Cooking spray
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- Dash of salt
- 1/4 cup heavy whipping cream

PREPARATION

1. Combine 6 tablespoons sugar and 2 tablespoons cornstarch in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Combine milk and egg, stirring well with a whisk. Gradually add milk mixture to sugar mixture, stirring constantly, and bring to a boil. Cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
2. Combine pumpkin and the next 4 ingredients (through ground nutmeg) in a bowl, stirring well. Slowly add pumpkin mixture to milk mixture, whisking constantly. Place pan over low heat, and cook for 3 minutes or until thoroughly heated, stirring constantly (do not boil). Divide pudding evenly among 4 dessert bowls, and cover surface of pudding with plastic wrap. Chill.
3. Line a baking sheet with foil, and coat foil with cooking spray. Place the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar, walnuts, and a dash of salt in a small nonstick skillet; cook over low heat until sugar dissolves and is golden (about 3 minutes), stirring frequently to coat nuts. Transfer mixture to prepared baking sheet, and cool completely. Coarsely chop nuts.
4. Place cream in a bowl. Beat with a mixer at high speed until stiff peaks form. Top each serving with 2 tablespoons whipped cream and about 1 tablespoon nuts.



DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a yearly checkup with a number of blood tests. All has been well for a number of years, except for my HDL cholesterol. I am a 62-year-old woman, and my HDL has hovered around 39. I watch my diet carefully, exercise daily and have taken and am still taking niacin, but the HDL refuses to budge. My total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol are fine. What should I do? — L.Y.

ANSWER: HDL cholesterol is the so-called good cholesterol. It's believed to remove cholesterol from the walls of arteries and take it to the liver for disposal. For women, HDL cholesterol ought to be 50 mg/dL (1.3 mmol/L) or higher. For men, the target is 40 (1.04) or higher. British researchers have punctured the HDL balloon. They say that HDL cholesterol doesn't protect the heart and that its benefits have been greatly overblown. HDL is a complicated substance, composed of a variety of components, each having different and often opposing effects. The full extent of how it figures into artery-hardening and heart disease hasn't been completely explained. If you were my patient, I'd tell you to forget your HDL cholesterol. You've done everything you can to raise it, but it hasn't budged. More importantly, your total cholesterol and bad cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, are at favorable levels. The main attention should be directed to these cholesterol components. If your doctor hasn't said you need to be strict about HDL cholesterol, don't pay so much attention to it.

Freshman tested by gossip incident

DEAR AMY: I am a freshman in a new high school. I love my new school. The teachers are awesome, I am involved in sports, and I have made many new friends. However, there was a recent gossip incident that has me scratching my head. What is the best way to deal with a false rumor and figure out who started it without making a big deal out of the rumor, especially if it involves boys? — Not Big on Gossip

Amy Dickinson



Ask Amy

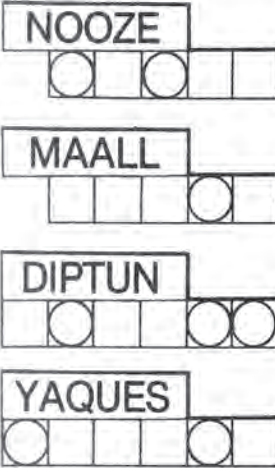
DEAR GOSSIP: You are being tested. This is common in ninth grade, and the fact that you are new to the school makes you a handy target. Let your parents know this has happened; they need to know what's going on with you, even if you don't want them to do anything about it. Tracking this rumor to the source may invite more scrutiny and ignite an escalation. For now, do not react at all. Ignore this rumor and go about your business of doing well and making new friends. Rise above it and move on. If you become aware of anything beyond this, speak to a favorite teacher and/or the counselor at your school.

DEAR AMY: I'm a college student. Over the summer, I met a guy at a recurring social event. He is a nice guy, and at the time we had a mutual attraction. I admitted via one of our text discussions that I thought I liked him. We 'went out' a couple of times but we are not dating. As the summer stretched on, I realized that there are some things about him I find off-putting, and then he said something that's a deal-breaker for me, and I have pretty much lost any attraction I had toward him. However, he still acts as if he likes me, though he's never explicitly said so. I've just started school again, and I have met one or two guys who I may be interested in dating. If so, what is my obligation to the guy back home? How would I ever begin to bring it up? — No Man's Land

DEAR NO MAN: You are under no obligation to the guy back home. You do not need to wait until you are interested in someone else — if he asks you out and you are not interested in dating him, you should tell him so. Ideally this would have been conveyed back in the summer, just after the deal-breaker. Your only obligation is to be brave enough to be truthful.

SundayJumble

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



Print answer here: A



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

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

Released this week

DVDs & Movies



IRON MAN 3

Marvel's "Iron Man 3" pits brash-but-brilliant industrialist Tony Stark/Iron Man against an enemy whose reach knows no bounds. When Stark finds his personal world destroyed at his enemy's hands, he embarks on a harrowing quest to find those responsible. This journey, at every turn, will test his mettle. With his back against the wall, Stark is left to survive by his own devices, relying on his ingenuity and instincts to protect those closest to him. As he fights his way back, Stark discovers the answer to the question that has secretly haunted him: does the man make the suit or does the suit make the man? PG-13, 1 hr. 49 min.

REDEMPTION



Notorious badass Jason Statham stars as an ex-Special Forces soldier who returns to London a damaged man, struggling to find justice in a world saturated with violence in this gritty, explosive story about London's criminal underworld written and directed by Academy Award nominee Steven Knight. R, 1 hr. 40 min.



iOS 7: how to install the new software for iPhone and iPad

Plug it in

No matter how you choose to update the software, you should plug in your device. It is going to take a while and you don't want to run out of battery midway though.

Connect to the Internet

The iOS 7 update is around 752 MB in size, depending on the type of device you have, so downloading using a data network is likely to be expensive. Apple recommends connecting to a Wifi network.

Direct update or download with iTunes?

There are two ways to install iOS 7 on your iPad and iPhone — either directly on the device itself or by plugging it into a computer and updating through iTunes. For the impatient, the direct approach will probably allow the most instant gratification — just make sure you back up your device first.

Those with little storage space, all their data backed up to iTunes or simply an inherent distrust of the iCloud — Apple's remote storage service — it may be easier to plug your device into your computer and update through iTunes.

Back up your device

There are two ways of doing this: first, by using iTunes. All the settings and preferences, along with data will be saved there. Simply select your device in iTunes and click on the Summary tab. Then click Back Up Now button.

The other option is to backup from the iCloud. To perform a manual backup, connect to the Internet with Wifi and using the Settings menu to select the iCloud and Storage & Backup at the bottom of that page.

Clear some space

iOS 7 needs at least 3 GB of storage to successfully update. If you do not have this much available on your device, then the direct download may not work for you and you will have to use iTunes. Alternatively, delete some of the photos, music and apps that you don't need to clear some space and try again.

Restart your device

It may not be necessary, but some iPhone and iPad experts recommend performing a restart prior to installing the new operating software.

Download and install the update

If downloading directly, simply go to General Settings and select Software Update. Click Download and Install and let it run.

If using iTunes, then select your device and click Check for Update. Then click the prompt to Download and Update. Do not disconnect your device until the update has finished and your phone has restarted and fully synced with iTunes. This may take a while, so be patient.



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BOWFLEX FOR sale, hardly used! Extra pieces. \$125. Fenton area. Call 248-807-1412.

Help Wanted**3**

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED, non-smoking position with some heavy lifting, minimum 30 hours. Call 248-634-1311.

TRUCK DRIVER, experienced only. Part-time, CDL required. Pifer golf cars. 248-917-7067.

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BUSY MARINA looking for strong, good work ethic, hardworking person to help out during the winterizing season. 810-750-8443.

EXPERIENCED KNUCKLE Boom operator and driver, with CDL, for poured wall company. Hourly rate \$18. Call 810-629-5265.

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20 hours plus per week, must be able to work week-ends, computers skills, answering phones and assisting residents.

Please send resume to fenton@lockwoodgrp.com or 16300 Silver Parkway, Fenton MI, 48430. No phone calls please.



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Help Wanted**3**

ARE YOU someone who sees the glass half full, willing to go the extra mile with a warm and friendly smile? Our dental team needs a enthusiastic, multi-tasking people person with computer/internet/marketing skills to join our front office. Email your resume' to: dentalresume02@yahoo.com.

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2011 CHEVY MALIBU, 35,000 miles, GM warranty. \$13,400. Call 810-252-4773.

CADILLAC DEVILLE for sale, 2 door, 1985 mint, Florida car. 57,000 actual miles. Was \$6,300, discounted to \$3,850. 810-964-3472.

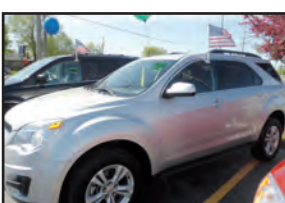


2010 MAZDA 6 Grand Touring, premium 17" wheels, moon roof, 29,000 miles. \$14,300. Call 810-252-4773.

On-the-go? Find it now!
Tri-County Automotive

**Trucks For Sale****8b**

2008 CHEVY Trailblazer LT 4x4, moon roof, leather, 1 owner. \$8,450. Call 810-252-4773.



2010 CHEVY Equinox LT, 26,000 miles, GM warranty, keyless/remote start, like new. \$18,300. Call 810-252-4773.

Vans For Sale**8c**

2005 DODGE Caravan SXT, 122,869 miles, loaded, burgundy, VERY GOOD condition. \$6,150, full service record. 810-735-4863.

Auctions**12**

HOLLY WATER Tower Auctions, 310 South Broad Street, Holly, MI, 48442. 248-634-3500. Friday, October 4th at 6p.m. Go to Auctionzip.com (ID # 29311) for photos and descriptions.

Garage Sales**13****Fenton**

FENTON ESTATE moving sale. October 3rd-4th, 9-4p.m., 16142 Aspen Hollow, 1/4th mile past Walmart, left off Owen Road. Furniture, lamps, rugs, outside furniture, tons of accessories, something for everyone.

Holly

HOLLY HUGE Barn Sale! September 26-29th, October 3rd-6th, 9-5p.m., 2051 E. Rose Center Rd. Something for everyone!

Linden

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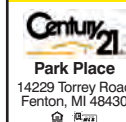
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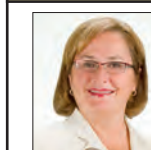
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Sunday, Sept. 29th • 12-2pm

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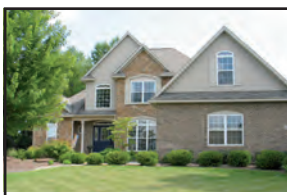
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Vacant Land For Sale 16

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Real Estate For Rent 21

FENTON NEWLY decorated 2 bedroom plus office apartment. Laundry hook-up, water/trash, appliances. \$765. No smoking/pets. 810-629-6095.

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Office/Retail 22

VARIOUS ROOMS and suites. North Towne Professional Centre, 810-714-3103.

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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.

NOTICE OF HYDRANT FLUSHING**CITY OF LINDEN**

City of Linden residents are advised to check their water before using for laundry, etc. on Monday, October 7, 2013 through Saturday, October 12, 2013.

THE LINDEN DPW WILL BE FLUSHING HYDRANTS ON THESE DAYS.

Scott Fairbanks,
Public Works Department

**ROSE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
OPTICAL SCAN VOTING DEVICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., the Rose Township Election Commission will conduct a public accuracy test of the voting devices to be used to conduct the November 5, 2013 Special Election. The test will be conducted in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street in Rose Township, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

September 11, 2013

Supervisor Gambka called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder Board Members Absent: None

Approved: Agenda as amended.

Approved: Consent Agenda.

Un-Tabled: Municipal Civil Infraction/Citation Dennis formal appeal to waive fee. Board does not have authority to waive infraction.

Approved: PSLZ, LLP for three (3) year auditing/accounting contract.

Approved: Resolution for the Diehl's Orchard & Cider Mill Ciderfest Banner.

Approved: Resolution to use Alternative Plan #1, Community Blue for Township health care.

Approved: Resolution to renew the SMART Municipal Credits Contract in the amount of \$6,156.00.

Approved: 2013 Tax Rate Millage Request.

Approved: Cathy Utter request to waive \$600.00 in Property Transfer Affidavit Fees.

Approved: Resolution - 2011 CDBG - Picnic Tables for Dearborn Park.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:12 p.m.

Paul Gambka
Rose Township Supervisor

Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

**NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE
NOVEMBER 5, 2013 SPECIAL ELECTION**

ALL ELECTORS OF THE FENTON AND LINDEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Special Election will be held in voting precincts 1, 2 & 3 of Tyrone Township on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the following proposals will be voted on:

MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOND PROPOSITION

Shall Charles Stewart Mott Community College, Genesee County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) and issue its bonds therefor in one or more series for the purpose of making permanent improvements to, renovating, remodeling, improving, equipping and reequipping College buildings and sites and other buildings to be used by the College for instructional purposes; acquiring buildings and sites for buildings; and constructing buildings and additions to buildings?

The maximum number of years each series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 20 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 0.08 mills (which is equal to 08 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the College District); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 0.25 mills (which is equal to 25 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the College District).

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2014 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 21 mills (\$21.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Fenton Area Public Schools, Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 7 years, 2015 to 2021, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2015 is approximately \$4,269,734 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy and will be levied only to the extent necessary for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance)?

Electors who wish to vote in the Special Election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 7, 2013. To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk's Office, or the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office. The Tyrone Township Clerk will be available for the purpose of receiving registrations at the following times and location:

**Tyrone Township Hall
10408 Center Road
Fenton, Michigan**

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Keith L. Kremer,
Tyrone Township Clerk

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Apartments
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SWARTZ CREEK 2 bedroom. \$520/month plus utilities, deposit. Quiet, nice, no pets. 810-232-1280.

SWARTZ CREEK Townhouse, by Durand, 1/2 mile off I-69. 1,000 sq. ft., 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, laundry, appliances, air, basement. No pets. \$640/month, plus utilities, credit check. 810-232-1280.

ALL REAL ESTATE advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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For Rent 25

LOW-BOY SEMI-TRUCK, 55 ft. long for rent for storage in Grand Blanc Township, fenced in area. 810-820-0961.

Misc.
For Sale 26

TRI-COUNTYTIMESPHOTOS - Any staff photo published in the Tri-County Times can be purchased by calling 810-433-6797.

Misc.
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ALL SCRAP metals picked up including appliances. We buy scrap cars/trucks, farm equipment/motor homes. 810-730-7514, 810-449-0045.

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Lost &
Found 31

LOST BLACK and white short hair cat. Call 810-629-7482, or 810-730-2830.

Pets 34



MINIATURE POODLE puppies, black and brown males, vet checked, home raised. Non-shedding, loves laps and water. Show quality champion blood lines. Call Kathy, 810-348-9857.

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Lawn & Garden
For Sale 41



USED 42" Agri-Fab lawn sweeper, 90% condition, two new extra wheels! \$300. Holly Township. 586-612-5801.

Campers &
Trailers 42



2004 GEORGETOWN SE Class A motor home. Low mileage. 28 ft. with Ford V10. Awnings around. \$31,500/best. Call 248-705-9151.

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- Make posters.
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- Visit all local dog pounds and animal shelters.
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PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS
King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS

KING CROSSWORD ANSWERS
Solution time: 25 mins.

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS
Jumbles: BELIE TRULY HAWKER LEVITY
Answer: Some people who think they're "in the swin just this—ALL WET

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS
Jumbles: OZONE LLAMA PUNDIT QUEASY
Answer: Loves skin diving—A MOSQUITO

A Look back at the
TOP 10 SONGS

- Week of Sept. 30, 2000
As determined by Billboard
- Music** - Madonna
 - Give Me Just One Night** - 98 Degrees
 - Doesn't Really Matter** - Janet Jackson
 - Jumpin' Jumpin'** - Destiny's Child
 - Kryptonite** - 3 Doors Down
 - Bent** - Matchbox 20
 - Incomplete** - Sisqo
 - Country Grammar** - Nelly
 - Come On Over Baby** - Christina Aguilera
 - With Arms Wide Open** - Creed

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SundaySudoku

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

- Evil spirits
- Avoidance of reality
- Words before "war" or "God"
- Leaning type
- Personal magnetism
- Benton of "Hee Haw"
- Solitary ivory-painted finger part?
- Spring (from)
- Twice penta-
- 12:00 in the daytime
- Place for a headpiece
- Words after many book titles
- Singer DiFranco
- Poisonous evergreen
- What a woodpecker is?
- Bellybutton type
- China's Zhou
- Pigs' place
- Be thrifty
- Armstrong and Diamond riding bikes?
- Ending for form
- Took charge
- Haifa native
- Abrupt increase
- Putting chips in up front
- Cathedral next to the University of Oklahoma?
- Brit's lav
- Novelist Charles
- Weapon fill
- State in southwest India
- Gaunt
- Albacore got ready to pray?
- CVI halved
- Basset of "Malcolm X"
- Official plural of a popular Toyota
- hybrid model
- Flutie and Henning
- Sketch show since '75
- Library patron creating less clutter?
- Warms up, as leftovers
- Relative of Ltd.
- Not shown on TV, e.g.
- Sore
- Tow-offering org.
- Seamster imitated a horse?
- Bullfight bravos
- Joanne of "Wagon Master"
- Court staff member
- British singer Lewis
- Skills needed for a business workplace?
- Actress Longoria
- Sneaking
- Old town shouters
- mo
- Kismet
- Swedish auto
- Salon tint
- Occurrence of events not quite eerily at the same time?
- Blissful sites
- Neckerchief
- Given for a time
- Colas, e.g.
- Obliquely
- Pricey violins

DOWN

- Scorn
- Aligner of fashion
- Composer Henry
- "Three Sisters" sister
- Not a one
- View
- Cavern comeback
- Tibia's place
- Meowing pet
- Form of "be"
- Disinfectant ingredient
- Singer Hayes
- Silly smiles
- Bad, to Yves
- Go out with —
- Locust trees
- Petty
- Set eyes on
- Dealt with, as a difficult question
- "Incredible!"
- "Has fortune smiled on you yet?"
- Private aye?
- Calvin —
- Not, to Scots
- "Who can — to?"
- Tennis' Nastase
- Ovine female
- Oilers' gp.
- Writer Sarah — Jewett
- Pester a lot
- Tallied a total
- Tennis' Arthur
- Painter Veronese
- Catapult
- Composer Berg
- Nary a person
- Fiji neighbor
- Jack of old films
- Only U.S. pres. to resign
- Mrs. Mikhail Gorbachev
- Singer Black
- Welcomes
- Super- —
- Fascinated
- Legendary snow beast
- Assist
- Shroud site in Italy
- "Havana" actress Olin
- Skee-Ball locales
- "The Hoax" star Richard
- Aussie lass
- Ayn Rand hero
- Howard
- Precepts
- Leg up
- Fish-fowl link
- Bible boat
- Freeloads
- Tenor Kraus
- Stated the meaning of
- Honda models
- Type
- Cry of praise
- Intertwisted
- Couches for sleeping
- Earth tone
- Dethrone
- Grossly dull
- TV's Stewart
- End-of-list abbr.
- Face hidiers
- Literary Huck
- Biol. branch
- Burn painfully
- Pistons' org.
- Ripken of baseball
- "Step — crack ..."
- Umlaut part

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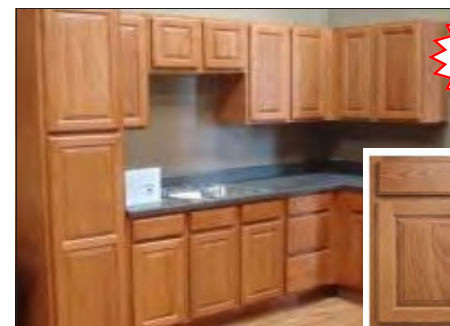


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