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“Minimum wage jobs are called that for a reason.



They are entry-level positions, a starting point to work up the chain. They are not and never will be career positions to support a family.”

“Mr. Scrooge, what were you thinking while you were stealing the wreath off my wife’s grave?”



It was handmade by my wife’s father and traveled 500 miles. What will I tell my young children who helped me place it there?”

“It’s good to see gas prices dropping. At some stations gas can be purchased for under \$3.00 a gallon. Do you remember when gas prices peaked at \$4.26 per gallon under George W. Bush’s presidency?”



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Masked gunman tries to rob Fenton convenience store

► Would-be robber threatens clerk with pistol in early morning robbery

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The Fenton Police Department is investigating an attempted armed robbery, which occurred at the One Stop Food Store at the corner of North LeRoy Street and South Long Lake Road at 4:32 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The 23-year-old male clerk told police that a black male, between 5-feet, 8-inches and 5-feet, 10-inches, and between 180 and 200 pounds entered the convenience store at the gas station. The suspect was wearing a green parka with the hood up. He was also wearing a ski mask, black pants and black shoes.

The clerk said the suspect showed a black semi-automatic pistol and demanded money. The gunman then proceeded to jump over the counter, demanding cash and threatening the clerk. The store clerk, however, was unable to open the cash drawer.

As the gunman was threatening the clerk, a motorist pulled up to one of the gas pumps and the driver started to walk toward the building. Seeing the

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Summary

► A motorist needing gas unknowingly thwarted an armed robbery taking place inside a Fenton convenience store early Saturday morning.

White-washed in Linden



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Emily Miller, 12, and Devin Nowak, 8, come to a crashing halt at the edge of the pond at Linden County Park on Saturday. The first real snow of the year brought out first-time sledders.

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U of M study: noise damages more than just hearing

► Depression, heart disease, hearing loss due to everyday noise

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Now hear this: decibel levels above 80 for an extended period of time can cause hearing damage. As an example, vacuums produce about 75 decibels of noise. One begins to experience discomfort at more than 105 decibels — about the level that music in loud headphones produces.

“Noise is all around us every day, you just have to pay attention to what you’re exposing yourself to,” said Jason Gilmore, hearing instrument specialist for Miracle Ear in Fenton.

A new study from The University of Michigan explores damage to one’s health that goes beyond just hearing loss — increased chance of diabetes,

See **NOISE** on 7

Fenton Township renews sheriff contract

► Three-year contract will cost the township nearly \$672,000

By William Axford

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Fenton Twp. — The board of trustees voted to renew a three-year contract with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department for services. The contract will begin Jan. 1, 2014 and expire Dec. 31, 2016. The sheriff’s department will continue to have an office at the Fenton Township hall, located at 12060

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Loose Center completes construction



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

The Loose Senior Citizen Center has recently completed all of its renovations. An open house will be held Jan. 31, 2014.

► Activity room, offices and lounge area added to senior citizen center

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Renovations at the Loose Senior Citizen Center have recently been completed. The expansions come two years after a section of the center — known as “building B” — burned down.

The new additions, which include more office space and an open room that can be divided into smaller rooms,

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Q.

Dear Jason: My friends and family are so sure I need hearing aids. But I notice that they all mumble and often talk to me with their back turned. Please straighten them out and explain that it's probably their speaking problem and not my hearing problem.

*-Surrounded By Mumbler
in Fenton*

A.

Dear Surrounded: Unfortunately, it is more likely that you have a hearing loss than all of the people that you know have a speaking problem. But don't worry; it's natural to feel that way. In most cases a hearing loss comes on gradually with age. Since it's a slow process it's hard to notice the change. It's like watching the grass grow: you can't actually see it growing but you know it grows because you have to mow it regularly.... you have to do something about it.

Our loved ones, who have to communicate with us daily, usually are the first to notice. Do you have to ask them to repeat themselves? Do people complain that you have the TV volume up too high? Do your grandkids seem to talk too fast these days? These complaints are indications of a hearing loss.

You don't really believe

everyone in your life started mumbling all of a sudden, do you? But that's a common reaction. We don't want to admit that our bodies are not working as well as we would like....as well as they used to when we were younger.

Now, a hearing loss does not only affect us. The people we spend our time with also suffer. I know folks who were watching TV at night in two separate rooms! The same show! He wanted the volume louder than she could stand. Their relationship was suffering until he finally accepted the fact that he had a hearing loss and did something about it.

Eighty-five million Americans have a hearing loss and 96 percent of them can be helped with hearing aids. So, you're not alone, Surrounded. In fact, you're in good company. Presi-

dents Reagan and Clinton had hearing losses that required amplification assistance.

So tell your family and friends that you are willing to investigate this problem and call my

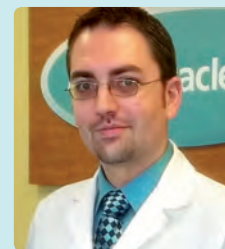
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News briefs

State law: Don't plow or shovel snow onto any road in Michigan

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) reminds residents and business owners that it is illegal under Michigan law to shovel or plow snow or ice onto any road or highway, or to deposit snow on a road or road shoulder in such a way that it blocks motorists' views of traffic. "Unfortunately, we have had problems in some areas lately, when business owners and residents have plowed their driveways or parking lots by pushing the snow out into the road," said RCOC Highway Maintenance Director Darryl Heid. "This creates a safety problem for motorists and creates additional work for the Road Commission, which, in some cases, has to re-plow the road. Pushing snow from a driveway or parking lot onto a road or depositing snow in a way that blocks a drivers' "safety vision" is specifically prohibited in section 257.677(a) of the Michigan Vehicle Code. Doing so is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and/or a jail sentence of up to 90 days.

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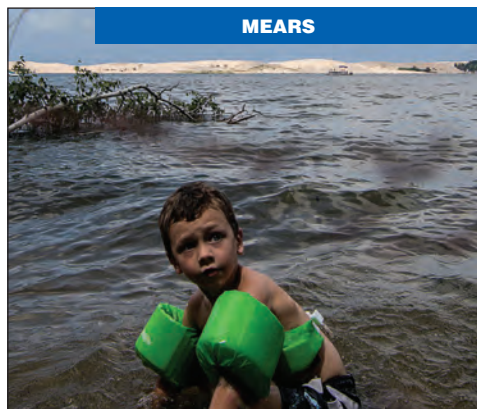
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Michigan

'on the map' for travel in 2014

► Travel experts Fodor's and Lonely Planet find lots to love about our state

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The rest of the U.S. is finally discovering what we Michiganders have known all along — that Michigan is a travel destination all its own with enough natural beauty to

Summary

► People outside of Michigan are beginning to take note of the myriad of travel opportunities and beautiful natural scenery of our state.

rival more "glamorous" states like Hawaii and southern California, plus interesting attractions for family fun.

Just ask the travel experts at Lonely Planet or Fodor's. Both of these travel guidebook publishers have put Michigan "on the map" for travel in 2014.

You may be surprised at the travel destination that Fodor's has called Michigan's new "hot spot." But you might also swell with just a bit of hometown pride when these travel experts of note say that Detroit is No. 1 on its "Go List" for 2014, especially with all the negative publicity usually surrounding Michigan's largest city.

They call Detroit "an under-the-radar city getaway that's closer (and cooler) than you realize. The hip new cultural and design-savvy Detroit is emerging from

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FROM THE LEFT



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Nationally syndicated
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Why the right should support boosting minimum wage, too

I've heard a lot of goofy arguments against raising the federal minimum wage. The silliest goes like this: 'You want to raise the minimum wage to \$15? Why not \$50? Why not \$100?'

Of course, that's not a real argument. Yet I hear it a lot, which means it probably originates somewhere in the nation's conservative talk show hosts.

The answer, if this pseudo-argument deserves one, is that \$15 is at least where the current minimum hourly wage of \$7.25 would be if it had kept up with worker productivity since the 1960s, according to various experts.

Yet at the other end of the political spectrum you have conservatives like Rep. Joe Barton, a Texas Republican, who told National Journal that he would rather just get rid of the federal minimum wage altogether. 'I think it's outlived its usefulness,' he said, although he acknowledged that, 'It may have been of some value back in the Great Depression.'

But whether Barton's fellow Republicans share his extreme view or not, a minimum wage increase isn't likely to have any easier time in the current Congress than most of this president's other requests. Yet not all conservatives are opposed to raising the minimum wage. While Washington sounds gridlocked, the issue has produced productive alliances in various states and municipalities.

In California, fast-food workers and others who have been rallying nationwide for minimum wage increases, have found an unusual ally in Ron Unz. The former publisher of The American Conservative magazine has submitted a ballot initiative to the California secretary of state that would raise the state minimum wage to \$12 an hour in 2016 from the current \$8. His reasons? Strictly conservative, he points out. He sees it as an economic growth measure. And it would be funded entirely by the private sector, he pointed out.

But there's no question that raising wages would make work in this country even more attractive, particularly to Americans who already toil in the bottom rungs of the income ladder. They deserve a raise.

IT IS EQUALLY shameful that the government lost \$9.5 billion on the GM bailout as it is the \$22 billion they made bailing out AIG. I guess those are the chances you take when Wall Street executives run the federal government and control the country.

KUDOS TO ANDY

Perkins and his amazing high school bands. If you were not in attendance either Tuesday or Thursday evening, you missed two great concerts.

ON NOV. 23, I slipped in the snow at (a local store) and broke my wrist. I didn't get a chance to say 'Thank you,' to the lady and two gentlemen who stopped and helped me. Thank you all, great to know good people are still out there! Merry Christmas!

WHERE DID THIS notion that liberals were so kind and such humanitarians come from? It is a joke to listen to those people on MSNBC talk about disparity of rich and poor when they all get paid millions to preach their hate and resentment of Republicans. Wise up!

APPARENTLY, A LOCAL company doesn't feel that it should ask me (the property owner) if they could use my driveway to get to the house next door. A little common courtesy would be nice before you backed your rig over my already crumbling driveway.

THE SAME REPUBLICANS that complain about the GM bailout complain that the economy has not created enough manufacturing jobs. Increase the minimum wage so that people can afford their own way then WIC, SNAP

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numbers will go down and the economy will be in better balance and start growing strong.

I AM THANKFUL for a total stranger in the VG's parking lot who said 'sure' (no questions asked) when he was asked if he would do a favor for a super frazzled lady. I love Fenton.

I WAS WRONG about all those Republicans. They really do care

about the deficit, holding out five years for a hard fought tough budget putting America back on track. The new budget will reduce the deficit by \$23 billion over 10 years or roughly 46 percent of Hurricane Sandy spending.

I'VE GOT A better idea. How about an issue of the Times that doesn't have any political Hot lines, Republican or Democrat.

YES, THE BANKS were loaned money, just like GM, but the banks paid back the loans in full with interest. Cannot say the same for GM. The only ones who came out on top there were — you guessed it, the corrupt unions. The stockholders lost everything, along with retirees.

I WANT TO send a huge 'thank you,' to all the guys at Kanrock Tire. I pulled in late on Saturday with a leaky tire and they happily and graciously fixed it. They've always been there when needed and they're always smiling! The best tire place around!

MANY THANKS AND best wishes to the honest person who turned my purse into VG's on Silver Parkway.

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FROM THE RIGHT

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Income equality

In a December 4 speech, President Obama declared income 'inequality' to be 'the defining challenge of our time.'

It is time for me to come clean; to own up to a dark secret I have been hiding most of my life. It is embarrassing to admit it, but I suffer from income inequality.

Yes, there are hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of people who make more money than I do and it has affected my life in ways too numerous to recount.

Starting with my first summer job as a bellhop and kitchen worker at a hotel in Maine when I was 14, I kept records of the amount of money I earned. The hotel owner paid me a salary of \$20 a week, but included a small room in the basement and all the food I could eat.

In the early '60s, as a copyboy at NBC News in Washington, my take-home pay was less than \$100 a week. Everyone else, including, I suspect, the janitor, made more than I did.

When I finally got on the air as a broadcast journalist, my NBC check stubs were far less than the withholding on David Brinkley's paycheck. I still bear the scars from this income 'inequality.'

When I was 37, I made \$25,000 a year and took public transportation to and from work. Many others, including most of the people I interviewed, made far more money than I did.

President Obama and some leaders in the Democratic Party appear to want us to accept a false premise: that if I earn more money than you, I 'owe' you some of my money to make things 'fair.' Envy, greed and entitlement are not the things that built America, or sustained her through numerous wars and a Great Depression.

The concern should not be how much others make, but how much you can make if you apply yourself and adopt the values embraced by successful people.

Those who make what I once earned and think they can never earn more are being told a lie. Realizing this is the first step to improving one's income and one's life.

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— Valerie Martuch, Fenton



"Ironwood, in the UP. My brother goes hunting up there."

— Rebecca Lash, Flint



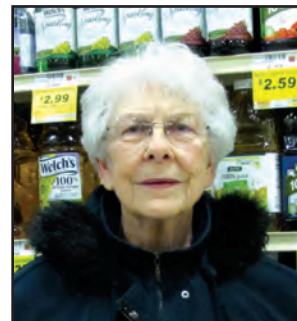
"The UP or Traverse City. I haven't been there in a while and I like to shop in Traverse."

— Sally Granger, Gaines



"We are from Petoskey. I love that area because of the ambiance and it's on the water."

— Craig Jared, Fenton



"Sault Ste. Marie. I used to live there and I have friends there I'd like to see again."

— Bernie Bloom, Fenton



"Harbor Beach. I really like the area."

— Tony Kolman, Byron

Michigan school violence tip line coming soon

►Comparable to Colorado system, initiated after Columbine school massacre

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A new tip line for reporting violence or threats of violence at schools will soon go statewide.

On Friday, Dec. 13, Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law the "Michigan Student Safety Act," which was sponsored by State Sen. Judy Emmons of Michigan's 33rd district.

The act allows for the creation of the OK-2-SAY tip line, which will accept voice, text and photographic information anonymously.

The tip line will be for potential or actual threats of harm against oneself, students, teachers or school property. The information will be used by the Michigan Department of the Attorney General (DAG) and operate under the control of the DAG.

A contractor hired by the state will manage the tip line, which will operate 24 hours a day, every day, and protect the identity of the callers.

A news release from the State of Michigan said that the system will be comparable to the one used in Colorado following the Columbine shooting in 1999.

The system will be toll-free and accept voice, text and photos. Any names

submitted to the system and to the DAG would be investigated based on probable threat. If no threat is found, associated names will be expunged from the system.

Before the system can be built and installed, however, the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) would have to issue a request for proposal (RFP) to attract bids for the project. Any existing state-run tip lines will be dismantled, making way for this system.

"With school violence being a threat in all schools, it is good for everyone," said Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright. "I hope there is never any need to use it."

It's unclear when the state-run system will be in place, but until then, the local districts have their own systems.

In 2012, Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) established an anonymous Safety Hotline that students could call or text to report any safety concerns at the high school. The Safety Hotline number is posted in every classroom at the high school, said Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen.

"Also, last year all schools and the district website main pages have a link to report bullying. Again, this can be done anonymously if desired," said Jalkanen via email.

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With school violence being a threat in all schools, it is good for everyone. I hope there is never any need to use it.

Wayne Wright
Superintendent, Lake Fenton Community Schools

LOOSE CENTER

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amount to 4,100 square feet, slightly more than the 3,000 square feet lost in the 2011 fire. The center, located at 707 Bridge Street, serves as a social and activity center for some estimated 4,000 members.

Executive Director Carl Gabrielson said the extra space allows officials to bring programs that had been held at other local areas back to Loose (pronounced Low-see). So far, Gabrielson said members have embraced the changes.

"Everything farmed out after the fire is back under one roof," Gabrielson said. "We hope the communities around us will thoroughly enjoy the building and the activities here."

An expansive activity room, extra offices and a lounging area for members were part of the updates.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as some late night hours for scheduled events. Board member Vince Eible said officials at the center will be reviewing their programs soon, possibly adding more activities due to the extra space. A full open house for the center is scheduled for Jan. 31, 2014 from 3 to 7 p.m.

"It's wonderful, we got it done on time," Eible said. "I've talked to many members and they're excited it's open."

Plans to upgrade the center were revealed in March, which included fire suppression and energy efficient features. Builders said in a March 8 Times article

that the renovations accommodate 300 people as well as have 91 parking spaces.

Gabrielson estimates the updates will cost roughly \$865,000 total, which he said comes to budget and eliminates the need to borrow more money. The center received about \$515,000 in insurance money after the fire. Gabrielson said the rest of the money was raised through charitable donations by local businesses and the community. Officials

had also briefly considered purchasing the former Creative Wood building in Fenton Township. The board ultimately decided to expand their original location and the Creative Wood building was purchased by Fenton Winery and Brewery.

"It's always difficult to raise money but we had such wonderful people who helped make it possible," Gabrielson said. "I want to thank the community for their support and hope people will thoroughly enjoy the building."

The board is also searching for a new board member, according to the Loose December newsletter. Interested persons must have Loose member status and submit a resume and letter of intent to Gabrielson. An election fill the position will be held Thursday, March 13, 2014.

Summary

►The renovations to the Loose Senior Citizen Center are complete. An open house is scheduled for Jan. 31, 2014 from 3 to 7 p.m.

It's wonderful, we got it done in time.

Vince Eible
Board member at Loose

HOT LINE CONTINUED

COMRADE RANSOM, WE have a choice to buy computer programs, own a car or buy a home. We are now dictated that we 'buy' health insurance on pain of jail. We always had access to healthcare. Healthcare is a service that has to be paid for. Nothing is free.

FORD MADE IT through without a government bailout. Who's to say that GM couldn't have done the same thing. I guess we'll never know if all of those jobs and tax revenue would have still been there or not.

CONSERVATIVES ARE THE largest contributors to charities; support aide to 'real' poor children, elderly, and disabled. Most insurances cover sterilizations. Low-cost birth control options are

available for everyone to buy. Moral and ethical abortion considerations are personal, not the peoples' or government's responsibility. Advocates should start their own free abortion charity.

YOU ARE ALL arguing about the auto bailout and what Obama did. Remember, Bush signed the bailout, not Obama. It was part of the TARP fund.

MARK MY WORDS! Obama is going to figure out a way to take a third term and more. Beware!

ON DEC. 16, Fenton gas stations have highly inflated gas prices at \$3.15. Just drive 10 miles and get it for \$2.82.

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Silent night?

►How to keep your body from making embarrassing noises at holiday gatherings

By William Axford

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The holidays are times of family gathering, including seeing some members you may have not seen for years. Cut down on embarrassment with these tips for silencing bodily noises.

Burping is a result of too much air in the body. Two ways to cut down on burping is to swallow less air and avoid carbonated beverages like beer and pop. If the burping persists, med—health.net recommends eating yogurt since it helps to digest food more thoroughly. Peppermint also helps since it removes excess air from your system.

In an article by Bottom Line Personal, MD Richard O'Brien said burps that cause pain might be a sign of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), where stomach acids may pass through the esophagus. Those who have GERD should use over-the-counter medication as a suppressant.

It's one thing if air is coming out of your mouth, but it can be a whole different embarrassment if it comes out other places. To help cut down on flatulence, avoid foods like beans, onions, broccoli and asparagus. For some, foods that include dairy products and gluten can cause stomach pains. In general, eating foods slower and chewing more can also help. Like burping, limiting the amount of air you intake can also help avoid this embarrassment.

Stomach growls are not always a case



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Cutting down on how much air you breathe and avoiding gaseous foods can prevent some embarrassment for you during the holiday season.

of hunger. The intestines may make noise as they contract and move food. To help silence your stomach, Sarah Stanners with The Telegraph suggests drinking herbal tea or eating ginger to help improve digestion. O'Brien points out that water, bananas, trail mix and granola bars can also reduce stomach growls.

The colder weather may affect your breathing, causing nose whistles. O'Brien attributes nose whistles to congestion, where some parts of the nose may swell or the passageway for air is constricted. To keep your nose from becoming a musical instrument, use nasal spray to help moisturize your nose. O'Brien warns that nasal decongestion sprays that have oxymetazoline should only be used for up to two days. Any longer and nasal congestion may return.

CONTRACT

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Mantawauka Drive.

The total costs of the contract shall not exceed \$671,928 and the total fee will include all salaries and wages, sick leave, vacations, retirement contributions, unemployment insurance and other costs.

Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said this contract is approximately \$10,000 less than the previous contract. The township will continue

Summary

►Fenton Township has agreed to continue to contract services with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. The township will receive five full-time deputies for the next three years.

to have five full-time deputies and 60 percent of the time for a detective sergeant, which will be shared with Atlas Township.

Any overtime hours will be billed

separately. Funding for overtime hours was a point of discussion at Monday's meeting as Treasurer John Tucker mentioned the township budget had to be altered in the past in order to cover costs. Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker suggested the township set aside \$20,000 in the budget in case of overtime fees.

"This is still a better alternative than trying to have our own force," Broecker said.

Mathis said the township often authorizes overtime during holidays like the Fourth of July and Memorial Day, when people are out on open waters with boats. Mathis added that the amount would be frozen for three years. The 2013 township budget lists \$27,000 extra in fees to the sheriff's department.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE RETIRED SOLDIER in the tan SUV is an awesome driver. I was ahead of him and he kept a great distance between me and his car, three car lengths. He stopped at all stop signs and traffic lights. He used his turn signals and traveled at a sensible speed.

■■■■ **SEVERAL YEARS AGO**, my brother's health insurance was canceled because the insurance company claimed he had a pre-existing condition, this after paying on time for more than three years. He lost his home, savings and eventually his marriage. Because of President Obama, insurance companies can't ruin folks like that now.

■■■■ **MY HEALTH INSURANCE** policy was to be cancelled Jan. 1. I watched Fox News and was very worried. Then the rollout was a mess. But I've signed up now and pay only half of the premium I was paying with a \$3,500 a year lower deductible and better coverage.

■■■■ **CONGRATULATIONS AND A** huge thank you to Joe and Kim Weber for leading two wonderful teams to the state competition in robotics! Your dedication and perseverance is awesome! We love you!

■■■■ **THE HOT LINES** are for people that want to speak their minds, but it's the holidays. Wouldn't it be nice if everybody said something positive and nice to each other? I bet you can't do it. Happy Holiday's everybody.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the

judge

The Genesee County Bar Association Holiday Dinner 2013

Today, I hope to show everyone that no matter what your feelings about lawyers happens to be, there are times when all can agree that what lawyer's are doing is a very good thing. Toward that end I refer all to tonight's 23rd annual Genesee County Bar Association Holiday Dinner at the Flint Masonic Temple and start with a brief history.

In 1992, Genesee County Circuit Judge Duncan Beagle suggested to two Genesee County Bar Association (GCBA) attorneys, Brian Barkey and Tom Pabst, that the GCBA might want to consider sponsoring a Christmas holiday dinner so that people who were a little down on their luck (especially the children), could be ensured of a hot dinner with all of the trimmings.

One thing led to another and in December 1992, the first GCBA Holiday Dinner was born when approximately 250 people were fed at the Flint Masonic Temple. Then and now the dinner and all that goes with it has been entirely funded by Genesee County lawyers and the legal community. The Masonic Temple remains the location with the Battiste family (which operates the dining room) being our annual host with Attorney Barkey the perennial chairman.

It is an all volunteer program with legal community members providing the labor to welcome and feed those who are a little less fortunate.

From its beginnings, the event has now grown to the point where last year a record 1,298 people were fed, 585 presents were given to children by Santa, and more than 150 GCBA volunteers helped in every way imaginable. The children also have their picture taken with Santa. There have always been both sufficient contributed monies and volunteers to make the event a success.

I'm running out of space to say more but believe me there is much more I could say. I will simply leave you with this — I'm proud to be a lawyer and a part of this event and it is indeed a very good thing!

GUNMAN

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customer, the suspect jumped back over the counter and ran out of the store, running past the customer/witness.

The suspect was seen running west-bound on South Long Lake Road.

Police followed the suspect's tracks to a nearby driveway where the suspect apparently entered a waiting vehicle to flee the scene.

Police processed the scene for evidence and the surveillance video was consistent with the accounts given by the clerk and customer. Detectives are following up on this attempted armed robbery. The suspect fled before stealing any cash.

Lt. Jason Slater said they were advised by a couple other police agencies that other armed robberies occurred after the one in Fenton and police believe the suspect might be the same individual. This case remains under investigation.

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Although fun, fireworks like this display at Fenton's 2013 Jinglefest generate 150 decibels or more. Anything above 80 decibels for prolonged periods can damage hearing, which can lead to other negative side effects.

NOISE

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cardio vascular disease, sleep disturbance, annoyance, noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) and endocrine effects.

The study by Monica Hammer, Tracy Swinburn and Richard Neitzel points out that noise is the most common environmental exposure and that 104 million in the U.S. are in danger of experiencing more than 70 decibels of noise each day. The authors of the study chose to focus more on sleep disturbance, hearing loss and heart disease.

Hearing loss is of deep concern, especially to someone like Gilmore, whose business is people's hearing — but a noise-disrupted sleep can actually put strain on the heart.

During normal, undisturbed sleep, the heart rate slows and the body experiences deep sleep. Even if someone is used to noise and can "sleep through anything," their body still responds to noise.

The nervous system engages, taking the body out of deep sleep, which raises the heart rate and blood pressure, putting more strain on the heart.

Also, "disordered" sleep like this can cause an increase of the stress hormone, and make those experiencing it more prone to depression. "The effects of noise on conscious subjects are insidious, and result at least in part from increased psychosocial stress and annoyance," per the report. "Children in noisy environments have poor school performance, which leads to stress and misbehavior."

Around 80 decibels (dbA) is where noise induced hearing loss (NIHL) occurs. Gilmore said 80 dbA is as loud as a garbage disposal or a lawn mower, and eight hours straight of exposure can damage hearing permanently.

"The louder the noise is, the quicker the

affect," he said. "Just because you don't experience discomfort doesn't mean you're not being affected." Most people experience discomfort at 100 or so dbA.

According to the study, those with NIHL can also experience fatigue, headaches, nervousness, depression and anger, because of the extra effort it takes to process sound.

This applies to children with NIHL, who may also experience reduced academic achievement and difficulty with social development.

Occupational noise and rail, air and road transport contribute most of the harmful noise — but so can loud music in the car or with headphones, said Gilmore.

Gilmore urges people to use earplugs when exposed to loud noise. If they don't find regular earplugs comfortable, they can get custom ones made.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends a cap of 24 hours of noise up to 55 dbA — the equivalent of a regular conversation.

How loud is that?

0 decibels: The lowest sound you can hear

15-20 decibels: a whisper

50 decibels: rainfall

60 decibels: regular talking

75 decibels: vacuum cleaner

90 decibels: loud sporting event, gas lawn mower

105 decibels: music, played through loud head phones

120 decibels: rock concert, jackhammer, police siren

140 decibels: gunshot, fireworks, airplane

185 decibels: rocket lifting off

source: epa.gov

MICHIGAN

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what remains of the Motor City." Fodor's cites Detroit's microbreweries, the rich foodie scene, organic bakeries, coffee shops, the Eastern Market, the Motown Museum to be just a few of Detroit's bright spots.

Festivals are another uniquely Detroit attraction. "Michigan really does put on really great festivals, which give you a reason to go places," said Michelle Grinnell, public relations coordinator for Travel Michigan. "Did you know that Detroit hosts the largest free Jazz Festival in the world? There's also Friday Night Live! a city-wide celebration organized by the Detroit Institute of Arts. There really is a lot of interest in Detroit as a popular travel destination right now."

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Michelle Grinnell
Travel Michigan

Art is another huge draw, from the Detroit Institute of Arts to The Heidelberg Project, a blocks-long area where the houses are the works of art.

The love of art has also created a No. 1 spot on Lonely Planet's "Best in Travel 2014" list for Grand Rapids and Lake Michigan's Gold Coast.

Grand Rapids hosts the world's largest art competition with ArtPrize in October, showcasing the creative spirit of more than 1,700 artists. Michigan's third largest city also hosts unique festivals surrounding our state's brewing craft beer industry, from Cool Brew Hot Eats to the Winter Beer Festival, both set in Michigan's winter-weariest month of February.

This large city is also situated near some of America's most pristine, sandy beaches, along the 300-mile area dubbed "Michigan's Gold Coast" by Lonely Planet. They say that western Michigan is the place for beach bums, beer lovers and art enthusiasts. "This 300-mile stretch of seemingly endless beaches rivals the beauty of Hawaii and southern California, and is also home to sugar-white sand dunes, wineries, antique shops, u-pick berry farms and orchards and more."

Even the New York Times has gotten into the act of boosting Michigan, with a recent piece published on Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Grinnell said that 2014 is definitely the time for any Michiganders who haven't

crossed the Mackinac Bridge yet into the Upper Peninsula to make this the year to do so. She adds that any naturalists or rugged outdoors people should put Isle Royale on their list of places to visit.

"We get a lot of calls about Isle Royale National Park," said Grinnell. "It's a national park right in our own state and it takes a boat or plane to get there."

When planning Michigan travel for the coming year, Grinnell suggests that people start first at Michigan.org. "You can plan your trip by searching by interests or destination," she said. "If you have a particular interest or hobby you'd like to explore, you can search for places that will let you explore those further, or if you have a particular destination in mind, you can plan your trip that way, too."

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TIP LINE

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When asked about OK-2-Say Jalkanen said, "I am in favor of a system that would increase the safety of all students."

At Holly High School, students can text an anonymous tip line, in a system that began this fall. It's for drugs, threats of suicide or issues that require immediate intervention.

Linden Community Schools (LCS) has Eagle Hotlines at the high school

and middle school, which also accepts texts. It isn't just for violence and bullying. Superintendent Ed Koleda said most messages are responded to within a reasonable amount of time.

"We believe input to the hotline is valuable, encouraged, confidential, and acted on with urgency," he said.

Wright said students can always contact any office at the school or employee in regards to a threat of violence, and they would contact police.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
VOTED ON THIS WEEK

Due to late sessions and a crowded year-end agenda, some of last week's votes will be included in a supplemental roll call report next week. Except for pro-forma adjournment and "opening day" sessions on Dec. 13 and Jan. 8, respectively, the Legislature will not return for regular business until mid-January.

House Bill 4369: **Codify "education achievement authority" for failed schools**

To codify in statute the powers and structure of a state "education achievement authority (EAA)" (already created by means of an administrative interlocal agreement), which is an office in the Department of Education tasked with managing, overseeing or contracting out the operations of public schools deemed to have failed academically. The Senate did not adopt a House-passed cap of 50 on the number of academically failed schools the EAA can take over, but did add an 18-month "embargo" on any additional schools being taken over.

Passed 20 to 18 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

Senate Bill 321: **Exempt legal process servers from trespassing laws**

To exempt legal action process servers from the state law against trespassing.

Passed 57 to 27 in the House

Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4044: **Ban mandating all health insurance go through "Obamacare" exchange**

To prohibit a state "exchange" created under the federal healthcare law from mandating that insurance companies must sell all health insurance policies through the exchange. The Michigan legislature elected to let the federal government create an exchange here rather than create a state-run version, so the measure would only have effect if that choice is later reversed.

Passed 72 to 37 in the House
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4816: **Require insurers disclose "Obamacare" price hikes**

To require bills sent to customers for health insurance policies to include an estimate of the amount that any price increase was caused by mandates and regulations imposed by the federal health care law.

Passed 67 to 42 in the House
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 542: **Permit more generous government employee health benefits**

To increase from \$11,000 to \$12,250 the "hard cap" on the amount that a local government or school district can spend for an "individual-plus-spouse" employee healthcare policy under a 2011 law limiting the cost of such benefits.

Passed 108 to 1 in the House
Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

SOURCE: MichiganVotes.org, a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, providing concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. Please visit <http://www.MichiganVotes.org>.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

A BIG THANK you to the gentleman who purchased wonderful hot chocolate for my friends and me as we rang the bell for the Salvation Army bucket in our Santa suits. It was very good and a nice treat! Thank you.

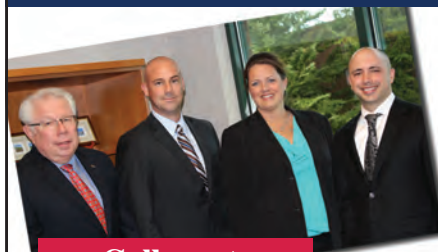
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I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED with people these days. Last Thursday, I came out and saw that someone had vandalized my inflatable Jesus, Christmas decoration on my front lawn. Have they no respect for the son of God?

■■■

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tyler and Alicia Small help son Landen, 20 months, up the hill on Saturday. This is his first time sledding ever, and after going down twice with mom and dad, he's not a fan.

The first real snow of the season brings out the kids — of all ages

Tim Jagielo

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Fenton Twp. — Twenty-month-old Landen Small didn't particularly enjoy his first time sledding. It was written

Summary

► The sledding hill at Clover Beach in Fenton Township was the site of many first sledding trips of the season, and for one, the first time sledding ever.

all over his face on the second trip down the hill with father Tyler at Linden County Park near Clover Beach in Fenton Township near Linden.

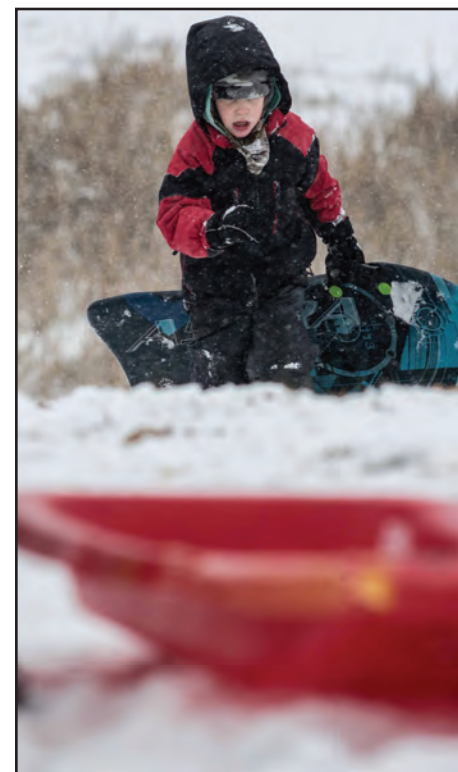
He wasn't happy when mother Alicia joined them in walking back up the hill. They considered sledding on the bigger, and more heavily used hill next to this one but Tyler said, "He's about done anyways."

While driveways were being cleared, sledders took advantage of the first real snowfall of the season. Winter

officially begins Saturday, Dec. 21. The 2-4 inches of snow and 25-degree weather proved perfect for the after-lunch crowd.

Emily Miller, 12, of Fenton trudged back up the hill recounting the trip down that sent her airborne on her first sledding trip of the season. Later she careened into the reeds at the edge of the pond with Devin Nowak, 8, also of Fenton.

"We got snow in our face," she said. "It was totally worth it."



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Myles Polidan, 6, of Fenton, climbs back up the hill on Saturday.

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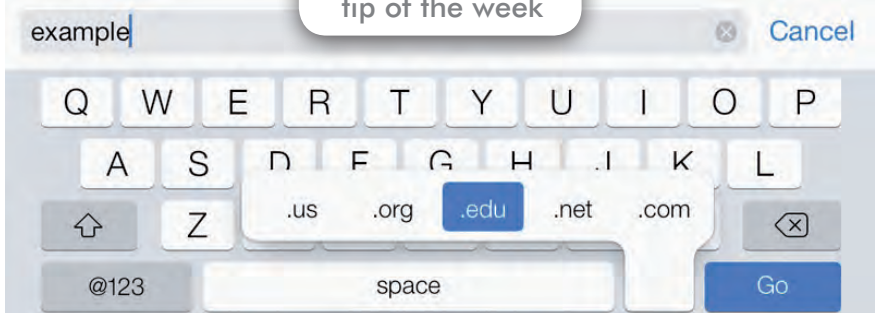
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- 23 Covers
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- 24 Tine
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- 5 Paradise
- 26 Greatly excited
- 44 Historic time
- 6 Morning light
- 27 Dutch cheese
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- 46 Veto
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- 47 Potent stick

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iPhone

tip of the week



Domain Shortcut

When you are using Safari and typing a URL, tap on ".com" button and hold it for a couple of seconds. iPhone will pop-up a selection of domain choices (e.g. .org, .net and .edu) for you to select directly. Depending on where you are, iPhone even shows you the country-specific domain name (e.g. .hk).

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.

SPORTS TRIVIA FOOTBALL

Q Baltimore kicker Justin Tucker booted six field goals, including a 61-yard shot, to lead the Ravens past the Lions on Monday. Who holds the record for most field goals in an NFL game?

A Rob Bironas kicked eight field goals for the Tennessee Titans in their Oct. 21, 2007 victory against the Houston Texans.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Things fans can do if the Lions don't make the playoffs

1. Watch the Puppy Bowl: Why watch the Super Bowl, a game that Lions' fans understand their team will never play in, when you can watch the Puppy Bowl on the Animal Planet instead? They have the kitty half-time show and hamsters in the blimp. It's ideal for us. We've had all three as pets at one time or another.

2. Go to Greenfield Village: Henry Ford created the village (and the museum) to give people a slice of life around the start of the industrial age. Ironically, it symbolizes an era when the Ford name symbolized something besides poor football ownership as well.

3. Go curling: I'm looking for two more tri-county area curling enthusiasts to create a team for the Sunday Night League I'm in. Anyone interested?

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**Alexis
Melton**

Headed to Saginaw Valley State in the fall.
Read more about the Lake Fenton senior on page 14.

Run Like the Dickens starting its second decade

►Holly's winter race gets stronger each year

By David Troppens

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Holly — One July day about 11 years ago, Holly varsity track coach Rob Basydlo decided he wanted to do a fundraising race for his program.

By December that first year, he was hosting his first Run Like the Dickens event to a field of 227 runners, a pretty respectable number of participants for a first-year race.

Now in its 11th year, the Run Like the Dickens 10K/5K Race had about 1,000 people register Saturday to compete in the cold and snowy weather. It was the first time in the 11-year history that director Basydlo could recall it snowing during the race.

"I always want snow on the ground," Basydlo said. "It makes everything pretty. This was the first year we had a major snow during the day of the event. I remember one year we had an ice storm."

"Probably six years ago we had a snow day before the day. We had eight inches of snow."

The snow levels weren't that great on Saturday morning this year. For the most part, areas had less than an inch on the course, but it did create the holiday theme. And others helped along as well. There were running Christmas trees, some dressed as Santa or elves and a few that looked like snowmen. The race has certainly captured

The winners

Here is a list of the overall run winners for the 11th-annual Run Like the Dickens event.

5K Male: Clint Verran, 18:47

5K Female: Brittany Johnson, 20:28

10K Male: Ryan Hackett, 36:27

10K Female: Tammy Nowik, 39:18

that holiday feel to it.

"We had six people from the Dickens' family. They run it every year," Basydlo said.

Of the four major winners, only one was a veteran champion. Rochester's Clint Verran captured the 5K men's overall victory by posting a time of 18:47. His time was slowed considerably while a train cut the leaders from completing the course for a period. Many caught him at the tracks, but it bothered Verran little, as he won the race by 29 seconds. It was Verran's first time winning the 5K race. He's won the 10K event in 2009, 2010 and 2012. He also won the 8K race in 2006 and 2007. Davisburg's Michael McCarty Jr., who won the 5K in 2012, took second with a time of 19:16. Holly High School student Nate Frasier took third (19:23).

The girls 5K overall winner was Oxford's Brittany Johnson. See **DICKENS** on 15



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(Top) The 11th annual Run Like the Dickens 5K race starts. (Left) A man who named himself 'Douglas Fir' runs during the 10K race. (Above) Royal Oak's Angelica Vredevelde another 10K runner.

Linden wrestlers post perfect record at Dansville Duals

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The Linden varsity wrestling team has a strong nucleus of young grapplers, making one think that the future looks bright.

Apparently wearing sunglasses for the present might be a good idea as well.

The Eagles went undefeated at the Dansville Duals on Saturday. Linden defeated Pinckney 47-22, Perry 45-36, Dansville 48-27, Maple Valley 65-18 and Grosse Pointe South 63-14, earning a 5-0 team record.

"It was a good day for our team as we still have some starters out

of the lineup, but everyone did their part on Saturday," Linden wrestling coach Todd Skinner said. "The competition was good and the boys looked much better than they did the week before. My returning varsity wrestlers stepped up and had a good day."

Among those veterans were

seniors Dylan Musall, Nick Sioui and junior Austin McNeill. They all went 5-0. So did sophomore Luke Zimmerman and freshman Patrick Kerr.

Others posted 4-1 marks. They were Zach Shaw, Dawson Blank and Aaron Stedman.

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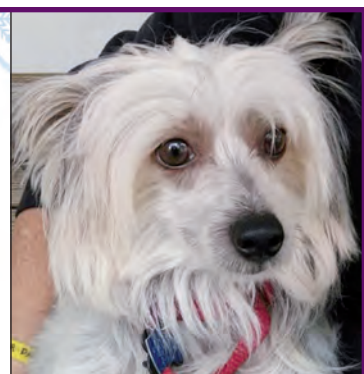
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LF's Melton headed to Saginaw Valley State

By David Troppens

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While Alexis Melton couldn't officially commit to Saginaw Valley University until recently, she's known for over five years it was the place she wanted to play collegiate softball.

"When I was in the seventh grade I went to campus and immediately felt comfortable," said Melton, who also had Northwood University and Eastern Michigan University on her list of possible schools. "The girls were very nice. After that, I just always felt comfortable there."

So it wasn't much of a shock when the Lake Fenton senior selected Saginaw Valley State University. Melton has gone to several camps at Saginaw Valley State, competed on the Cardinals' field and played a scrimmage game against the Cardinals last fall.

"We lost 6-4, but we led them the whole time," Melton said. "It was very fun and very cool. At the time I verbally committed and knew I was going there. I kind of knew my freshman year. ... Saginaw Valley is where I want to be."

Melton, a member of our 2013 All Tri-County Softball Team, has been an outstanding player for the Blue Devils ever since she entered the high school level. Last year Melton led the team with a .476 batting average, an .810 slugging percentage and a .579 on-base percentage. She clubbed 40 hits in 84 at bats and drove in a team-best 36 runs. She also led the team with 32 runs scored, 12 doubles, two triples, four home runs and 18 walks.

Defensively, Melton was just as solid behind the plate. She picked off three baserunners a year ago and had just one error. She's expected to stay at catcher while with the Cardinals. Melton thinks she's ready for the next level.

"Personally, I am ready for the next level and the next step to becoming a better softball player and an athlete," Melton said. "I'm very ready. I'm super excited to get coached by (Saginaw Valley State head coach) Todd Luckingham. He's full of knowledge and I'm so ready to take it all in. I'm ready for See **MELTON** on 15



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Lake Fenton's Alexis Melton expects to play catcher for the Saginaw Valley State University softball team starting with the 2014-15 school year.

David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



BEING A LIONS FAN IS LIKE LISTENING TO THE SAME OLD CRAPPY SONG

At halftime of the Detroit Lions' eventual 18-16 Monday night football loss to the Baltimore Ravens, my phone rang.

It was my younger brother, who is almost as crazed a Lions' fan as I am. In fact, I kind of am the reason he is one.

Monday's losing results weren't official when he called me, but realizing he's seen this depressing Lions' script over and over again, he came to a life-impacting conclusion while watching his beloved NFL squad. In the last five weeks he'd seen the Lions go from 6-3 and in a position of almost inevitable success, to a point of now being 7-7 with doom and gloom being the almost inevitable ending.

While watching the game, he saw a lot of Lions' fans in their late 50s and 60s, and thought about what they've experienced as Lions' fans. Unless those fans were born prior to 1950, it was unlikely they remembered the last NFL championship by the organization in 1957. And, for the most part, since 1957 there has been little reason for hope to think this team could actually win another NFL title, considering they've won just one playoff game since that title year. My brother saw the frustration on those older fans' faces. He realized the agony didn't only represent the game they were currently watching, but a lifetime unfulfilled promises created by the team they passionately loved since they were kids. Now, on the phone he said to me about these older fans, "Dave, they've seen nothing from the Lions in their lifetime and they realize they never will see anything. I'm starting to realize they are me in 20 years."

Sadly, I think my brother is right.

This group stinks

I have a co-worker in my office who isn't a Lions' fan, but he loves music. Tim is in his own band and does live shows. I tried to equate to him just minutes ago what being a Lions' fan is like in terms he could easily understand.

I came up with this. It's like hearing a portion of a song from new musical group on the radio and thinking, "That's a pretty awesome song. I need to buy that album." You go ahead purchase the album only to find out the rest of the song you heard isn't that good, and neither is the rest of the album.

Undaunted and filled with that initial memory of partial greatness, over the next 20 years you purchase each of the group's next 15 albums only to realize you didn't like a single one of those CDs. One day, you look at all those scratched up discs and concert ticket stubs and realize this group never produced one piece of good music to earn your undying loyalty.

Would someone stick around with this group for 20 years, realizing they had produced nothing of quality, and

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LF's offense struggles in 39-29 loss to Brandon

By David Troppens

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The Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team was hanging with the Brandon Blackhawks pretty well on Monday night.

At halftime, the Blue Devils trailed just 20-17 and were still within three points late in the third quarter.

However, a 6-0 run by the Blackhawks near the end of the third period led Brandon to a 39-29 home victory against the Blue Devils.

"It was a real close game until we let them go on a 6-0 run with less than a minute to go in the third period, turning a three-point deficit into a nine-point deficit," Lake Fenton coach Dan Schloegl said. "We just have to keep working and find a way to put the ball in the basket. It seems like it's got a lid on it right now. We are getting good shots. We just aren't making very many."

The Blue Devils (2-3) did struggle with their offense through the game, only scoring as many as 10 in a quarter once. However, Lake Fenton played pretty solid defense during the contest with the exception of the 6-0 run late in the third quarter, creating the separation Brandon needed to earn the victory. Both teams combined for just 11 points in the fourth quarter, with Brandon scoring six.

Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with eight points, while Miranda Quick had six points. Jordan Newman chipped in five points.

Lake Fenton is off until a Jan. 7 road contest at Beecher.

PREP REPORT

GIRLS BOWLING

► **Holly 29, Fenton 1:** The Bronchos were paced by Audrey Currier's 132-186-318 series, while Jessica Cooley was just a tiny bit behind her with a 173-141-314 two-game series. Heidi Martin also bowled a 170 game, while Lisa Collins rolled a 154 game.

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anything he throws at me. This is my dream and the goal I always wanted."

Saginaw Valley State University is a Division 2 school, competing in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). The squad posted a 16-22 mark overall last year and a 12-12 record in conference action during head coach Tom Buckingham's first year at the helm. Last year's GLIAC mark was better than 2012's, which was 14-18.

The program has had its share of strong seasons. In 2011, the team posted a 42-19 record overall and a 22-8 GLIAC record. In 2010, the team was 30-16.

Melton likes Buckingham.

"I know they are very talented and they have a very talented group of girls who want to work hard," Melton said. "(Buckingham) puts them to work."

"He is a big family guy. He loves his girls and treats everyone like his daughter. He's a very good coach. But he trains the girls good. Everyone in the program has bumps and bruises, but it's nothing I can't handle."

Melton has played at Saginaw Valley's field one other time. During the 2011 season the Blue Devils advance to the state quarterfinals and played their contest there, losing to Unionville-Sebewaing, 6-0.

Melton likes how the school is close. Melton credits her parents — Bill and Jennifer Melton — for much of her success. She is glad she remains close to them.

"It is very cool to me that it's 45 minutes away and I'll be able to come home on weekends and see my family," Melton said.

"I'm going to miss home, but it's going to be easier knowing I can come see them whenever I want."



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Lake Fenton's Alexis Melton (batter) will continue her softball career at Saginaw Valley State University in the fall.

LIONS

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never will? Nope. Yet, as Lions' fans we continue to hold on and hope for the next season.

Heck, the Lions even once had their own song they created — their own version of Queen's "Another One Bites the Dust." To this day, I can still recite every lyric to that song. Guess what happened during the 1980 season when the Lions released the song? The Lions started the season 4-0, created the song, finished just 9-7 and failed to make the playoffs. It remains one of my most heartbreaking memories as a Lions' fan to this day. As Lions' fans we hope that we can have our one Arizona Cardinals' moment, somehow see the Lions "luck" themselves into a Super Bowl. Why not?

This is why. Because these are the Lions. The only thing this franchise can do with consistency is create losing teams. Yet, understanding that, I am stuck in this awful cycle of loving this squad.

I know they aren't ever going to win anything. On Monday my brother finally came to the same realization himself. But maybe all is not lost for my brother. Maybe we can have a little intervention and get him out of the Lions' claws. Hey, I have an idea. Maybe I'll let him borrow one of my Dokken CDs.

DICKENS

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Johnson (20:28). Davisburg's Amanda George took second (20:57), while Fenton's Pamela Ryneanson placed third (21:12). The Male Masters winner was Ypsilanti's David Crane (20:03), while the Female Masters winner was Clarkston's Patti Braunreuther (25:11).

In the 10K race, Shepherd's Ryan Hackett took the Male Overall championship by posting a time of 36:27. Male Masters winner Ontario's John Trojansek placed second (36:36), while South Lyon's Todd Connor (37:17) placed third overall.

The Female Overall victor in the 10K was Tammy Nowick with a time of 39:18. Oxford's Brooke Kovacic placed second (39:18). The Female Masters winner was Clarkston's Lisa Loetzner (46:18).

Grand Blanc's Timonth Nyman was the 5K walk Overall winner (29:03), while the Female Overall Winner, Fenton's Paulette Hoose, placed second (35:19). Fenton's Neal Dahlen placed third overall (35:38).

The real winner is the Holly track program.

"We make right around \$15,000, top to bottom," Basydlo said. "We have the two running clubs in the elementary, the junior high program and the high school program."

WRESTLERS

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"My returning letterwinners have lofty goals. They are working very hard in practice and are being extremely patient with the freshmen that we have. I like the bonding that is taking place and we are working to improve every week. The break coming up will be nice as we have a busy week ahead of us."

The Eagles travel to Lapeer West for matches with St. Clair and Anchor Bay on Wednesday. On Friday, Linden will host an assembly dual at 1 p.m. against Owosso. Jake Herbert, a 2012 wrestling Olympian will speak for about 15 minutes prior to the dual meet.

Lake Fenton at Swan Valley Invitational

The Lake Fenton wrestling team placed third at the meet, defeating Ogemaw Heights 48-23, Madison Heights Lamphere 60-10 and Milford 51-27, and lost to Chippewas Hills 37-33 and Swan

Valley 38-28.

Carson Whaley was voted the upper weights MVP at the tourney, earning a 5-0 record at 160 pounds. Trent Hillger (171) and Andy Donoho (189) went 5-0 as well. Hunter Corcoran, Zach Zoll and John Barry were 4-1 overall, while Tristen Nevadomski had a 3-1 record. Jared Corcoran went 3-2, but his losses came in a weight class (125) which had five ranked wrestlers. One of his losses came to second-ranked Matt Santos by an 8-6 decision.

"Overall, it was a very good performance despite having two of our senior starters out of the lineup," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "Cody Sanders is still out and our state-ranked 215-pounder Chase Hull is out as well. Hopefully we get everyone back and healthy soon so we can really see where this team is at."

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

December 11, 2013

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

Roll Call:	Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder Board Members Absent: None
Approved:	Agenda as amended.
Approved:	Consent Agenda as submitted.
Presentation:	Tom Willwerth, Cemetery Report.
Approved:	Amended Rose Township Investment Policy.
Approved:	Appointment of Glen Noble to the Planning Commission.
Approved:	Appointment of Cindy Eisenberg to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Tabled:	Re-programming of 2013 CDBG funds \$16,849.00 and the Programming of 2014 CDBG funds of \$16,849.00 until the January 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.
Approved:	Waiver of \$200 PTA penalty request by Thomas Buechel.
Adjourned:	By motion at 8:40 p.m.

Paul Gambka
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Goldie "Suzie" Pelkey

1930-2013

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December 16, 2013. Funeral services will be held 1 PM Thursday, Decem-

ber 19, 2013 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Visitation will be held 1-3 and 5-8 PM Wednesday. Pastor Robert Lindsay and Fr. Dwight Ezop will officiate. Burial will be in New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Goldie was born April 26, 1930 in Flint, the daughter of Steve and Jolan (Slezak) Vargo. In her younger years, she worked as a Registered Nurse, but spent the majority of her life caring for her family. She loved to play cards and dance. She suffered from Rheumatoid Arthritis for many years, but that never stopped her from enjoying life. Surviving are: daughters, Nancy (Greg) Steiner, Dena (Frank) Wolcott, Stephanie (Fred) Chaney; grandchildren, Michelle, Steven, James and Skylar; great-grandchildren, Aaron and Darian; sister, Barbara (Don) Clapp; special cat, Rosie. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Pelkey; parents; brother, Steve; sons, Jim, Ronald and Robert. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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