

Underage decoy couldn't buy alcohol in Fenton

Police pleased that liquor stores would not sell to teen buyer

By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 The Fenton Police Department conducted a series of alcohol purchases last week and Lt. Jason Slater was pleased to report that none

of the eight packaged liquor to see if any of the stores that stores in Fenton sold to the police department's underage decoy.

Slater said an underage decoy from a neighboring town worked with Fenton police

sell packaged liquor would sell to the teen. As the underage decoy walked into each business, Fenton police observed from afar. Each time, the clerk refused to sell

to the decoy after seeing that they were underage.

"We were happy," said Slater. "It shows that their management is doing their job to educate their employees."

Summary Of the eight package liquor stores in Fenton City, none of them sold to an underage decoy that was working with the Fenton Police Department.



PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE

44I was thrilled

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VIOLEN

peace.

nation's patriotic rights. I say, 'a job well done,' to our local schools for implementing the pledge and American flag.

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weekend and 68 innocents

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in Kenya. I can't wait

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for your next article

BASEBALL

44Tiger games are out of reach of the common man. They want \$40 for parking and \$100

> plus for even the

crappy

Sad that

seats.



the average family will never experience a playoff game because only the big corporations can afford it."

KING COLUMN

Many of us agree with the King that we owe our kids an apology. We sit silently on the sidelines while porn, perversion and violence are pumped into our living rooms daily. Where is the outrage? Shame on us.

PEDESTRIANS

Mark my words, someone is going to get killed because of the ridiculous pedestrian signs in downtown Fenton.

HOT LINE

66TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ago we had Ronald Reagan, Johnny Cash and Bob Hope. Now we have Obama, no cash, and no hope. Have a great day. 99





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO In this 2012 photo, barber Pat Studier reads the Times while waiting for clients at Mug and Brush in Fenton.

Times named Michigan Newspaper of the Year — again

L This publication is one of the most welldesigned newspapers that I have ever seen...77 MPA judge from Nebraska Staff takes home 30 awards and top honors for second year in a row **By Sharon Stone**

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 For the second year in a row your hometown newspaper, the Tri-County Times, has been named "Newspaper of the Year," in the Michigan Press Association's "Better Newspaper Contest." The

Times won this prestigious award in 2012 and 2002, as well.

Members of the Nebraska Press Association reviewed more than 3,000 entries submitted by 114 Michigan newspapers. Entries for 2013 were up 11 percent over 2012, which had 2,776 entries from 109 newspapers.

In addition to achieving News-See NEWSPAPER on 14A

High on homecoming

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Marking the end of the 2013 Linden High School homecoming pep assembly, students of various grades dance to "The Wobble" by Superstarvic. The assembly included a team obstacle course and pom pon squad demo routine. Also, various student groups including athletics and Spanish club were recognized before the student body. Linden's Homecoming game was

Affordable **Health Care Act**

Local expert answers questions on how Obamacare will affect you and your family

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Never has one recent issue polarized the politics of the U.S. and confused the collective minds of the American public more than health care reform. Whether you are in favor of the new Affordable Care Act, its roll out on Oct. 1 has left many people with more questions than answers.

Here are a few Frequently Asked Questions from Blue Cross Blue Shield about the new plan, with several comments by See OBAMACARE on 7A

Food prices expected to be stable — for now

Increased produce, grains help offset growing prices of meat, dairy

By William Axford

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This summer's abundant rain and cool weather wasn't ideal for vacation but it was perfect for growing food. The apple crop has bounced back tremendously in Michigan this year and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) reports grain prices have fallen to a three-year low. See FOOD PRICES on 15A





NEWSAND**FEATURES**

Police&Fire report

CLERK SELLS CIGARETTES TO MINOR

On Sept. 27, Fenton police were advised that a business in the 1300 block of North LeRoy Street had sold tobacco products to a minor. In response to the complaint, Fenton police worked with a juvenile decoy who entered the same business with the intent of buying cigarettes. The clerk sold the cigarettes to the juvenile decoy while the officer observed from outside. The police officer entered the store and the clerk admitted that she failed to verify the age of the customer. She was ticketed for selling to a minor, which carries a \$50 fine. She has a court date of Nov. 18.

CURFEW VIOLATION IN FENTON

At 1 a.m. on Sept. 28, Fenton police responded to the area of South Holly and Carnes roads on a report of three juveniles walking through back yards. When police arrived, they observed two males, a **See POLICE on 20A**

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Karen Rockman of Fenton is congratulated by teammates after a strike on Thursday. She has been part of a league for 30 years.

BOWLING ALLEYS

BECOMING 'FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS'

Smoky, stuffy alleys of old becoming a thing of the past

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 **Fenton Twp.** — At Fenton Lanes, the air is alive with '80s music and friendly competition. It's the women's league for Thursday afternoon, and around 40 women enjoy the competition and camaraderie of bowling.

Owner Jennifer Berg said leagues are holding steady for them, and offer a reliable source of income for the center. Historically, leagues have paid the bills for bowling alleys while open bowling has brought profits. Leagues naturally ebb and flow in popularity but today that trend is shifting.

According to the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan, "bowling alleys" will become a different model, offering more than just bowling and eating concession stand nachos.

Executive Director Ken Prokopec said "bowling alley" is becoming an old term. This term can carry connotations of a dark, dingy smoky alley unfit for families. Today, the preferred term is becoming "family entertainment center," (FEC) or a similar variation.

Things like bumper cars, laser tag, miniature golf and expanded food services are becoming preferred activities to offer, in addition to just bowling. "Now they See BOWLING on 21A

Is it time for a new **DOCTOR?**

Subtle tell-tale signs could prompt you to make the move

By Amy Mayhew

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Why is it that we never hesitate

to find a new hairdresser after a bad haircut, yet we're content to continue seeing our regular physician even though we may

have some longstanding complaints over the way in which he or she provides our care?

The truth is, staying with the same physician simply because it's easier than finding a new one isn't a good way to go. In fact, there are a few tell-tale signs that it may be time to There could come a time when it's best to leave your family physician for one who will take care of your needs . Read through these tell-tale signs and see if it's time to move on.

Summary

fire your old doctor and find a new one.

A lousy bedside manner is one reason to cut and run. Who needs to endure an appointment with a doctor who is rude, insensitive or condescending? It's true — we all have bad days, but if your doctor is consistently this way, chances are it's not going to change. Being rude is bad enough, but when it prevents you from feeling comfortable enough to freely express your concerns, it becomes a huge problem.

See DOCTOR on 11A



It can be difficult to shift to a new doctor from one that you've had for years, but it might be worth it.



WEEKEND TIMES

It ain't the arrow, it's the Indian

I read a column recently by Walter Williams that contained some compel-

ling arguments regarding gun violence in America. Here's my take interspersed with some of his comments.

To understand the violence of today, you need only to look at history. In 1910, the National Rifle Association had 73 NRA-affiliated high-school rifle clubs. The 1911 second edition of the Boy Scout Handbook made qualification in NRA's junior marksmanship program a

prerequisite for obtaining a BSA merit badge in marksmanship. In New York City, gun clubs were common at high schools. Guns were clearly an integral component of most households.

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NEED OUR LOCAL liberals to do a fact check for us. Is it true that retired House of Representative/Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill (Democrat 1977 to 1987) shut government down 11 times? Ok for your side, but not ours?

DON'T JUDGE ALL Muslims by the actions of the few that your friends saw dancing in the street near the twin towers. Would you want all Christians to be judged by the actions of those idiots at Westboro Baptist Church?

SUBSIDY — **THE GOVERNMENT** takes your tax dollars and gives it to another person or group. On the evening of September 30, every Democrat in the U.S. Senate voted YES to keep their subsidy to pay for their own Obamacare. And Democrats shut the government down.

I HAVE ONE question for The King. Why would you want to tout the fact that you are a Republican, a Democrat, a Liberalist, or a Tea Party anything right now? Our government is broken. The only way we can fix this is if we can bring in some middle class people that really know what it's like to live in the real world.

WELL HE'S FINALLY done it and finished what he set out to do. This country is no longer known as the United States of America, it's now the

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

The popularity of guns was also evident based on their availability.



Catalogs and magazines from the 1940s, '50s and '60s were full of gun advertisements. The 1902 Sears mail-order catalog had 35 pages of firearm advertisements. You sent in a money order and a gun was shipped. Anyone could walk into any hardware store in America and buy a gun. Neither states, counties nor towns had age restrictions on buying a gun.

And so, the logical question is: Why, at a time when guns were readily and easily available to anyone, including children, did America not experience a proportionate level of gun violence relative to what we are experiencing today,

'Divided States of America.' You reached your goal.

HARDLY ANYONE SLOWS down to 25 mph in school zones at the times shown on the signs. Even cars dropping off or picking up children don't slow down. Once a school bus didn't slow down. People ride your bumper if you slow down to 25. Why bother having school zones if no one pays attention to them anyways?

IT'S REALLY INTERESTING to watch the Republicans' reactions when Obama threatens to punish Syria with military action. Remember how after 9/11, Demodespite our stricter gun laws?

The simple and correct answer is that we have let today's Liberal-dominated society remove all accountability for one's actions. We've taught the last few generations of kids not to be judgmental, that there are always excuses for deviant behavior. It's the way they were born, or the way they were raised. Or it was violent video games and movies. Or they have mental issues. We've loosened sexual morals to the point where over 50 percent of all U.S. births are to single mothers, rising to over 70 percent for all black births. As morals loosened and attitudes more reflected the Liberal 'anything goes' agenda, the family unit has disintegrated. Now millions of kids are raised in fatherless homes with little or no moral standards.

Swift and sure punishment for criminal behavior, the best deterrent to crime, has been under siege in America for the last three decades by naïve Liberals. The net result is overcrowded courts that routinely

crats, with their support, gave Bush the highest approval rating even after Iraq was a disaster based on concocted lies about weapons of mass destruction.

THE U.S. ANNUAL healthcare cost per person is \$8,500 compared to \$3,500 in the UK. The U.S. system fails to cover more than 50 million unfortunate Americans. Obamacare is the first step to lowering costs and covering more than 35 million more citizens. We can and must do better.

FENTON PUSHING THE pedestrian thing is going a little too far. I was on a bus the other day and the car in front had to

dismiss or reduce charges that, 20 years ago, would have sent you to prison.

No amount of police, laws or courts can ever replace the ingrained honor of a moral upbringing that results from a traditional family unit composed of both a father and a mother.

And yet, ignoring all data to the contrary, the Left still stupidly and stubbornly insists that society is not the problem — that more gun laws, longer waiting periods and stricter gun possession laws are the answer.

Responsible ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens is not the problem. The refusal of society to address the reality of rampant single motherhood, generational poverty and the Liberal-led dismantling of moral standards is the real cause of gun violence.

As the old saying goes, 'It ain't the arrow, it's the Indian.'

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slam on its brakes because they came running out, slowing the bus. Then on my way home, I had to stop because people walked right out in front of me.

ALL THE REPUBLICANS have enough backbone to stand against the dictator.

I JUST SAW 'Barackoclause' came to Detroit with \$300 million in bribes and payoffs — oh, I mean gifts from the federal government. Who is going to pay for that?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve

the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.



Greg Pruitt

Keaders

I very much enjoyed the story about schoolteacher Greg Pruitt. I have known him for many years and do find him inspirational. The most intriguing aspect of his 37year career to me would be that Mr. Pruitt could never utilize written notes and other materials as most teachers do. He used his amazing mind to store and organize information for presentation to his math and history classes.

What do you look for when choosing a doctor?



"Someone that has interest in me and will take good care of me."

— Pauline Lawson Fenton



"If they are in my network, if they are personable and how hard it is to get an appointment." — Tiffany Gunther

Linden



"Carrier of my insurance and close to where I live."

– Leonor Hendricksen Fenton



"When looking for a new doctor I go by what my friends and relatives tell me."

- Tom Novar

Fenton



"They know what they are doing, can communicate and speak English well. Also to be able to give a proper diagnosis." — Eric Hyman, Fenton





"Someone who will show up. The last doctor I had didn't show up for the 12 days I was in the hospital."

Preventing kitchen fires

► Fenton Fire Department educates public with annual open house

By Sharon Stone

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The Fenton Fire Department will be hosting its annual Fire Prevention Open House on Oct. 12 from noon-4 p.m. The department holds this open house each year to help celebrate National Fire Prevention Week, which is Oct. 6-12. The fire station is at 205 East Caroline St. in Fenton.

This year's theme is "Preventing Kitchen Fires." There will be many kids activities including a fire truck bounce house, firefighter games, climb on the trucks, a helicopter from U of M, and meet your firefighters. All of these free activities will include a fire safety message.

Fenton Fire Department has two fire prevention specialists — firefighter Matt Everhard and firefighter Dustin Lucius.

"As fire prevention specialists, we develop, implement and actually perform fire safety programs to any member or group of members in the community," said Everhard. "Whether it's teaching fire prevention practices to daycare center children, elementary school, all the way through high school kids and community groups or community associations, including senior citizens, we do it all."

Children often are affected by what they see during and after a fire, whether they are physically injured. "We offer help and support to these children also," said Everhard.

National Fire Prevention Week

• In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which Oct. 9 falls.

• This year's theme of "Preventing kitchen fires" is very appropriate as cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment.

SIAIS FIRES RELATED TO COOKING

U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 deaths, 5,080 injuries and \$853 million in direct damage.
Two of every five home fires start in the

kitchen.
Unattended cooking was a factor in 34 percent of reported home cooking fires.
Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials.

 Ranges accounted for the 58 percent of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16 percent

• Children under 5, face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire.

• Microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associated with scald burn injuries not related to fires. Nearly half (44 percent) of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2011 were scald burns.

• Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1 percent of home cooking fires, but these incidents accounted for 16 percent of the cooking fire deaths.





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTOS Participants enjoy a variety of activities at a previous fire prevention open house. The next open house hosted by the Fenton Fire Department will be held Oct. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Fenton fire station, at 205 East Caroline Street.





APOSTOLIC

THE CARPENTER'S

HOUSE CHURCH 2740 Grange Hall Rd. • Fenton Corner of Fish Lake Rd. 248-328-9844 Pastor James Disbrow 248-634-2195 Sunday Morning Service...... 11:00 am Wednesday Evening......7:00 pm Wednesday Youth Service6:30 pm

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Children's Church 11:00 am
Wednesday Kids Club & Youth Group6:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting
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Shawn Cook, Associate and	Youth Pastor
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Evening Worship	6:00 pm
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Adult Bible Study, Youth Group (6	5-12 Grades),
Kids Club (K-5 Grad), Mission Frie	nds (3-5 years)

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EPISCOPAL

ST. JUDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 106 E. Elizabeth St. • Fenton 810-629-5681 Christian Education......9:15 am



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Saturday Traditional Worship6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship 11:00 am
Saturday5:30 pm, Bible Study

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METHODIST	

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Rev. Jeremy Peters, As	ssociate Pastor
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Contemporary Service	11:05am
Conversational Worship	6:00 pm
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LAKE FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2581 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton 810-629-5161

Reverend Jeremy Peters Sunday Worship9:00 am Sunday School..... 10:00 am

METHODIST (CONTINUED)

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OF THE NAZARENE	
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Pastor Robert Lindsay	
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Sunday Morning Worship (Junior Church and Nursery Provided)	11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Children & Teens	7:00 pm
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unday PM Service 6 pm
lednesday Mid Week Service
idz Rock (2 yr-5th grade)7 pm
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Studio 145 Kids (Ages 6-12)10am
Preschool (Ages 3-5)10am
Nursery (Birth-2 yrs)10am
WEDNESDAY:
Contemporary Worship Service7pm

All kids classes available on Wednesdays also. Connect groups meet throughout the week.

THE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

810-922-2088 Lead Pastor Chris Vitarelli Youth Pastor Gordon Fry www.theroadcc.com Journey campus in Howell10AM 214 E. Brooks St. (NW corner of Brooks & Fleming) Horizon campus6:30PM

NON-DENOMINATIONAL (CONT.)

THE POTTER'S WHEEL CHURCH WHERE SOUL TAKES SHAPE

2940 Georgetown Parkway Office: 810-629-7570 Cell: 248-459-1728 Pastor Marc Burnett Sr. WWW.THEPOTTERSWHEELCHURCH.ORG PMBS6@GMAIL.COM 10:30 am Fellowship.

Sunday Worship	10:53	am
Children's Service		

ORTHODOX

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Great Vespers	5:00 pm
Sunday Morning,	
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Community Bible Study	Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
	at the church

PENTECOSTAL

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14569 North Rd. • Fenton 248-328-0382 Reverend Eugene Blankenship www.fentonchurchofgod.com Sunday School..... 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am & 6:00pm Wednesday Bible Study7:00 pm

PRESBYTERIAN

Wednesday Young Adult

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....7:00 pm

503 S. LeRoy St. • Fenton 810-629-7801 www.ffpc.org Pastor Dale Swihart Jr. Larry McMellen, Parish Associate Sunday Worship 9:00 am, 11 am

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207 E. Maple • Holly 248-634-9494 • www.hollypc.org Reverend Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates Sunday Worship Schedule Sunday School for all ages9:30 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am

LINDEN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 119 W. Broad St. • Linden 810-735-5755 Pastor Seth Normington Sunday School..... 10:30 am

(Nursery provided at each service)

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9141 Hartland Rd. • Fenton 810-750-0350 Pastor Linda Living-Hawley

Sunday Worship Schedule Celebratory Worship..... 10:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am

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Pastor Chris	Ames
Church Worship	10:00 am
Sabbath School	11:00 am
Prayer Meeting	4:30 pm Wednesday



(Linden Seventh Day Adventist 7007 W. Silver Lake Rd)

Donnell Masak, licensed insurance agent for more than 35 years, of Brown & Brown Insurance in Fenton. She has also been a Certified Insurance Counselor for 25 years and recently became certified in the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Q. What are the Individual Health **Insurance Marketplaces?**

A. When the key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, these Marketplaces will help individuals find health insurance. You can shop online at healthcare.gov, by phone 1-800-318-2596 or in person with a certified insurance agent.

"It won't cost you any more to go through an agent," said Masak. "We can help you find out whether you're eligible for a subsidy, which will save you a lot of money. We can also help you avoid costly mistakes. If you go online and make a mistake, you can't change it until the next year."

Masak suggests that people wait a week or so before trying to get on the Michigan Health Insurance Marketplace, because of the initial huge volumes.

Q. Do I have to buy health insurance?

A. Starting in January 2014, most Americans will be required to have health insurance, or pay a tax penalty if they don't. Coverage can include employer-provided insurance, individual health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid. The tax penalty phases in over three years and becomes increasingly severe. In 2014, the penalty will be 1 percent of annual income or \$95, whichever is greater. By 2016, the penalty will be 2.5 percent of income or \$695. This means that if you do not have coverage in 2014, you'll be required to pay a tax penalty when you file your taxes at the end of the year.

Q. Are there any exemptions from the requirement to obtain coverage or pay the penalty?

A. People who would have to pay more than 8 percent of their income for health insurance, people with incomes below the threshold required for filing taxes (in 2012, \$9,750 for a single person and \$27,100 for a married couple with two children), people who qualify for religious exemptions, undocumented immigrants, people who are incarcerated, members of Native American tribes, are exempt.

Q. Who can buy health insurance through the Michigan Health Insurance Marketplace?

A. Generally, legal residents who do not have access to affordable health insurance through their employer or another government program are the ones eligible to buy through the state Marketplace.

Q. What kinds of plans are available? A. Health plans are available through the Health Insurance Marketplace or in the open market. Health insurance companies must offer the same products at an identified price, whether they are offered through the Marketplace or private markets. In addition to these traditional health plans, there is also catastrophic coverage for those up to age 30, designed to cover excessive medical bills that occur above the limit a person could manage financially.

There are four basic levels of coverage: platinum, gold, silver and bronze. As the metal category increases in value, so does the percent of medical expenses that a health care plan will cover. You can choose to pay a higher monthly cost so when you need medical care, you pay less. Or you can choose to pay a lower monthly cost so that when you need medical care, you pay more.

"The subsidies offered are based on the

Q. How much more will insurance cost for those who were previously insured?

A. According to Masak, rates have increased on the average about 40 percent, for those who have been previously covered. "The lowest increases among my clients have been 18 percent and I have three clients whose costs are increasing 100 percent."

The costs are not rising to pay for the newly-insured, according to Masak. The increases are for the 10 essential benefits that each plan must include with no lifetime maximum.

Q. What are these 10 essential benefits?

A. The Affordable Care Act ensures that health plans offered in the individual and small group markets, both inside and outside the Health Insurance Marketplace, offer a comprehensive package of items and services, known as essential health benefits.

Essential health benefits must include items and services within at least the following 10 categories: ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services including behavioral health treatment, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services, chronic disease management and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

Q. What are the benefits to the Affordable Health Care plan?

A. Starting in 2014, the Individual Health Insurance Marketplaces will make it simple and more affordable for employees to get health insurance that can't be canceled or denied because of a pre-existing medical condition.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO A prospective customer can go to healthcare.gov to get started in healthcare exchanges in their area. The current government shut down may affect some exchanges.

In Masak's view, the positive part is that more people will have access to insurance with subsidies that will make it more affordable. "Low income people will have affordable insurance that will cost no more than 2 to 9.5 percent of their annual income. It puts everyone on a more level playing field."

On the negative side, "It's not free," she said. "The policies are basically very broad policies mandated to have 10 essential benefits with no pre-existing conditions. The insurance companies have had to offer these better plans to individuals, with no guarantee who will be signing up, so they had to price accordingly."

Watch for details soon about an informative session at Brown & Brown for employers and employees, with date and time to be announced.









Fears of faulty lottery scanners could be unfounded

Some lotto customers mistrust retailers, scanners

By Tim Jagielo

tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795 A combination of dirty scanners and evening television news shows might have made Michigan Lottery customers suspicious of lotto retailers.

There are 10,381 active Michigan Lotto retailers in Michigan. When a non-scratchoff ticket is sold, like Powerball, it is scanned by the retailer to be verified, and the prize claimed for anything under \$600. The retailer's scan essentially "cashes" the ticket. Like a check, the ticket is then void.

If the customer would like to get a reading

of their own, Michigan Lotto has offered self scanners called "Lucky Spots" at many of those locations since 2009. These function much like self-scanners at the supermarket. The customer can get a preview whether the ticket is a winner, but not "verify" it like the retailer can.

Gretchen Villarreal, public relations analyst for Michigan Lotto said

these machines, like the scanners at the store, can malfunction. "We tend to urge the players to take it to the retailer if they have any questions," she said. "When in doubt always take it to a retailer."

Like the ones in the store, the scanner glass can become dirty. Tickets can also become damaged, dirty or wet, which cause the machine to fail — but not give a false win, or loss.

This has probably helped create rumors that they can give a bad read, informing the customer that their ticket isn't a winner. If they give the ticket to the retailer, some customers are suspicious that that ticket may actually be a winner — and the retailer will re-scan and keep the money.

Villarreal said there have been 11,595 service calls by the maintenance company, GTECH, to these "Lucky Spot" machines since 2009. "The scanners have been known to give the wrong response occasionally," she said via email. "It is usually due to the ticket having a water spot on the bar code or a tear or bend in the ticket."

She said some customers are suspicious of the retailers, made worse by investigative TV programs that have linked lotto retailers to scams. Customers will generally verify their ticket at a different location from where they bought it.

Tonie Barkiewicz, a clerk at Smokers Hub II of Fenton has seen this phenomena first hand. He said the scanner at his register works better, possibly because smoking is allowed in his store.

This makes sense, because Villarreal said scanners fail less today, because smoking

isn't allowed in bars and restaurants, where the residue can block the scanner.

Barkiewicz said that his store sells more scratch-off tickets, which historically do not scan. This is changing though, with scratch-off's becoming scann able also. Today, \$10 and \$20 tickets can be scanned.

These scratch-off

tickets going scanable may make them more fool proof. "A lot of people throw away something that ends up being a winner because they didn't scratch off one number."

Barkiewicz recalled a couple times early on, where the winnings the self scanner reported didn't match the register — though he said it hasn't happened since, and Villarreal wasn't able to verify incorrect winnings reported by a self scanner. She said bad scans are "not an epidemic."

At Smokers Depot of Fenton, Lucky Spots are frequently used. Jill Perry said it's busier in the summer, and the self scanners will sometimes be unable to read a barcode, and then direct them to the register.

Perry has also seen the mistrust some lotto players have for their retailers — they will buy the ticket at one location, and have it verified at another. For peace of mind, many scan it themselves and compare the results.



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'The Intouchables' Fenton Film Series presents free showing of classic movie

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, the Fenton Film Series will present "The Intouchables." One of the most popular movies at film festivals around the world, this French oddcouple comedy is both hilarious and touching. When million-



aire quadriplegic Philippe hires the down-an-out Driss as his caregiver, both their lives are changed forever. Based on a true story, this 2011 film has delighted audiences everywhere. Here in Fenton, the movie starts at 7

p.m. at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center and admission is free.

Now in its fourth year, the Fenton Film Series continues with its mission of showing free, high quality movies every month in downtown Fenton in the auditorium of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center.

Movies are presented free of charge thanks to the generous donations from sponsors, including the Fenton Downtown Development Authority, Tanglewood Assisted Living & Home Care, financial advisor Patrick Perfitt, Behind Your Design, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, and Lockwood of Fenton. Thanks to these additional sponsors, free refreshments will also be provided by Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, The Laundry and Crust, Fenton Winery & Brewery.

Burning hay clogs highway



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Just after 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Fenton Fire Department responded to southbound U.S. 23, just south of Owen Road after a pickup truck hauling 300 bales of hay caught fire. The truck driver, from Pigeon, reported that he saw smoke, stopped and tried to unhook the 24-foot trailer, but was unsuccessful. Fenton Township Fire Department and Woody's Towing assisted. Firefighters were on scene for about two hours to extinguish the fire and then for clean-up. Southbound lanes were closed for most of that time, causing traffic backups throughout the area.



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Zonta Club Membership Drive

The Zonta Club of Fenton is hosting a membership drive at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc on Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Networking will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a brief presentation at 6 p.m. Please join the Zonta Club and learn how you can make a difference in the lives of the women and children in our area who have been affected by domestic abuse and/or violence. Get involved in your community and help Zonta advocate women's issues. Hors d' oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. This is a great networking opportunity for businesswomen.

Linden Historical Society to meet Tuesday

The October meeting of the Linden Historical Society will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Shiawassee Shores Clubhouse in Linden. The evening's program will include Len Thomas speaking on "Civil War letters of a Michigan soldier." All members are urged to attend and guests are always welcome.

DOCTOR **Continued from Page 3A**

If he or she avoids or ignores your questions, it's probably time to find a new doctor. Granted — it's not always possible that your doctor can make an immediate diagnosis, but that shouldn't prevent him or her from at least answering your questions, and discussing all of the possibilities. It's your body—you have a right to know what's going on.

Waiting an hour or more past the time of your scheduled appointment is also a red flag that your doctor may not be right for you. It's true - doctors have all sorts of obstacles in the office — emergencies come up, and sick patients have to be worked into an already-packed schedule. But if you wait more than an hour every single time you visit the office, you may want to look elsewhere for a physician with better time-management skills, and for one who respects your time schedule, too.

The office staff's failure to call you back with insurance or scheduling information should be brought to your doctor's attention. Additionally, phone calls to the office regarding medical or prescription-related questions should be promptly returned by your doctor. If he doesn't return calls in a timely fashion, it's probably time to find someone else who will.

Is your doctor's staff rude? The staff plays a huge part in your care - they answer your phone calls, they schedule your appointments, they take your X-rays they do it all. But if they're rude and make you feel uncomfortable, you need to have a word with your doctor about it. If he does nothing to correct it, then he's not your guy, and it's probably time to move on. Before you go...

Make sure you know where you're going before you leave your old physician behind. You also may want to do the noble thing and have a heart-to-heart discussion with your doctor on why you decided to leave. While your doctor will most likely be sorry to see you go, he or she will appreciate your input. Be sure to transfer your old records to your new doctor. Sure, there may be a fee associated with the process, and it will probably require your signature, but in the end, you'll be glad you made the change.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

KUDOS TO FENTON Athletic Director, Mike Bakker. Here is a person on top of their game. Good competitive teams in all sports (boys and girls), numerous outstanding and well-behaved student athletes, very attentive, and a good family man. We are very fortunate, indeed! ----A Fenton Tiger player's grandfather.

I AGREE WITH the person whose son-

in-law is in the service in Afghanistan and has to deal with the poor facilities there. Unless people are truly needy, over here, the government should think twice about giving away free cell phones and food stamps. Sorry for not posting sooner.

I MUST HAVE missed the news about all the Canadians that have been flooding into the U.S. for health care. That's just a myth and those who continue to spread

it don't know what they are talking about. I do know about Americans going to Canada for affordable Lasik surgery.

PRESIDENT BUSH GAVE GM \$17.4 billion as a stopgap for GM to stay afloat without collateral. President Obama expanded it \$85 billion and took stock in the restructured GM in return. The original \$17.4 billion GM is not repaying and the stock price decline is another \$8 billion loss.

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NEWSPAPER Continued from Front Page

paper of the Year, the Times took second place for General Excellence with a judge commenting, "This publication is one of the most well-designed newspapers that I have ever seen. The staff should be proud of both the content and design work that has went into this. An array of topics are covered masterfully by the reportorial staff."

Some of the highlights from the 30 awards received include Associate Editor Tim Jagielo's news and feature photos. Jagielo won first place for his emotional photo involving a drowning on Lake Fenton last year. Judges commented that they were keenly aware of how difficult that photo was to shoot, as well as to publish. Jagielo also won first place for his ability and willingness to climb a water tower in order to get the perfect angle for a feature photo.

Jagielo also swept the entire category of "Most innovative story telling," by winning first, second and third place.

Staff reporter William Axford also was recognized for his reporting skills. He won the top two awards for "Spot News Story" by his comprehensive reporting on slain officer Patrick O'Rourke's funeral and a drowning on Lake Fenton. The award-winning editorial staff is led by Times Editor Sharon Stone.

The Times sports department, managed by veteran Sports Editor David Troppens, raked in an amazing eight MPA awards. Troppens won second- and third-place in the "Sports Photograph" category with his photos of Cassidy Rourke and Samantha Moss, in addition to second- and third-place awards in the "Sports Writing" category.

Troppens also won awards for his columns, sports features and overall sports coverage.

The Times' advertising and composition departments won a combined 14 awards, among them were best ad ideas for Sawyer Jewelers and Hartland Glen Golf Course. Working closely with the composition department, advertising also won first place for best color idea with advertising for Heavenly Scent Herb Farm.

Other advertising awards included those for best promotions, best ad series, best classified ad promotions, best classified real estate ads and best online promotions.

Advertising Director Gail Grove commented, "Our businesses and readers demand the best, and that's what we give them, week after week. I'm really proud of our staff."

Abe's Storage expands in response to growing number of customers

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In July 2012, Abe's Storage was featured in the Tri-County Times as a business that was undergoing a major revitalization with new owners at the helm. Because of the personal care that Abe's Storage takes with each of its customers, the company has experienced a good amount of growth within the community.

The family-owned business has now found the need to expand its storage space for the ever-growing list of clients.

This past summer, the team at Abe's Storage was busy constructing new areas, including indoor and outdoor storage. Currently, the company has a brand new storage building with more than 40 individual storage units capable of holding anything from automobiles and watercraft to home goods and other items.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL Dr. Mark Fisher welcomes people to visit Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton, which has active ministries for people of all ages and interests.

New pastor welcomes all Members of the

community invited to worship and serve

By Sally Rummel

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Dr. Mark Fisher has worked with pastors throughout his career as an instructor at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. Now he has found himself on the minister's side of the pulpit as the new part-time pastor at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton Township.

"The timing was right for all of us," said Fisher, who earned his doctorate from the Ecumenical Theological Seminary (ETS). "I'm really excited to be here."

While he has never served as a pastor before this post, he has had a long career working with pastors as he helped them chart their course through seminary. ETS has a representation of a diverse group of denominations — from ELCA Lutherans to Presbyterians, Pentecostal churches, to name a few.

That diversity serves Fisher well, as a theologian who welcomes the building of a community of faith at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, commonly known as TLC. "We want to welcome everyone here," said Fisher. "We want people to know they don't have to live their lives alone. TLC is a place where we can explore ways together to serve those around us."

Fisher earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science and his master's degree in Public Administration. He then went to work with the charitable sector, starting out at United Way of Detroit. When he became actively involved in Alcoholics Anonymous, he went public immediately, letting people know that this was part of his own life story, and could be overcome. "That's when I re-discovered my faith," he said.

Fisher lives with his wife, Beth, in Farmington Hills, where he continues to work part-time as a consultant for Christian-based ministries. They have four children, ages 13 to 34. "Life is sacred, and we have to live into our faith," he said. "I hope to provide a framework of faith for daily living."

He contributes blog postings on the TLC website, www.fentontlc.org and welcomes dialog with members of the tri-county area community. Transfiguration Church is located at 14176 Fenton Rd., phone (810) 629-7332.

VFW scholarship programs have begun

By Sharon Stone

sstone@tctimes.com; 810-433-6786 The Veterans of Foreign Wars' scholar-

ship programs have begun with the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest and the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.

These scholarship programs will begin at the Fenton VFW Post 3243 and its Ladies Auxiliary. After the judging for the top local winners, the essays will advance to the District, the state of Michigan and finally to the National level to compete with students from across the country.

Winners at the state level will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to tour the city, meet our nation's leaders and to be honored by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary. Winners will also receive their portion of \$152,000 in national awards with the top scholarship being \$30,000.

The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest top winners will receive at least \$1,000 scholarship and the first-place award at the National level is \$5,000, and the all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST SAW ON the Flint TV news this morning a 16-year-old girl and her mom who looked no older than 30 trying to get free baby formula for the teen's baby. With the government shutdown, they feared that might turn into an out-of-pocket expense for them. Really? Why should I have to pay for that young mom's bad decisions?

ANIMAL KILLER ON the run. Watch your animals on North Road. When they get out it may be the last time they are seen. An innocent puppy was killed and now a family is heartbroken. Sick people out there!

FOOD PRICES **Continued from Front Page**

Consumers however are still feeling the damage done by last year's recordbreaking drought, which devastated crops and feed for animals. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports cattle production peaked at 96 million in July, marking a 21-year low for beef supply.

Beef, pork and poultry prices have risen between 10 to 20 cents per pound since last year while grains and produce have remained relatively flat. Locally, we may face a 1- or 2-percent inflation in prices this fall. Food prices, for the time being, are expected to remain relatively flat.

"It's been a good growing

season, there was more rain and better yields in the fields," said Brian Haaraoja, senior vice president of merchandising with Spartan Foods. "Grain prices have stabilized and everything is based off of grains."

The future of beef **44** Grain prices prices remains uncertain. While increased grain production means more food for cattle, Bloomberg News reports herders usually need two seasons to rebound from one bad season. According to

the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a pound of beef averaged \$3.40 last January, a record high. Beef prices hit another record high this past June when prices reached \$3.38

This year's Voice of Democracy Audio Essay theme is "Why I'm optimistic about our nation's future." For complete details, rules and application, those wishing to submit an entry should go to www.vfw.org and click on Community Program, Voice of Democracy. All students in grades nine to 12 are eligible to enter. Essays must be submitted to the Fenton VFW no later than Nov. 1.

This year's theme for the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest is "What patriotism means to me." Students in grades six through 8 are eligible. Rules and the application are online at www.vfw.org. Essays must be turned in at the local level by Nov. 1.

Another program for students is the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship. Students in grades nine through 12 are eligible. Information on this scholarship is available at area schools. Students can also check out www.vfwladiesaux.org. Art must be patriotic and turned into Bonnie Pray, scholarship chairperson, at the Fenton VFW by March 31, 2014.

YOU CAN THANK the Democrats for the government shutdown. When they owned both houses, they should have funded the Obamacare then. They did not. They left it for future Congresses to do that. So, you can't blame the Republicans and definitely not President Bush.

TO THE HOT liner that said this: 'Once again, the Democratic president has cleaned up a Republican's mess.' Man, what kind of drugs are you on? I need to get some of those. Or have you been brainwashed by the Democratic Party?

a pound. The USDA estimates beef prices will continue to increase in 2014.

At Alpine Marketplace in Linden, coowner Marvin Yono said the abundant crops and smaller amount of natural disasters this summer has helped keep prices flat. Yono watches for gas prices as well as production costs, as he's seen shipping and manufacturing costs go up whenever gas prices spike.

Competing with big-box stores is also a challenge to keeping food prices low. Yono stabilizes consumer costs through price freezing and a rewards card program. So far, it's allowed Alpine Marketplace to keep prices comparable to other stores.

"We're always working hard to keep prices low. We have to stay competitive and keep business here,"

Yono said. What can consumers do to cut down on their grocery bill? Lean meat in bulk is generally cheaper than pre-cut meats with lots of fat. Adding more

vegetables and fruits

can also help lighten

the grocery bills, since

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Brian Haaraoja Senior vice president of merchandising with Spartan Foods

Summary

Consumers are still

feeling the effects of

the 2012 summer

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offset by another

strong produce

season.

ply this year. Limit the amount of meat your family consumes by participating in 'Meatless Mondays' and substituting more grains and less meat. For those who can't go

without meat for most meals, try eating more turkey as Yono expects turkey prices to be about the same as last year.



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He was the third pick in the first round of the 1994 NBA Draft by the Detroit Pistons. Name him.

Grant Hill turned 40 on Saturday. He played six seasons with the Pistons.

TIGERS BY NUMBERS

The Detroit Tigers began their quest for the World Series championship on Friday. They are currently in the middle of an American League Divisional Series with the Oakland Athletics. We thought it might be interesting to look at the Tigers based on some numbers.

1: The number of home runs Miguel Cabrera has hit since Aug. 27. The Tigers need Cabrera to perform to have a chance at making it to the World Series.

3: The number of times the Tigers have played the Athletics in the postseason. They lost to Oakland in 1972 in five games in the ALCS and beat them in the postesason in 2006 and 2012. **4.22:** Justin Verlander's earned run average in his 12 postseason starts entering this year. He hasn't been an ace this year, and Verlander has never really lived up to his ace status during the postseason either. He is 6-4 in those starts.

5: Days in between games for the Tigers. I only post this because in past years some have argued the Tigers have struggled due to long breaks. I don't put much stock in the theory, but I thought I'd list it anyway.

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Elite Eight teams are starting to win some hardware

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 The calendar just turned to October, but we are already starting to see some fall sports seasons coming close to their ends.

Just last week the tri-county area had two teams crowned Metro League champions and another earn at least a share of the crown, with the outright title up for grabs on Monday

Here's this week's top five, including events through Thursday night.

No. 8 - Lake Fenton boys cross country: The Blue Devils are a great story. They concluded the dual portion of their GAC season undefeated and now have a shot at the conference crown at the league meet. Actually it's nice seeing both Lake Fenton programs have success this season. Both programs have had their ups and downs through the years. It's nice to see the program back up.

No. 7 - Fenton volleyball: The Tigers are making the Metro League race a mere formality. They are 4-0 in league competition and have yet to face a serious challenge. Lapeer East could pose a challenge on Tuesday. After that, Lapeer West remains the only serious Metro threat.

No. 6 - Fenton football: Just beyond the halfway point in the regular season, the Tigers have proven themselves the elite football squad in the tri-county area, winning all five of their games by at least 12 points. Next week's home game against Kearsley will be the annual Wounded Warrior contest.

No. 5 - Holly boys tennis: The Bronchos moved up two notches because they became the first tricounty squad to capture an outright conference championship when they won the Metro League meet on Tuesday. The Bronchos dominated the field en route to the title. Up next is regionals.

No. 4 - Holly boys cross country: The Bronchos are finally getting some state love, earning a spot as an honorable mention selection on the most recent top 10 poll for D1 cross country teams. They are in very good position to eventually capture a Metro crown before the month is over.

No. 3 - Linden girls cross country: The Eagles remain the fifth-ranked team in Division II, so it's easy to see why they are high in our poll. The Portage Invitational on Saturday could help move the team's ranking for next week. The same is true for the Linden boys squad who remain ranked eighth in the state.

No. 2 - Fenton girls golf: The Tigers proved why they are the seventh-ranked team in the state by dominating the Metro meet. It earned them their second straight conference crown. And watch out for Samantha Moss. She came within a stroke of being in a playoff for an individual state title last year. On Wednesday she shot a 69.

No. 1 - Linden boys soccer: The fourth-ranked team in the state in D2 assured themselves a share of the Metro crown with a 4-0 victory against Lapeer East on Wednesday. On Monday the Eagles go for the outright crown during a home game against the Swartz Creek Dragons. Linden has won 10 straight contests.







(Top) Linden soccer player Kevin Wright (above) tries to avoid a tackle attempt by a Brandon player. The Linden Eagles earned at least a share of the Metro crown last week, and can lock up the outright title with a tie or a win against Swartz Creek on Monday. Two tri-county squads are already Metro League champions. (Above, middle) The Fenton varsity girls golf team captured their crown by dominating the field during the regular season and during Wednesday's league meet. (Immediately above) The Holly boys tennis team also dominated league action in dual matches and at the league meet on Tuesday.





Fenton's Samantha Moss recorded a Metro League record, a school record and a personal record 18-hole score of 69 at the Metro League meet at Fenton Farms Golf Course on Wednesday. She won medalist honors by 13 strokes. The Fenton Tigers captured their second straight outright Metro title at the event as well.

Moss, Tigers dominate at Metro meet

Fenton senior breaks Metro record by shooting a 69 **By David Troppens**

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Moss isn't one to worry about her score when she plays golf. The Fenton senior would rath-

er wait until the end of her round and then kind of be surprised by the final total.

It's fair to say that Moss was probably quite a bit excited after adding her golf card during the Metro League Meet at Fenton Farms Golf Course Wednesday.

Moss posted the first sub-70 round of her career, and the first ever in Metro competition, earning medalist honors with a one-underpar 69 at the par-70, 5,196-yard course. Moss' performance helped lead the Tigers to their second straight league title as Fenton recorded a four-player 18-hole team score of 345 to comfortably win the league meet and the overall crown.

The Tigers, who went undefeated during the dual portion of the season, beat second-place Lapeer West's 383 score by 38 strokes, while Kearsley finished third with a 384. Holly was fifth with a 387, finishing in a tie for third in the final overall standings. Linden placed seventh with a 433 in the nine-team event.

The seventh-ranked Tigers came in the overwhelming favorites and left that way - just the shot a 70 before. way they like it.

"I personally like (being known as the favorites)," Moss said. "It's really cool to have a team that is well known for our hard work and being a good strong and solid team. We are pretty consistent as a team, and some teams may not have that. It's special to have such a great team behind me. It really is a team sport. It comes down to the team and I'm proud of all the girls.'

"We have a special bond, so when we go out and play that really helps," Fenton senior Tailer Przybylowicz said. "Even if we have a bad day, we have someone who will pick us up.

"It feels good (being ranked). I like it because when we walk up everyone looks at us and are like 'That's Fenton.""

The Tigers deserved that attention on Wednesday, particularly Moss. Moss opened her round with nine straight fours, giving her a one-over-par score of 36 for her front nine holes. On the second half, her scores were a bit less consistent, but in a good way. She recorded only one par but posted an eye-popping five birdies to help record a 33 for the nine holes and a lifetime best round of 69.

"It means so much to do it," Moss said about the record. "I was expecting to play good, but I wasn't thinking about my score until at the end, when I got to the end. So when I added it up and it was under 70, I was so happy because I have never

"I keep track of my birdies, pars and bogeys, but I don't try to (add up the scores) until the end, so when I saw 69, that was exciting." The steady start seemed to

help Moss. "I thought that was kind of weird," Moss said of the nine

straight fours to start her round. "But it was cool because four nines is a 36, so it was a consistent number and a good number. I was happy about that."

The amazing part of Fenton's championship round was that many of the team's golfers didn't have particularly great rounds. However, their talent is so great that their average rounds were stronger than most in the field. Przybylowicz, along with Moss, earned first-team honors by recording a 46-44-90. Three other Tigers finished with sub-100 rounds. They were Maddie Brown (93), Sarah Cummings (93) and Madison Shegos (97).

"Having Sam shoot a 69 and going that low helps out the team score," Fenton coach Kurt Herbstreit said. "But a lot of the other girls didn't have their best day today. But when they don't have their best day, they still score well. ... We pretty much have five girls who can consistently shoot under 100, and in girls golf that's pretty good."

Another big winner was Moss' Birdies for Babies campaign. Moss and the Fenton varsity girls golf team had people sponsor 50 cents See METRO on 19A

LF XC boys finish GAC dual season undefeated; girls are a strong 7-3

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity boys cross country team will be entering the Genesee Area Conference meet absolutely perfect.

The Blue Devils assured their status as the leaders, earning a pair of dual meet victories against Bendle and New Lothrop. Lake Fenton beat Bendle 23-35 and also beat New Lothrop 18-41.

Lake Fenton is now 10-0 with just the GAC meet remaining at Cummings Center. By winning the meet the Blue Devils would assure themselves of the GAC title. By taking second they would assure themselves of at least a co-championship.

The Blue Devils' first runner was Caleb Fletcher. He finished in second overall with a time of 17:16, 28 seconds behind Durand's Jarren Guy, who broke a course record at the meet with a time of 16:48.

Hunter Corcoran placed sixth overall (18:05), while Winston Ray was ninth (18:33). Lake Fenton's two other scorers were Jasper Linsev in 12th (19:22) and Nash Reigle in 17th (20:34).

"The league meet is going to be really exciting and nerve racking at the same time," Lake Fenton coach Chris Sobczak said.

"While we beat Goodrich earlier in the season in a dual meet, they will be gunning for us. It is going to be really close. The way things are shaping up it looks like the No. 6 runner is going to be really important."

The Lake Fenton girls will enter the GAC meet with a strong 7-3 mark after splitting two races on Tuesday. The Blue Devils lost a heartbreaker to New Lothrop 27-28 and defeated Bendle. Bendle had just two runners compete.

Laura Carlson won the race overall with a time of 21:00. The rest of the Blue Devil placers were Denise Carlson in fourth, Alexis Cash in sixth (22:49), Kim Roe in eighth (23:29) and Danielle Schwartz in 24:18.

"The girls lost to New Lothrop by one point and it easily could've gone the other way, but it didn't," Sobczak said.

"Every year I have a goal going into the league meet of placing higher than our season record indicates. This means shooting for a third-place finish or better. If each girl shows up and runs their best, I think we can do it.'

SPORTS BRIEFS

VOLLEYBALL

Holly def. Powers: The Bronchos beat Powers 26-15, 15-25, 25-23, 25-20 on Thursday. Abby Lewandowski led line Bronchos wilh TT kills, while Kate Nitowski had seven kills. Adrienne Cheff chipped in 19 assists, while Katie Ordiway had 27 digs and 22 good service receives.

Byron def. Lake Fenton: The Blue Devils lost to Byron 25-9, 25-21, 25-17. Melody Draeger led the Blue Devils with eight digs, while Allison Tetts had five assists. Alyssa Rodgers had two aces and four kills, while Alex Vrumley had two blocks, two kills and an ace.



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Holly boys tennis is up where they belong

Bronchos dominate league meet to capture 20th title in 21 years

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 For as many Metro League titles as the Holly varsity boys tennis team has won over the years, usually if you talk to the players or coaches they rarely talk about goals in terms of championships.

Instead the Bronchos talk about other intangible thoughts — about playing every point, about not taking opponents lightly, about supporting each other even while you are competing yourself and about hard work.

It's those basic principles that led the Bronchos to 19 straight Metro League championships, a string that was ended under a cloud of controversy concerning an eligibility issue of one of their players a year ago. It was a title they would've easily won for the 20th straight year without the issue, based on the results on the tennis court.

However, with perhaps a little extra fire in their bellies due to last year's lost title, the Bronchos showed why they remain the dominant team in boys tennis in the Metro League on Tuesday. They earned six flight championships, capturing the Metro League title easily with a dominant performance at the conference meet at Lapeer East High School on Tuesday.

"About last year, my response is the evidence shows that the Holly boys tennis program has dominated the Metro League for 21 years," Holly varsity boys coach Will Sophiea said. "That's one thing people can't take from us or argue. And this year we had a dominant and impressive performance. We have an outstanding senior class and our seniors have carried on the great tradition and the Holly tennis brand.

"Did we play with a chip on our shoulders? I just look at the program we have, the family we have and the brotherhood we have and am proud of that."

The Bronchos had a lot to be proud of on Tuesday. They had all but one of their flight competitors make it to the finals. Holly senior Jeff Sophiea was the No. 1 singles champion, and the Bronchos were perfect in the doubles flights, capturing all four titles.

Sophiea defeated Fenton's Mazzen Saab 6-1, 6-1 in the finals to earn his title. It was one of two flights where the Bronchos beat one of the defending Metro champion Fenton Tigers' members in a finals match. The other came at No. 4 doubles where Holly juniors Aaron Vergith and Morgan Baylis defeated Fenton's Nathan Brown and Devante Jackson 6-1, 6-1.

Holly's other doubles champions were Craig Richards and Parker Rowse at No. 1 doubles, Taylor Mills and Parker Cuthbert at No. 2 doubles and Dillon Sink and Zac Goodrich at No. 3 doubles. Finally, senior Will Moller captured the Bronchos' other flight championship at No 4 singles.

"We've got a group that's been around for awhile now," Will Sophiea said. "We have a lot of seniors and juniors and I'm proud of not just the work they've put in the last year, but the work they've put in over the last four to five years during the summer, the offseason and winter. It's just a great group and the coaching staff couldn't be more proud of them."

The Fenton Tigers placed second at the meet, assuring themselves of a strong second-place finish in the final standings.

The defending league champions also had a flight winner and one more flight make it to the title match. Fenton senior Mitch

Fenton's Bobbie Eastman attacks a ball during the Tigers' three-set victory against



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Holly's Jeff Sophiea won the No. 1 singles title at the Flint Metro League meet. The Bronchos won the league title while the Fenton Tigers finished second.

Campbell defeated Holly's Evan Vergith 6-3, 7-6(3) to earn the No. 2 singles flight crown. Meanwhile, Fenton junior Neelesh Pedireddy (No. 3) advanced to the title match but lost a tough threeset match to Lapeer East's Dylan Graves 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Regionals are slated for Thursday at Flushing High School. The top two teams at that meet automatically qualify for the state meet.



Tigers defeat Clio, aiming for sixth straight Metro title

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Fenton — It's been five years since the Fenton varsity volleyball team has

lost a Metro League match. And Fenton coach Linda Rusaw wants

the kids to remember every day that this season could make it six.

She makes sure it happens during practices.

"We have a run during practice called the Metro march," Rusaw said. "If we are doing some sort of competition and your team loses, you have to do a Metro march, which is six full court volleyball sprints. ... Six is on the line, so we keep it in their minds."

The Tigers moved one step closer to making it a half-dozen straight titles on Tuesday, defeating the Clio Mustangs by a relatively easy 25-17, 25-14, 25-16 score at Fenton High School.

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the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

The Tigers (4-0, 21-11-3) are halfway toward keeping that title streak and the lengthy win streak alive. The team also has another reason to keep it going.

"We take every game as its own challenge and that kind of keeps our focus," senior Ashley Bearden said. "Considering how long it has been since we lost, we don't want to be the team that does.

"We just come out working hard and it's definitely our goal not to lose at Fenton. We just play our best. We have a really good work ethic and we are always trying to not let the ball hit the floor. We are always trying to give our best and always trying to improve during every practice."

Fenton trailed early on in the first set 4-0, but a Bearden kill ended the shutout and it didn't take long for the Tigers to take the lead. They earned it for the first time at 7-6 and never trailed again. Clio was still within 19-16 late but kills by Carly Granger and Bearden raised the gap to 21-16. The set point was eventually recorded on a Granger serve.

In the second set, the score was tied at 3-all when the Tigers earned their fourth point and went on a five-point run. Bobbie Eastman earned the service point to end the run at 8-3. The Lady Mustangs never threatened to close the gap during the set.

In the third set, the Tigers scored the first five points and never trailed. Clio cut the gap to 5-4, but the Tigers scored the next six points, taking an 11-4 lead on a Jaime Hansen kill. The Tigers capped the match with a Cassidy Rourke kill.

Bearden served many roles for the Tigers on Tuesday. She led the team with 25 assists and 13 digs. She was tied for the lead with nine kills and also chipped in two aces. Granger also had nine kills to go with seven digs and two aces. Meanwhile, Hansen had nine digs and five kills. Kelsie Fisher led the squad with three aces. She also had 13 assists.

Fenton returns to Metro action on Tuesday with a road match at Lapeer East.





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Eagles going for outright Metro title on Monday, defeat East 4-0

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The Linden varsity boys soccer team has had its share of close games in the Flint Metro League this season.

However, Wednesday wasn't one of them. The Eagles took a 2-0 lead into halftime, and held Lapeer East to just two shots all night long, eventually resulting in a 4-0 Metro League win against East.

The victory gave the fourth-ranked Eagles (18-1) their 10th straight victory, but more imprtantly raised their Metro record to 7-0, earning at least a share of the league crown. Linden can lock up the outright title on Monday when they host Swartz Creek for a 6:45 p.m. contest. The Eagles will lock up the title outright with either a win or a draw. A loss would allow the Fenton Tigers to earn a share of the crown if they were able to get a victory against Lapeer West on Monday as well.

The Eagles dominated the contest on Wednesday more than the 4-0 score may suggest. Linden had 30 shots, with 18 of them being on goal. That said it wasn't until there was 15:13 left in the first half that Linden finally scored. Kevin Wright, the first of four different scorers for Linden this season, scored off a Zach Bakos assist with 15:13 left in the half. That lead lasted until Bakos scored his 23rd goal of the season on an assist from Jason Kroll.

Any shot of East getting back into the game in the second half ended when the Eagles' A.J. Brasseur scored on a Wright's 16th assist of the season with 35:43 left in the contest. Timo Schreiner iced the game with 2:17 left with a goal off of Kroll's second assist of the contest.

In net Collin Hoeberling earned the clean sheet, making two saves.

Fenton 4, Swartz Creek 1

The Fenton Tigers trailed early but then erupted for three second-half goals, earning



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I KLARI FREDERICK Linden's Nolan McDonald gets a header during the Eagles' 4-0 victory against Lapeer East on Wednesday.

the squad the victory against Swartz Creek.

The victory allows the Tigers a small chance of earning at least a share of the Metro League title. Fenton must defeat Lapeer West on Monday and hope for Swartz Creek to upset first-place Linden on that same date to earn that share.

The Tigers had four different goal-scorers in the contest. Jake Davis scored the team's first goal in the first half, tying the contest at 1-all at the half. In the second half, Liam Adams, Andrew Mowery and Brady Hocevar scored. Aron Ferguson assisted three of the four goals, while Thomas Pilarski had the assist on Hocevar's goal.

Josh Barnard made one save in net to earn the victory.



Holly's Amanda Pucher is forced to hit a shot under a pine tree at the Metro League meet on Wednesday.

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for every par and \$1 for every birdie in competition up this season, with the money raised going to Genesys Regional Medical Center for mothers who suffer from medical bills due to the medical needs of their children. It was the first year anyone had tried anything like this during the prep season.

"Our team got over \$1,600. I was really excited about that," Moss said. "I didn't know how it was going to go. It was the first year so you don't know what to expect. You can't expect too much, so that was a surprise."

The Holly Bronchos were paced by first-team member Paige Johnson, who placed third with a 43-44-87.

"I am, it's my personal best," Johnson said when asked if she was pleased with her performance. "I was keeping it in the middle (of the fairway) for the most part." Holly's other scorers were Jenna Pepper with a 96, Amanda Pucher with a 100 and Chelsea Bowles with a 104.

"We lost two seniors so I think we did good," Johnson said about the team's final third-place standing.

Linden understood the team was experiencing a complete rebuilding season with young players but still found a way to finish in seventh. Hannah Joslin led the team with a 93, followed by Makena Baldwin's 103, Ashley Robinson's 109 and Jenna Pekarek's 128.

"It was a great day," Linden coach Jon Hamilton said. "I believe we have the youngest team in the conference and we avoided finishing last, which was a big goal of mine and the girls. All of my girls playing today will be returning and we'll look for big things next year."



Lake Fenton volleyball opens GAC season with split vs. Beecher, Perry

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity volleyball team has taken its share of bumps and bruises during the start of season.

The squad lost a lot of players that won a district title a year ago, so rebuilding looked in the cards.

But it looks like the Blue Devils are putting it together for the Genesee Area Conference Red Division portion of their season.

The Blue Devils opened GAC play with a split against Beecher and Perry. Lake Fenton defeated Beecher 26-24, 25-14, 25-12, but lost a 25-15, 25-12, 25-14 match to Perry.

"The team is playing with more discipline and cohesiveness," Lake Fenton coach Angie DelMorone said.

Lake Fenton's net play was led by Autumn Beardsley, earning 10 kills and three blocks. Kylie Bethke chipped in seven kills Setter Alyssa Rodgers recorded nine assists. In terms of blocking, Alex Brumley earned four herself, helping the Blue Devils create a solid defense against opposing hitters.

Defensively, the Blue Devils dug the ball stronger than in previous events. Melody Draeger had 12 digs to lead the squad, while Rodgers had eight. Beardsley also chipped in six digs. Rodgers also led the team with three aces.

"The players are working on terminating the ball in order to score," DelMorone said. "Serving is more consistent and we came up



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN Lake Fenton's Cali Novak attempts a dig in a recent Blue Devils' match.

with some big digs and nice saves "

Lapeer West def. Linden, 25-27, 25-22, 25-23, 18-25, 15-13

Sydney Jacques led the Eagles in a fiveset thriller on Tuesday. She had four aces to go with her 23-for-23 serving, and also had 34 assists and 10 digs. Rebecca McDonald had 24 kills, while Niki Sargent chipped in 17 kills. Megan Klavitter had 20 digs, while Bri Holscher collected 12 digs.

Kearsley def. Holly 26-24, 25-4, 25-20

Adrienne Cheff had 13 assists and two aces, while Katie Ordiway had 10 digs. Lauren Fultz had four kills.



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16- and 17-year-old male, both of Fenton. The 16-year-old male was taken into custody on the city's curfew violation. Police also recovered a small amount of marijuana in his possession. He was transported to the police station, booked and later released to his mother, pending notification from probate court for possession of marijuana and violating curfew.

LINDEN WOMAN SHOPLIFTS IN FENTON

On Sept. 28. Fenton police responded to a department store on Silver Parkway to investigate a shoplifting complaint. A loss prevention employee told police that a woman, identified as a 46-year-old Linden resident, was under suspicion of committing retail fraud the previous week. She was in the store again on Sept. 28. The employee observed her selecting, concealing and exiting the store without paying for merchandise. She was confronted outside and escorted back to await police arrival. Police recovered \$66 worth of store merchandise. She was arrested and taken to the police station where she admitted to taking the items for her kids.

GOLF CLUBS STOLEN FROM TRUCK

At about 3 p.m., on Sept. 28, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department received a larceny of golf clubs complaint from a golf course on Torrey Road in Fenton Township. The owner of the clubs said they had placed the clubs in the bed of his pickup truck and when he returned to his truck, the clubs were gone.



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PUPPY REPORTEDLY SHOT

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department is investigating a complaint involving a puppy that had reportedly been shot in Fenton Township. The report came in from the area of North Road at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. If anyone has information, contact deputies at (810) 629-1112.

IMPERSONATING A DEPUTY

On Oct. 1, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to a gas station store in the 8300 block of Silver Lake Road in Argentine Township to investigate a report. Deputies were advised that the store received phone calls from someone impersonating a deputy, inquiring about a former employee. The complaint remains under investigation.

HANDGUN STOLEN IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

On Oct. 2, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department took a larceny of a handgun complaint from a resident in the area of Silver Lake and Hogan roads. Information on the stolen gun was entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN).

TWO LFHS STUDENTS HURT IN CRASH

On Oct. 2, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department responded to Lake Fenton High School on a report of a personal injury crash. Two students were taken to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township with minor injuries.

BATTERIES STOLEN

Unknown suspects stole several batteries from a travel trailer business on North Road in Fenton Township. The theft was reported to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department on Oct. 2.

SCRAP METAL STOLEN

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department received a larceny of scrap metal complaint on Oct. 3 from a business off Thompson Road in Fenton Township. The stolen metal was valued at \$1,000.



BOWLING

Continued from Page 3A have to be more imaginative and work harder and smarter to get them in for open

bowling," he said. Alleys that don't adapt, he said, will suffer. This change has come about because of the decline in league bowling, and also because of the shifting clientele due to the smoking ban in Michigan.

Berg said that the Bowling Proprietors of America wanted to shift this perception of a dingy, smoky and possibly shady place as early as the late '80s, pushing the term instead to become "bowling center," which works for her. "It's almost like a community center, we would like our center to be a community center," she said.

Money wise, league bowling, food, parties and open bowling — in that order — is how they make money.

"I grew up in bowling," said Holly Lanes owner Brian Aubuchon, who started working at a bowling center at age 11. He bought his first center at 20. "I love the game itself," he said. "It never gets old to hear the ball go down the lane and strike the pins." He doesn't miss the smell of smoke that used to permeate the bowling experience, though. He renovated his alley into one that he would take his children to.

Aside from remodeling his bowling center, he has a five-year plan, which includes expanded food offerings, among others which he cannot mention yet. "Our goal is to



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO John Butterfield pours shots for players Thursday, "on the house" from owner Brian Aubuchon, who lost a game.







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Don Conn of Holly eyes the lane during the Thursday night men's league at Holly lanes.

transition to an FEC with multiple activities, versus just bowling," he said.

Aubuchon is fully behind the idea of making bowling centers — not alleys — a "one stop" entertainment spot for families. Activities like batting cages and go carts give more options for guests — but adding those activities take a lot of capital.

"It's a slow transition," he said, adding that 90 percent of bowling centers are family-owned. If the bowling center is small, with little property around it, expansion is difficult without removing lanes to make way for laser tag, for example. This doesn't include the funds required to meet the needs of today's customers. So far, he has put \$200,000 into his facility, and guesses he needs to spend another \$700,000.

Aubuchon mentioned Star Lanes in Royal Oak as a bowling-center-turned-FEC after a \$15 million project. They added a four-lane VIP bowling area with private bartender and attached movie theater to offer more diverse entertainment.

He wants to create an atmosphere conducive to family fun for all members of the family. Parents can eat, get a drink, while they bowl with kids, or the kids are safe to do another activity.

"It's hard to expand in a bad economy," said Jim Berg, brother and co-owner of Fenton Lanes.

Jennifer said she would be interested in boutique lanes, meaning private lanes.

"We do improvements here that people don't see," said Jim, like work to the ball return machines.



Those who don't bowl, hang out at the restaurant/bar at Holly Lanes, served by John Butterfield, of Grand Blanc.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Dawn Shepard of Fenton admits her game on Thursday was "in the pits," but still found reasons to celebrate and have fun at Fenton Lanes.

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Tomek students show off green thumbs



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The cabbages grown by (from left) Ian White, Hayden Kruse and Lizzy Wakeham, students at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School, were selected to be entered into the Bonnie Plants scholarship contest.



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We would just like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support we have felt over the past two weeks. Our family is so amazed at all the people who have contacted us to let us know how special our Delio was to them. We also want everyone to know we are staying **OPEN for business**! His daughter, Sandy Barletta Zdenek, will be taking over and continuing on the John's tradition.

We miss him so much and are so proud to carry on the John's tradition in Fenton for many more years to come. We love hearing all the stories about how he has touched so many lives. When you stop in for lunch or dinner, please feel free to share memories with us! His memory will forever be a part of our lives.



► Fourth-graders' cabbages selected for Bonnie Plants scholarship contest

Three students at Tomek-Eastern Elementary School in Fenton will have the cabbages they grew over the summer submitted to the Bonnie Plants' contest for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

Last April, the third-graders at the school were given an opportunity to show off their green thumbs. Each of them were given a young cabbage plant provided by Bonnie Plants.

The students were instructed to take the plant home, plant it, care for it and watch it grow from April to September. The students were challenged to show commitment, enthusiasm and problem solving skills since a variety of cabbageloving predators were invading their gardens, according to third-grade teacher Jennie Turner.

In mid-September, 12 students, now in fourth grade turned in photographs of their cabbages including Bridgette Husted, Ian White, Bridget Beebe, Cameron Carlson, Austin Pedlar, Maty Temrowski, Brett Jackman, Samantha Enright, Hayden Kruse, Lizzy Wakeham, Dalton Cilia and Gavin Baroni. Turner said they stuck with it all summer and completed the challenge.

Out of these 12 students, three were chosen by their third-grade teachers to have their names submitted to Bonnie Plants for a chance to win the scholarship. These students are Hayden Kruse, Lizzy Wakeham and Ian White. The decision was made based on the size and appearance of their cabbages.

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FALL TV SHOWS WORTH TUNING INTO AND ONES TO AVOID

By William Axford • axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

An estimated 10 million people tuned into AMC last Sunday to see the end of Breaking Bad, the infamous show of a chemistry teacher turned meth kingpin. While fans are left to squabble if the end was

WHAT TO WATCH

Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

-Chances are, you've had some exposure to S.H.I.E.L.D. via movies like Iron Man, Captain America and the

Avengers. The government agency full of secret spies takes place in the Marvel universe, setting up the potential for special guests from the Hulk to Spider-Man. Whether familiar

superheroes and villains from the movies will grace the small screen remains to be seen. Shows about secret agents and global conspiracies are usually fun to watch and the show has potential. • 8 p.m. Tuesday nights on ABC

How I Met Your Mother -After eight seasons of watching Ted (Josh Radnor) endure break-



ups and his best friends getting married before he did, fans of the show See TV on 6B



satisfactory, millions of viewers will be looking for a new TV fix. Here's some shows to try this fall and some to avoid.

WHAT TO AVOID

The Goldbergs It's hard to believe the early '80s were 30 years ago. The Goldbergs takes you back to the era of cassette tapes, parachute pants and hair metal. For true '80s nostalgia, rewatch reruns of the Cosby Show or Dallas.



Dads—Two grown men living with their fathers could be comedy gold however, the show is receiving flack for being shallow and stereotyping characters. The show is also written by Seth McFarlane, creator of Family Guy, a show not known for sophistication. If you want truly golden and

hilarious advice from a father, read the book 'S*** My Dad Says' by Justin Halpern. Super Fun Night — Rebel Wilson

was a scream in Bridesmaids so she should shine when it comes to staring in her own



show, right? This logic doesn't stick with Super Fun Night, which is being panned by critics for having lame jokes and boring situations. Just rewatch Bridesmaids instead.

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The LHS senior homecoming court (from left, back row) Sarah Ford, Adam Dawidowicz, Olivia Hudson, Jade Birchmeier and Jessie Spencer. Front row is Ruben Bailey, Alec Bond and Homecoming King David Doyle.



Powder puff player Savanna Ferrara decorated her face along with the rest of the juniors. The juniors won for the first time in more than 13 years.



The LHS juniors chose Batman as their superhero. Here, Brooke Ovington helps build the parade float, which includes the tall buildings of Gotham.



For "America Day," seniors Jessie Spencer and David Doyle sport their American garb.





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The cutting edge

▶ Buy the right kitchen knives, take care of them and they will last a lifetime

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 It's tempting to throw your kitchen knives in the dishwasher when you're busy preparing a meal, but you're making a mistake that will cost you down the road.

Putting knives in the dishwasher will dull their blades and may loosen their handles, according to kitchen experts from the Food Network. Because knives are an investment, you want to take good care of them and let them serve you as intended — for a lifetime.

"You can expect to pay about \$300 for a good set," said Roger Throneberry, chef at the Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille. "If you're buying a knife individually, plan to pay at least \$40."

Throneberry knows a thing or two about knives and how to care for them. He has been using the same set of knives for more than 50 years, bringing

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them with him to any restaurant kitchen he has worked for. He buys commercialgrade knives, which are also available to the general public at restaurant supply stores or online. "Iprefer Swiss knives that hold their edge," he said. "I like the carbon steel finish or stainless with wood handles, not plastic."

He's very particular about taking care of his knives, cleaning them with vinegar and water and sharpening them with a stone sharpener every three or four weeks. How often you should sharpen your knives depends on your knives, how you use them and how frequently, what surface you cut on, how well you maintain them and what kind of sharpener you use. Most of all, it depends on a person's individual taste on how sharp is sharp enough for your cooking needs. Somewhere between once a month and twice a year may be a reasonable expectation.

Knife storage is also an important part of good maintenance. Your knives should be stored in a knife block or on a magnetic strip to keep them separate. If they are loose in a drawer, they will bang around each other and dull their blades. If you must store them in a drawer because of space limitations, buy blade guards to protect them. Food Network experts also say you should never put a Carving

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Chef Roger Throneberry is particular about his knives, favoring Swiss knives due to their quality and use of more durable materials.

sential for every kitchen? According to the Food Network, these three are

most important. With a wide blade between 6 and 10 inches long,

can be used in place of a French-style chef's knife. It's usu-

Paring

shorter and has a "sheep's foot" tip, with the top of the tip curving downward.

• A paring knife has a blade from 2 to 4 inches long. It's good for delicate tasks, such as peeling onions, coring tomatoes or trimming vegetables.

• Aserrated knife is used for foods that have one texture on the outside and another inside, like

bread, tomatoes or even meat. Throneberry also uses a boning knife for the delicate task of separating raw meat, poultry and fish from the bone. Other useful knives may be a slicing knife for cutting through cooked meat, poultry and fish, or a cleaver, which is designed to hack through the sorts of bones that challenge

other knives. Restaurant owners know very well the importance of maintaining quality knives. At Mancino's Pizza & Grinders in Fenton, long, serrated bread knives handle the delicate work of cutting made-from-scratch bread into grinder buns. However, owner Mark Rummel doesn't own the knives

— they are provided by Cozzini Bros., a cutlery service, that sends a route person in every two weeks to deliver "cutting edge" sharp knives and pick up the used ones. "We prefer to use a cutlery service, because of the dangers in our mostly young staff handling knives," said Rummel.

In fact, dull knives are one of the most dangerous items in any kitchen. They require much more pressure to use than sharp knives, and can easily slip and cause injury.

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knife away wet, because it will corrode the blade. It's better to let it air-dry or dry it with a kitchen towel. What knives are es-

crucial: • A chef's knife is the

anything else you need. A Japanese-style Santoku knife ally

Steak

You can expect to pay about \$300 for a good set. 77

Roger Throneberry Chef at Fenton Hotel Tavern & Grille

it is used primarily for chopping or

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The mistake that led to a miracle

'Somebody's made a payment on my credit card.'

Risking sounding like Goldilocks, that was my conclusion after going over my monthly credit card statement.

There it was: the amount of the generous payment; even the check number. Perhaps I had made the payment and neglected to record it in my checkbook;

it wouldn't have been the first time. But now the porridge thickened. After going over my check register, I discov-

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good to be true. And, of course, it was. A closer look at the statement revealed that the payment on this check

had been stopped, the amount added back to my debt and I had been charged a \$10 fee for stopping payment on a check I had neither sent nor stopped.

Evidently, my unknown (and temporary) benefactor had sent a payment on his or her account that was mistakenly applied to mine. When credit for the payment wasn't found on the next statement, payment on the check was stopped and another issued. So the mystery was solved. Almost. Don't forget I was still out \$10.

A call to the 800 number on my bill brought a customer service representative to the phone who was both helpful and apologetic. Best of all, she was quick to deduct the \$10 stop payment charge from my account.

When I expressed appreciation to this courteous customer service person, I asked a question to let her know, I was not only grateful for her help with my problem but was interested in any she might be facing. That was when she told me about the grief she was feeling over the recent deaths of her two brothers.

Now I knew that this mix-up on my account had happened so I could share the grief of a hurting woman in a distant state; comforting her, praying for her and sending her one of my books intended to bring faith to people going through tough times. While this experience had started with a mistake, it had placed me in the middle of a miracle; one arranged by our Lord to bring comfort to a person who needed someone to care.

Sorrow frequently lurks behind smiles. We encounter troubled people every day but seldom sense their pain. Many feel like the prophet, Jeremiah, who, when everything was going, wrong, cried, 'Is it nothing to you who pass by?'

Caring for hurting ones demonstrates our faith is real (James 1:27). Since we've learned that God cares for us, we're obligated to care for others.

But there is another dimension to caring revealed by our Lord when He said: 'I was hungry and you gave me food: I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me' (Matthew 25:35-36).

Reaching out to troubled people has life changing implications: every touch of compassion extended to others in the name of the Lord touches Him.



Gee, Wally, Where are they now?

▶You may have grown up with them — find out what became of your favorite child TV stars Source: aarp.org



Jerry Mathers

LEAVE IT TO BEAVER: He was 9 years old when the show premiered in 1957. It ended in 1963, and he later joined the Air National Guard and went to college. Now 65, Mathers is happy that he's still being linked to the Beaver: "I can go anywhere in the world, and people know me."





THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW: Howard, now 59, is the excep-

tion that proves the rule that most child actors peak early. Post-Opie, he landed another iconic TV role as Richie Cunningham on Happy Days. He has directed a slew of hit movies and won an Oscar for 2001's A Beautiful Mind.



Erin Murphy

BEWITCHED: Maybe it was magic that helped Murphy avoid the troubles that befall many child stars. After playing Samantha and Darrin Stevens' spell-casting tyke Tabitha, Murphy modeled and acted in commercials. Now 49, she appears at conventions and works as a TV host.



Jay North DENNIS THE MENACE: North

was 8 when he became the impish kid who pesters neighbor Mr. Wilson (Gale Gordon). A role in the 1966 film Maya made him a teen idol. He later joined the Navy and helped start A Minor Consideration, a nonprofit that counsels child stars. He's now 62.



Gary Coleman

DIFF'RENT STROKES: Tiny, feisty Coleman played Arnold, the younger of two brothers adopted by a rich white businessman. His catchphrase "Whatchoo talkin' about, Willis?" still resonates. Health and money problems plagued him after the show. He died of a brain hemorrhage in 2010 at 42.



Anissa Jones

FAMILY AFFAIR: With her curly blonde pigtails and ever-present Mrs. Beasley doll, Jones played Buffy on the late '60s sitcom. (Pictured with her is Sebastian Cabot as Mr. French.) She didn't act after the show went off the air in 1971. Five years later, at age 18, she died of a drug overdose.



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"Something with animals like Adopt-a-Pet. I like animals more than people." Corinne Kost



"St. Jude's hospital because they do a lot for children with cancer and it's free."

— Jeanine Zilliox Durand



What cause do you/would you volunteer for?

"Anything to help children in need because I have a soft spot for children." - Lisa Mayner Fenton Township



"When I retire I would like to go to the hospital and read to ill children. That way I can still see kids." — Barbara Kuptz Fenton Township



"I'm 82 years old and don't get in to that anymore. I used to be involved in everything." - Mitchell Grinenk



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"Whatever charity event is going on through the radio station I work for."

> — Mark Smith Fenton

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have finally met Ted's future wife and the mother of his children. Nine years is quite some time for two children to learn how their parents met but that's better than the alternative — eight years of storytelling without ever meeting the mom.

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• 8 p.m. Monday nights on CBS



The Walking Dead—The tale



When we last saw Rick (Andrew Lincoln) and the gang, they were hiding out in an abandoned prison and added new people to their group. Questions linger however, like what happened to the Governor (David Morrissey) and will these new comers make the group stronger or turn everyone into zombie food? We'll find out soon.

• 9 p.m. Sundays on AMC

time he's working in the world

of advertisement. If you've ever seen Williams' standup comedy, you know he'll live up the title of The Crazy Ones.

House of Cards — Fans of the Netflix original show will have to wait until February to see the next chapter of Congressman Frank Underwood's (Kevin Spacey) conquest of Washington

D.C. Whether by exploiting the flaws of other Congress members or manipulating a journalist to write career-ending articles, watch-

Grand Blanc



ing Underwood navigate to the top of national politics is exhilarating and frustrating (since it's not too farfetched to say current members of Congress use the same tactics themselves). At four months away, potential fans have some time to catch up on the 13 episodes of the first season.

• February 2014 on Netflix

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Wolf hunt

...returns to Michigan's Upper Peninsula from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31



Amy Mayhew

By Amy Mayhew news@tctimes.com

> The 15th of November isn't just the first day of firearm deer season. Nope. This year, it's also opening day for Michigan's return to wolf hunting.

It's been a long and controversial road, but the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) made it official in July, approving a limited public wolf harvest in three distinct regions of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Wolf Management Unit (WMU)-A is in Gogebic County, while WMU-B straddles portions of Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon and Gogebic counties. WMU-C is made up of portions of Luce and Mackinac counties. Each of these areas was chosen based on wolfhuman conflicts, according to the NRC,

which includes depredation of livestock and pets, complaints by deer hunters that the wolves are putting a huge dent in the UP's deer population, and human safety concerns.

Within those WMUs, 43 wolves are expected to be harvested by 43 of the 1,200 licensed hunters who can use

a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow on private or public lands to hunt. The licenses are valid for any one of the three WMUs. Trapping is not allowed.

Michigan hunters pay \$100 for the license, while out-of-staters pay \$500, putting at least \$120,000 into the state coffers, and averaging a revenue of about \$2,800 per harvested wolf.

Specifically, hunters may harvest 16 wolves from WMU-A. 19 wolves from

WMU-B and just eight from WMU-C. Ken McKay of 810-629-8282

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– Bob Garner

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Michigan Out-of-Doors host and conservationist

McKay's Hardware in Holly said as of Monday, all of the 1,200 permits had been sold, and that all sales in his store went through without incident. "We didn't hear any complaints," McKay said. "In fact, when the permits went on sale and we hit the button for the wolf hunt, they went through without any problems," he said.

Once a wolf is harvested, the successful hunter must contact the DNR that very day. DNR staffers will document the kills, and once the target harvest is completed, the WMU will be closed for the season. Licensed hunters must call or check online every day to see whether any management units have been closed.

> Within 72 hours of harvest, successful

hunters must also present the carcass to a DNR check station so that staff members can seal the pelt and collect a tooth, female reproductive tracts and harvest location information.

The season will run until Dec. 31, or until such time the overall target harvest of

43 wolves is reached. The NRC made this decision based on its findings that the Michigan wolf population has grown significantly since 2000, with the current minimum winter population estimation of 658 wolves. Other states like Wisconsin and Minnesota hold wolf hunts every year.

Former Michigan Out-of-Doors host and conservationist Bob Garner said he fully supports the hunt.

CAfter being hunted close to extinction, wolves have been completely protected in Michigan for the past 40 years. Keep Michigan Wolves Protected Facebook page

"The thing that had to happen was getting wolf management back into the hands of the state," Garner said Tuesday. "This was not some willy-nilly, half-baked scheme," he said. "The team that made the limited hunt a reality really did a tremendous job in putting together a thoughtful plan to get hunters to manage the wolves.'

Despite the fact that the wolf hunt will go on, other organizations like "Keep Michigan Wolves Protected," a coalition of conservation groups, animal welfare organizations, wildlife professionals, hunters, ranchers and other Michigan citizens focused on protecting Michigan's "fragile wolf population" continue to oppose the hunt.

"After being hunted close to extinction, wolves have been completely protected in Michigan for the past 40

years," the Keep Michigan Wolves Protected Facebook page reads. "Our wolf population is still recovering — there are fewer than 700 wolves in our state, but unbelievably, some politicians have put this fragile population in jeopardy by opening a sport hunting season on wolves so people can shoot them for trophies."

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Michigan wolves were removed from the endangered species list in January 2012.

"There will always be those who say that we must protect the wolves, and there will always be those who say, 'The only good wolf is a dead wolf," Garner said. "We have to find a happy medium in all this and I think the managed hunt is the way to do it," he added. "Let's face it, one way or another, the wolves will be managed ----better to manage it in this way.'



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL

Making martial arts moves in the studio are Traven Rowe and Gavin Olds (in front), Jack Jablonski, Chase Guelette and Annaliese Rowe, with instructors Adam Bugala and Master Chris Anderson.

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Anderson's Karate & Fitness Center

Former Linden Community Ed martial arts instructor opens studio in Fenton

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

This may be the first time for Chris Anderson to open a martial arts studio, but he's not a new face in the world of martial arts. This Fourth Degree Black Belt Master Instructor opened Anderson's Karate and Fitness Center on Sept. 3 at 3275 West Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton, next to Leo's Coney Island.

An automotive technician by day and a Master by night, Anderson has been teaching martial arts locally for more than 20 years through Linden Community Education. In fact, several of his studio instructors were former students of his in Linden.

Anderson's Karate welcomes students from age 4 on up, to learn the popular Tang Soo Do martial arts form. Classes are held Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Friday by appointment and an open workout on Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30

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a.m. The studio is also home to morning Jazzercise classes taught by his wife, Donna Anderson, as well as yoga classes. A martial arts program for those 50 and older, Ki Gong, taught by Genie Munch, a Third Degree Black Belt Master Instructor, is slated to begin in January 2014.

"You can make a lot of personal improvements by studying the martial arts," said Anderson. "In addition to better physical and mental health, studying the martial arts can also boost a person's self-esteem and confidence.'

He is especially excited to present Verbal Self-Defense, an anti-bullying program for which he is a certified instructor. "Kids of all ages can learn how to constructively deal with a verbal confrontation, before it escalates into something physical," said Anderson. "This is an area of the martial arts that I am really passionate about."

Anderson's martial arts career actually spans 32 years. In addition to being Master, he is part of the World Tang Soo Do Association and serves as Region 5 Director, which covers Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

For more information, call (810) 223-5482.







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

Herman Ferguson spends his days cutting, trimming and maintaining trees, shrubs and lawns as owner of Ferguson Lawn & Tree Service is Fenton. But at night, he becomes a huge fan and friend to local sports teams. For the last nine years, he has spent every Wednesday night on the sidelines of Fenton High School football practice, offering "mental coaching" with a motivational speech to inspire players in life, as well as out on the field. Last year, he began motivational speeches with the Fenton girls' volleyball team as well. He also works with the Fenton girl's basketball team and the FHS soccer team.

What motivates you to motivate them? Nine years ago, when the Fenton football team had been on a two-year losing streak, I had a thought when I was cutting down a tree on a hot summer day. All those guys were practicing out on the field in the heat, and were trying to keep their spirits up in the face of great losses. I decided to load up a cooler with Gatorade and take it to their practice that night, and give them a pep talk and "Tiger Juice." I've been doing it ever since. They inspire me. They get out there every day doing what they love to do, even if they don't get the results they're working for.

What do you talk about with the football players? I try to teach them more about life than about sports. I share something with them every week to help them through the ups and downs of life. The most emotional talk I give every year is about family.

What's in your background that gives you the material to talk about every week? I grew up with

six siblings, raised by a single mom, and we were poor. My mom is my hero. She taught me so much without ever saying a word. Before my parents divorced, my dad was very abusive to all of us. My mom was our anchor. She remained calm in every situation. I learned from her that you can provide a calm demeanor in the face of a storm and that reassures everyone around you.

What was the hardest situation you've ever faced in your life? There have been many, but probably the death of my brother, Dan, when he was just 18, in a car accident that also

"Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habit. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your/ destiny." – Lao Tzu time a kid walked

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Who in your life has influenced you the most? That's easy. Three men in my life: Rick Rockman, Sr., through his "Bouquet of Roses or Rotten Apples" column in the paper. He taught me through that to stand up for what you believe in and don't be afraid to say it. I started mowing the lawn for him and we'd have great talks on his patio. My fifth grade teacher, Tony Book, was a huge influence. I lived with him for a few months when things were difficult at home. We're still friends to this day. Then there's Pastor Jack McMaster at Faith Baptist Church in Linden. He invited me to church 28 or 29 years ago, and I've been going there ever since. God is first in my life, then family.

Tell me about meeting Richard

DeVos. I just went up to him at an Amway Corp. funeral dinner when he was sitting there by himself. I introduced myself and we became friends. I've seen him several times since. He taught me that there are only two things that stand between a person and what they want in life: the will to try, and the faith to believe it is possible.

How do the kids react to your talks? They're really good listeners. I think they take what I say to heart. I've had really good comments from them. They seem to appreciate that I've made this commitment to them.

What is your favorite life philosophy that you share with others? Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they be-

come actions. Watch your actions; they become habit. Watch your habits; they become character, Watch your character; it becomes your destiny. - Lao Tzu ASK THE GRAND MASTER **Dave Weatherly** 9th Degree Black Belt

Q: I've about had it! My 15 year old son is being bothered almost every day at school. This just continues to escalate; Friday he was actually slammed into a locker! We are desperate; we don't glorify fighting or violence, but enough is enough. What type of Martial Arts would you recommend? Heather

 ${f A}$: Heather, unfortunately this is a problem many families face Fact: Bullies usually don't stop on their own. They enjoy showing off, and proving their power over the victim, especially if other kids are watching. Although Tae Kwon Do and Judo are both excellent Martial Arts, if you are serious about Self Defense then HAPKIDO is the best choice! Hapkido offers a number of unique (secret) Self Defense techniques not taught in other styles that are tailor made for your son's situation. Hapkido also stresses humility, self-discipline, self-control, and respect for others.

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John Tremaine

Tremaine Real Living

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Summary

Don't let the holidays slow down your search for a buyer or seller of a home. You just may be able to spend the holidays this year in a new home.

Home for the holidays?

►You can still attract home buyers during this last quarter of the year By Sally Rummel

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Thanksgiving and Christmas may just be around the corner,

but don't let the holidays slow you down if you're in the market to buy or sell a home.

"You can still be in a new home in time for Christmas," said Kristy Cantleberry, of RE/ MAX Grande in Grand Blanc. "A conventional or FHA closing is still typically completed in 30 to 45 days. The most important thing is to

know how you're going to buy your home, before you start looking. Meet with your

lender first, then we can go from there." The last quarter of the year is the strongest quarter for closings for Cantleberry and her GetKristy team. "In fact, November was our biggest closing month of the year last year," said Cantleberry.

John Tremaine at Tremaine Real Living in Fenton is expecting a busy October, with all the transactions made in September coming to a close. "Past Oct. 31, you won't be in a new home before Christmas. It's a two-month process, unless you bring cash to the table," said Tremaine. "The good news is that buyers after Nov. 1 are serious buyers, so you're more likely to make a transaction work

this time of year."

Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty in Fenton said that September was one of the biggest months his company has ever had. "It has been a very busy year this year and how that plays out the rest of the year will depend on how much of that pent-up demand for housing hasn't been satisfied. Usually business eases up a bit in October and November as we approach the holidays, but it may be the beginning of a significant rush to get a transaction completed before the holidays."

Buying or selling a home in this last quarter may require a slightly different strategy than other times of the year. "Buyers and sellers are dead serious this time of year compared to what you might find in the summer," said Cantleberry. "You may not have as many showings, but they will more likely result in a sale. There is also less competition this time of year."



10 tips

for selling your home during the holidays, according to fronthome.com.

1. Deck the halls, but don't go overboard. Don't crowd your home and distract a buyer with too many decorations. Choose general fall and winter décor rather than items with religious themes that may put off buyers.

2. Hire a reliable Realtor, someone who will work hard for you and won't disappear during the holidays.

3. Seek out motivated buyers. Anyone house hunting during the holidays must be serious. Work with your agent to target buyers on a deadline.

4. Price it to sell. Rather than gradually making small price reductions, get it down to its most marketable price before putting it on the market.

5. Make "curb appeal" a top priority. In the fall, maintain your property meticulously, as the leaves fall, your home's exterior will be even more on display. Make sure stairs and walkways are free of leaves, snow and ice.

6. Take top-notch real estate photos. Make a good first impression on the Internet by offering lots of flattering, high quality photos. Include a photo of your home in spring or summer, so buyers can see how it looks year 'round.

7. Create a video tour for the web, to attract house hunters who don't have time to physically walk through your home and would rather not get stuck in a snowstorm.

8. Give house hunters a place to escape from the cold. Make your home feel cozy and inviting during showings by turning up the heat, playing soft, classical music and offering homemade holiday treats.

9. Offer holiday cheer in the form of financing if you've got the means, why not offer a home loan to a serious buyer? You could get a good rate of return on your money.

10. Relax, the New Year is just around the corner. There's always a new attitude and hopeful spirit at the start of the New Year. Can spring be far behind?



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There's many more expenses to buying a home than just the down payment and the financing costs. You need to know what those costs are going to be, so you can be prepared.

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John Tremaine

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►Some real estate

transactions may be delayed with government shut-down

By Sally Rummel

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One thing is for certain, the government shut-down is making it more difficult for people who are caught in the middle of a real estate transaction to close the deal.

'The information is growing by the hour," said Patrik Welty, of Legacy Realty in Fenton. "This will have more significant impact than I originally thought. Even conventional loans have the potential to be affected, because the IRS is not at work to process tax return transcrip-

tions, which are required for many kinds of loans." Welty, like other Realtors,

is working hard to process all the information coming their way from various agencies, lenders, etc. "All Realtors are concerned," he said. "This could cause major difficulties. A month-long government shut-down may cause financial hardship, especially for those who are buying one home and selling another."

According to the latest information from Guardian Mortgage, with an office in Grand Blanc Township, it will be "business as usual" with the majority of their borrowers. As a direct endorse-

ment lender on the FHA loan program and with automatic approval on the VA loan program, they will continue to originate, process, underwrite, approve, close and fund FHA and VA loans without complications resulting from the government shutdown. Delays may occur when ownership and verification of Social Security numbers are required.

Some FHA (Federal Housing Administration) offices are still open, so the processing of some transactions for existing HUD (Housing and Urban Development) properties is taking place. "But if this goes on much longer, that won't continue to happen," added Welty.

The Social Security Administration is

closed and has suspended most customer service functions, which will also complicate mortgage processing. The Veteran's Administration Guarantee Program lenders will continue to process and guarantee mortgages, however, people can expect some delays, according to Realtor.com.

Welty estimates that about a quarter of Legacy Realty's loans are affected right now, "maybe more." He expects that FHA loans now in process won't be delayed, because each has a case number that is moving it along. "However, new applications may be delayed. There are all sorts of ways that this shut-down is sneaking into the process."

Rural Development Loans are at full stop, according to Welty. "That's because they require processing through the Department of Agriculture, which is not in office through the shut-down." However, if the lender has already received a conditional commitment from the Rural Development office, then the lender may proceed to close those loans during the shutdown.

The Making Home Affordable program, including HAMP and HAFA, will not be affected, as this program is funded through the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, which is mandatory spending, not discretionary.

Government sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, will continue operating normally, according to Realtor.com.

At Tremaine Real Living in Fenton, John Tremaine admits that there are quite a few transactions being held up by the shut-down. "I'd estimate that half of our clients are affected by this. The ones closer to closing are more protected. Our clients know that there may be a problem with their loan. We're getting extensions like everyone else."

Tremaine is hopeful and confident that this situation is going to be short-term. "The fact is, that the government makes a lot of money on mortgages, so this will be restored faster than other government programs that cost them money," he said.

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Home building a year 'round trade

► Even in Michigan, homes can be built all winter long, as long as the home isn't started during a frost

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Frost may be pretty on the surface

of a pumpkin, but it's the "bad guy" when it comes to starting building projects We'll pour

in the dead of winter. "We build homes all year 'round," said

Chris Weir, of Weir Building Company in Fenton. "However, we don't start a new home in January or February, because it's so labor intensive to keep frost out of the ground. The challenge when pouring footings is to not let late in the year as **December and as** early in the year as March, it just depends on the weather. 77 Chris Weir

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crete footings, because frost will cause the ground to expand. When it thaws, you won't have a stable footing.'

But the winter months aren't too cold for framing in a home, so if a home can be started before the frost becomes a huge threat from mid-November to late March, then it can be worked on all winter.

"We'll pour basements as late in the year as December and as early in the year as March, it just depends on the weather," said Weir, who has three projects already planned for this upcoming winter. "Once we've got the home insulated and the heat working, we can do all the inside work

Weir Building Company frost get in or around the poured con- like dry wall and painting, too."



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Ask about all fees associated with closing on your home with your Realtor, before hiring them.



Hidden costs of buying a home

There's more to buying a home than the down payment and financing

By Sally Rummel

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You think you've got all of your "buying a home" costs under control having saved a substantial down payment and securing the financing. However, that's only the beginning of your actual home buying costs.

Patrik Welty warns that there are some additional fees that are charged by real estate brokerages, in addition to a typical commission. "These added fees are above and beyond to both the buyer and seller," said Welty. "They can add as much as \$200 to \$500 more to each party, in addition to the regular closing costs.

"That's our rallying cry at Legacy Realty," said Welty. "You need to ask a potential Realtor up front before you hire him or her, what additional fees will be added. They go by the name of transaction fees, regulation fees, etc."

Here are a few other expenses you need to plan on by the time you close on the property.

• Good faith deposit — also known as "earnest money," is a deposit you'll make to prove your intent to buy the home. These funds are then applied toward the down payment when you make the purchase.

Approximate cost: 1 percent of the property's sale price or \$1,000 • Home inspection — You'll learn a lot about the condition of the home you're

about to buy with this thorough examination. Even though some people opt to skip this step to save money, a home inspection can save a buyer a lot of money down the road.

Approximate cost: \$300

• Down payment — this amount will vary depending on the size of the home, its location and the type of mortgage used to purchase the home. Government loans, such as FHA or VA mortgages, have very low down payment requirements. Conventional fixed-rate loans may require from 5 to 15 percent or more. Discuss these options with your lender.

Approximate cost: 3 to 20 percent of the purchase price

Your Pet's Salon

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Patrik Welty, Legacy Realty

• Closing costs — these fixed costs cover the fees of third-party vendors involved in the home sale. Here are a few fees you might expect to find on your closing documents:

- Property appraisal
- credit check fee — flood certification fee
- underwriting fee
- attorney fee
- title insurance fee
- title search fee
- origination fee
- recording fee

-application fee (not all lenders charge this) Mortgage lenders are required to

give buyers a truth in lending statement containing information on the annual percentage rate, the finance charge, the amount financed and the total payments required. Within three days of the time you apply for the mortgage, your lender is required to provide a "good faith estimate of settlement costs," based on his or her understanding of the purchase contract.

This estimate should provide a home buyer with how much cash will be needed at closing to cover pro-rated taxes, first month's interest and other settlement costs

Approximate cost: 2 to 5 percent of the purchase price

Here's a general timeline for making these payments:

- · Good faith deposit: when you make an offer
- Home inspection: within 10 days of making an offer
- Down payment: once your offer is accepted and you're ready to
- move forward
- Closing costs: when you're
- ready to finalize the transaction



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with a degree in Financial Management. He has since worked in 810-962-9019 sales and investing.

Jed Thompson

Karma has lived in the Fenton area. working in sales and customer service for over ten years.



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Scott Fairbanks, **Public Works Department**

TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Karin S. Winchester Holly Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP

Regular Board Meeting September 30, 2013 Call to order @ 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call- Present- Cole, Hallman, Schmidt, Ciesielski and Graves. Absent- none. Observed- moment of silence in memory of Katherine Haywood. Approved- Minutes of August 26, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of September 30, 2013 Election Commission meeting. Approved- Budget amendments. Approved- Payment of invoices as presented. Police Report- Written report was submitted. Fire Department Report- Written report was submitted. Building Department- 8 permits that total \$3,988.40. Assessor Report- Written report was submitted. Planning Commission- Trustee Hallman gave an oral update. Attorney Report- Attorney Lattie gave an oral report. Approved- Open Burn Ordinance amendment. Tabled- Fireworks ordinance. Awarded- Bid to Ed Vandenboss in the amount of \$7,000.00 for demolition and clean up of 11110 Lovejoy Rd. property. Adopted- Sewer rate of \$160.00 per quarter. Accepted- Annual 2012-2013 audit report. Adjourned @8:05 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2013 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FEN-TON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA13-028 Jason Bell 1300 Lake Valley:

Requesting a maximum allowable square footage variance to add to the existing garage. Parcel 06-13-571-009.

HOME OCCUPATION RENEWALS:

HO02-001 Mark Wendling 12075 Torrey Rd.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate gun sale business in residence. Parcel 06-11-503-021

HO02-002 Janice Rockafellow 11272 Main Rd.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate sewing & alterations business in residence. Parcel 06-02-100-031

HO02-004 Craig Allen 11533 Torrey Rd.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate an auto wholesale business in residence.

Parcel 06-02-300-042

HO02-005 Gilford Goodrow 11250 O'Dell Rd.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to have photography studio at residence. Parcel 06-05-200-008

HO02-010 Ronald Kellaway 1473 Wiggins Rd.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate gun sales business in residence. Parcel 06-01-300-020

HO02-011 Stephen Raslich 5213 Ray Rd.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate retail gun shop in residence. Parcel 06-05-200-003

HO02-012 Tonya Gerow 2352 Belle Glade Ct.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate dog grooming business in garage. Parcel 06-02-553-006

HO05-034 William Cook 4017 Shadow Oak Ct .:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate auto wholesale business in residence. Parcel 06-33-529-004

HO06-039 Terryl Masse 13278 Lakeside Landing:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate auto wholesale business in residence. Parcel 06-13-501-009

HO07-040 Sharon LaFee 2509 Fenton Creek Ln:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate a sewing business in residence. Parcel 06-23-503-017

HO08-042 William Molpus 2355 Thompson Rd.:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate a small deck installation business from residence. Parcel 06-02-552-006

HO09-043 Lee Osborn 3444 Breeze Pte:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate a retail gun sales operation in residence. Parcel 06-15-601-006

HO10-045 Vito Accetta 4036 Shadow Oak Ct .:

Requesting to continue home occupation permit to operate Flartite Inc. an internet based seller of industrial seals. Parcel 06-33-529-009

HO12-048 Diane Tushim 3332 Horrell Ct.:

Requesting home occupation permit to operate a pet service establishment in residence.

Parcel 06-15-501-013

HO12-049 Carl Savage Jr. 2477 Davis St .:

Requesting home occupation permit to continue to operate a consulting firm in residence. Parcel 06-02-554-006

HO12-050 Dennis Sidorski Jr. 13227 Linden Rd.:

Requesting a home occupation permit to continue to operate a lawn care business from residence. Parcel 06-17-100-005

COPIES OF THE ABOVE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND THE TOWNSHIP ORDI-NANCES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR YOUR REVIEW. YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE APPEALS.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

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Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Fenton Township by writing or calling the following: Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL -7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. THE FORECLOSING PARTY ANTICIPARES BIDDING PARTY ANTICIPARES BIDDING PARTY ANTICIPARES BIDDING PARTY ANTICIPARES S2,900.00 This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this pur-pose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain motgage made by: Paul E. Grondin and Margie A. Grondin, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial, LLC (fix Homecom) sugge made by: Paul E. Grondin and Margige was assigned through mesne assignments to: Spartan Equities High Yield Fund I, LLC, by assignment dated July 31, 2013 and recorded August 23, 2013 in Instrument # 201308202097832 on which motgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars and Eighty-Three Cents (\$104,5203) including interest 7.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said motgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said motgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the motgage promises, or some part of them, at public vendue. Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on October 30, 2013 Said premises are situated in Township of Thetford, Genesee County. Michigan, and are described as: The South 100 feet of L 00, except the West 20 feet of Hawthome Heights, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 30 of Plats, Page 15. Commonly known as 11283 Berkshire, Clio MI 44420. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the dabandoned in accordiance with MCL 600.32411

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'Ladies Night Out' benefits local schools

The State Bank sponsors 'Change for Kids' to help students in six districts

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

The State Bank invites all area women to "Ladies Night Out" this Friday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Main Street branch in Fenton at 175 North LeRoy St. in Fenton. Not only will women benefit from an enjoyable evening, said Stacey Webb, of The State Bank, but local kids will benefit, too.

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All monies raised at "Ladies Night Out" will go to "Change for Kids," a unique partnership between area schools and The State Bank.

"This is our third year of collecting change and holding fundraisers in each of our eight branches to raise money for low- and moderate-income school kids in each district," said Webb, senior vice president of retail banking. "This is our first 'Ladies Night Out,' and it will be a lot of fun for everyone."

A \$5 VIP pre-registration will include one drink ticket (wine or pop), snacks, shopping at approximately 25 vendor booths, raffles and a Clothing Swap for women and kids. To participate, de-clutter your closet and find items to swap, and then have fun with other women deciding which items to exchange with each other for free.

"Grab your girlfriends and join us for a night of fun as we support this local charity," said Webb.

To pre-register for \$5 admission, email: events@thestatebank.com. Admission of

\$7 will be charged the day of the event. For more information, call(810)714-3979.

Last year, each school district received \$1,200, which they used to fill student needs at their own discretion, whether it was boots, gloves, personal hygiene items or school supplies.

This year, "Change for Kids" is hoping to raise \$2,500 for each school district through each branch. Piggy banks are also set out in each branch for customers to donate. School districts receiving funds include Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden, Holly, Grand Blanc and Brighton, according to Webb.

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Stacey Webb, senior vice president of Retail Banking

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Ellen Alexander, Ellen Alexander - age 63, died October 3, 2013. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Carol Piesko, Carol Piesko - age 72, died

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Ruby Lukovics, Ruby Lukovics - age 76, died October 2, 2013. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Mary J. Stevens 1932-2013

Mary J. Stevens - age 81, went to join our Lord on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 sur-



rounded by family and friends. She was born in 1932 in Roscommon County, the daughter of

David and Maude (Easlick) Allen. Mary graduated from Kearsley High School in 1949. She married Harold (Bill) Isaacson and together they had five children. She later married Jerry Stevens and they resided in Swartz Creek before retiring to Hale, MI living on Londo Lake. Mary loved her family and was a devoted mother. She made friends easily and was always eager to welcome others into her circle. Mary loved life and made the most of every moment. She loved to travel and in retirement did so extensively. Mary's last years were spent living in Linden with best friend, Priscilla Carlson. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Linden. Memorial service will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 7355 W. Silver Lake Rd., Linden, MI at 12 noon on Saturday, October 5, 2013. Visitation from 9 AM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church or Genesys Hospice. Mary is survived by children, Kathryn (Keith) McCar-thy, Sherry (David) Sova, Jerry (Diane) Isaacson, Bill (Mary) Isaacson, Bob (Melissa) Isaacson, Debbie (Steve) Stevens-Harp, Dan (Roxie) Stevens; grandchildren, Todd Sexton, Macee Sova, Jacqueline Isaacson, Zachary Isaacson, Shawna (Kevin) Isaacson-Gean, Travis Isaacson, Ryan (Adelia) Harp, Eric Harp; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Cameron, Becca, Nicholas, Skylar, Reyna, Colton, Kaiden; best friend, Priscilla Carlson; special nieces, Debbie Tunk, Delores Green; special sisterin-law, Barb Stevens. Mary was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister, Shirley Kerr; brothers, Andy Foote and Chuck Allen. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.





Dr. Richard Shur. Dr. Richard Shur - age 71, died October 2, 2013

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UNGREDIENTS

- 1 Envelope Taco Seasoning
- 6 Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts, thawed
- 1 16-oz. jar Salsa

Dump all ingredients into a crockpot and give it a little stir to blend the seasoning with the salsa. You do not need to add any water to the taco seasoning. Cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or on low for 6 to 8 hours. When done, the chicken should shred easily when stirred with a fork.

For tacos, serve the chicken with soft flour tortillas, guacamole, lettuce, shredded cheese and/ or sour cream. This is very versatile and can be used for enchiladas, nachos, tostadas, quesadillas, etc. Any leftover chicken can then be used for tortilla soup (make it the next day or freeze the chicken to use at a later time).



DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My question is about taking blood pressure readings. I am 87 years old, female, about 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weigh about 130 pounds. When I go for a checkup with my general practitioner, the nurse takes my blood pressure before I see the doctor. The cuff feels comfortable, and the reading is always in the normal range. I have had my blood pressure checked at other places (clinics, etc.) and usually the cuff is inflated very tight (so tight that it hurts) and the reading is very high. If the cuff is inflated too tightly, could it cause a high reading? — I.S.

ANSWER: High blood pressure is one of the most common medical conditions, and correct treatment of blood pressure is essential in order to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. It is not uncommon for blood pressure to vary from day to day, or even during a single day, but the changes you describe suggest two possibilities. The first is that the reading at your own doctor's office is right, and the other places are wrong, which is probably the most likely. Having blood pressure tested in a new place or by someone you don't know certainly can cause the reading to be elevated. Automated blood pressure cuffs in pharmacies, etc., are sometimes right but often are wrong — occasionally spectacularly. A very high pressure in the cuff, high enough to pain, can cause the blood pressure to go up, but not usually high enough to put people into the hypertensive range. Another possibility is that the nurse in your doctor's office isn't inflating the cuff high enough to get the correct reading, or deflating the cuff too quickly. The wrong-size cuff can lead to large errors in blood pressure readings. While all of these are possible, a trained nurse who takes blood pressure readings every day is not likely to make errors consistently. You can ask your doctor to double-check the nurse's reading. High blood pressure is one of the most common ailments for the general population.



Amy Dickinson

TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

Parents fret their son is 'settling'

DEAR AMY: Our well-educated, 33-year-old son is planning to marry a 30-year-old woman in two months. She doesn't cook, clean, buy groceries or do any household chores. Our son does everything. She is an only child and is extremely focused on her appearance. The wedding is coming up and we are concerned about his happiness. We don't want to comment for fear he'll take it as criticism and cut off all contact with us, so we haven't said anything. — Concerned Parents

DEAR CONCERNED: Do your utmost to keep the door open, even if your contact is limited. Be honest and loving and express your concern, without casting blame or judgment. As parents, you know your son intimately. You see changes that worry you. So you say, 'Son, are you OK? You seem quite depressed and stressed and we're worried about you. You don't seem like yourself lately. What's going on with you?' Do not make any comments about his partner or suggest that he is 'settling.'

DEAR AMY: My family and I live next door to a baby boomer and her elderly mother. On a daily basis, our family overhears the daughter yelling at her mother over trivial issues. These yelling fits seem to be one sided; we never overhear the mother's voice. They include screaming, and stomping of feet so loud that our house shakes. This seems like an abusive relationship to us but we don't know what action, if any, we should take to help the mother. — Worried Neighbors

DEAR WORRIED: This is heartbreaking. Please intervene — even at a distance. When elderly people are isolated and unable to get help for themselves, concerned neighbors are often the first reporters of abuse. If there is pounding so loud your own house shakes, you should call the police. Otherwise, the National Eldercare Locator has operators who can give you more information and refer you to local elder services: 800-677-1116.





THE CROODS



The Croods tells the story of the world's first family road trip. When their cave is destroyed, the Crood family must embark on a comedy adventure into strange and spectacular territory in search of a new home. As if patriarch Grug (Cage) didn't already have enough to handle, it goes from bad to worse when they encounter an imaginative

nomad named Guy (Reynolds.) With Guy's help the Croods conquer their fear of the outside world and discover that they have exactly what it takes to survive - each other. PG, 1 hr. 38 min.

THIS IS THE END



The comedy This Is The End follows six friends trapped in a house after a series of strange and catastrophic events devastate Los Angeles. As the world unravels outside, dwindling supplies and cabin fever threaten to tear apart the friendships inside. Eventually, they are forced to leave the house, facing their fate and the true meaning of friendship

and redemption. R, 1 hr. 47 min.



Can't download iOS7?

What to remove first when your iPhone storage is full

iOS7 requires 3.1GB of free space to download on your iPhone. You now have to decide what to delete to make room for the upgrade.

Here are four useful tips of what to delete first.

1. Photos

Videos and photos eat up an enormous amount of space on your iPhone. Once you've uploaded a video of your cat to Instagram, delete it from your phone. And consider deleting it from Instagram because who really wants to see a video of your cat?



Each MP3 takes up more than 3MBs of space, so take some time to clear out tunes you don't listen to anymore. Music streaming services such as Pandora or Spotify are a great way to listen to your favorite songs without taking up precious space on your phone.

3. Apps

A few apps are not a problem but once you've moved into the serial downloader category a little trip to "apps anonymous" may be in your future. Do away with that free app you downloaded because Starbucks sent you a redeem code.

4. Clear your cache

Clearing your cache is a simple way to make some room on your iPhone. Without realizing it, you are storing nonvital information that can be easily removed by visiting your "Usage" under your "Settings."











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