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“I just went to the store for a couple of items. The place is full of people. Artificially created hysteria, from the media, ‘Oh, there’s a storm a-coming!’ Hey people, the snow’s gonna melt, we’ll get plowed out, get over it.”

“In America we used to celebrate risk-takers, pioneers and innovators’ success. Now we demonize it.”

“The Republicans show their true colors if they don’t vote for an extension of unemployment benefits. I’ve been out of work for over three years now, it has kept me afloat.”

“If you ever use the term ‘one-percenter,’ you are definitely an idiot.”



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# The Midweek Times

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## Snow removal a round-the-clock effort

► Heavy snow has DPW, county workers plowing and salting all hours of the day

By William Axford

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The winter of 2013-14 has hit Fenton and the rest of Genesee County with a double whammy, snapping tree branches and power

lines with an ice storm the week of Christmas, followed last weekend by more than a foot of snow, closing schools and businesses.

Daniel Czarnecki, director of the

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“It’s been a long couple of weeks and there’s been a lot of overtime.”

Dan Czarnecki, Fenton DPW



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TIM JAGIELO

A Fenton City worker clears the sidewalks around city hall on Monday. The building itself was blocked by heavy snow drifts.

## Neighbors step up to aid elderly

► Blizzard brings out the best in small town communities

By Sally Rummel

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This winter has packed quite a punch in the tri-county so far, and no one feels it more keenly than the elderly or those who are facing these storms alone.

### Summary

► The elderly and those who face these storms alone may need special assistance for food, shelter, medications.

What should you do if you feel a neighbor or someone you hear about may be in trouble during a snow-storm or power outage?

“We’re all our neighbors in these communities,” said Carole Beauchamp, a volunteer in Disaster/Mental Health for

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“The biggest thing is neighbors taking care of neighbors”

Lt. Jason Slater

Of the City of Fenton Police Department

## Historic lows, historic snows



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Shirley Masaoka of Fenton watches as Don Fralick of the Fenton Water Department works to free her car from the snow on Monday. Fralick made several attempts before managing to free it from the snow.

## Tri-county area enduring sub-zero temps as it digs out from 16 plus inches of snow

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — In the lot adjacent to the police station, Shirley Masaoka, who is over 90, is getting some help unearthing her car from “good Samaritan”

Don Fralick of the Fenton water department.

She said the car was completely covered before Fralick showed up to help, and she thanked him profusely after he finally got the car free.

On LeRoy Street, a city worker clears the sidewalks, and entrance to city hall, which was completely snowed in before noon.

Snowfall totals according to the National Weather

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### Summary

► The tri-county area is in the grip of a wind chill warning, and hazardous weather outlook, due to 16 inches of snow and bitter cold. Local governments have worked to keep roads clear as stores ran out of some staple items.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The job site for the Cornerstone Building is buried in snow. Work is being delayed due to below-zero temperatures.

## Freezing temps delay Cornerstone

► Downtown project set back three to four weeks

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — The Cornerstone building’s construction isn’t immune from the weather.

It’s been two weeks since workers have been able to continue the \$4.7 million project, said project superintendent Rohn Smith, with Sorensen Gross. He still expects the building

“Progress is still being made.”

— Rohn Smith  
Project supervisor,  
Cornerstone Building

to be open by September.

Passers-by view the snow-covered site, which looks largely abandoned, and its two large cinder-block structures with steel pieces jutting out.

To answer the question everyone is asking, the

structure closest to Silver Lake Road is the main stairwell and the other structure is the elevator

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If you plan on spending most of your time indoors, make sure your heating system has been checked by a professional and that it is properly ventilating to the outdoors. Also, you should have safe, alternative heating sources in case power is cut off from your home. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to alert you to fires or deadly, odorless gas. Check the batteries regularly.

Be prepared for power outages with an up-to-date emergency kit, which should include: battery-operated flashlights, radios and lamps; a first-aid kit, cat litter or sand and extra batteries and medicine.

If you must travel on the roads, be sure to inform a family or friend of your proposed route and expected time of arrival. Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued advisories.

Young children, older adults and the chronically ill are especially at risk from cold weather hazards. Be sure to check on them regularly.

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## GETTING UNSTUCK

### How to prepare for wintry roads, and what to do if you are stuck

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The Midwest was hit by nearly a foot of snow over the week, blanketing the roads in endless white powder.

Fenton Express Towing Dispatcher Aaron Flood said the company he works for responded to more than 500 calls this past Saturday and Sunday.

Here's some things to keep in mind before you face the winter storm on the road and how to be prepared before you end up in a ditch.

Have an emergency kit inside your car before you head out on the road. Since multiple things can happen to you on the road, having a kit stored in your car can literally be the difference between life and death in chilly weather.

Ready.gov recommends having enough water for one person to survive for three days; a supply of non-perishable food, a flashlight with extra batteries, blankets and a first aid kit. Maps, jumper cables and battery-powered radios should also be kept inside a car, in case smartphones and car batteries die and leave drivers without power.

### “Stay in your vehicle if you're off the side of the expressway”

Aaron Flood

Dispatcher for Fenton Towing

During the winter months, a bag of sand or cat litter should be kept in a vehicle in case you become stuck, along with a shovel to help dig the vehicle out.

Contact the nearest police department first if you find yourself in a ditch. Flood said before calling a towing company or any other entity, roadside drivers must call the police first.

When contacting 911, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) says callers should tell operators the location of the

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

LeRoy Street in downtown Fenton is pretty clear — but also has mounds of snow that a vehicle can become stuck on.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Line cook Courtney Stayhue assembles the hot “The Spicy Scott” on Monday.

## A story behind every sandwich

►The Laundry's fresh take on lunch a conversation starter

By Tim Jagielo

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Utterances “I Don't Need No Cell Phone,” or “Stacey's Til I get to a Two,” at The Laundry in Fenton aren't proclamations — they're sandwiches.

### Summary

►The Laundry's sandwiches are usually named in honor of the person that created them, or of a favorite employee or customer. To date, they've created more than 70 sandwiches, most with a unique name and story.

If you've been to The Laundry for lunch, you'll notice you aren't just ordering an Amish turkey breast with low-fat cream cheese, you're ordering #76, “Michelle's Mellow Drama.”

A smoked turkey breast with Vermont cheddar is “Ron's Lifesaver,” #28. A fellow named Floyd

is honored forever with his namesake sandwich, “The Floydian Slip.” The kitchen knows it as a “number 40.”

Owner Mark Hamel said people find it interesting, and the names end up being a conversation piece. “There is a little story behind every sandwich,” he said.

“Some of them are really great stories, people that worked for me a long time

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## FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****Don't make 'Duck' too PC**

True confession: I like 'Duck Dynasty.' Yes, I know I'm not their target audience, as my big-city liberal, Volvo-driving, Chardonnay-sipping, hipster-professional friends are quick to remind me.

Why, I am asked, would I watch a reality show about a family of self-described "rednecks" in backwoods Louisiana who love to hunt and hit pay dirt by making and selling high-quality duck calls?

And I answer, 'I have eclectic tastes.' Besides, it's a funny show. The Robertsons invite you to laugh with them, not at them.

To me, the show teaches what I think can be most valuable about TV: its ability to show how much, beneath the surface of our vast cultural diversity, we Americans share a lot in common.

Yet things we don't share in common often get in the way. With that in mind, I have had a feeling that Grandpa Robertson's folksy backwoods candor was another cultural train wreck waiting to happen.

The feared collision occurred after Phil Robertson told GQ magazine his real thoughts about gay rights and race relations, unfiltered by the popular A&E reality show's producers. The self-proclaimed 'Bible thumper' condemned 'homosexual behavior' as a sin and, using imagery too graphic for a family newspaper, equated it with bestiality and promiscuity.

He also offended many African Americans with praise for those who worked 'singing and happy' alongside him in cotton fields during his hardscrabble upbringing, 'pre-entitlement, pre-welfare,' with 'not a word' of complaint about 'these doggone white people.'

I don't agree with Grandpa Phil's biblical interpretations or his cracks about what social conservatives call 'the gay lifestyle.'

Nor do I believe 'free speech' means anybody can say anything they want at anytime without risking consequences from their friends, neighbors or employers.

Robertson says he was only following what he believes the Bible teaches. Just as I have learned a lot about Robertson's world from watching his family's show, I think he could learn a lot from an honest chat with some of the people whom he has offended.

He even could invite some of them to one of his family's televised dinner prayers. He wouldn't have to televise it, but I'd love to see that show.

**I WOULD LIKE** everyone to closely again read the Sunday, Dec. 22, Fenton school request for another bond. They use words like 'potential no tax increase,' changing their meetings last minute, and a lower rating. It doesn't add up. Thank you.

**HOLLY DPW, CAN** you possibly be any worse at plowing our streets? You are absolutely terrible.

**NOW THAT THE UAW** received a \$3.65 billion payoff on Chrysler, they can start paying off the \$10.6 billion still owed from the GM bailout, to all of us Americans, for saving their jobs. It's time for the UAW to step forward and help the USA.

**WHAT IS GOING** on in this generation? Epidemic of drugs — it is destroying lives. People are dying and some killed due to drugs. Families are helpless because there is no law to get help for a loved one without their consent. As a community, what can we do to resolve this?

**WE LIVE IN** an impressionable world with lots of peer pressure and easy access to drugs! There are so many young people on antidepressants and doctors handing prescriptions out like candy. Parents, grandparents and churches need to pray over this generation. They are in desperate need of prayer!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** everybody. I'm waiting for the start of the Rose Bowl. Who hired those women to sing the National Anthem? Seriously, that was bad.

**CARL, THE DIRECTOR** at the Loose

**Hot lines**

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Center has such a nice message in the monthly magazine. It's always enjoyable to read.

**DON'T BELIEVE** THE news from the lamestream media regarding Obamacare. My son has tried to sign up a dozen times and has been booted off the site every time. Nothing has changed despite what you hear on the so-called news.

**HELLO, I AM** an independent voter, 62 years old, and a Holly resident. This is how Obamacare has affected me: my old policy was cancelled due to insufficient coverage required by the Affordable Care Act. My new Obamacare policy cost me less than half. It also includes a \$3,500 a year lower deductible and much better coverage.

**I'LL TELL YOU** what, the ultimate insult will be when Obama will try to change the National Anthem. It is no longer the land of the free and home of the brave. Thank you, Obama.

**MR. LAZY, I** work hard to own a home on some property, and that property is not your personal dump. Why don't you dispose of your trash properly in the New Year?

**WHO ARE THE** morons quoting all the positive things accomplished under Obama? In 6 years he has not ended one war, and has actually started two others. You need to listen to multiple news sources my friend. And yes, the market is up, but as a stockbroker I will confidently predict a tremendous crash coming soon. Get out while you can.

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## FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****The 'War on Poverty' at 50**

In his State of the Union address on Jan. 8, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared a 'war on poverty.' Today, with roughly the same number of people below the poverty level as in 1964 and with many addicted to government 'benefits,' robbing them of a work ethic, it is clear that the poor have mostly lost the war.

In 1964, the poverty rate was about 19 percent. Census data from 2010 indicates that 15.1 percent are in poverty within a much larger population.

The lack of government programs did not cause poverty, and spending vast sums of money has not eliminated it.

Anti-poverty programs have cost \$15 trillion over the last five decades but have had little effect on the number of people living in poverty.

Unfortunately, the war on poverty neglected a key component: human nature. Substantial numbers of people came to rely on government benefits and thus lost any sense of personal responsibility. Teenage girls knew they could get a check from the government if they had babies and so they had them, often more than one. The law discouraged fathers from living with, much less marrying, the mothers of their children and so legions of 'single mothers' became the norm, and the lack of male leadership in the home contributed to additional cycles of poverty, addicting new generations to government.

When President Clinton signed the welfare reform bill in 1996, liberals screamed that people would starve in the streets. They didn't. Many got jobs when they knew the checks would cease.

One condition for maintaining tax-exempt status should be for these faith-based institutions to help people get off government assistance and find jobs, becoming self-sufficient. If people need transitional money for daycare or transportation, it can be provided, either temporarily by government or by the thousands of churches, synagogues and other faith-based groups.

There is no undiscovered truth about the cure for most poverty: stay in school; get married before having children and stay married; work hard, save and invest.

The 'war on poverty' can be won, but it must be fought with different weapons, not the ones that have failed for the last half-century.

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**How has the snowstorm affected you?****streettalk**

"I got stuck twice in the VG's Grocery parking lot yesterday, then stuck in my own driveway."

Lauren Heft, Linden



"I got stuck in the Home Depot parking lot last night. My dad had to come and push me out."

Rich Hamady, Fenton



"When my husband's work was called off, I drove his truck in and picked up some co-workers."

Dawn Magnan, Byron



"I had to shovel all day until 2 a.m. every two hours, just to try to stay ahead of it."

Dave Troppens, Fenton



"I love my Jeep, driving in the snow is so fun and this has been the best powder for snowboarding."

Kelly Slavik, Rochester



"I had to get a ride to work from a co-worker."

Judy Toaso, Fenton



# Where does Michigan rank in the world of bad driving?

►Louisiana drivers worst in the U.S.

By Amy Mayhew

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The good news is, Michigan isn't among the top 10 states having the worst drivers. The bad news is, Michigan isn't among the top ten states having the safest drivers, either.

Michigan ranks closer to the middle of the pack, having ranked 35 on the list.

The latest data on this topic is derived from a statistical survey published by Carinsurancemparison.com, which looked at five key statistics from 2011 through 2012, breaking them down into ratios per million miles driven. The statistics that were reviewed included deaths, citations for traffic signal and seat belt violations, citations for drunk driving, and citations for carelessness in driving and moving violations.

The website states all of the data can be verified through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and state reports compiled by the National Motorists Association, (NMA) a non-profit drivers' rights group.

The general lesson to be learned – stay off the roads in the south, as the top six states are all members of the “Deep South.”

The worst drivers were found in Louisiana, followed by South Carolina, Mississippi, Texas, Alabama and Florida. The remaining bad drivers are located a little

## Five Categories Reviewed

- Fatalities rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled
- Failure to obey (traffic signals and seat belts)
- Drunk driving
- Tickets
- Careless driving

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further north in Missouri, North Carolina, Montana and North Dakota.

Incidentally, the fine folks of Louisiana also pay the highest auto insurance premiums in the U.S. Insure.com reported last spring.

Vermont was found to have the safest drivers, followed by Utah, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Oregon, Maine, Connecticut, Washington D.C., Iowa, and Massachusetts.

But what does the data mean?

A lower ticket rate could indicate more drunk driving occurs, the report said. North Dakota wouldn't have made the Top 10 without ranking as the second-highest in drunk driving. In fact, 10 of the 15 states least likely to give you a ticket ranked in the top half of offenders for drunk driving. You might not want to hear it, but perhaps knowing that they're more likely to get a ticket helps deter drunk drivers.

Additionally, the report stated careless

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## NEIGHBORS

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American Red Cross Genesee-Lapeer Chapter in Flint. “We’re all responsible for helping each other out. We can offer help with shelters if there’s a need in a concentrated area and if someone from a municipality lets us know. Citizens can also call us at (810) 232-1401.”

During a snowstorm such as the tri-county has experienced this week, the need is more one-on-one, with people looking out for each other. “The biggest thing is neighbors taking care of neighbors,” said Lt. Jason Slater of the City of Fenton Police Department.

“Check in on your neighbors. It’s a good idea to have a phone number of a family member of an elderly neighbor, so if you think there might be something wrong, you can check with the family first.”

Reasons to be concerned about an elderly neighbor may be if they need life-saving medication and have run out during the storm, if they don’t have power or enough food or water to sustain them for several days. “We had plenty of notice about this snowstorm,” said Slater. “Watch the news, pay attention to weather reports. Make sure you have plenty of water on hand and non-perishable food.”

Needing a driveway plowed is not an emergency situation, unless it prevents someone from getting out of their house during an emergency. “Our DPW guys can’t plow private property unless in the case of an extreme emergency,” said Slater. “Years ago, someone needed very important medication and couldn’t get out

to get it. In an emergency, we can step in.”

Slater recommends that if a person is concerned about a neighbor, that he or she goes and knocks on their door to check on them. “If you’re unable to reach them, we’ll go do a ‘welfare check’ on them,” said Slater. “Oftentimes, a family member picked them up so their car is still in the driveway, but no one is actually at home. If you are concerned about a neighbor, do call (810) 629-5311, our non-emergency police number. If it is an actual emergency, call 911 in the local area.”

Beauchamp reminds people that they can also call 211, an information resource

center that provides referrals to county-wide services in the event there is a need for food, shelter or other services.

She also explains the difference between shelters and warming centers, and the need for each, especially during a cold weather power outage.

“Shelters are overnight stays, with cots, beds and food needed,” said Beauchamp. “They require authorization from the American Red Cross. There has to be enough room to set-up beds and cook. Warming centers can be anywhere, a church, a home, a mall. It doesn’t require the Red Cross to open a warming center. Churches often open their doors if they have a community center.”

She adds that there’s always a need for more shelters and that any church or facility that wants to can apply to be a shelter. “What we need are bathrooms, handicap accessibility, a place to prepare food and a certain square footage for a certain number of people,” she said.

“We’re all responsible for helping each other out.”

Carole Beauchamp,  
Volunteer in Disaster/  
Mental Health

## SANDWICH

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ago, that are now married and have kids,” he said. “I had so many interesting people come and go through this place. I get a lot of people that work four to five years and move on.”

Each sandwich gets named after, or by its inventor, or is dedicated to a favorite customer.

“C’est Grace” was named after a favorite customer, who passed away from cancer. She ordered the sandwich with her husband every time she came in. “We just really liked her a lot, so we named it after her,” said Hamel.

That sandwich is assigned a number and a name that will forever be associated with that sandwich creation — even if the sandwich is retired. The #2 ham sandwich was retired, and that number will never be used again. Hamel guesses there are 15 sandwiches that have been retired. Ingredients are archived so they can be brought back if wanted.

Classic standards like “The Reuben” are just The Laundry’s version of a popular favorite, and therefore doesn’t get a unique name.

Some names are silly, some are simply named after the people, like #42, “The Kenny Witzgall,” which has remained popular enough to keep on the menu for 10 years.

Some, like “The Downriver,” a liverwurst sandwich has been on the menu for the entire 17 years. “We actually go through



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A freshly made “Spicy Scott” waits to be carried to a lunch guest at The Laundry on Monday. Each sandwich is named after a person.

a lot of liverwurst,” he said.

Sometimes names are bid on, like “Remember Me at Tanglewood,” a \$3,000 bid from Tanglewood Assisted Living from the annual black tie fundraiser.

He said they decided to name them based on the creators of the sandwich from the beginning, 17 years ago.

The need to invent new sandwiches grew out of only having 12 on the menu to start. They would have a special sandwich each day; if the sandwich sold well, it would find a

permanent place on the menu. They have 60 sandwiches on the menu today.

What’s #61 going to be called? Wait and see, and watch the menu. Maybe the story will be about you.

“Some of them are really great stories, people that worked for me a long time ago, that are now married and have kids.”

Mark Hamel,  
Owner, The Laundry

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## UNSTUCK

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emergency right away, as well as provide a wireless phone number in case the call is disconnected.

If your vehicle is stuck but you're not in a ditch, Michigan's Department of State says drivers should never spin their wheels since it will only dig tires more deeply into the snow. Instead, a shovel should be used to dig around the wheels and undercarriage and the vehicle should be gently eased out of its position.

If you do happen to end up in a ditch, Flood said motorists should call someone who can come pick them up after calling a tow company. If no one is available, the motorist should remain in their vehicle until a tow truck arrives.

**Mark McCabe**



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## STRICT LIABILITY CRIMES

Generally speaking the law requires that for a defendant to be found guilty of a crime there must be a showing of both what is called 'actus reus' (a wrongful act) and 'mens rea' (a guilty mind).

This has been the law for many years, and when one considers the proposition, it makes sense because people normally shouldn't be punished for doing something that they didn't actually know was wrong.

However as seemingly clear cut as this proposition seems to be, there is an important exception to the rule which is found in what the law characterizes as 'strict liability crimes.'

As opposed to requiring a showing of a wrongful act and a guilty mind, a strict liability crime requires only a showing that a defendant performed the wrongful act irrespective of whether he or she intended to perform it. In other words no showing of intent is required at all in order to obtain a conviction.

Generally speaking, strict liability crimes are designed to protect the public welfare by placing the burden of protecting society on a person otherwise innocent, but standing in a position of responsibility as concerns public danger.

In 1952 the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Morrisette v United States* (which was a case that originated in Michigan) the Court provided some general categories of public welfare offenses: (1) illegal sales of intoxicating liquor, (2) sales of impure or adulterated food or drugs, (3) sales of misbranded articles, (4) violations of anti-narcotic Acts, (5) criminal nuisances, (6) violations of traffic regulations, (7) violations of motor-vehicle laws, and (8) violations of general police regulations, passed for the safety, health or well-being of the community.

Although strict liability crimes are not favored, the legislature has long been held to have the authority to enact them. For example in 2012 the Michigan Supreme Court held that felony nonsupport is a strict liability crime. As a general rule, strict liability crimes have a less severe punishment but there are exceptions.

There aren't many of these types of offenses on the books, but when you hear of one hopefully you'll now know more about them.

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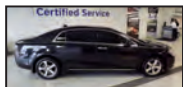
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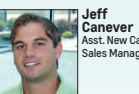
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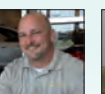
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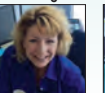
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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**LET'S SEE, POSITIVE** things under Obama: Stock market is about three times what it was when Bush left office. The housing industry is booming, there's hardly any houses for sale because they're all been sold already and we're making new ones. We've got three vibrant strong automobile manufacturing companies. We're trying to get out of a couple wars that the previous administration put us in. I'd say that's pretty positive.

**I WANT TO** compliment the workers that did all that construction on North Leroy, going toward Thompson Road. They were out there in some bad weather, with a lot of traffic. They all were very kind, and they finished on time. It looks wonderful and it drives even better. Thank you.



# Money saving tips for 2014

By William Axford

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Going to the gym. Traveling more. Outfitting a wardrobe with new clothes. Whatever your New Year's resolution may be, having more money in your bank account will most likely make those goals easier.

## Here's 11 money saving tips to try next year:

• **Plan meals a week ahead** of time and eat at home more. Sure, eating at a restaurant is easier, especially if you can't cook, but it's not entirely practical for the money conscious. By planning meals out a week ahead of time, you'll have a clearer idea how much you spend on food and when to keep an eye out for sales.

• **Institute a monthly 'no spend day.'** By avoiding spending money for one whole day at least once a month, you'll see that you can survive without money, albeit even if it's only for 24 hours.

• **Cut out a monthly bill you don't need.** Among cable, Internet, cell phones and membership fees to clubs, there's a good chance you can forego a service to save some money. Feel like your cable bill is sucking up your bank account? Switch to Netflix and build up your DVD library.

• **Try to use more cash.** Between ATM fees and other possible electronic penalties with businesses, using a debit or credit card can become expensive. Make a resolution to try to keep more physical cash in your wallet this year to avoid those sneaky costs.

• **Have a 'goal jar.'** You may be more inclined to save money if you are working to achieve a goal. If you're looking to take a trip or buy a new car, grab a jar and write down the reason you're saving

money. Then, throw in any change or loose dollars you have into the jar and watch your reserves grow.

• **Keep up on the maintenance** on your car. Engine repairs can be costly but you can avoid breakdowns by keeping up on fluids, breaks and keeping your tires properly inflated. All these factors can improve gas mileage and help keep your vehicle out of the mechanic's shop.

• **Weatherproof your windows.** Using caulk to fill cracks and covering windows with plastic will help trap heat inside during the winter and cold air during the summer. The savings may be unnoticeable at first but saving a few invisible dollars a month will pay for itself in due time.

• **Visit tourists' attractions** around Michigan or see what's going on in your local town. Chances are, there are

free or very inexpensive events going on during the weekends. If you want to see a sporting event, skip going to see expensive professional teams and see a high school or college game instead.

• **Utilize the library.** In addition to free books, libraries have DVDs, music and Internet access on their computers. Give your wallet a break and your brain a chance to accumulate more knowledge by using your library card.

• **If you're going to purchase something** that comes with a sizeable price tag and isn't a necessity, try to wait a month before you purchase it. If you still find yourself wanting something after 30 days, go for it. At the very least, it won't be an impulsive purchase.

• **Sell and donate what you don't need.** Between Craigslist, Ebay and garage sales, selling old items to new people is easy. If you're not looking to make money off your old items, consider donating them. You may even get a tax break on it.



## REMOVAL

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Department of Public Works (DPW) for the city of Fenton, said 11 city workers have been working nonstop to keep the roads clear of snow and debris.

"It's been a long couple of weeks and there's been a lot of overtime," Czarnecki said. "It's been a trying winter. The guys worked until 1 a.m., working steady. They came back in at 8 a.m. and probably working until 7 p.m."

Czarnecki said the temperature has to be between 20 and 15 degrees for salt to be effective and since it's much colder outside, the city has been using salt sparingly. According to a February 2013 Times article, the Fenton DPW used at least 631 tons of salt last winter. Holly Village used at least 200 tons of salt and Linden City used at least 150 tons.

In Fenton Township and other municipalities in Genesee County, snow plowing on the road is conducted by the Genesee County Road Commission. Manager director John Daly said the road commission is responsible snowplowing for 16,000 miles of road and more than 100 bridges within Genesee County. For perspective, Daly said a trip from Bangor, Maine to San Diego is equal to the amount of road that the commission clears in the county.

"It takes us about 36 hours to get through it all. The dicey part is the weather operates on a 24-hour schedule," Daly said. "You'll have different snow

fall in different portions of the county. The priorities start with roads that have higher volumes of traffic."

Both Daly and Czarnecki said for now, they are unsure how much the snow and ice storm have impacted their budgets.

With the recent ice storm and this week's blizzard, Holly Village Director of Public Works Brian Klaassen said his department has spent nearly half of the \$82,000 budgeted from the village's Major/Local Roads Winter Maintenance line item on maintenance and labor costs.

Additionally, Klaassen said the brutal winter weather has already caused the department to dump 400 tons of salt on the roads, two thirds of what is normally used during an entire winter.

"It's been a rough winter so far," Klaassen said. "For now, we're keeping the roads clear, but we don't plan to salt until Wednesday at the earliest, after it begins to warm up again."

Czarnecki said while the DPW will continue to plow the roads and keep them clear of snow, it may take city workers up until spring to clear all of the branches left after the December ice storm. The director said all snow in downtown Fenton is piled up and then hauled away to another location.

"When I first came here we had a real bad snow storm come through," said Czarnecki, who has been the DPW director for three years. "We get about 40 inches of snow every winter and we're closing in on that."

Amy Mayhew contributed to this report

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## HOT LINE CONTINUED

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**I WOULD LIKE** to thank my guardian angel who stayed with me after my accident on Christmas Eve on I-96. You're a wonderful human being. Thank you.

**YEAH, I CAN** think of one thing that Obama did in the last six years that was positive, he's kept George W. Bush and Cheney out of office. That was a pretty positive step. At least he didn't get us into any more wars.

## DRIVING

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driving and the fatality rate are good indicators of the worst drivers. The best that any of the top 10 states finished in either of these categories was 25th, with all but Missouri being in the bottom 20 in both categories. The connection between careless driving and the fatality rate should be even more reason for drivers to put down their cell phones, and keep their eyes on the road.

Naturally, the one thing that all the best drivers had in common was that they tended to pay more attention to the road. Of the 15

states with the best drivers, only four ranked in the bottom half for careless driving, meaning they were keeping an eye on the road ahead and their surroundings – not on their cell phones.

One major generalization that can be made is all of those states that ranked at the bottom are rural and large, many with little or no public transit systems, and large distances between major cities. Naturally, some of the safest states are smaller, although not necessarily by population, and are places where people

don't have to drive long distances to get anywhere.

### Summary

► Michigan misses out on having the worst drivers in the U.S., but it also doesn't have the honor of making the "best drivers" list either.



## SUB-ZERO

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Service are 16.2 inches for Flint, and 13.1 in Linden. There are drifts that have buried cars like Masaoka's, and large parking lots are now mazes of snow piles. Temperatures sunk to -13 Monday, beating the historic low for that day — which was -9, in 1981.

The cold temperatures are for the record books — WJRT ABC 12 Meteorologist John McMurray said the -13 temperatures beat previous records of around -9 for Flint in the 1980s.

The snowfall he said, is in the "top five" for history. The 17 inches received in the Flint area is in the top three of all time. He said Genesee County was hit with both the most snow, and the most cold.

Though the term "polar vortex" is being shared around, McMurray said what is causing the low temps and snowfall is there all the time, and normally called a "semi-permanent low in the polar regions."

This cold, low pressure pattern usually hanging out in the polar areas, was pulled down by the jetstream into our area.

The good news is this is a temporary dip by that low-pressure system into our region. He said by Friday, temperatures will be back into the 30s.

Michigan was under a winter weather advisory, wind chill advisory and hazardous weather outlook. Residents were encouraged to stay indoors, and avoid exposed skin outside.

Schools are closed, along with many businesses and government meetings, like Fenton City Council, Fenton Township Board of Trustees.

Many main roads are passable, but



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tim Steffey clears the sidewalk on Rockwell Street near LeRoy on Monday. He's actually clearing the walks and driveways for two other neighbors, for fun. "What do you do? It's winter time," he said, on his fifth time clearing the snow.

side roads can still be clogged with deep snow, although local departments of public works (DPW) have plowed through the night.

Residents prepared by grabbing up necessary items like food, but also hardware.

At Taylor Hardware in Fenton, around 12 snow shovels have sold, and all 24 snow blowers (technically called snow throwers) in stock are gone. "Usually we carry them over from year to year," said service manager Brian Edwards. They can only order a truck's worth, one time per year, so they will not be getting any

more machines in. More shovels will arrive before this weekend.

He said this is the first time he's seen the store sell out of snow throwers so early in the season.

Local grocery stores may experience shortages of staple items because of the rush of purchases this weekend, and the poor road conditions.

Some bread trucks, and everything from Frito-lay called off for the VGs on Silver Parkway on Monday. The bread aisle itself was half empty. The produce area was wiped out the day before.

Statewide, 884 in nine counties were

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Brian Klaassen, Director, Holly DPW

out of power as of Monday morning, but that number quickly dropped to 356 by the late morning. Genesee County had the most outages, with 173, according to Brian Wheeler, spokesperson for Consumer's Energy.

These were usually caused by failing equipment or tree limbs taking down power lines. "For the moment, things have largely been holding their own," he said.

Brian Klaassen, director for Holly's Department of Public Works, said crews began plowing village streets and parking lots at 5 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, only knocking off at 10:30 p.m. Sunday night. Crews were back at it on Monday morning, beginning their day at 4 a.m. As of Monday afternoon, Klaassen said crews were putting the finishing touches on area streets, performing necessary clean-up duties.

"Everything is open," Klaassen said. "We got around 16-inches of snow, and now with the wind, our crews are working on keeping the streets open."

Holly Area Schools, village and township municipal offices and many downtown businesses were closed Monday, while Holly Foods remained open, as did area hardware stores Kerton Lumber and McKays Do It Center.



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**HOT LINE** CONTINUED

**IT'S VERY FUNNY** that we haven't heard anything from the global warming people. You want to know why? Because they're stuck somewhere freezing their butts off, that's why.

■■■ **WHAT IS WRONG** with this nation, when they allow a president to break the Constitution, create his own laws, strut around like he's a king, cutting military dangerous duty pay when he spends millions to play around to golf with Tiger Woods. What is going on in this nation?

■■■ **FOR THE FIRST** time in my life, I walked out of a movie. My wife and I joined

about a dozen other people after seeing about 90 minutes of The Wolf of Wall Street. With non-stop graphic nudity, many sex orgy scenes, glorified drug usage, and the worst vulgar language I've ever heard in my life, we've agreed that this was worst movie we've ever seen in our lives. Don't waste your money.

■■■ **AS OBAMA WAS** enjoying his tax payer paid four million dollar Hawaiian vacation, the total number of Americans who have lost their healthcare so far is now over six million. And most of these people are facing increased premiums and increased deductibles. The people losing their insurance are hard working middle class, non-affluent Americans.

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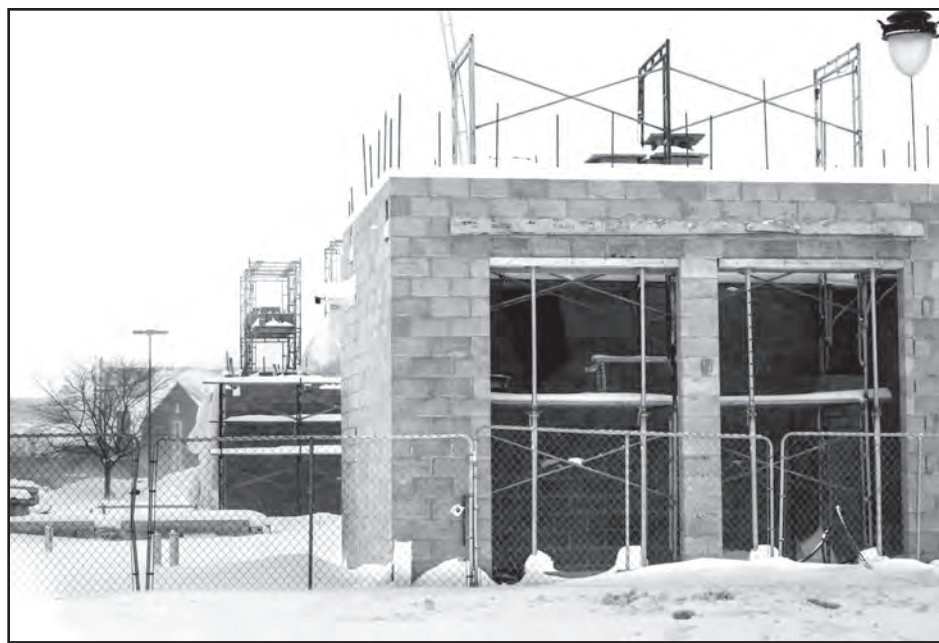
Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, January 23, 2014 for the purpose of considering a request to amend the Whispering Pines Preliminary PUD Plan. The proposed amendment would allow for development of detached single-family residential units when only attached duplex units were approved on the original plan. The project is located on the east side of North Leroy Street, south of Granger Street.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street. The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed project and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the PUD Amendment application is available for public inspection at the City of Fenton offices, 301 South Leroy Street, during regular business hours. Written comments concerning the project may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Brad Hissong, at 810-629-2261.

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This structure on the north end will become the stairwell for the building. Until temperatures climb above 30 degrees, construction cannot continue.

**CONERSTONE**  
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lobby and mechanical room.

Neither of these structures can go up without heavy steel support — which cannot be installed without the cinder block structure around it.

The temperatures make it difficult, if not impossible to work with water-based materials, like mortar to hold the structure for the stairwell and elevator lobby together. Smith said the mortar must be maintained at warmer than 30 degrees to set properly.

If they had to work in sub-freezing temperatures, they would have to keep the heat up with propane-powered heaters, which adds to the expense of the

project, which already needed a loan from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to continue.

Smith said the delays are purely based on the weather, and funding is secure.

Adding to the challenge is the tenants themselves — having a restaurant like Sagano Japanese Bistro in the bottom floor meant adding an exhaust, and return lines to the roof for each cook table to the design, which could not have been part of the original drawings before tenants were decided.

Either way, Smith said, "progress is still being made," behind the scenes, whether you see people actually working on-site. Smith is on site coordinating contracts and planning, most days.

**Summary**

► The Cornerstone Building is being held up by the weather. Sub-freezing temperatures stop the use of mortar, which is needed to continue with the stairwell, and elevator lobby structures.

**Have we built a better mousetrap?**

► How to get rid of the pesky rodents in search of warmth

By William Axford  
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You may hear more scurrying feet in your home this winter as you stay indoors and try to avoid the cold. Like people, mice find warm places to survive the winter and unfortunately, that includes people's houses.

James Atkinson's 1897 little nipper mousetrap is still used today, despite advances in mouse capturing technology. Here's how humanity has attempted to build a better mousetrap since the 1900s.

The mouth mousetrap is living proof that you can improve beyond the spring-loaded mousetrap. While mouth mousetraps don't have as much power as spring-loaded traps, they can be reset by foot and have minimal injury to the user.

Electric mousetraps send a shock to mice just powerful enough to kill them. Bait is placed at both

ends of the trap and the electrodes are surrounded in plastic, reducing potential shocks to people and pets.

Glue traps can also be used to catch mice however, these traps have caused some controversy because they do not cause immediate death. The trap is an adhesive on a strip of paper, causing the mouse to be immobilized. The mice either die from starvation or it is up to the trapper to end the mouse's life.

For those who want to remove mice but don't want to kill them, live traps are available. These traps are bigger than other traps and are triggered once bait is taken.

The live traps are generally wire meshed and allow the trapper to relocate the mouse once it is captured.

Sonic pest control doesn't kill mice but it does emit a low frequency that repels them. Some websites don't see these devices as effective and recommend sticking to a mousetrap. Poison can also be used to get rid of mice but people run the risk of potentially killing pets.





## SPORTS TRIVIA

### TOPIC

**Q** How many Detroit Tigers managers can you name since Sparky Anderson was fired in 1995?

**A** There have been seven. They are Buddy Bell, Larry Parrish, Phil Garner, Luis Pujols, Alan Trammell, Jim Leyland and current manager Brad Ausmus.

## DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Here's a few thoughts.

1) I hinted at this about a week ago, but Monday night's BCS title game only affirmed my thoughts. I would've really liked Michigan State's chances against either Auburn or Florida State in a national championship game. Too bad next year's format didn't happen this season.

2) Watching the Winter Classic events involving the Red Wings and the Maple Leafs at Comerica Park and at Michigan Stadium was a lot of fun. I found the old-timer's game more entertaining than I ever thought I would.

3) Why do Red Wings' fans under-appreciate Sergei Federov? Always a very good two-way player, there was a window of about two years when he was so electrifying, every time he touched the puck you thought something really cool was going to happen. Maybe his playing in the old-timer's game will help some of that image Wings' fans have of him. His number should be retired.

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►Linden senior enjoys his final season with Eagles, earns Dream Team honors

By David Troppens

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In this day and age of young soccer stars opting out of their high school teams for academy organizations, Zach Bakos never had any doubt what route he'd take.

"My high school career meant a lot to me because I chose high school over academy (soccer)," Bakos said. "I knew high school soccer would be a lot of fun and I knew we would have a great chance this year. This season was everything I thought it would be with the exception we didn't go all the way (and win a state title)."

But the Linden Eagles, led by Bakos, did do quite a bit despite not reaching that ultimate team goal. The squad completed the season with a 25-2 record, earning status as the No. 2 team in the state for a good stretch during the season. And Bakos was the top offensive threat on that squad, helping pave the way. It also earned him the 2013 Tri-County Boys Soccer Player of the Year award. It's an honor he won in 2012 as well.

"I was set on playing in high school," Bakos said. "I didn't want to do the academy thing. I wanted to be able to look back at my high school experience as a varsity soccer player."

And what a career he gets to look back upon. Bakos earned Division 2 First Team All-State honors as well as Dream Team honors. To make the Dream Team one must be among the top 11 players in the state regardless of division. Bakos earned that designation because, in part, he was a pretty proficient goal scorer during the fall

of 2013. On a squad that was filled with offensive talent, he scored a team-best 29 goals, on 106 shots, including 56 of those attempts being on goal. Those stats also earned him status as a Regional IV All-American honors.

He also helped lead the Eagles to an undefeated Metro League season, and a district crown. In that district title game the Eagles defeated their tri-county rivals Fenton for a third time during the season. The squad advanced in the regional semifinal with a 2-0 victory against Petoskey, before bowing out to eventual state champions East Lansing 3-0 at Fenton High School in the regional championship round.

Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz was happy to have him.

"He's a once-in-a-lifetime kid," Fiebernitz said. "He's a kid that came in with a tremendous amount of talent from a club team out of Detroit (the Michigan Wolves). He's a great kid and he's very coachable. He's a great leader on and off the field."

He has a great work ethic and he loves to play soccer. Every accolade he's gotten, he's deserved."

Bakos didn't just score, he made everyone on the Eagles' team better. He also dished off 14 assists, second-highest on the team, and was a steady ball handler whether if he was passing it or dribbling it himself. He was the Eagles' floor general in many ways.

See **BAKOS** on 12



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## ALL TRI-COUNTY BOYS SOCCER TEAM

### Player of the Year:

Zach Bakos

**Class:** Senior

**Team:** Linden

### Comment:

Bakos made it a second straight season as our Boys Soccer Player of the Year. He only got better during his senior season, upping his scoring from 13 goals to 29 goals this year. He also raised his assists from 11 his junior season to 14 this year. He led the Eagles to an undefeated Metro League season and to the regional finals. He was a member of the state's Dream Team and a D2 All-State member.

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## More the snow, the better for Saturday's Ididarun event

By David Troppens

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Daniel Skinner loves the weather he's seeing.

At a time when the cold weather and snowfall forces most of the sporting activities indoors this time of year, as the race director of The Ididarun 8-Mile Challenge, he's loving what he's been seeing from Mother Nature recently.

"The first year we had a 10-inch snowstorm, and it make the event pretty fantastic," Skinner said. "It's neat to run it in the snow. People have a kindred togetherness because of how tough the conditions can be."

For those who haven't figured it out, The Ididarun 8-Mile Challenge isn't your typical road running race. In fact, it's not really a road race at all. It's more like a cross country run done during the night with runners wearing headlights, helping create some light to where they are going.

The sixth-annual event is slated for Saturday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Linden Middle School. The cost is \$25 for each individual running and \$40 for each two-person relay team.

The race is run on a two-mile course, with those willing to run the entire distance doing

the same route four times over. Another special twist with the event is that it also hosts a "relay" division where two runners team up, each running a pair of the two-mile laps in alternate fashion. It is run in the dark, with the exception of the lights used by the runners.

Skinner admits the race is a bit different than most.

"Years ago I was in a run in Omer, Michigan," Skinner said. "It was run at night and was a trail run. You had to wear a headlight and a taillight so you could see where you were going."

The event has grown reasonably well. Skinner said there were about 70 participants at the first race. Last year had 220 in attendance and he expects about that many this year. He suspects the post-race soups and chilli might have something to do with that.

"It started out with about 70 people and we fed everyone hot chilli and stuff like that," Skinner said. "And now we need 30 to 35 crock pots to feed everyone. It's mostly cross country and track parents who provide all the food."

The proceeds benefit the Linden schools cross country programs. For more information contact Skinner at edanieliskinner@yahoo.com.

## BAKOS

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"He's a great coach on the field," Fiebernitz said. "And even though he's relatively small in stature, he's very durable and talented."

Bakos was pleased with what he accomplished during his senior season.

"It was a good season," Bakos said. "We were able to go undefeated in the Metro and, personally, I had a really good season scoring 29 goals. I made dream team and was all-state. I was pleased with what we accomplished. Plus, it was nice being part of a good team at high school."

Entering the season, Bakos was a known entity. During his junior season he earned Second-Team All-State status. However, it's fair to say he stepped up his game during his senior season. Bakos scored 13 goals his junior year, but that number represented less than half of his total this fall. He also upped his assists total a tiny bit, getting 11 his junior year.

Bakos said his goal was to improve his scoring production this year.

"I felt over my first three years I should've been more productive, in terms of putting more balls in the back of the net, scoring more goals," Bakos said. "And I thought I did a better job of that this year."

"I'm not really sure (how I changed my mindset). I just told myself I needed to do better and score more, and my mindset kind of took me there. I had a really



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Zach Bakos (center) scored 29 goals during the 2013 season, earning the 2013 Tri-County Boys Soccer Player of the Year honors. He won the award in 2012 as well.

good year of finishing."

And now all that remains is what Bakos will be doing next year. He's excited about the prospects of playing collegiate soccer.

"I'm still looking," Bakos said. "I'm not set with a college yet, but I'd like to stay in Michigan."

"That's a good question," Fiebernitz said. "I know he's still

working on a few things. ... He got selected on the Dream Team and he got selected regional All-American. He earned all this stuff and I had nothing to do with it. It was other teams and other coaches supporting him. That says a lot about him. They know what type of player he is. He'll find a spot that's a good fit for him and move on."

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## PREP REPORT

### GIRLS BOWLING

► **Holly 22, Clio 8:** Heidi Martin bowled a 278, leading the Bronchos to the victory against Clio. Martin also rolled a 198, giving her a 476 two-game series. Lisa Collins recorded a 195-159-354 series, while Madisyn Fultz rolled a 161-150-311. Audrey Currier had a 160 game while Jessica Cooley rolled a 148. Holly improved to 2-1 in the Metro with the victory.

### BOYS BOWLING

► **Clio 15.5, Holly 14.5:** The Bronchos lost by one team point, dropping to 2-1 in Metro League play.

Mitch Sharpe led the Bronchos with a 201-227-428 series, while Matt Harrison had a 196-220-416 series. Nick Smith rolled a 174-172-146, while Darren Miles had a 190 game.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Holly 67, Brandon 66:** Josh Simms hit the game-winning free throw with no time left in the first overtime session, preserving Holly's undefeated start to the season.

Jake Daniels led the Bronchos with 26 points, four rebounds and three steals, while Kyle Woodruff had 18 points and five rebounds. Simms finished with nine points, while Logan Spiker had seven points. Adam Tooley chipped in six steals and six rebounds.

For more details on this game go to www.tctimes.com.

► **Courtna 82, Lake Fenton 69:** The Blue Devils led 56-49 entering the fourth quarter, but were outscored 33-13 during the final eight minutes, resulting in the loss.

Chase Hanson led the Blue Devils (2-2) with 17 points, while Tyler Browning netted 13 points. Logan Readdy had 12 point and a team-best nine rebounds, while Jalen Miller had nine points.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Holly 54, Brandon 26:** The Lady Bronchos remained undefeated, blowing the game open by outscoring Brandon 26-4 in the second period and 12-2 during the third quarter. Alyssa Copley scored 13 of her game-high 19 points during the middle two quarters. She also had 10 rebounds and six assists. Kaitlyn Smith and Abby Lewandowski also chipped in 10 points each, while Paige Reid had nine.

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► **Flint Powers 65, Linden 26:** The Lady Chargers (8-1) outscored Linden 29-2 in the first quarter, and the Eagles (4-3) never threatened the lead from there.

Bri Holscher and Alyssa Logie had seven points each for Linden, while Samantha Green netted six points.

Ally Haran had a game-high 14 points to go with her six assists, four rebounds and three steals, while Francesca Coury had 12 points and a team-best seven rebounds. Madison Sabourin had nine points.

### WRESTLING

► **Linden at Adrian Duals:** The Eagles went 2-3, defeating eventual champions Salem and tourney hosts Adrian, but lost to Farmington, Chippewa Valley and Jackson. Individually, Luke Zimmerman (103), Dawson Blank (119), Zack Shaw (125), Patrick Kerr (135) and Austin McNeil (215/285) went undefeated, while Aaron Steedman (160) and Dylan Musall (130) went 3-2.

► **Holly at Lake Orion:** The Bronchos went 1-4, defeating DeWitt, but losing to Sand Creek, Clarkston, and Brighton.

Tre Flores (160) and Sam Johnson (140) went 4-1, while Jacob Caldwell (103), Keegan Soles (145) and Evan Renusch (189) went 3-2.





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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Arnet Carl Akers

1935-2014

Arnet Carl Akers - age 78, of Fenton, passed away at his home on January 2, 2014. Services were held 11 AM Monday, January 6, 2014 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton with Rev. Jeremy Peters officiating. Visitation was held 2-4 and 6-8 PM Sunday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Fenton United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Arnet was born December 16, 1935 in Winding Gulf, West Virginia, the son of Andrew and Corda (Meadows) Akers. He was a graduate of Spanishburg High School and attended Potomac State College. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. Arnet retired from GM after 40 years of service. He was the beloved husband of Margie (Compton) Akers; father of Theresa (Pat) Billisitz and Michele (Charles) Packard; loving brother of Vernon (Barbara) Akers and Janet (Greg) Messler; loving grandfather of Aanika (David) Papet, Sean Billisitz, Kieran, Teague, and Kallan Packard. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Roy Akers; sister, Fonda Moye. Friends may share an online tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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6 Two-timer

9 Illustrations

12 Tolerate

13 "The \_\_\_ Daba Honey-moon"

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18 Beast

20 TV remote button

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23 Enthusiast

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29 "The Godfather" star

31 Christmas carol starter

35 Someone in the kitchen?

37 Therefore

38 Eagle's nest

41 Toothpaste type

43 Current measure, for short

44 Pharmaceu tical

45 Psychiatrist

47 "Material Girl" singer

49 Idaho's capital

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2 Easy as \_\_\_

3 "Take a Bow" singer

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10 Right-hand page

11 Seventh-grader, usually

17 Brunch entree

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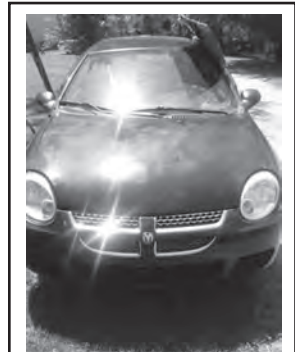
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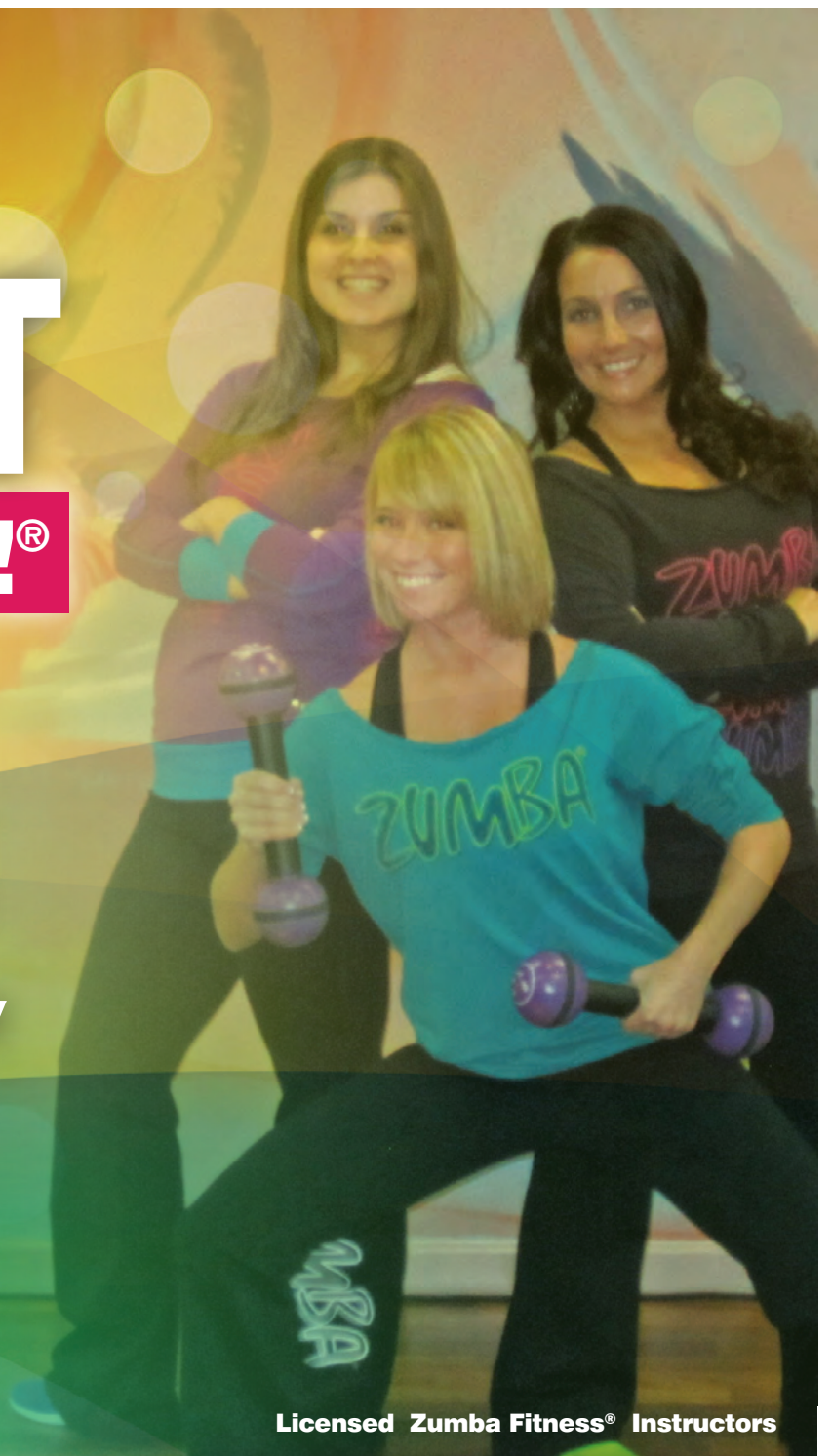


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