School pulls inappropriate book

Excerpt: ‘Are you a virgin, Cheyenne? Maybe you should let TJ give you a little loving before it’s too late.’

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Parents in the tri-county area got a reminder this week that adult-themed stories can easily make their way to our young children. TV shows, movies, T-shirts, books, magazines, bumper stickers and music are obvious examples of how ideas, opinions and morals can reach the masses.

See BOOK on 11A

William Bird
Father of fourth-grade girl

Bishop International Airport — closer, calmer, cheaper

Fly Flint first

Travelers ascend to the second level where they’ll go through security and prepare to board the 6 a.m. flight, Thursday morning. Despite being one of the busiest times of the week, chaos was minimal.

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Bishop International Airport — closer, calmer, cheaper

Two-time Purple Heart recipient lives with injuries, war memories every day

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Joe Mishler of Holly was 18 when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1966. At 19, he was shipped out to Vietnam as part of the 25th Infantry Division, after extensive combat training at Fort Knox in Kentucky and Fort Pope in Louisiana. He was old enough to fight, but too young to fully understand what awaited him across the globe.

“I was scared, but at the same time, I was not,” said Mishler. “There was a lot of fear of the unknown.”

Mishler was stationed in a main base camp west of Saigon, but spent most of his time in the jungle, fighting as part of his heavy combat unit. “We were always in the field, all I ever saw were tiny villages,” said Mishler.

See PURPLE HEART on 7A

Joe Mishler of Holly stands with the Purple Heart Monument at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township.
Look 10 years younger in one hour
‘The Hour Lift’ facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure — lasts for 10 years

“The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient.”

Dr. Eric Seiger
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

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She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

That’s why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the pre-op area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for “The Hour Lift,” a mini-facelift procedure that’s becoming more and more popular.

“We’ve been doing these for about 15 years, but they’ve become much more mainstream now since makeover shows on TV began to glamorize them about 10 years ago,” said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon. “It’s not a ‘taboo’ thing anymore.”

Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. “I say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women.

The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient.

The difference between The Hour Lift and a regular facelift is that The Hour Lift involves cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles, rather than moving the facial muscles. The areas primarily improved by a facelift are the jowls, cheeks and neck. There’s a huge difference in recovery time and price. “It’s the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment,” said Dr. Seiger.

The price is also a huge factor in a person’s decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge $3,800, and he cut the price to $2,900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelift will cost between $6,000 and $15,000—depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurance.

“The number one thing that patients say to me is, ‘I don’t want to look 20 years old again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed,’” said Dr. Seiger.

For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success in the business world. “A youthful appearance validates your professionalism,” she said. “This is how we get measured for our success.”

Thinking about having ‘The Hour Lift’?

Here’s what to expect:

Q: What happens before the procedure?
A: Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to help you relax. Local anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

Q: How long does the procedure take?
A: One to 1½ hours.

Q: What actually happens during the “One Hour Lift”?
A: A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, removing any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firmer, more youthful jaw line.

Q: What can I expect during recovery?
A: Post surgery, patients wear an ice-containing head garment for 24-48 hours. They are likely able to shampoo and wear make-up the day after surgery. Sutures will be removed in six to eight days, resuming normal activities within three days.

Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?
A: Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

Q: How long will the results last?
A: Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?
A: The Skin and Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients.

Source: skinandvein.com
ISLAND VIEW DRIVE VANDALS
At 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to the 3000 block of Island View Drive in Fenton Township to investigate a complaint. Unknown suspects had smashed pumpkins and flower pots in the front yard of a home.

COPPER STOLEN
On Nov. 3, the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department received a larceny of copper complaint at a home under construction in the Liberty Shores subdivision in Fenton Township. Det. Geno Gatlica said the owner estimates the theft and damage to be between $10,000 and $15,000. There are no suspects at this time.

STOLEN TRUCK RECOVERED
At 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department that they had recovered a 1992 Chevy pickup truck, which had been reported stolen from the 3000 block of Torrey Beach in Fenton Township.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Windmills that reach over 400 feet in the air spin on the horizon in Gilford Township, Tuscola County. The power generated by these wind turbines is sold to DTE.

Michigan wind farms produce power for 120,000 homes

Host communities face mixed experiences and perspectives

By Tim Jagielo
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Gilford Twp. — The wind turbines are disorientingly huge, especially when standing beneath one.

They hum, and the 100-foot-long blades whoosh through the air at 26 rotations a minute.

These metal colossi are everywhere in this sparsely populated township of Gilford. Driving north on Vassar Road, they suddenly appear on the horizon and eventually fill the panorama of farmland, grain elevators and dozens of the windmills. The ones that are activated spin lazily, while the rest, part of phase II, wait to be completed.

They’re here, and we can’t do anything about it. Some people enjoy them, so we have both sides

Ruth Spencer
Gilford Township clerk

Wind turbines bring more power to state tourism

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What’s taller than the Statue of Liberty, with blades that are half a football field long?

Wind turbines, which now number nearly 900 in the state, are becoming an unlikely tourist attraction, as people become more curious about these giant “windmills” that dot the landscape.

Most of Michigan’s wind turbines are located in the Thumb, where the wind is strongest and most consistent. A drive through Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties can provide a jaw-dropping self-guided scenic tour as you begin to realize just how massive these vertical structures are. Not only are they huge, they’re also everywhere. While you’re driving through the farmlands of the Thumb, try to count how many you can see at one time — you may get up to 20, 30, even 40 or more.

Whether you think they are beautiful or blight to the landscape is a matter of personal opinion, but there is no doubt that they have changed tourist landscapes wherever
Random Royal Observations

WHO DECIDES which lanes to open at the drive-thru banks? And why are they always the ones furthest away from the teller in the window? I don’t really care. I’m just curious.

THE MIDDLE CLASS is next. Higher taxes on the rich is simply the appetizer course. It’s just a matter of time before politicians go after the rest of us — for the simple reason that you can’t finance a welfare state without the middle class being bent over at the waist from behind.

IN MASSACHUSETTS, all kids in daycare are now required by law, to brush their teeth after lunch.

FINALLY, SOME GOOD news. If you or your dependent want a sex change operation it is now covered under the ACA.

OBAMA’S REPEATED statements that people could keep their existing health insurance were the usual BS from BO. My premium, for two people, is going from $907 per month to $1,531 per month. Yes, technically I can keep it — but with a 69 percent cost increase.

AT THE RATE we are going downhill, both fiscally and morally, America is going to need a very large handbasket to get where we are certainly headed.

JOE BIDEN called the wrong number and left a rambling congratulatory message for a complete stranger while attempting to congratulate Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe.

MOST OF THE HOMES destroyed by Hurricane Sandy are being rebuilt in the exact same oceanfront locations. That means at some point in the future you and I will again pay to have these homes rebuilt when the inevitable next hurricane wipes them out again.

PREDICTION: Within two years, even affluent schools, such as the four school systems in our area, will be serving ‘free’ lunches to all students, per government regulations.

SPEAKING OF SCHOOL, when asked what discipline the fourth-grade teacher who had soft-porn books in her classroom would receive, the principal replied, ‘we don’t divulge personnel information.’ Uh, I disagree. You work for us. The teacher works for us. Those are our kids and our school. You and she are employees of ours. We, the employers, will decide what we want to know, not you the employee.

ANY FOOL can criticize, condemn and complain — and most do.

I AGREE WITH Thomas Sowell who believes that historians will one day look back at what is happening to our country today and say to themselves, ‘…how could they possibly have been that stupid?’

WHEN YOU HEAR that someone died, and you gravely (sorry, couldn’t resist) ask what they died from, you are only asking in order to be assured it’s not something you yourself have.

WHAT’S THAT? You have enemies? Good for you. It means you had the coconuts to stand up for something at least once in your life.

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern.
Tenth-grader confesses to arson at Holly High School

School evacuated after garbage/recycling bins in building set on fire

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Holly — Holly High School students were evacuated after fire alarms sounded around 3:20 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

According to Superintendent Dave Nuss, a recycling bin in the school was ignited, resulting in a great deal of smoke in the hallways. No staff members or students were injured in the incident, Nuss said.

“The high school staff took quick action to evacuate the building to ensure the safety of our students, and extinguish the fire which was contained to the recycling tub,” he said. Nuss said a cleaning crew was on site Thursday evening, preparing the area for Friday’s classes. “The environmental cleaning crew has assured us the school is safe and there are no health concerns for staff or students,” he added.

“Actual damage was minimal and limited to the recycling tub.”

While students who drove themselves to school were allowed to leave the campus around 3 p.m., buses were delayed, leaving HHS at 3:25 p.m. Other students across the district experienced 30-minute delays.

According to Det. Sgt. Julie Bemus of the Holly Police Department, Holly police and fire departments responded to the school fire alarm. The school was evacuated and two fires were found burning on the second floor in garbage and recycling bins in the hallway.

An investigation of the area showed the two fires had been intentionally set and a third fire in another garbage bin had been lit but had burned out on its own.

Surveillance video of the high school hallways was retrieved and a juvenile suspect could be seen lighting the fires. A still image of the suspect was then sent electronically to school staff and within several minutes the suspect, a 10th grade Holly High School student, was identified, located and taken into custody.

The suspect later confessed to starting the fires and is currently held in Children’s Village of Oakland County pending a hearing in probable court on Nov. 8. The minor suspect could face three counts of Arson, which is a 10-year felony charge.

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This event is open to the public. No appointment is necessary.
Mark Hamel, owner of The Laundry and Crust traveled to Paris to study French during his college years, where he encountered a family who loved food. Interacting with French cuisine made an impact on Hamel, who quit a printing business he had with his brother after college. He traveled back to France to study the art of food to hopefully bring it home back.

“When I went back to France for four or five months, I was so amazed that there was such good food there,” Hamel said. “They said America has the best technology and cars but the worst food. I came back to America and wanted to open up a restaurant in Genesee County.”

That restaurant became The Laundry, where Hamel brought a taste of France to Fenton. Hamel eventually opened Crust, a Baking Company in Fenton as well.

Michelle Curtis, co-owner of Tri-City Trading Post was working as a paralegal before she and her husband bought the buy-and-sell shop. Curtis said she decided to change careers since she could bring her family into the business. Since taking over Tri-City Trading Post, Curtis and her family have expanded their firearms section by adding more handguns, holsters and doing more gun transfers.

“It was fate and just a good opportunity,” Curtis said. “My husband and I discussed it and thought we could make it a family business. We have great customers and are always looking to improve our store.”

Jeff Stone, owner of Sears Home Town Store in Flint worked as an engineer in Flint for General Motors for 25 years. He had earned a bachelor’s degree from MSU and a master’s degree in manufacturing management from GMI (now called Kettering University). When the market changed and GM began minimizing their workforce, Stone took a forced buyout and looked for an opportunity to stay and work in the Fenton area. After learning Sears Home Town Stores was looking to open up a store in Fenton, Stone decided to open his own business selling appliances, lawn equipment and other merchandise that Sears has to offer. Stone also purchased the Howell Sears Hometown Store and eventually, a store in Lapeer.

“The transition was a result of the whole industry going south and the forced buyout,” Stone said. “I could’ve left the state and still do engineering but I wanted to stay in the local area.”

Mark McCabe, chief judge of the Fenton 67th District Court. — Before deliberating law in Fenton, Judge McCabe almost became a teacher. He even got a teaching degree from the University of Michigan but decided to become a lawyer instead, enrolling in Wayne State. McCabe became a lawyer in 1976 when he was sworn into the state bar. When the former judge retired in 1992, McCabe was appointed by then Gov. John Engler to become the judge of the Fenton courthouse.

“I’ve always loved to read and to write and to present arguments,” McCabe said. “I thought maybe I’d be good at being a lawyer and decided I would go with it. I’ve enjoyed every minute of being a lawyer and a judge.”

The Laundry and Crust owner Mark Hamel was inspired to go into the restaurant business after spending time in France, where the cultural emphasis is on quality cuisine.

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SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE TO GO INTO EFFECT IN HOLLY
The Holly Police Department would like to remind its residents and visitors that the Snow Removal Ordinance takes effect at midnight on Friday, Nov. 15 and continues until April 15, 2014. Between those dates it will be illegal to park on any Village street between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. Parking is allowed between the curb and sidewalk as well as in the designated areas below. It will also be illegal to park in any Village owned parking lot between the hours of 3 and 7 a.m. except in the designated areas. Vehicles found in violation of the ordinance can be ticketed and towed away at the owner’s expense. Should a vehicle be broken down or an event is being held at a residence that will involve parking in the street after 3 a.m., residents are urged to call the Holly Police Department at (248) 634-8221 in advance to obtain permission. Designated areas:

- The parking lot bounded by Civic and Maple and the shops on the west side of South Saginaw – 11 parking spaces on the west side of the middle island
- The parking lot bounded by buildings on the south side of Maple Street on the north, Broad Street on the west, Battle Alley and shops on the south side of S. Saginaw Street – 14 parking spaces center two parking lanes.
- Croapo Park parking area – entire parking lot.
- Entire area of Parcel “B” west of the Village Office.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN EFFECT FOR FENTON

Overnight parking restrictions for the city of Fenton began Nov. 1 and will continue through March 31, 2014. Overnight parking restrictions will be enforced as parking is prohibited on all Fenton City streets and the municipal parking lots from 2 to 5 a.m. with a couple of exceptions. Exceptions include emergency services personnel (police and fire) in the vicinity of the police station and the fire station and properly registered vehicles owned by apartment dwellers in the 100 and 400 blocks of South LeRoy Street, and the 100 block of West Shiawassee Avenue, if special permits have been issued by the zoning board of appeals.

PURPLE HEART
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As a young man who grew up in Big Rapids, the extreme poverty of the people in the villages came as a huge culture shock, and the giant rice growing areas in the jungle were nothing like he’d ever seen back home.

“lt’s not how we would have done it back in the U.S.,” Mishler recalls thinking.

As a combat infantryman, he saw combat every day, even the first night he was flown into the jungle by helicopter. “We mostly fought short skirmishes and sniper fire with the North Vietnamese Army and the Viet Cong. They were farmers by day and soldiers at night,” he said.

His first injury came just three months into combat, when he was riding at the rear of an Army personnel carrier that hit a mine. “The guys in front were more badly injured and one died,” said Mishler. “I was at the back, and suffered from bad headaches and blurred vision. Those were injuries you couldn’t see because I wasn’t bleeding or breaking, so they sent me back out to fight.”

The injuries that sent Mishler to the hospital in a coma for almost two months came from an explosion after snipers shot at his gun crew. A bullet went through his friend’s neck when hit the mortar round he was about to fire. “There were explosions everywhere,” said Mishler, who ended up in Cu-Chi, a military base camp.

“I was underneath the explosions and suffered injuries to my hands, the side of my face, my head and my eyes. The next thing I knew I was in an army hospital in Japan. I totally missed the ‘Summer of Love’ back home in ’67,” he said. He was in Japan recovering until September, and then was sent to Korea, “because they didn’t know what to do with me,” he said. “I ended up in medical dispensing and returned to Vietnam with a medical unit in 1968.”

Mishler returned home just shy of two years of service, with two Purple Hearts, a Combat Infantryman’s Badge and injuries that have stayed with him to this day. “I lost some fingers and damaged others,” he said. “I have trouble gripping and lifting. I also have trouble with my right eye, and just recently had a cornea transplant.”

But the physical injuries have been minor compared to the emotional ones. “You’ve heard of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), haven’t you? I’ve got anger issues. You can’t train a combat soldier to kill, then return him home without issues. It’s a hard adjustment. I’ve had really bad flashbacks, nightmares and hyperventilations.”

But he has also had a successful career as a teacher, retired since 2009 after 38 years at Holly High School, where he taught social studies and theater. He has been married three times, “happily,” he said, to his third wife, Linda for the past 11 years. He constructively uses his wartime experience to be active in veterans’ groups, like the American Legion Post in Holly, where he serves as Commander.

“I’m also active in the Holly VFW and the Vietnam Veteran’s of America Chapter #175 in Genesee County,” said Mishler, who is very active on the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council. But Vietnam never goes away. “It’s with me every day,” he said. “We just sort of strike a balance, figuring out how to get from point A to point B the best you can. It’s not easy.”

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By William Axford

Eyes on Learning

School, computer use, and cell phones ramp up visual demands on our children drastically. There are many visual tools kids need in order to learn effectively.

Multiple visual systems/tools are used in school that can break down and many are not obvious to the parent or teachers. The easy one to spot is poor visual acuity if the kid can’t see the chalkboard, ding-ding-ding...there’s a problem.

Other equally or more devastating visual problems that may damage a child’s learning potential are visual fatigue and poor concentration. ADD or Dyslexia can be things to look out for. Both drastically decrease learning potential are visual fatigue and dinging-dinging...there’s a problem.

These problems are not obvious to the parent or teachers. In school that can break down and many need in order to learn effectively.

With most of these conditions the child is 100% unaware these problems are occurring.

Often I have seen kids that appear to have ADD or Dyslexia who simply need eye exercises or therapeutic lenses which improve concentration and visual organization.

Standard eye exams and screenings are not enough to effectively isolate vision learning problems and that’s why we always perform many extra tests and employ high tech equipment with each and every eye exam we perform.

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BOOK
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One local family can now add elementary classroom reading books to that list. William Bird is a parent in the Lake Fenton school district. His 9-year-old daughter is in the fourth-grade at Torrey Hill Intermediate School, which is made up of students in third, fourth and fifth grades.

Last week, Bird overheard his daughter and wife discussing a book that their daughter had just read in order to meet a reading goal for her class. She brought home an Accelerated Reading (AR) book, and she got from the bookshelf in her classroom. Based on their discussion, Bird could tell that there was something wrong and his daughter was troubled.

He took the book, which AR rated at grade level 4.7, read it from cover to cover, and soon knew exactly why her daughter was troubled. The book, “Girl, Stolen,” by April Henry who is an author of books intended for young adults/adults immediately had him concerned. The book is a high-stakes crime thriller where an ordinary theft goes horribly wrong when a girl falls asleep in her mother’s car — and wakes up kidnapped. (See sidebar for excerpts.)

Upset, the next day Bird went to the school and talked to his daughter’s teacher, who agreed that the book should not have been in her fourth-grade classroom. After reading passages from the book, the teacher agreed that the book should be pulled from the shelf.

Bird then went to the principal, Kathleen Conover. She too, after hearing him read passages from the book, agreed that the book was not appropriate for a 9-year-old, or any of the students at her school. Following protocol, Conover called Superintendent Wayne Wright, who informed the school board of the situation.

Bird also contacted Wright, who apologized and agreed with him. School officials were all in agreement that the book was far too adult for a fourth-grade class and apologized to Bird. They acknowledged it was an unfortunate situation.

Now that the book has been pulled from the classroom shelf, Bird wants to ensure that all of the other reading materials available to the school’s students are of an appropriate reading/maturity level.

As of Wednesday, Bird said other parents who have heard about what happened were shocked. He does intend to address the school board about this situation during public complaint time on Monday, Nov. 11. He added that he and his wife have been discussing what happened with their daughter and that she is handling things.

When asked if the teacher would face any repercussions from the book, Conover said she was not at liberty to comment on personnel matters. She did say that earlier this week, she held an emergency meeting with her staff instructing all of them to be more vigilant and thorough when they review books in their classroom. If any book seems inappropriate, the teacher is to remove it from the classroom for further investigation.

When asked how the school would handle this situation if it happened again, Conover said, “I don’t anticipate this will happen again because we have put into place new screening practices for individual classroom libraries.”

Conover said some of the hundreds of classroom books come from Scholastic, which the school uses for book orders. Other books are donated from other sources. She added this was the first time a complaint like this has surfaced at her school.

“I commend our teaching staff for providing the variety and quantity of books for our children to read and enjoy,” Conover said. “The system of allowing children to select books from our library and also from teachers’ personal libraries will remain the same.

“We will just be more diligent by examining all incoming books prior to making them available for the teachers’ collections.”

While checking with Fenton and Linden schools to see if they have experienced similar problems, Fenton Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen said, “To my knowledge we have not had our students in younger grades receive inappropriate books. I do not know of any complaints of a similar situation.”

“Our teachers attempt to have students read books at the appropriate reading level. Our policy is to have material appropriate for students that meet the educational program goals and objectives.”

Since Lake Fenton schools dealt with a similar book situation three years ago when a profanity-laced book ended up on a suggested summer reading list at the middle school, Bird is concerned with how school staff is handling the review of books.

He maintains his entire focus right now is to ensure students do not have access to inappropriate reading material. He said when he goes to work, he has responsibilities and schools are no different. “They aren’t volunteers, they’re paid professionals,” said Bird. “I should be able to trust them.” He added that it’s upsetting that some are trying to paws the blame back on the parents.

Excerpts of ‘Girl, Stolen’ by April Henry

“He had climbed on the bed and pinned her wrists against the wall and whispered in her ear. ‘Are you a virgin, Chévyenné? Are you? Because maybe it’s time for you to become a real woman. Maybe you should let TJ give you a little loving before it’s too late.’”

“Where you’re going you won’t be getting any loving. They never talk about getting it in heaven, do they, baby? Let TJ give you a sweet memory to take to your grave.”

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“Her fingernails raked down his right cheek, and he could feel she had drawn blood. Finally, he managed to straddle her and pin her arms to her sides. He was bigger than she was, and he was working on pure adrenaline. At least she had stopped screaming. ‘Let’s talk about this. But you have to promise that you’ll stop trying to kill me.’” Page 7

“Desperately, he groped across the passenger seat until his fingers closed on what he needed. Griffin pressed the barrel against her temple.” Page 10

“She did as he asked, wondering where the gun was pointing. At her head, at her heart? He ordered her to lie down on her side, facing the seat, then tied her hands behind her. It would probably be easier to shoot someone in the back.” Page 12

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Tigers capture another Class A district title

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Fenton — Second chances in the state volleyball tournament don’t come around very often. Fenton gave itself a rare opportunity for redemption by defeating Metro League rival Ortonville Brandon, 25-9, 25-16, 25-10, in a Class A district championship match Thursday night at Fenton.

With the victory, the Tigers (41-16-4) advanced to face Northville (48-12-11) in a regional semifinal match at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Novi.


“It was heartbreaking,” Fenton senior Ashley Bearden said of last year’s loss to Northville.

“(Getting a rematch) has been our goal all season. We have to come in like we’ve never played them before and be ready for everything,” Bearden said.

Northville advanced to the regional round of the state tournament by upsetting seventh-ranked Novi, 25-13, 25-15, 25-9, in a district championship match Thursday at Northville.

Tuesday’s regional contest will represent the second match this season between the Mustangs and the Tigers. Northville posted a come-from-behind 23-25, 25-13, 15-6 victory over Fenton at the Temperance-Bedford Invitational on Sept. 21.

“We’re a different team,” Fenton coach Linda Rusaw said.

“We don’t excel in one area, we do everything pretty steady. Everybody on the floor can hit. It doesn’t matter where the ball comes from. You’re going to get a strong attack.”

Fenton met little resistance in beating Brandon Thursday. While the Blackhawks were able to stay with the Tigers at times, Fenton’s depth and defensive abilities were too much for them to overcome. Leading 9-6 in the first game, Fenton broke the game open, going on a 9-0 scoring run to take a commanding 17-6 lead. Brandon never got closer than 10 points for the rest of the game.

Fenton, which never trailed in the match, was clinging to a 17-13 lead in the second game before going on an 8-3 scoring run to win the set. The Tigers lasted little time putting the match away, scoring 13 of the first 16 points in the third set.

Fenton limited Brandon to only seven offensive points on the night.

“Our defense has been huge,” Bearden said.

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Tri-county Elite Eight Poll

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With last week’s state cross country championships, one could suspect there would be a considerable amount of movement in the Tri-County’s Elite Eight Poll this week.

After all, if we’ve learned anything about the last four or five seasons, as good as most of the tri-county area’s fall sports scenes are, the top sport traditionally is cross country. And that was proven once again last weekend, changing the poll quite a bit.

Now, let’s get to this week’s poll.

No. 8 - Lake Fenton boys cross country: Yes, it’s possible to fall off our list and jump back on despite the fact your season has been over for a couple of weeks. That’s because other teams are still enhancing/hurting their credentials. And that was the case this week. With Fenton football losing in the opening round of the district, Lake Fenton’s fourth-place regional finish and GAC title puts them ahead of the Tigers.

Others are waiting to bounce back into this spot, however. Fenton girls swim should win a Metro on 18A

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See NO. 1 on 18A
Fenton volleyball defeats Eagles in district semis

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Fenton — There’s nothing like a little rivalry game to add some intensity to a volleyball match. And that was what happened on Wednesday.

In front of a large group of fans, the Fenton varsity volleyball team advanced to Thurs-day’s Class A district championship game by defeating the Eagles 25-15, 25-21, 25-19. Actually there was a large group of student fans for both teams, making it a fun night.

“(Our play) goes a lot by our fans,” Fenton senior Jamie Hansen said. “When our fans come out, we get really pumped and excited to play. We get to show them what we’ve been working for this whole season.

“We literally told everybody in the school to come to our game. It was announced. We were excited and expecting it. It worked out perfect.”

“It’s great,” senior Bobbie Eastman said, playing among the Tigers’ rivals. “It was a good feeling. They are the one we really want to beat. Grand Blanc would’ve been cool to play again because of last year (Fenton beat Grand Blanc in districts last season), but we are really happy we got to play against Linden.”

The Tigers made the battle with their rivals worth a few memories. While the Eagles proved they were up to the task of giving the Tigers a challenge for most of the match, in the end, Fenton’s additional weapons were too great for the Eagles to overcome.

Fenton pounded down 43 kills versus the 27 Linden’s offense provided. And helping much of that difference was each team’s ability to block. Linden’s offense was stifled by the Tigers’ front line, sparked by Bobbie Eastman’s five block kills. Meanwhile, Linden managed just two block kills during the night and many less other blocks during the course of play.

“I’ve been doing a lot of work with my blocking,” Eastman said. “I’ve been working on it every day in practice.”

Linden coach Cori Mason thought the blocking was the difference in the match as well.

“We didn’t block tonight which is actually one of our strengths,” Mason said. “We played tough. We played them better this time than the first time so that was a positive.”

Early on, it looked like Fenton would cruise to an easy match victory. Tied at 3-all in the first set, Eastman got back-to-back block kills, giving the Tigers a 5-3 lead. The Tigers would lead the rest of the set after that.

Already leading 12-7, a kill by Fenton’s Carly Granger started a six-point run with a kill. She also served the final five points during the run, while Ashley Bearden provided two kills. Fenton led 17-7 and cruised to the easy 25-15 first-set win from there.

However, the Eagles upped their game and played much stronger in the final two sets. The second set featured six lead changes and 10 ties, as neither team ever really pulled until late in the set.

Linden’s last lead in the second set came at 12-11 on a Nikki Sargent kill, but a kill by Hansen and a service reception error by Linden gave the Tigers a 13-12 lead. Linden tied the set up for the final time at 19-all on a Fenton hitting error, but Fenton’s Cassidy Rourke and Hansen followed with back-to-back kills, sparking a four-point run for the Tigers.

Trailing 23-19, the Eagles got a tip kill from Sargent and saw SEMIS on 19A.

Holly volleyball falls in Class A district opener vs. Blackhawks

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Fenton — Wednesday’s Class A district semifinal volleyball match for the Holly Bronchos probably symbolized the squad’s season pretty well.

There were times it looked like the Bronchos could compete at the same level as their competition, but with many sets in several matches there would be lulls resulting in a tough loss.

That was the case against Oronville-Brandon at Fenton High School on Wednesday. Holly led early on in each set against the Blackhawks, but ended up losing a 25-14, 25-14, 25-19 verdict in straight sets.

The Metro League was where the Bronchos followed their pattern strongest. Holly usually played Metro foes tough for some sets, but ended up finishing the conference season 0-8. That was certainly the case the first time the Bronchos played Brandon, losing to the Blackhawks just 17 days before Wednesday’s match 25-23, 25-21, 25-19. It happened again in the rematch.

“I look back and there were so many close matches and games,” Holly coach Jamie Jones said. “We did have our bad games, but we’d battle back a lot, but we couldn’t push through at the end.”

Each set followed that pattern. In the first set, the Bronchos led 5-1 after an Abby Lewandowski kill. Holly still led 6-4 after another kill by Lewandowski, but the Bronchos would suffer a hitting error and a violation on two of the next three points, putting Brandon in the lead.

The Bronchos tied the first set back up at 7-all, on a block kill by Lauren Fultz, but a service error, a service reception error and a hitting error on the next three rallies gave Brandon the lead for good in the first set. Holly had the lead back down to 11-10 on a Shannon Torpey kill, but Brandon capped the set with a 15-5 run.

See HOLLY on 19A.
St. John Jets soar to perfect football season

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The St. John Jets seventh- and eighth-grade football team can use one word to describe their season — perfect.

The Jets recently captured the Flint/ Saginaw Catholic League championship by posting a perfect 6-0 record, earning two shutouts during the season.

St. John shut out Holy Family (Grand Blanc) 21-0, and also handed the Bay City All-Saints squad a goose egg, beating them 45-0.

Their toughest game was a 12-6 verdict against St. John Vienney/Pius School. The Jets had to make a key defensive stop in the waning seconds to earn the win.

The team consisted of 21 players, with 14 being eighth graders.

Fenton XC runners post strong efforts at state meet

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Brooklyn — Fenton cross country runners Jacob Lee and Dominic Dimambro agree that training and racing together this season helped make earning a spot in the Division 1 state meet on Nov. 2 a reality.

That reality meant two fine placings at Michigan International Speedway. Lee, a sophomore, placed 57th at the state meet with a time of 16:17.5. He was the fourth-highest placing sophomore at the meet. Dimambro, a freshman, finished 52nd with a time of 16:24.5, making him the top freshman in the state in D1.

“Running with Jake this season really has been an honor,” Dimambro said. “He is a legend in the making and a great teammate. He pushed me, and I pushed him. We worked together in races and at every day practices, I wouldn’t have had the same success without him as a teammate.”

In addition to having each other, the pair say they’ve had tremendous support in a variety of places.

“I’m thankful for the support from my family, coaches, teammates and friends,” Lee said. “They make me work harder and harder all throughout the race. They gave me an extra boost of energy and excitement for the race that I needed.”

Both were pleased with their state results.

“It felt great to make it to states,” Lee said. “It was one of my goals from the beginning of the season and it felt great to accomplish it. I placed 57th and was able to finish much higher than my ranking. It felt great to go above and beyond what I predicted I would,” Dimambro said.

“It was a great achievement for me to reach my freshman year,” Dimambro said. “Hopefully I can repeat my success in the years to come. I was happy with my performance at states, there were a few stragegic things that could have been better executed, but overall it was a good race.”

Two other tri-county area teams had individuals run at the state meet. They were Lake Fenton’s Caleb Fletcher in the boys D2 race, and Holly’s Maggie Schneider in the girls D1 race. Fletcher capped his career by placing 35th with a time of 17:00.7. Meanwhile, Schneider took 146th with a time of 20:11.0.

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Fenton’s Jacob Lee (left) and Dominic Dimambro (right) were among the top runners at the D1 state meet for their class ranking.
another kill from Taylor Ovington, cutting the gap to 23-21, but Fenton’s Bearden and Eastman capped the Tigers’ win with back-to-back kills.

In the third set the Eagles never led, but stuck close most of the competition. Linden tied the set for the final time at 7-all on a Fenton hitting error, but the Tigers scored three straight points, earning a 10-7 lead. From there the Eagles tried to close the gap, but never entirely did. At one time a Sargent kill cut the gap to 11-10, but a Linden hitting error and an Eastman kill raised the gap back to 13-10. From there, the Eagles never closed the deficit to any closer than two. It was just two, at 20-18 after an Ovington kill, but after a Fenton time out, the Tigers got three attacking kills and a blocking kill from Eastman, icing Fenton’s win. Match point was provided by Eastman with a kill.

“I like that we have a lot of offensive weapons,” Fenton coach Linda Rusaw said. “I think Jaime (Hansen) led us in kills tonight. People step up... We do have that ability. We are pretty diversified and it’s pretty nice.”

Hansen led the Tigers with 11 kills, while Granger finished with 10. Bearden had eight, while Eastman also tallied seven to go with her five blocks. Kelsie Fischer had 22 assists, while Bearden had 16 assists as well. Bearden also had 20 digs, while Granger provided 10.

Linden’s offense was paced by Sargent’s nine kills while Ovington was not far behind with seven. Rebecca McDonald chipped in five. Defensively, Megan Kla violent led the Eagles with 19 digs, while Briana Holscher had 13 digs. Ovington also had “We are losing some great kids, but I have a pretty solid core coming back,” Mason said. “Hopefully, they keep working in the off season and we come back stronger next year. I’m very proud of my kids this season.”

**HOLLY**

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In the second set, Holly took a 2-0 lead, sparked by another kill by Lewandowski. However, Brandon responded with an 11-2 run after that, and held a 11-4 lead overall. Holly cut the gap as close as 12-7, but the Blackwolves put together a three-point run, effectively creating a lead.

In the third set Holly had its best performance of the night. For the third straight set, the Bronchos scored the first two points, taking the 2-0 lead on another of the game’s 23 kills. Brandon still led 3-2 after a Brandon hitting error, but the Blackwolves’ Haley Lauwers responded with one of her team-high 13 kills, tying the score. Following that, Brandon’s Pamela Baldwin had a kill, giving Brandon the lead for good.

Brandon’s lead grew as many as 13-6 in the third set after a Holly hitting error, but the Bronchos tried to fight back, closing the gap as close as three, three times. The final of those occasions came at 22-19 on a kill by Kate Nitowski, but Brandon responded with back-to-back kills by Lauwers and Mallary Becker, setting up match point. Brandon got match point on a Holly service reception error.

Lewandowski capped her Holly career with nine of the team’s 25 kills. Fellow seniors Nitowski and Lauren Fultz followed with four and three kills, respectively. Senior Kate Ordway led the defense with 19 digs, while another senior, Adrienne Choff, had 17 assists.

Holly showed progress during the season, but most of it came outside of the league, where the Bronchos won 13
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Flying isn’t just boarding a plane — it’s arriving at the airport on time, finding parking, checking in, getting the boarding pass and passing through security.

Bishop airport was built originally in 1928, the current building in 1999. Pat Corfman, director of marketing and public relations said 1,200 or so people go through the airport each day, with around 900,000 flying annually. Monday morning at 6 a.m. is the busiest departure day, and time.

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The newest addition is Southwest Airlines, which also appeared to be the busiest Thursday morning. Corfman said that Southwest recently swapped Atlanta, Ga., for Baltimore, Md., as the connecting stop, which she said offers better connectivity.

The best thing about Southwest is the daily non-stop flights to Orlando and Tampa Bay, and Ft. Meyers/Naples on Saturdays in November. These flights will go daily starting in January. To see rates for Southwest Airlines, go online to the company website, or call — they won’t be shown in searches like those on Kayak.com.

Like malls, airports have a built-in security feature. She said there are 11 firefighters/EMTs, and eight full-time police officers. The airport with all airlines and vendors has 1,000 employees.

The airport authority itself has just 50 employees. “Everyone really takes pride in working here,” she said, adding that the facility has earned a friendly reputation. Although it’s her job to speak highly of the airport, it’s not hard to see this pride and friendliness in action — even at 4:45 a.m.

Corfman said her biggest competitor is Detroit Metropolitan Airport. She said travelers will opt to fly Detroit for more non-stop flight options. Sometimes, on paper it is cheaper to fly out of Detroit, until things like distance, parking, and the “hassle factor” of Detroit are considered.

Parking at the airport at one of the busiest times of the week (Thursday morning) was as easy as parking at a mall, and walking up. There are three parking lots — short-term, long-term and economy. Even the economy lot features a shuttle to take travelers to the airport.

“I’m never going to fly Detroit again, never,” said Patsy Carter of Burton. Her sister Annette Gear missed her flight back to Arizona because of Detroit traffic. Thursday morning they sat in a lounge area with Carter’s 15-year-old nephew Tyler Cook.

“The flow of people just seems to go smoother,” said Gear.

Carter said one drawback to flying to Flint is fewer incoming flights.
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Fenton Township renews mosquito contract

The township board renewed a four-year contract with APM Mosquito Control in Armada for $168,326 per year. As part of the contract, township residents can call the company or township and have their property sprayed for mosquitoes during the warmer months at no extra cost. Last year, 455 requests were made in the township amongst residents to have their property cleared of mosquitoes. “APM has done an excellent job of providing mosquito control services to the residents of Fenton Township since the 1980s,” Operations Manager and Deputy Clerk Thomas Broecker wrote in his recommendation to renew the contract. Costs have risen steadily since 2002 from the initial price of $117,292.73 due to the growing size of Fenton Township, however APM Mosquito Control only bills the township for actual work performed as opposed to the full contract price. Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said that residents who do not want chemicals on their property can request APM Mosquito Control to not spray their homes. Mathis also noted all materials used with APM Mosquito Control are registered with the State of Michigan and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Fenton Area Public Schools

Rick Koester was sworn into position at Monday’s Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Trustees meeting. Koester was voted to the board by fellow members following the September resignation of Nora Kryza, who served as vice president of the board and cited a busy work schedule as reasons for her resignation. Board member Tamara Valley was elected to the position of vice president at the meeting.

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Sports Creek Raceway

Where money, fun and food converge for an evening of entertainment

By Tim Jagielo

Swartz Creek — The inside of the paddock smells a little like a barn. Being that dozens of horses are being sprayed off, hustled in after a race or hustled out to race, it makes sense. Throughout the night, 150 horses will be in and out of the long, bustling stables.

The place is busy with drivers in mud speckled, but brightly colored uniforms and helmets, trainers, handlers and two wheeled carts or “bikes” being wheeled through.

State of Michigan race steward Anthony Clark can enter these restricted areas to keep tabs on the treatment of horses, and make sure winning horses are drug tested using their urine. Horses are trained to relieve themselves when whistled to. “It is fun, you do it because you love the industry,” he said.

On Friday and Saturday there are 16 live, two-minute races at the Sports Creek Raceway in Swartz Creek, and there is simulcast of other race events from around the world. The last race of the season is Dec. 31, where live racing then moves to a different track in Michigan. There are four tracks in the state, though this is the closest to the tri-county area.

Horse racing takes up a smaller piece of the entertainment pie than it used to, but isn’t a bad value for someone into games.

General Manager Chris Lockings said the betting pot for a local race can be around $30,000, but it can balloon to the hundreds of thousands with bigger races.

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**5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW: JFK ASSASSINATION**

- Nov. 22, 2013, marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, one of the most momentous and scrutinized moments in American history.

1. **Woody Harrelson’s father was an informal suspect.**
   - Of the handful of people who police took into custody immediately following the assassination, none have enjoyed as much notoriety as the infamous “three tramps” — three homeless, rail-riding hobo-types who happened to be in a box car beyond the grassy knoll at the time of the shooting. Suspicion grew when it was noted that the men were clean-shaven — so, in the minds of many, they must have been CIA. Never mind the fact that the men spent the prior night at a shelter, where they were privy to a shower and a shave.

2. **The public first saw the assassination footage 12 years after the shooting.**
   - In the 12 years that followed the assassination, the general public never saw the now-famous footage of JFK’s death shot by Abraham Zapruder. At most, they had seen only selected frames as published in Life magazine and republished elsewhere.

3. **32 cameras were in Dealey Plaza.**
   - Although the film shot by Abraham Zapruder is the most famous footage of the JFK assassination, literally dozens of cameras — both motion and single-frame — were in use that day in Dealey Plaza. Researchers have accounted for at least 32 of them — one of the most compelling being uncovered by the Discovery Channel’s Unsolved History series — and yet none caught anything beyond the brutal, appalling death of one man.

4. **In the end, the JFK assassination set off an unprecedented stretch of news coverage that remained unmatched for 38 years — until the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.**
   - Not until 1975 did the general public get to see the full footage, when it was broadcast during an ABC special. A wave of outrage ensued, leading to criticism of ABC for broadcasting something so graphic as well as widespread distrust of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination.

5. **Before 9/11, it was the longest uninterrupted news event in TV history.**
   - The media often describe the JFK assassination and the coverage that followed it as the birth of modern television news. Granted, TV was young in 1963 but it had certainly never seen an event like the assassination of the president.

As a result, TV news covered the story for four days straight, night and day, beginning Friday afternoon and not returning to other programming until Tuesday. In the end, the JFK assassination set off an unprecedented stretch of news coverage that remained unmatched for 38 years — until the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

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Lockings likes the industry. He said that unlike a casino, the house doesn’t lose when customers win — everybody wins when there is a lot of betting and someone wins. “We would love it if every last person who came to the races won, unlike the casinos, where you’re betting against to house, so to speak.”

Horse racing is regulated by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. At all times there are four Michigan race stewards. While one watches the paddock, three more refer the race from a sky box and check composite photos to certify winners. They can also watch footage and see if there are any infractions.

The clubhouse, dining and viewing areas are home to more than 500 TVs for the 5,000 seats and 1,000 people. It’s like a bowling alley, but instead, patrons watch the TV’s intently, shaking papers at the screen, cheering their driver and horse on.

Tempers can flare when alcohol and money losses are combined. Lockings had to call the police on a surly regular patron, who claimed poor treatment from a worker. He flung obscenities at Lockings and was calmed by his friends.

Outside, a man named Dave from Kearsley relaxed with a cigarette after race 12. He expressed frustration at his losses but added that he doesn’t play when he can’t afford to lose. When asked why he plays he said, “It’s kind of a thrill thing. It’s kind of fun when you’re winning.”

Dave, who withheld his last name, said he is at around a $5,000 loss for the year — but can be up $10,000 if he’s lucky.

While Dave is open to talking, many are shy of the camera. Most visitors are enjoying the expansive tiered restaurant, where each table has its own small TV and a view of the giant panoramic window to the race outside. There’s also a buffet area.

The races are two minutes long, and the race gate is attached to a pickup truck, which is controlled by a rear-facing rider, who announces the start.

The horses gallop in a line, and as the gates are folded against the sides of the truck, it moves out of the way as the legs of the standard bred horses blur in 40 m.p.h. movement, the bright lights of the raceway building behind them.
Pamper yourself from head-to-toe

Give yourself a gift of relaxation, pampering so you can greet the holidays with a smile

By Sally Rummel

The holiday season is the busiest time of year for most women, who juggle entertaining, gift buying, Christmas cards, school programs and more.

The list is endless, and too often, women put themselves at the bottom of the to-do list.

It doesn’t have to be that way this year. In fact, if you allow yourself a little pampering time, you’ll feel better about yourself and can be even more productive on holiday traditions that are important to you.

Here’s how to get started with a few ideas from head-to-toe:

YOUR HAIR

“I want something new” is what hair stylist/owner Kristen Steele hears every day from her clients at the Retreat Salon & Skin Spa in Fenton. “Women want a hairstyle that adds volume and texture,” said Steele. “We’re doing a lot of shoulder-length bobs or shorter bobs.”

For holiday glamour, “relaxed and messy” is more in style than finished and polished. “Braids, bangs and loose curls are more popular than holiday up-dos,” she added. “Richer colors for fall and winter are big, too. Blondes are going for more golden tones and brunesettes are getting deeper and richer.”

YOUR MAKEUP/FACE

Shimmer is in for the holidays. “People tend to go a little more glam, with shimmer, reds and more dramatic eyes and lips,” said The Retreat’s esthetician/owner Cortney Gwaltney. It’s a fact that make-up goes on much more smoothly with best results when a woman has a facial to exfoliate the skin and provide a “clean slate.”

At Rejuv Ave. Skin Spa in Fenton, owner Tracy Aubuchon adds a microdermabrasion peel or foil wrap to your Holiday Facial, which makes an excellent canvas for make-up.

If you’ve got holiday parties coming up, now’s the time to book facials and injectables like Botox and Xeomin, because they take several weeks to optimize their results. “For holiday POW! use these injectables for wrinkle reduction,” said Aubuchon. “To enhance your cheeks and lips, let us use fillers like Juvederm and Radiesse, and you’ll look your holiday best in just a few weeks.”

Oxygen Facials are another spa treatment that will provide you with an instant hydrated, plumped up, dewy look. “This is your perfect party go-to facial,” said Cortney Gwaltney of The Retreat. “This exclusive spa treatment infuses hyaluronic acid into the skin. We produce that naturally in our bodies, so it’s not foreign. It uses oxygen as a carrier.”

For a scent of the holiday with a natural approach, The Retreat offers a Cranberry Peel. “It’s phenomenal for its anti-aging properties,” said Gwaltney. “We have peels for a more medical approach or a more natural approach.

Sometimes, people underestimate the power of fruit enzymes. They’re more natural, but still very effective. They bridge the gap between spa and medical approaches to skin care.”

“You want to sparkle, more than the tree,” said Susan Adams, skin care specialist at Spa Naturelle in Fenton. “Let us help you look your holiday best with a custom-blend facial, designed specifically for your skin type.” Just before a party, why not have an Oxygen Facial followed by a non-surgical facelift (a full facial with a masque)?

“We can put your best face forward during the holidays,” said Jenny Stilwell of Elements Day Spa in Holly. “Our Pumice Peel will brighten and hydrate your skin, improve your skin’s clarity and hydrate you during this cold, dry season.” For the best anti-aging facial, try their Flax-C Facial, which will lift, tighten and firm your skin.

YOUR BODY

Airbrush tanning can provide a holiday shimmer from head to toe, in a spray-on tanning booth at The Retreat. “It looks like you’ve been kissed by the sun,” said Kristen Steele. “It gives you a natural look of bronzed skin, and will last for a week or two with proper skin care.”

Nothing will relax you over the busy holiday season more than a body massage, whether it’s a relaxing, pampering massage or a deep-tissue massage. Massages are available at most salons, spas and at chiropractic offices. At Serendipity Day Spa in Linden and Frankenmuth, you can relax with a half-hour massage or an hour-long massage, depending on how much time you want to spend in a relaxed mode.

HANDS AND TOES

Mani’s and pedi’s are the most popular service at Serendipity Day Spa, along with facials, massages and, of course, hair design. "For women who are busy during the holidays, we can offer manicures that take just a half-hour up to a deluxe one- and-a-half hour pedicure.”

Reds are very popular during the holiday season, with nails sporting special designs from red/white “candy cane” effect to red glitter.

The staff at Serendipity Day Spa is ready to serve your mani and pedi needs during the holiday season. During your spa service, relax and enjoy your choice beverage from the spa’s own wine bar, Sterling’s Wine Cellar.

During the month of December, Serendipity will be offering a Holly Berry Pedicure with a berry-scented foot soak, holly berry-scented scrubs and lotions and a relaxing drink of your choice from Sterling’s Wine Cellar to accompany your treatment.

Enjoy celebrating the holiday season with season-specific pedicures with scents of cinnamon, cocoa and hazelnut at Spa Naturelle. “Just because it’s cold outside doesn’t mean there aren’t plenty of reasons to show off your pedicured toes,” said nail tech Carrie Kramer and owner Cheryl Fons. “Holiday parties and galas demand open-toed shoes, and we offer exceptional refreshing service, a revitalizing foot bath, hot towels, exfoliating scrub and deeply hydrating massage.”

“Try our Holly Berry Pedicure, and also take home a free gift,” said Jenny Stilwell of Elements Day Spa in Holly.
Upcoming event will benefit Linden’s Angel Tree and Christmas Express

By Sally Rummel

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The Linden Bunco Babes do a lot more than play games.

In fact, that’s just their excuse for getting together every year to raise money for Linden’s holiday give-away programs for families in need — Angel Tree and Christmas Express. This year’s fund-raising event will be Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shiawassee Shores club-house. All proceeds will benefit these two groups.

“These two holiday organizations have lost some of their funding and need our help,” said Betty Ciesielski, one of the Bunco Babes organizers. “Anything that we can do to help them make money for area families in need will be good. That’s why we appreciate all the donations of door prizes from area businesses.”

In addition to their party, the Bunco Babes have designed a cookbook this year that will be on sale beginning the first week of November. “We’re calling it ‘Bunco Bites,’ focusing on appetizers, sweets and wine,” said Ciesielski.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by sending a check to Linden Schools, c/o Debbie Brindle, community education coordinator, earmarking the check for Angel Tree and/or Christmas Express. The address is 7205 West Silver Lake Rd., Linden, MI 48451.

For more information, call Ciesielski at (810) 735-7953 or Maureen Rajisch at (810) 629-0268.

The optimistic explorer

By Roger Campbell

Medical waiting rooms provide interesting encounters. Hurting and sometimes fearful people are prime prospects for encouraging words and are often receptive to invitations to faith.

Occasionally, there’s even a memorable article in one of the magazines provided for impatient patients that makes the wait worthwhile. Such was the case not long ago when waiting my turn for a routine physical, the intriguing account of Lewis and Clark’s epic explorations caught my eye and then my attention. The scenery, the descriptions of hair-raising adventures, and the mystery of history made this wait worthwhile, but one statement by Captain Clark Townsend made me smile the rest.

Upon reading Clark’s comment, I quickly scribbled it on a subscription card in Smithsonian Magazine lest it slip away before I could share it with others. Here’s the scene and substance of Clark’s statement that has life changing potential; maybe for you today:

Captain Clark and company have reached the Rocky Mountains and are headed for the Pacific Ocean. A painting shows him captivated by the beauty before him. Suddenly, however, he is distracted from the beauty of the moment by thoughts about the difficulties and hardships this tough terrain may present to him and his companions as they carry out their mission. Injuries and even death loom. Then, moving his mood from fear to faith, Clark says, “As I have always held it a little short of criminality to anticipate evils, I will allow it to be a good and comfortable road until I am compelled to believe otherwise,” a wise decision, since he lived another 33 successful years, achieved many goals and died of natural causes.

We are all explorers, looking everyday for new discoveries. Sometimes these explorations lead us to wonderful places and new challenges, but there is no need to fear if our faith is in the One who knows the future.

Looking out my upstairs office window at this time of the year, I see a panorama of beauty. Fall has arrived in all its splendor: crisp autumn air seems to brighten the blue above, making a dramatic backdrop for trees whose leaves have erupted in kaleidoscopic colors; Canada Geese and their more diminutive but no less organized cousins frolic in a flurry of activity preparing for their own impressive and expansive expeditions, demonstrating God’s design in His creation and His love for us. But if, like Captain Clark, I allow myself to focus on fear instead of faith I will immediately lose the blessings of a great God.

God hasn’t promised blue skies every day. We may experience emotional and physical pain, face conflicts with disagreeable people and receive unwanted bills in the mail, but none of these things can separate us from the love of God.

As C.S. Lewis wrote, “The great thing…both as regards pain and financial worries is to live day to day and hour to hour not adding the past or the future to the present.”

Faith enables us to be triumphant in trouble (1 John 5:4). There may be dangerous mountains to cross, but knowing that faith moves mountains (Matthew 17:20) makes optimistic explorers of us all.
Meet 
Nick Villarreal

• Veteran 
• Entrepreneur 
• Fenton resident

By William Axford
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Veteran Nick Villarreal joined the U.S. Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the military and attending school, Villarreal is an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. Now out of the Army when he was 19 years old and served in Iraq as an infantryman. 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Local historian Ken Seger spent three years compiling names of local World War II veterans. “It was a labor of love,” he said. “I knew if I didn’t do it, it would never, ever get done. I started it 60 years too late, because I could have gotten photos and information from people when they were living. So it’s very incomplete, but it’s what we’ve got.”

Seger started out six years ago by using names on the Roll of Honor that used to be in front of the Fenton Community Center during the war. He went through the list one name at a time, and contacted families for photos, discharge information, etc. “I ended up with about 140 photos of Fenton veterans in their uniforms,” said Seger.

Seger heard about more names, he’d add them to the list, finally obtaining more than 700 veterans’ names from the greater Fenton and Hartland areas. His next project was to carefully peruse the issues of the Fenton Independent from 1941-1945, looking for veterans’ names and taking out clippings that related to World War II. That effort resulted in a compilation of two volumes of World War II information, photos, etc.

Seger’s work on this is now on display at the museum.

In addition, the names of World War I veterans have been compiled by the American Legion Post, along with a list drawn up by veteran John Cox after the war. “I put the two lists together and this is what I’ve come up with,” said Seger.

Longtime Fenton businessman and veteran Bob Harris also helped compile a list of veterans by adding those who fought in the Korean War from the Fenton area. Seger also credits the Fenton Winegarden Library with assisting in the research effort. All of these names will be available online at tctimes.com, as part of the newspaper’s salute to veterans this Veterans Day 2013.

“It’s actually a project that will never be done,” said Seger. “Once in awhile, I’ll get another name to add. I know it’s not entirely complete, but it’s a start.”

**VETERANS DAY HAPPENINGS IN HOLLY**

**Monday, Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, and in Holly, there are always plenty of ways to pay tribute to our veterans.**

- American Legion Post 149 and the Holly Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 687 will hold a Veterans Day service at 11 a.m. Monday, at the monument overlooking Bush Lake adjacent to Lakeside Cemetery.
- Further north, another Veterans Day ceremony will also take place at 11 a.m. Monday at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly. Both ceremonies are free and open to the public.
- In the evening, the Holly American Legion and VFW will host the annual Veterans Day Salute at 7 p.m. in the Holly Middle School auditorium on the Karl Richter Campus, 920 Baird St., Holly. This year’s salute will include the0 HHS marching band, Sons of Union Veterans, and other veterans sharing their stories. There is no admission to the program.
“My father. He is no longer living, but he served in World War II.”
— Terry Karjalainen

“My dad. He was in the Navy before I was born.”
— Evan Short

“My grandfather fought in World War II.”
— Mandy Simpson

“Uncle Bob, who fought in World War II. I made him take an interview from me to find out about the service.”
— Barry McGhan

“My uncle in World War II. He used to tell me stories, but I was too young to remember.”
— Sandra Davies

“Me. I was in during Vietnam, and I did not enjoy my time in the service.”
— Larry Moore

Genealogists to meet on Nov. 11
The Fenton Ancestry Search Team (F.A.S.T.) is a monthly genealogy study and discussion group for all of those in the greater Fenton area interested in genealogy research. The next F.A.S.T. study and discussion session is Monday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14176 Fenton Rd., just north of the Fenton City limits. As a tribute to Veterans Day, this month’s discussion topic is going to be “Genealogy Military Research.” F.A.S.T. meetings are open to all of those interested in genealogy.

Linden Historical Society to meet
The November meeting of the Linden Historical Society will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the Shiawassee Shores Clubhouse. Speaker Joe Kimble will talk about “Linden in the ‘50s.” All members are urged to attend and guests are always welcome.

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Jazzercise of Fenton Shares new space of Anderson’s Karate

By Sally Rummel
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Jazzercise of Fenton now offers fitness classes in its new location, sharing space inside Anderson’s Karate for morning classes six days a week.

The new location is at 3275 West Silver Lake Rd., next to Leo’s Coney Island. She shares the space with her husband, Chris, who owns Anderson’s Karate.

“It’s a central, convenient location for most of our customers,” said Jazzercise of Fenton franchise owner Donna Anderson. “Now you can work out, then shop, dine, run errands, etc., before or after class.” She also looks forward to participating in community events, such as “An Event So Good it’s Scary,” offered through the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The morning classes currently held at Jazzercise of Fenton, 3235 West Thompson Rd. (next to Legends) are now taking place at Anderson’s Karate. Evening classes continue to be held at the Thompson Road location. Participants have the ability to attend classes at both locations.

Jazzercise is the world’s leading dance fitness program, combining a warm-up, high-energy aerobics routines with muscle-toning and a cool-down stretch segment. This one-hour class combines elements of dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more, to create programs for people of every age and fitness level. Regular and low-impact formats are offered.

New members can sign-up now for $20 off the joining fees. For more information, visit jazzercise.com or call Anderson at (810) 691-2124.

FENTURA FINANCIAL, INC.
ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT
Fentura Financial, Inc. recently announced the appointment of Steve Krause to its Board of Directors and the Board of its subsidiary, The State Bank. Krause is the president of Best Storage Inc. and the owner and advisor of Controlled Magnetics, Inc. Krause graduated from Hartland High School in 1981. He attended Michigan State University where he was a member of Beta Alpha Psi fraternity, and obtained his BA in Accounting in 1985. In 1986, he created Best Self Storage and in 1988, he co-founded Controlled Magnetics, Inc. He also owns multiple rental and investment real estate LLCs. For years, Krause has served on the Board of Livingston Community Bank, a division of The State Bank. He is a past director of the Hartland Chamber of Commerce, Fenton Youth Football program, and the Fenton Little League. Krause, along with his wife Beth and family reside in Tyrone Township where they have a small organic farm. Fentura Financial, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in Fenton.

HOT LINE CONTINUED
CAR INSURANCE, HOME insurance, life insurance, Social Security tax, federal tax, state tax, school tax, and garbage. Living on mac and cheese and water, I ate and played on $2,000 income for myself from my $7.25 an hour job. Ain’t life grand?

SO YOU THINK Obamacare isn’t going to affect people’s price of insurance? What about the new regulations? The new people covered? Who do you think is going to pay for that — the people receiving free healthcare?

RECENTLY I have encountered the same teenager three times on South Holly and South East Street in the pre-dawn hours wearing a dark grey hoodie. Once he walked right in front of my car texting. This is not a very smart thing to do; he is going to be hit.

DOES ANYONE ELSE have a neighbor that watches everything they do? I can’t figure out if it’s irritating or creepy.

WELL, FOLKS, I saw on the news that the amount it took to make the Affordable Healthcare website was $394 million.

WHAT IDIOT TARGET shoots at geese migrating south at Pine Lake nearly every morning? Too close, dangerous, and sad.

ONCE AGAIN, OUR hours at work have been cut to avert any possibility of reaching that magic 32 hours wherein the employer must offer health insurance. Does anyone with a shred of honesty or an ounce of common sense still think that Obamacare is good for this country? Bueller? Bueller?

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Proposals are solicited on the basis of a lump sum price for all labor and material required to complete the project as designed and specified in the contract.

The principal items of work include:

Demolition of 112 Mill Street.

The above referenced project is a federally funded activity authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. All successful bidders must comply with federal labor standards, including the Davis-Bacon Act and the Cope-land Anti-Kickback legislation; federal equal opportunity requirements; and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

Minority/Women/Handicapped business owned enterprises (MBE/WBE/HBE) and Section 3 business concerns seeking bid opportunities under this Project Notice are encouraged to respond.

A copy of all Project and Contract Documents are on file and are available for inspection on and after Monday November 11, 2013, at the following location:

Fenton City Hall
301 S. LeRoy
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Asian carp

DNA found in Lake Michigan water sample

> Invasive species could threaten Great Lakes ecosystem and state’s fishing industry

By Amy Mayhew
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One of the fondest memories I have of my father is when he used to take me charter fishing on Lake Michigan. My siblings all moved away to college and onto lives of their own, leaving me in essence, an “only child.” It was a special time because I no longer had to share Dad with my brothers. We’d go out of Manistique to hopefully limit out on Coho and Chinook salmon.

Since then, I’ve been able to share the passion with my husband and daughter, but a report that came out on Tuesday has me concerned. A water sample taken from Wisconsin’s Sturgeon Bay tested positively for the DNA belonging to an Asian carp. While they don’t know if the genetic material came from a live fish, it’s still a big worry, and it’s the second positive sample for the feared carp, the first being recorded in a 2010 sample taken from Calumet Harbor.

The story of the Asian carp—at least for us Americans—goes back to the 1970s when catfish farmers imported bighead and silver carp to the U.S. in an effort to remove algae and suspended matter from their ponds. Flooding in the 1990s resulted in southern catfish ponds over-flowing into local waterways in the Mississippi River basin, Asian carp escaped and began breeding, eating, and advancing northward toward the Great Lakes.

The problem with these two types of carp is that they devour up to 40 percent of their body weight each day, mostly by straining out plankton that provides the base of the food chain for popular sport fish, like bass and walleye. Scientists are worried that if the carp reach the Great Lakes, it could end up causing more ecological damage than other invasive species including the sea lamprey and the zebra mussel, to say nothing of threatening Michigan’s $7 billion fishing industry.

And according to commercial fishermen, the Asian carp also poses a danger on the water. Like a torpedo launched from the bottom of the river, they have been known to “fly” into fishing boats, many times striking and injuring fishermen. It’s believed the sound of the boat motor startles the fish enough to cause it to leap out of the water, sometimes into an awaiting boat.

In 2002, an electrical barrier was placed into a shipping canal just 37 miles from Chicago. The goal was to block the carp’s path toward Lake Michigan. Since then, only one live Asian carp has been found past the barrier and in Lake Erie.

The 2013 samples were collected and analyzed by researchers from the University of Norte Dame, Central Michigan University and The Nature Conservancy as part of a broader Great Lakes fish survey. While the 50 samples were taken from the Sturgeon Bay six months ago, the sample carrying carp DNA was only confirmed last week.

Scientists say fish DNA is found in the mucus, scales, and bodily wastes they discharge. Others say the found DNA could come from another source, such as droppings from birds that have eaten the fish. As a result, it’s not certain that the Sturgeon Bay discovery signals the presence of live Asian carp, much less a breeding population.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will take more samples from the area in hopes of determining whether the sample was a fluke or something worse.

“One sample is a smoke detector,” Notre Dame Biologist Chris Jerde said. “A couple more samples is a fire.”

Officials at the Fish and Wildlife Service regional office in Minneapolis are saying it’s too early to be alarmed, but are taking the threat seriously enough to conduct further research.

In light of the DNA findings, Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D) favors enlisting the help of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the hopes that they can expedite proposals for permanently shielding the Great Lakes from Asian carp. A report by the Army Corps is expected to be released early next year.

“The fish could destroy the Great Lakes ecosystem, as well as boating and fishing industries and hundreds of thousands of jobs,” Stabenow said.

Besides destroying the ecosystem of the Great Lakes, Asian carp are a danger to fisherman, leaping out of the water and sometimes striking fishermen before landing in the boat.

An Asian carp…

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- 1 Tablespoon milk
- 2 1/2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1/2 cup mini M&M’s

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Mix up your brownie mix according to the 2 egg directions and bake using the box directions.
2. In a small saucepan heat the caramel bits and the milk together until melted and creamy. Keep warm. As soon as the brownsies come out of the oven, spread the caramel over the top gently. Sprinkle the marshmallows on top. Place back in the 350° oven for 3-4 minutes. Turn on the broiler and heat 1 more minute. Be sure to keep a close eye on the marshmallows, so they do not burn.
3. Remove the brownsies from the oven and sprinkle with the mini M&M’s. You will have to gently press them into the toasted marshmallows with your fingers to get them to stick. Let cool. Use a wet knife to cut into 24 squares. Keep in a sealed container on the counter.

Recipe from insidebruceswife.com

**DATING RULES FOR THE NEWLY SINGLE**

DEAR AMY: I am a 27-year-old female. I just broke up with my boyfriend of 3-1/2 years. I have been single for a while now and enjoy going out with friends or on my own, but lately there are times when I feel completely out of the loop when it comes to dating. Do girls give their number without being asked for it? I have had multiple guys come up to me and strike up a conversation; we have nice banter — then nothing. Before I started dating my ex, I had a rule that if a guy really wanted to see me he would ask for my number. I thought this would help weed out the bad ones and those not really interested. What do you think? — Newly Single

DEAR SINGLE: You get to do what you want and do what feels right to you. You might try to offer your number to a guy and see what that feels like, but if you had “rules” four years ago, these same guidelines might be good for you now. There are myriad ways to connect with people (aside from cellphones), so any guy interested in you could easily find you on social media.

DEAR AMY: We host an extended family meal semiannually. Some family members have attended the event but have eaten almost nothing. The explanation they gave was that they were hungry and ate at a restaurant before arriving. This has occurred several times over the last couple of years. We enjoy getting the family together but find this behavior hurtful. — Hosts

DEAR HOSTS: The most obvious remedy is to ask these family members if there is something about the meal you’re serving that they can’t (or don’t care to) eat. They may have food sensitivities, too. Preparations or allergies affecting their ability to partake. Another way to encourage participation is to ask them to contribute something they enjoy eating to the meal. Sharing their favorite dish might inspire them to participate.

**NEW DVD RELEASES**

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The all-star comedy cast from Grown Ups returns, with some exciting new additions) for more summertime laughs. Lenny (Adam Sandler) has relocated his family back to the small town where he and his friends grew up. This time around, the grown ups are the ones learning lessons from their kids on a day notoriously full of surprises: the last day of school. PG-13, 1 hr. 41 min.

**WHITE HOUSE DOWN**
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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2013 AT 7:00 PM

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marla Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Soreen Pedersen, Chuck Schultz and Cam Gonzalez, Director, Trustee David Webber.

2. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Mike Cunningham.

3. The agenda was reviewed and approved following the agenda for the month.

4. The previous meeting's minutes were approved as presented.

5. Approved to pay elected officials to attend the MTA conference per board policy.

6. Approved to purchase telephone service maintenance plan for one year at a cost of $492.00.

7. The formal presentation and discussion of the full survey will be on the November 19, 2013 board meeting agenda.

8. Approved the draft newsletter with modifications.

9. Adjourned to closed session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss a real estate contract.

10. Reopened in open session at 8:15 p.m.

11. Approved the asking price of $951,000 for the 43 acres at White Lake Rd & Old US3 22 acquired at tax sale.

12. Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyro Township Board Meetings are available on the township’s website at www.tyrootownship.org. The next regular meeting of the Tyro Township Board will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyro Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.
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