Detroit Model Railroad Club is a fun stop in Holly

Michigan’s largest ‘O’ scale model railroad offers something for everyone

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Holly – Age isn’t a factor when it comes to enjoying a visit to Holly’s Detroit Model Railroad Club.

More than three quarters of a century ago, members of the Detroit Society of Model Engineers decided to start their own club. In January 1935, the Detroit Model Railroad Club was born. The club would house their very first collaborative model train layout in club President Perry Dorrance’s basement.

Over the years, the club moved several times before winding up at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in 1958.

On Sunday, the Detroit Model Railroad Club in downtown Holly is bustling with families, mostly bringing small children to marvel at the scale and detail of the model. Here, Dee and Tim Bedell of Linden visit the club with their 2-year-old grandson, Rexin. The next open house weekend is Nov. 29 to Dec. 1.

Clearing up the Common Core standards

An estimated two out of three Americans have never heard of new standards

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Measuring student success in Michigan will change next year when educators shift from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) to the national Common Core standards.

Lower gas prices expected through holiday season

Less Middle East tension, lower crude oil prices result in lower prices at the pump

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Now’s the time to go for a drive and not feel too guilty about it. That’s because gas prices are on their way down, falling 13.78 cents in the last two weeks, according to a recent report by Lundberg Survey.

The average price of gas in

City’s $4.8-million streetscape project to start next spring

Officials waited for better funding, more convenient construction season

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Fenton — Last Thursday evening, business owners and stakeholders got a glimpse of what downtown Fenton will look like next year when they crowded around a composite image of downtown Fenton in the city council chambers. The satellite image of the street was overlaid with what the street will become when the streetscape project is complete. At the end of the table were blueprints for the project.

The streetscape project is among the Cornerstone building, Community and Business friendly project.
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Is still needed?

> Even if you don’t have an interest in space or physics, there’s a good chance that you’ve benefited from NASA’s research

By William Axford

The wonders of space have captured the human imagination since the dawn of civilization, when man first looked upon the stars. From Stanley Kubrick’s 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey to the recently released movie Gravity, space exploration continues to be popular for audiences. But having visited the moon more than 50 years ago and ongoing political battles in Washington over budgets, does the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) still serve a role in modern America?

Even if you don’t have an interest in space or physics, there’s a good chance that you’ve benefited from the research provided by NASA. According to Business Insider, a number of common everyday items were inspired directly by NASA. Cell-phone cameras, cordless tools, firefighter gear, long-distance communications and even golf clubs have all come into existence due to the research and activity of NASA. Other inventions that have improved our quality of life such as MRI and CAT scans and water filters are also products of the space agency.

NASA invests in businesses and technology in every state, amounting to $1.2 billion nationwide since 2001. In 2011, the agency invested about $28 million in 27 Michigan companies. Ann Arbor company, Picometrix, has adapted terahertz imaging from finding flaws in insulation on space shuttles into scanners used at airports to find concealed weapons and explosives. Closer to Fenton, NASA has helped U.S. Speedo, Inc. design an advanced smartphone in 2011, physics, there’s more interest, now that your deductible has been met... it’s time to have your varicose veins treated.

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From the Left

Clarence Page
Nationally syndicated columnist

Obama's whopper bites him back

Here's what President Barack Obama should have said, 'If you like your insurance plan you can keep it — if it's not a junk policy.'

He could have used more elegant language than that, but you get the idea. Instead, as everyone who follows the news knows, he promoted his Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, with: 'If you like your health care plan, you'll be able to keep your health care plan.' Sometimes he even added: 'Period. No one will take it away. No matter what.'

Yet between 2008 and 2010, the president repeated his you-can-keep-your-plan promise in public at least 24 times, according to a video compilation on New York magazine’s website.

Now the truth is hitting thousands of Americans, mostly in the 5 percent of the nation’s population who buy individual insurance policies. Many policymakers also face sticker-shock increases in the cost of new policies that they are being offered.

Still, Obama did himself no favors by glossing over the simple reality: While the vast majority will get a better insurance deal, depending on their circumstances, a significant number will not.

Whether I agree with their judgment or not, everyone was entitled to hear the unvarnished truth, not spin, from their president about what they were about to face.

I don’t feel good about calling out the president’s whopper, since I support most of his policies and programs. But in this instance, he would have to be delusional to think he was telling the truth. At best — and it isn’t much — he told what I would call a ‘political lie,’ the sort of rosy promise that politicians sometimes make with such passion and confidence that they actually may have convinced even themselves that it is true.

Now it remains to be seen how many of those who lose their policies will sign up for new ones or go uninsured instead and pay the law’s modest penalties.

Sometimes straight talk can be a bitter pill for voters to swallow, but it’s better than snake oil.

FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas
Nationally syndicated columnist

Is Christie the one?

Last August before a closed meeting of Republican leaders in Boston, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey said, ‘We are not a debating society. We are a political operation that needs to win.’

Tuesday night, Christie won. Big time. In one of the nation’s bluest states, Christie got 60.5 percent of the vote. His Democratic opponent, Barbara Buono, claims she lost because ‘Democratic political bosses’ made a deal with Christie despite him representing almost everything they’re against. ... They did it to help themselves politically and financially.’ In other words, they voted out of itself-interest. Imagine that. Self-interest in politics.

I didn’t seek a second term to do small things,” said Christie Tuesday night. ‘I sought a second term to finish the job. Now watch me do it.’

It was the first Christie speech I have seen in several months and it was the first time I didn’t think of his weight before considering his words. Christie, who had lap-band surgery to lose weight, appears committed to slimming down and looks good. If he can drop another 50 to 100 pounds, he could be in shape for 2016. After demonstrating his ability to attract Democrats and Independents during his re-election campaign, Christie must be considered the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination.

Should Christie run for president, the national media will initially be torn between a sure-fire ratings booster like Christie and the possibility of the first woman president. Ultimately, it’ll be no contest. Media will likely back Hillary Clinton. Christie will have to run on a platform of knowing how to succeed, which puts Clinton at a disadvantage, since both but a lot of accomplishments is meager, if not nonexistent.

The conservative wing of the GOP will have to decide whether they want purity or president. No politician (including the sainted Reagan) is perfect.

At the August GOP gathering in Boston, Christie said, ‘In this business to win ... if we don’t win, we don’t govern. And if we don’t govern, all we do is shut into the wind.’

This country needs someone who will govern. Is Christie the one?

Street Talk

What will Fenton look like in five years?

“We will see more upscale restaurants and people will be more affluent.”

— Jeff Curle Fenton

“Hopefully, it will look more like Brighton and Hovey downtown and it will be more of a walkable community.”

— Ginger Visker Linden

“More small stores like Eclclusions, Uncle Ray’s, and Caravan.”

— Pam Coffin Fenton

“I hope it remains the same. I like the quaintness and any more commercialism like restaurants will ruin that.”

— Ruben Pedilla Fenton

“It’s going to keep getting bigger. There should be more subdivisions. I want nicer restaurants.”

— Celia Gressy Fenton

“With the economy coming back it will cause more growth downtown.”

— Jeff Leveque Swartz Creek

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Tyrene residents want to nix sheriff’s contract
By William Axford
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Tyrene Twp. — Residents in Tyrene Township would rather rely on the state road patrol rather than the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department for extra coverage.

The findings were reflected in a survey sent with summer taxes and listed on the township website, resulting in 513 responses. Of the respondents, 60 percent said they would rather rely on state police for protection rather than counting on the sheriff for services. More than half of the residents who responded to the survey would like to discontinue purchasing additional patrol hours from the county sheriff’s department.

Officials in Tyrene Township renewed their sheriff’s contract, paying about $5,000 for a two-year contract with one deputy to patrol the township between 3 and 11 p.m. For years, Tyrene and Hartland townships shared a contract, paying $30,000 for one deputy to cover the two townships for 24 hours, seven days a week.

Residents may get what they want before the contract expires, as Livingston County Sheriff Robert Bezotte sent a letter to township officials warning that funding for road patrol may dry up in the next few years. Bezotte said the Livingston County Board of Commissioners has been scaling back funding for road patrol in recent years and that future funding will most likely be used for the expansion of the county jail.

“In my first term as sheriff, we began to see a reduction in road patrol positions, as a consequence of our declining economy,” Bezotte wrote in his letter. “As of June 1, 2013, we have lost 18 certified road patrol positions. We have fought hard to maintain those positions but the reality is, if the board of commissioners does not fund our road patrol, it will end at some point and time.”

Bezotte said the county currently has 23 patrol deputies and that certified deputies may retire or leaving the department will not be replaced.

In addition to public safety, residents identified other issues such as the need for road repairs in the township, keeping taxes at the same rate or lowering them, and keeping costs for township services low but expanding access to Internet and cable. While the survey revealed most residents would like new parks and improved roads, most were unwilling to pay more money for these services. Overall, 66 percent of respondents gave a favorable rating on their experience with the township staff.

A public hearing will be held in the Nov. 19 board of trustees meeting where residents can respond to the survey results and voice their opinions about the services offered throughout the township.

GAS

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Michigan this week is $3.154 per gallon, just slightly above the national average of $3.193. The least expensive gas this week in Fenton can be found at the Clark station on North LeRoy Street at $3.13 per gallon and at the Marathon Service Station on Silver Lake Road at $3.15, according to GasBuddy.com.

The most expensive local gas is at the Shell station on Silver Lake Road and at the BP station at West Thompson Road, both priced at $3.39.

“My customers are pretty happy right now,” said Joe Yousuf, of the Marathon station.

“I don’t hear too much complaining. They know we’re usually cheaper than everyone else, because we don’t adjust our prices to Speedway’s, as many stations do,” said Joe Yousuf, Marathon service station on Silver Lake Road in Fenton.

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Texas gas stations are now charging $3 or less a gallon, on the average. St. Louis has the least expensive gasoline in the country at $3.01 per gallon, while drivers in San Francisco, often listed as the most expensive gasoline market, paid the most, at $3.88 per gallon.

GAS PRICES

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Netherlands 9.09
Sweden 8.50
Spain 7.66
Japan 6.70
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(Pricing reflects gallon in U.S. dollars)

Source: statista.com

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EVERYONE WHO WORKS pays into Social Security and Medicare. If the government takes away your benefits, then the politicians who voted for that change need to be removed from office. Those programs are ours, not the government’s.

CONSERVATIVES DON’T WANT these so-called Socialist programs. Then why don’t they shut down the public schools? They should be fighting to get that accomplished. They must want to pay to put their children through school, out of their own pockets, not from the pockets of everyone! Get it done!

EVEN AS OBAMA apologized for lying since 2010, he lied in the next sentence. Pathological liars are unable to tell the truth and since Liberalism is a mental illness, he said he was sorry. Well, about 59 percent of the population has known this for five years.

REGARDING THE ARTICLE “School pulls inappropriate book: I would be interested in how this book got a 4.7 grade level rating, who rated it and any comments by Scholastic as well as what other elementary schools ordered this book.

WHAT KIND OF person am I? I am the type of person who chose not to continue having children because I knew what I could afford. What kind of person are you to expect everyone else in this country to pay for your nieces poor decisions?

YOU JUST DON’T get it, do you? Before Obamacare, people who didn’t have insurance went to the ER and cost taxpayers about $1,000. With the ACA, they have insurance, and it cost you only a slight increase. Which would you rather pay for?

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
WHERE IS THE promised $75-per-month Obamacare Health Insurance? Wow! I have to pay $121 per month for myself and not my family. On my salary? That's ridiculous. And it won't go in effect until January? What will I do if I get deathly ill before then?

HOW MANY PEOPLE voted for Obama in 2012 because of his misleading statements about Obamacare — that you can keep your health insurance policy, doctor and hospital? Wake up people, the only way to correct Obamacare is through your 2014 vote!

WHAT KIND OF a woman brings three children into this world with no means to care for them? Why didn't she stop after one? Why should the taxpayers pay for her kids? Where's their father, friends, relatives?

WE BETTER BLAME President Obama for gas being $3.17 a gallon.

THE GOP HAS presented healthcare reform bills that included selling insurance across state lines to increase competition; allowing states to keep their money to be used for their citizens instead of sending it to Washington, tort reform to decrease frivolous lawsuits, allowing patients to self-pay health costs without insurance.

IF PATIENTS PAID their doctors directly, services would be cheaper because the doctors wouldn't have to take the time and money spent on insurance paperwork. They wouldn't be given tests they didn't need. Some people like it that way and don't want insurance.

HOW CAN A program provided by private health insurance companies be Socialists?

STREETSCAPE
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Cultural Center and Fenton Fire Hall for significant projects in Fenton.

The streetscape project was delayed in 2012, when late in the year the Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) realized that because of changes to the way the federal government distributes grants, the project would either be delayed to 2014, or the city would have to move forward with less government funding. They chose to wait for better funding options, and also condense the construction into one season.

Recently, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki made a presentation to the city council concerning funding for the project. He said of the $15,000 project, the city would pay $2,813,000, and will receive $1,972,000 in grant funding, paying 59 percent.

Now that the city is working on securing funding, and then seeking bids for the general contractor, an informational meeting was held to inform downtown stakeholders, which included businesses and churches. DDA Director Michael Burns said that they are around five months away from the start of the project.

The room filled quickly as Tim Judici, project manager for engineering firm OHM gave updates, and fielded questions from the audience.

The scope of the project was laid out for audience members — the project on LeRoy Street extends from Elizabeth Street to Second Street, with reconstruction on Shiawasse Avenue, and Mill and Ellen streets, and some work on Caroline Street. Judici said the total reconstruction work, which will be complete replacement of the road and include infrastructure like storm sewers underneath is from Adelaide to LeRoy, on Shiawasse, and on LeRoy, from Elizabeth to Silver Lake Road.

“That’s where you’ll see most change in the existing footprint of the roadway,” he said.

The area from the curb to the storefront will also be changed, with scalloped pavers, and wider sidewalks designed to bring pedestrians closer to store fronts.

Instead of angled parking like at LeRoy Street and Caroline Street, there will instead be parallel parking. The topic of on-street handicap parking was brought up, along with how customers will access businesses while construction is happening. “With all the projects going on, we’re going to have to have a transformed downtown,” said Burns.

Burns said New Moon Visions has been hired to promote the project, and the businesses affected.

Through surveys, the DDA learned that businesses are most concerned with communication about the project, signage for parking, business entrances being blocked and construction being completed in a timely basis. Burns addressed these concerns, and acknowledged that construction is difficult for businesses.

There are still a few things to do before construction can begin aside from funding — like lighting, and whether businesses can have their power lines buried under the new streets along with new gas taps.

Extradition laws
Two hypothetical cases for your consideration:

Case Number One
John Doe commits a bank robbery in the State of Pennsylvania. A warrant is issued for his arrest, but before he can be apprehended, he flees to the State of Michigan.

Case Number Two
Jane Doe lives in Panama and is engaged in conspiring to commit cocaine drug trafficking. As a result of her actions, millions of dollars of illegal drugs are brought into the United States. She is charged criminally under federal law in Florida.

The question presented today is simply this — what can the State of Pennsylvania and the United States do about bringing these two defendants to the appropriate locations to stand trial?

The answer lies in our laws regarding extradition i.e., the surrender by one state or country to another of an individual accused of having committed a crime outside its own territory and within the jurisdiction of another.

Most states, including Michigan, have enacted the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act for such situations. There is also a federal extradition statute and a provision under the United States Constitution Article IV, Section 2.

Generally, for interstate cases, if a defendant is found in what is called the ‘asylum’ state, they can be arrested and held in custody pending the issuance of a governor’s warrant by the governor of the asylum state after a demand has been made by the governor of the state where the crime was committed. The defendant may waive the issuance and agree to be picked up by authorities of the demanding state. If this doesn’t occur, the issues to be decided include (1) if the extradition documents are in order (2) whether a crime has been charged in the demanding state (3) whether the defendant is the person that is actually wanted and (4) whether the defendant is a fugitive.

If the answer to all four questions is yes, the defendant is sent back to the demanding state to face charges. For international cases the process is generally the same but will only take place between countries that have extradition treaties with each other.

So for our John Doe, he could be headed back to Pennsylvania and for our Jane Doe, since the United States has an extradition treaty with Panama, she could be paying an involuntary visit to Florida.

With all the projects going on, we’re going to have a transformed downtown.

Michael Burns
DDA executive director
Christmas in November?
No, it’s opening day of firearm deer season!

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This Friday, Nov. 15 is Michigan’s opening day of firearm deer season, and around Fenton anyway, it’s almost like Christmas.

It’s nothing new to me — my dad was always counting the minutes until opening day, and he managed to share that enthusiasm with my brothers. When the boys were old enough, he began to take them along on his deer hunting expeditions. Much to Mom’s chagrin, my dad would use her formal dining room table to gather and assemble items necessary for a successful hunt. Ropes, knives, flashlights, heavy jackets, woolen socks, boots, hand warmers, candy bars, soda, thermoses, Hoppe’s gun oil, boxes of shells — you name it.

By October, the dining room was officially transformed into ‘Hunting Central.’ The excitement generated from that room alone was enough to propel the boys into opening day. Although I managed to tag along on many outdoor excursions with dad, hunting was never one of them. I was simply too little at the time, but delighted in the enthusiasm of my siblings, and greatly anticipated what they would bring home with them after the hunt.

My dad would be pleased to know that I married a man very similar to him, and I am sure, much after his own heart. Yes, Tony holds opening day in high esteem. In fact, when ranking holidays, Tony puts opening day first on the list. Over Thanksgiving and Christmas, respectively. After nearly 20 years of marriage, I’ve given up on trying to explain to him that opening day isn’t a holiday.

But perhaps the greatest fan of opening day is my brother, Dave. The story of deer camp 1996 always comes to mind around this time of year. Once again, Dave had been anticipating the day to the point of being obsessed.

Opening day that year fell on a Friday, and like all of the other hunters, Dave had gone Friday off, but had to work late that day. He’d pre-packed everything — duffle bag, hunting clothes, toiletries, jacket, gloves, hand warmers, boots, woolen socks, sleeping bag, beer, snacks. Yet, even though far enough ahead to bring his lucky deer hide, or that is, the hide from the very first deer he ever harvested. As with every year before, he was convinced that sleeping on it would bring him good luck.

Having gotten a late start by going home to collect his stuff, he was late getting up to the property. Just as Dave was turning down our road, he got a call from his wife who inquired if he had forgotten his gun.

“No, I don’t think so,” he answered, glancing into his backseat. “Then what’s this thing in the black case in the corner by the backdoor?” she asked.

“You guys are never gonna believe what I forgot,” Dave said as he burst into the hunting camper that night. Somehow, everybody guessed correctly, and nobody was surprised.

Fortunately, another brother brought an extra gun along and Dave was able to use it. But apparently forgetting your gun trumps whatever your lucky deer hide can do for you because Dave didn’t get a deer that year.

The point is, enjoy the time leading up to opening day — prepare well, savour the anticipation, and for God’s sake — remember to take your gun!

Happy hunting and be safe!

MICHIGAN 2013 DEER SEASONS

Regular Firearm: Statewide Nov. 15-30 Special restrictions in place in the Lower Peninsula Shotgun Zone, and mandatory antler-point restrictions in portions of the northern Lower Peninsula.

Archery: Statewide Dec. 1-Jan. 1


Late Antlerless Firearm: Dec. 23-Jan. 1

POLICE

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TIRES SLASHED ON ELEANOR DRIVE

At noon on Nov. 5, a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to the 4500 block of Eleanor Drive. The caller said unknown suspects had slashed all four tires on their vehicle.

CAR WINDOW SMASHED

On Nov. 6, a resident from the 13000 block of Wendell Drive in Fenton Township reported to the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department substation in the Fenton Township hall that someone had smashed out a window of their vehicle.

CAR FIRE AT GAS STATION

At 1:40 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, the Fenton Township Fire Department responded to a gas station on Thompson Road, at U.S. 23 to extinguish a car fire. The fire reportedly started in the engine area. Firefighters put out the fire and there were no injuries.
“A big difference is that this railroad has an elevation change from the lowest point to the highest point of about 12 feet which as far as we know, is probably as much as any model railroad in the world because of our unique floor arrangement,” MacDowell said. MacDowell said that the elevation would increase even further after members construct the city of Detroit in the lower level of the building, a task that is in the very beginning stages.

According to MacDowell, all of the track you see in today’s model is steel rail, hand laid track. “It’s 25 ties to the foot, four spikes in each tie, and all put in by hand,” he said. “It takes us about an hour to spike one foot of track when we actually get around to doing that.”

**Railroad design**

In general, MacDowell says the plan made in 1935 is the plan that they continue to use today. “The thing we have here that we didn’t have at the other locations is the elevation,” he said. “We’ve sort of moved the Porcupine Mountains 400 miles south, just outside of Detroit,” he said smiling. “Detroit will be in the basement and the trains will leave Detroit and wind around through these mountains and come up through to the town at the back of the theater.” The town of Dearborn, named after the club’s first president, will be the end of the Detroit Union Railroad.

**Technology and the railroad**

Tremendous changes in technology have afforded the Detroit Union Railroad a more reliable and efficient system.

MacDowell began by discussing the “couplers” or the mechanisms that attach cars together. “The couplers back in 1975 weren’t tolerating couplers,” he said. “They were dummies, and you hooked them together and ran them until something broke.”

Today, functioning couplers couple and uncouple cars exactly as they do on a real working railroad.

While the DMRRC initially relied on 12-volt direct current to run the trains, club members removed more than 1,000 relays and updated to a digital command control system nine years ago. “There is a microcomputer chip in every locomotive, and a locomotive only responds to the particular controller so that an engineer truly runs his train and his train only,” MacDowell said.

The new system simplified wiring, and improved reliability.

**Future plans and open houses**

In addition to changes in work on their layout, the club has worked extensively on the exterior of the building, restoring it to what it looked like long ago when the building served as Holly’s theater.

In addition to the exterior façade, the group continues to expand the display, implementing an industrial area to include an automotive plant and associated buildings.

While utilities and taxes for the building are covered by membership dues, funding for improvements to the railroad come from the revenue generated by the open houses hosted by the club each year.

With open houses, the club tries to have a good assortment of trains circulating the track, including a “candy train” for the kids. For more information about the club and the Detroit Union Railroad, visit the Detroit Model Railroad Club online at www.dmrrc.org.

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**Detroit Union Railroad**

**Patterned after the Union railroads of several Midwest cities including Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis, the Detroit Union Railroad has about 5,000 feet of track in place, making it approximately five times larger than the previous layout housed at the State Fairgrounds in 1958.**
Your photo could win you a $100 gas card

Times seeking best area photos for 2014 Source Book cover

By Sharon Stone
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It’s that time of year again. The Times is in the process of producing the 2014 edition of its award-winning Source Book and we are seeking photos from around the tri-county area to be part of the cover design.

To encourage your entries the staff at the Times is holding an online photo contest. Residents of the tri-county area can win a $100 gift card if their photo, submitted online at cttimes.com, is selected for the front cover. This could be the chance of a lifetime to share your best and most unique photos of area scenery, community events, family, pets, children, merchants or local activities to name just a few. The more unique the photo, the better the chance of winning.

This will be the 18th year that the Times has published its Source Book, a must-have reference guide, packed from cover to cover with critical and useful information about businesses, organizations, schools, political offices and much more.

Gail Grove, longtime advertising director for the Times, said she constantly hears positive comments from both businesses and residents on how useful the Source Book is to them. Every year new content, advertising opportunities and pertinent information are added to further enhance its value.

Don’t wait — log on to cttimes.com and click on the “Photo contest” link on the top right for to submit your winning entry.

Last year’s winners were Tom Kinney for his “Hot Air Balloon,” photo while Lindsay Hurd won with her “A Walk in the Park” photo and Charley Holcomb won with his “Water Lilies,” photo. Each won a $100 gift card.

STANDARDS
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So far, Michigan is one of 45 states and the District of Columbia to adopt the standards, which has gained support from numerous organizations including the American Council on Education, National Parent Teacher Association and the Michigan Department of Education.

Despite receiving support from a number of organizations, the Common Core standards have come with their fair share of criticism. State Rep. Tom McMillin (R–Rochester) claimed the standards strip power away from local school boards and educators and even went as far as introducing legislation attempting to halt the state from adopting the standards.

According to a recent article in the Washington Post, more than 100 Catholic professors have banded together and delivered a letter to each Catholic bishop in the country, believing the standards “reduce teaching to a servile activity” and “... history standards will promote the easy moral relativism, tinged with a pervasive anti-religious bias that is commonplace in college history departments today.”

Julie Williams, assistant superintendent at Lake Fenton Community Schools, said her school district has been working with the new standards since 2010 and testing for the standards will start in 2015. She added educators would still have the freedom to use different teaching methods, so long as the teaching methods incorporate the new standards.

“The Common Core allows us to align students to career and college readiness, which we’re supposed to do anyway,” Williams said. “Teachers in the district still select what they use to teach to the standards.”

According to corestandards.org, the standards “include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills” and “are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society.”

Williams said reading and analyzing nonfiction is a big component of the Common Core, which is a noticeable shift from previous standards. Other specialties of the standards include measuring a student’s depth of knowledge beyond standardized testing and making sure each subject correlates with one another, which Williams said can be inter-disciplinary.

“The Common Core standards are a good move for us, to make all Michigan students competitive in the nation,” Williams said.

According to a Gallup Poll conducted this past summer, only one out of three Americans have ever heard of the Common Core. Of the third who have heard of the standards, many of them believe Common Core is based upon standards from multiple states and that the federal government is forcing each state to adopt the standards. Gallup pollsters noted in their results that the Common Core does not do this.

One ardent supporter of the standards is Gov. Rick Snyder, who said in a town hall meeting earlier this year that Common Core was developed by a slew of different governors and not an entity of the federal government. Snyder believes the Common Core will raise standards for students, pushing them to learn more effectively in school.

“It was the governors of the states getting together through the National Governors Association to say we want to partner at the national level and all levels to say let’s raise the bar,” Snyder said. “The way to catch up from being behind isn’t to lower your standards.”

This could be the chance of a lifetime to share your best and most unique photos
Jerky now on ‘doggie don’t’ list

Pet owners urged by FDA to use caution when feeding pets Jerky treats made in China

By Sally Rummel
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You may want to think again about giving your pets treats that are made in China.

After a recent news release from the Food and Drug Administration, some veterinary groups are urging caution to pet owners about their pets eating jerky tenders or strips. Doctors from Blue-Pearl Veterinary Partners in southeast Michigan are especially cautioning those made of chicken, duck, sweet potatoes or dried fruit.

Since 2007, the FDA says they have received reports of 3,600 dogs and 10 cats becoming ill from eating jerky treats in the U.S. Approximately 80% of those pets have died, according to the FDA. Most of the jerky treats involved in the illnesses have been from China.

In addition, people should take their pet to their veterinarian immediately if they notice signs of lethargy, decreased activity, decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea (sometimes with blood or mucus), increased water consumption and/or increased urination.

Fenton Veterinary Clinic is just beginning to field phone calls from worried pet owners.

“Our doctors are advising pet owners not to feed their dogs or cats jerky treats until more is known,” said Jessica Passucczo, DVM, at Fenton Veterinary Clinic. “If your pet does eat a jerky treat, make sure to save the package and use the FDA website to find out how to have the treat tested for safety. As always, if you have any doubt about your pet’s health, make sure to call your veterinarian.”

Susan Swanebек, DVM, of Animal Health Clinic in Fenton, hasn’t seen any confirmed cases yet of pets becoming ill from eating jerky, but she still advises caution.

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**Update from Michael Bloomfield, tri-county area’s own astronaut**

Michael Bloomfield, a 1977 graduate of Lake Fenton High School and former NASA astronaut is currently vice president/general manager at OceanBreeze

Since his days at NASA, Bloomfield has been a NASA contractor tasked to build NASA’s next exploration space suit. This space suit will also be tested on the International Space Station, and then adapted to operate at NASA’s new desert laboratory.

Bloomfield said the company also makes tools that are used by astronauts during space walks. “We have a long history of making tools used by the astronauts, having designed and built the suit that was used on the first Hubble servicing mission,” he said.

“Finally, we operate the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory for NASA. The NBL is a huge (100- x 200- x 40-foot) pool that contains 6.2 million gallons of water. “We provide the divers and run the operations that allow NASA’s astronauts to train for space walks,” he said.

Among other duties over the years, Bloomfield was a pilot for the 1997 Space Shuttle Atlantis and the 2000 Space Shuttle Endeavour. His final mission to space was as commander of the Space Shuttle Atlantis, in 2002.

Bloomfield added that he enjoys going up in the Fenton area visiting friends and family a couple weeks ago and re-telling his stories about space travel and the company he works for.
item. The frame of the 1.67-inch screen is brushed metal, with a molded adjustable wristband. Admittedly, it probably wouldn’t pass the wife/girlfriend test for guys looking to add some wearable technology to their accessories.

With assistance from manager Wayne Ward, they get the watch working pretty quickly. Within moments, all of Ward’s contacts are swipesable on the face of the smart watch.

The Gear is an android device that can function without the smartphone, but at that point becomes an expensive watch with apps. It does have a small speaker and mic on the clasp of the device, and it is reasonably water-safe.

Personally, I haven’t had much interest in having a smartphone — but the idea of a phone, computer and camera on my wrist is too cool.

This device allows you to view incoming messages on your wrist, or on your handset, by simply picking up your phone. If you and your smart watch stray too far from your smartphone, it locks the phone automatically.

It can record conversations and convert them to text, and even help you locate your lost smartphone. It can also track your steps (pedometer), and can control music playing off your smartphone. The camera on the wrist can record photos and video with the 1.3-megapixel camera.

Electronicweekly.com said that the device offers a more organic way of interacting with incoming messages and information — if you need more than a quick glance at a message, you pull out the smartphone instead of reading and responding from your wrist.

Ward, a confirmed “tech guy” would like to have a smart watch, but the $299 price tag is a bit much to him.

This smart watch is undoubtedly cool, but with anything that is new, it can’t be perfect.

An Oct. 15 MIT technology review by Rachel Metz essentially calls today’s smart watches “pretty dumb.”

For starters, this watch needs to be coupled with that specific Samsung smartphone. A passive user will get a couple days of use out of the battery, heavier users will get less.

It’s not because smart watches are a bad concept in general, Metz just argues that this device tries to do too much for too many people, and does a bad job at most — like a Swiss army knife. “In theory, smart watches offer a smoother, more natural way of checking information than pulling out a smartphone,” she said.

As cameras get smaller, and are less obtrusive and obvious as time passes, there is of course the “creep” factor. This is the phenomenon of someone taking a picture of someone else in public, and because there is no glaringly obvious camera, or phone to hold, recording video and photos can go unnoticed by the unsuspecting subject.

This is the same concern as Google glass — technology infused eyeglasses. The tiny camera looks like a button on the smart watch’s wristband.

Whether you love it, or think it’s ugly, Star Trek and Dick Tracy technology is here.

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ANSWER: Sinus bradycardia is a slow heartbeat, one less than 60 beats (some say 50) a minute. If the doctor found nothing else wrong and if your son has no symptoms, sinus bradycardia isn’t a health concern. Athletes, almost as a rule, have a slow heartbeat. Their conditioning has made their hearts more-efficient pumps. They eject more blood with each heartbeat, so they need fewer beats.
Football teams’ seasons end in district finals

Eagles push No. 1 DeWitt, before losing 27-14 verdict

By David Troppens
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DeWitt — The Linden varsity football team wasn’t the favorite when it faced the DeWitt Panthers in a Division 3 district championship football game at DeWitt High School on Friday.

In fact, considering DeWitt entered the contest as the No. 1 team in the state of Michigan in D3 football, the Eagles were overwhelming underdogs.

But a young Eagles’ squad proved they belonged, pushing the Panthers through the entire district final competition before losing a 27-14 verdict to DeWitt.

“We did good. I’m very proud of the kids,” Linden co-head football coach Denny Hopkins said. “They played hard and played a good game.”

The Eagles did just that. Trail-

ning at one time 21-0 in the first half, Linden got themselves in a position to be trailing just 21-14 after a one-yard touchdown run by Noah Sargent with 4:40 remaining in the third quarter.

From there, the Eagles’ defense held DeWitt’s potent offense twice, giving Linden a chance to tie the game with a TD and an extra point.

On DeWitt’s first possession leading 21-14, Nick Soui made two strong tackles on run plays, forcing the Panthers to eventually punt.

Linden’s offense was able to move the ball to the DeWitt 30, but a holding penalty and an interception by DeWitt’s Justice Shankel, his second of the game, gave the Panthers the ball back at their own 23.

The Linden defense held strong one more time, as Linden sophomore Kevin Bates intercepted a Johnson pass and returned it to Linden’s 30. How-

ever, the Eagles were forced to punt four plays later with 7:51 remaining. DeWitt finally iced the game away on its next possession, driving 70 yards in 10 plays and scoring a TD on Ben Heinritz’ 15-yard run, his second TD scanner of the game. Bates blocked the extra-point kick, but Linden still trailed 27-14 with only 2:28 remaining in the contest.

With time running out, Sargent threw his third pick of the game with just 58 seconds left, officially icing DeWitt’s victory. Despite the loss, the Eagles’ young team was able to leave with their heads up high.

“We just have a lot of heart on the team,” Bates said. “We play for every inch. We wanted to survive as a team and to die as individuals.”

“This season meant everything. We grew as a family and See EAGLES on 15

Fourth quarter proves LF’s downfall vs. Sexton, 32-14

By Jordan Climie
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Lansing — Going into half-
time, the score was tied at 14. It looked as if this game would come down to a toss-up of who had the ball last, wins.

Unfortunately, the fourth quarter was a completely different story, and the Lansing Sexton Big Red’s pulled away without mercy from Lake Fenton, winning the Division 4 district championship 32-14.

“It’s tough,” Blue Devils coach Eric Doyle said after the game. “We turned it over three times, and they scored all three times. You can’t win when you do that.”

Still, Doyle gave a lot of credit to his Blue Devils, as they ended the season with a solid record of 8-3.

“That score” isn’t indicative of the way they played,” he said. “They played their hearts out.”

Lake Fenton started strong. On the opening drive, the Blue Devils marched down the field, keeping their play on the ground, where junior running back Mitchell Bollinger was able to break a few tackles en route to a 34-yard touchdown run. They were aided by a couple of field goals against the Big Reds, inching Lake Fenton even closer.

Sexton came right back with an answer however. On the next drive, junior Javon Wray got into the end zone from one yard out after another Sexton player fumbled on the previous play.

The Big Reds recovered however, leading to Wray’s score. Without a kicker, Sexton was forced to go for two, and failed.

On the next drive, Lake Fen-
ton was looking to answer, but unfortunately they fumbled, See LF’S on 14
Fenton girls swim team’s Metro dominance reaches a decade

By David Troppens
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Call the Fenton varsity girls swim team a perfect 10.

The Flint Metro League has been awarding a girls swim champion for 10 years, and the Tigers have been the champions all 10 seasons, sharing it only once with Brandon last year.

The Tigers returned to their old dominant selves in Metro action, crushing the field at the Metro meet by scoring 600 team points. Last year’s co-champions, Brandon, took second with just 374 points, while Holly was sixth (187).

“Winning the Metro is always our first goal,” Fenton coach Brad Jones said. “We take that very seriously, and this being our 10th in a row made it special. After sharing the title last year, it was very important that we not just win it this year, but put as much space between our program and the Metro League.”

The Tigers dominated the meet, earning champions in five of the 12 events. The Tigers’ depth also played a huge role, earning 18 of the top-five placings in the meet’s nine individual events. Fifteen Fenton individuals earned at least one top-five individual performance.

“Our depth was definitely the difference this year,” Jones said. “We did not win any of the relays and only have five first-place finishes, but we were able to dominate most events because of the number of qualifiers we had in each event.”

The Tigers had one individual earn two event championships. Senior Gabrielle Harraoja captured the top spot in the 50 freestyle (24.97 seconds) and the 100 freestyle (54.68) with state-qualifying times. Meanwhile, Brianna Costigan came close to two championships. The sophomore won the 200 freestyle (2:03.25) and came in second in the 500 freestyle (5:38.56). Freshman Elise Cassidy also earned a title, winning the 100 backstroke (1:05.01). But the Tigers were most dominant in diving, where they earned the top three positions. Mackenzie Deuty won the event (354.70), while Zoe Weinberg (320.00) and Julia Johnson (287.55), placed second and third, respectively.

All three Fenton relays placed second, and two earned state-qualifying times. The 200 medley relay squad of Cassidy, Lauren Gruber, Harraoja and Taylor Haaraoja earned a state time of 1:59.59, while the 400 relay team of Costigan, Lauren Davis, Addison Ransom and Gabrielle Haaraoja earned a state time of 3:51.42. The 200 freestyle relay team of Taylor Haaraoja, Gruber, Davis and Costigan finished second with a time of 1:48.41.

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made incredible improvements over the last four weeks. “It’s just crazy,” senior
Sioi said.
Many thought the Eagles would lose
the district title game by a blowout, and early on it looked like that might happen.
A strong punt return by Austin Buerkel
set the Eagles up for their possession at
midfield, but Shankel’s first pick of the
game came four plays later, giving De-
Witt the ball at the Linden 45. On
the ensuing play, Johnson hit Christopher
Ruby for a 45-yard TD pass. Cameron
West’s next three extra-point kicks
gave the Panthers (11-0) a 7-0 lead
with 8:05 left in the first quarter.
The Eagles put together the makings
of a fine possession when they got the ball back. The Eagles ran 16 plays, driv-
ing 54 yards in the process. However,
faced with a fourth-and-17 at the De-
Witt 21, Marshal Ryan was able to gain
14 yards on a completion from Sargent.
The Eagles took 7:25 off the clock but
still trailed 7-0.
Once again, it took the Panthers only
one play to score. Starting at their own
8, Heinritz scored his first of two
rushing TDs during a 92-yard run. Linden
tailed 14-0 just one play into the second quarter.
The score stagnated at 14-0 until De-
Witt’s final complete possession of the
second quarter. The Panthers drove 84
yards on just five plays, scoring their
third TD. A 35-yard completion to
Ruby was followed by a 33-yard TD pass
to Joshua Borta, putting DeWitt up 21-0
with 3:17 left in the half.
The Eagles didn’t fold. In fact, they
played inspired football from this point, an-
swering the TD with a score of their own. Linden
drove 72 yards in 11 plays, scor-
ing on a 21-yard TD pass from Sargent
to Bates. After Cameron Cook’s first of two
extra-point kicks, Linden trailed 21-7,
and trailed by that margin going into the half.
“I just looked for blocks,” Bates said. “I
followed my blocks. I knew I had to get in.”
The Eagles (7-4) looked like a confi-
dent outfit in the second half. The
Eagles took 7:11 off the clock with their first
possession, driving 78 yards in 15 plays,
scooring on Sargent’s one-yard plunge, cutting the gap to 21-14 with 4:49 left
in the third quarter. Linden converted
two third-down plays — one being a
eyard-run by Sargent and the other
a 33-yard reception to Buerkel — and a
fourth-down play — a 19-yard reception
to Ryan — setting up the score.
From there, Linden’s offense had two
chances to at least tie the score before
DeWitt scored its final TD.
Linden started its next possession on
its own 44, and drove it to the DeWitt 30.
However, a holding call and an intercep-
tion ended the drive. On the second, Lin-
den started at its own 30, but was forced
to punt. Finally, Heinritz’s second TD
run iced the victory for DeWitt.
“I think we were nervous at the
beginning of the game,” Bates said. “We
didn’t come out right at the get-go. I
think if we did, it would’ve been a dif-
ferent outcome.
“We drove the field, we just couldn’t
capitalize. I think we stuck together
and believed through the game. We just
couldn’t capitalize at the beginning.”
“Our defense, we stepped it up,” Sioi
said. “We only allowed three big plays
down the field, causing their first two
Touchdowns. After that we adjusted at half-
time and made it a game. It was incred-
ible we made it here. We were an underdog.
A lot of people didn’t believe in us, and we
proved them wrong making it here.”
Sargent completed 18-of-30 passes
for 200 yards, while rushing 30 times
for 102 yards. Buerkel caught five passes
for 88 yards. On defense, Jake Marshall
and Ryan had eight tackles each, while Austin
McNeil and Andrew Roberts had six each.
Hopkins was pleased with his team.
“I don’t know if our kids thought they
could play with them from the start,”
Hopkins said. “But once we banged
heads with them a little bit, we were fine.”

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Linden’s Noah Sargent scored one of the Eagles’ two touchdowns in Linden’s
27-14 loss to DeWitt Friday night.

Fenton’s Lauren Gruber competes in the breaststroke in a recent meet. Gruber
placed second in the breaststroke at the Metro Meet on Saturday.

Fenton’s和其他个人的五顶帽子成绩如下：Ransom，在200自由泳(2:07.53)和
在500自由泳(5:48.84); Davis，在200个人混合(2:30.48); and fourth in the breaststroke
(1:07.15); McKenzie Mead, second in the 100 butterfly (1:06.77); Emma Ca-
gle, fourth in the 500 freestyle (5:45.43); Taylor Haaranoja, fourth in the 100 breaststroke
(1:10.30); Gruber, second in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.85); Cameron
Mathews in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.07); Grace Sieker, fifth in the 50
freestyle (27.87) and Haylee Skank, fifth in the 500 freestyle (5:54.78).
Weinberg, Cagle, Cassidy, Gruber, Mathews, Skank and Sieker are all
freshmen.
“This is by far the most talented
group of incoming swimmers I have
had,” Jones said. “We have two fresh-
men — Elise Cassidy and Lauren Gru-
er — going to state in the 200 medley
relay. Although none qualified with in-
dividual cuts this year, it is very clear
that most of them will be state quali-
fiers very soon, making the next four
years very exciting.”
Holly’s best performance was post-
ed by diver Jennie Degenhardt.
The state meet is at Eastern Michi-
gan University on Nov. 22.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF LINDEN
2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Linden’s City Council will hold a public needs hearing on the use of its 2014 Federal Community Development Block Grant Program funds on Monday, November 25, 2013 as part of its regular meeting agenda at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity for citizens to express their ideas on community needs and project proposals concerning the use of Federal CDBG funds for the 2014 Program Year. The hearing will also provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on past CDBG projects.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF LINDEN
ELIMINATING ODD YEAR ELECTIONS

The City of Linden’s City Council will hold a public hearing on eliminating odd year elections. The State Legislature adopted legislation that will now allow the City of Linden to amend its Charter to eliminate odd year elections. By eliminating odd year elections and going to even year elections it will save the City of Linden approximately $6000 per election. In turn this will extend and change City Council Member terms. The Public Hearing will take place on Monday, November 25th as part of its regular meeting agenda at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to offer an opportunity for citizens to express their opinion on eliminating odd year elections.
Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials

Edith M. Ross
1914-2013
Edith M. Ross - age 99, of Holly, died Friday, November 8, 2013.
Funeral services were held at 1 PM Tuesday, November 12, at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, with Pastor Cliff Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was from 11 AM until the time of the service on Tuesday. Mrs. Ross was born in Rochester, MI on April 1, 1914, the daughter of Marshall and Odeessa (Davis) Hadden. She was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church and had love for reading and jigsaw puzzles. She is survived by 2 children, Janet (Jim) Ford of Holly and Charles (the late Yvonne) Ross of Holly; 7 grandchildren, Michael Burke of Ferndale, Jamie Ross of Holly, Ross T. Ross of Holly, Michael Ford of Gaines, and Amy Allen of Central Lake; 5 great-grandchildren, Leo, Aubrey, Brooklyn, Katie, and Skyler; 2 sisters, Helen Kish of Alaska and Velma Ressler of Ohio, nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased in death by her husband, Ross T. Ross and her sister, Mabel Barnes. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Calvary United Methodist Church of Holly.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Edward H. Allen & Martha J. Allen to First Community Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, mortgage recorded December 22, 2000, in Book 679, page 129, Recorder of Deeds, County of Yolo, State of California. Said mortgage was assigned to: Western Bank & Trust, N.A., as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Mortgage Trust, Series 2005-CNP-1, by instrument recorded December 29, 2005, in Book 689, page 102, Recorder of Deeds, County of Yolo, State of California. Said mortgage has been foreclosed and the sale described in the complaint will be made by: Western Bank & Trust, N.A., as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Mortgage Trust, Series 2005-CNP-1, at the Public Notice Sale held at 3720 State Street, Redding, Shasta County, California, on the 15th day of November, 2013, in the morning at 10:00 a.m. The time set for the sale is subject to change. Said premises are Situated in Redding, Shasta County, California, and are described as: Parcel B: A part of the NE 1/4 of a Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Shasta County, California, and are described as: Parcel C: A part of the NE 1/4 of a Section 12, Township 10 North, Range 13 East, Shasta County, California.

Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2013-9, a trust created under a pooling and servicing agreement between AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., as Trustee, and New Century Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgagee Attorney, and Household Finance Corporation, as Trustee, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Mortgage Trust, Series 2005-CNP-1, located at 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-85084 Ad Date 10/15/2013 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless MCL 600.3241(c), whichever is later; or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale under Chapter 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(17), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3241(20) applies.

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FOREGOING NOTICE This is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are the military, please contact our office at the number below. MORTGAGE SALE - The mortgage was made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Georgia Terry, her Husband, of a certain mortgage made by: Ronald E. Smith, his Executors, and assigned December 15, 1987, in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents ($63,597.95) including interest 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in such mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed and sold by the person, part or all, as at public vendue, Circuit Court of Livingston County at 10:00AM on November 27, 2013 Said premises are situated in City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 37 of Miller Road Acres, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Bank of America, N.A., Assignee of Mortgageepes & Associates, P.C., 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 644-0123 Our No.: 63,597.95 1026, 11/06, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2013

FOREGOING NOTICE This is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - The mortgage was made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael A. Jordan, her Executors, and assigned December 17, 1992, in Ingham County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Thirty-Five Cents ($732.35) including interest 9% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in such mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed and sold by the person, part or all of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Ingham County at 10:00AM on January 20, 2014 Said premises are situated in Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 109, Park Addition according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Ingham County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated August 14, 2013 and recorded September 27, 2013 in Instrument # 2013092701848, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Circular Court of Ingham County at 10:00AM on January 20, 2014 Said premises are situated in Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 109, Park Addition according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Ingham County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated August 14, 2013 and recorded September 27, 2013 in Instrument # 2013092701848, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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