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EMPLOYMENT

“It amazes me

to hear people say they can't find jobs. I worked a full-time job and two part-time jobs paying \$10 per hour. Companies are looking for workers and since no one else wants them, I gladly work them. Next excuse?”

RELIGION

“You may choose

to base your beliefs on the bible. I choose to base mine on logic, science, reason and human

dignity. Please do not try to force your fairy tales on me.”

COMMERCIALS

“I instantly change the channel when the Flo girl comes on. The fact that people buy insurance based on that silliness speaks volumes about our intelligence.”

NEW MOVIE

“The Wolf of Wall Street has made \$63 million in two weeks.

All the negative publicity just makes more

want to go see it. Stop printing Hot lines about it.”

HOT LINE

of the week

“The inherent message from the government to the chronic welfare demographic: Don't work, don't save, have babies, don't get married. The government will reward this behavior.”



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Details emerging on activity at closed spa

►No criminal charges filed yet, investigation continuing

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More details have surfaced into the investigation, which led to the locked doors of Lake Spa, a spa on Torrey Road in Fenton, which allegedly offered more than just innocent spa services.

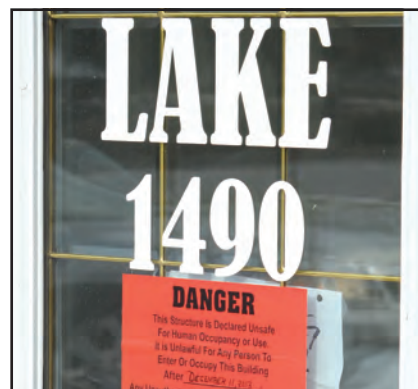
At this time, however, there are no criminal charges filed against any individuals.

The investigation was initiated after Fenton police began receiving complaints last fall of alleged prostitution activity taking place

See SPA on 15A

“She told him he could get whatever he wanted and asked him how much money he had.”

Excerpt from complaint filed in court



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FILE PHOTO

A sign on the front door tells would-be customers that Lake Spa in Fenton remains closed after undercover police officers claimed that illegal prostitution activity may have taken place there.

Potholes come early this year

►Fenton DPW director says no permanent solution for crumbling roads exists

By William Axford
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Motorists may be glad that roads are no longer covered in ice, but they're finding out there are other threats beyond sliding off into a ditch. During a brief thaw which melts the ices, potholes are popping up on roads all over the state.

For the city of Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW), potholes have become the newest adversary after plowing snow and salting roads.

“The potholes aren't any worse this year than other years.

See POTHOLES on 7A

Summary

►The freezing and thawing of ice ravages Michigan's roads, causing potholes all over the state. MDOT and DPW workers have temporary solutions to fill potholes.

Gender gap growing in teaching profession Page 6A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Jay Silvey, a first-grade teacher at Patterson Elementary School, collects tablets from his students on Wednesday. Silvey is one of 57 male teachers in the Holly Area School district. “It's sometimes a good thing for them to have a male teacher at the elementary,” said Silvey, who added that some boys in his classes have never had a positive male role model before.

Cable TV — the monopoly industry?

►Many residents complain about lack of choices, high cost of services

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If you live in the cities of Fenton or Linden it's very likely that your cable service is provided by Charter Com-

munications for the simple reason that it's the only cable TV option available. Conversely, Holly residents have no cable options other than Comcast.

In a free market society where residents are accustomed to having choices, selecting a cable provider often seems more like dealing with

See CABLE on 7A

“Companies look at what customers want, what content providers charge and try to strike a balance.”

David Waymire
Spokesperson for MTCA



Summary► When it comes to cable TV, many communities still have only one provider.



As most of you know Michigan Smiles Dental had a fire last Thursday, January 9th at our building on Shiawassee. We want to let everyone know that no one was hurt and our building is going to be fine. We plan on seeing our patients at another office while our office is restored. We will be back in our office very soon, better than ever!

We want to thank a few people publicly. The community has been amazing in their outpouring of support and we are truly humbled by this. To the **Fenton community** we say **THANK YOU!** You have made this stressful event so much more manageable and we are proud to call you our neighbors!

To the fire departments that responded (**Fenton, Fenton Township, Linden, and others**), you guys are the BEST! Your promptness, professionalism, and skill were awe inspiring. Every insurance professional that has been in our building since the fire has commended you guys for the great job you did containing the fire and limiting the amount of damage. You saved the day and for that we say **THANK YOU!**

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Lastly, we want to thank **our patients**. You are the reason we are happy to go to work each day. Every last one of you has been amazing! We are truly blessed to have each and every one of you in our patient family. We will be seeing you in a nearby location in the next couple of weeks and plan to be back in our building very soon (with a few new cool upgrades). Please call our normal business line (810-629-2361) with any questions, emergencies, or to schedule an appointment. For your patience, love, and support we say **THANK YOU!**

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Police & Fire report

HOLLY MAN CHARGED AFTER TRYING TO BREAK INTO CARS

On Jan. 8 at 2:18 p.m., Holly police were dispatched to a business in the 100 block of North Saginaw Street in Holly on a report of a white male suspect attempting to get into cars in the business parking lot. Police made contact with the suspect who was found to have marijuana hidden in a sock. After questioning witnesses and victims and observing fresh shoe prints around several vehicles, the suspect, later identified as Jesse Long, 28, of Holly was arraigned on Jan. 9 on one count of possession of marijuana while lodged at the Oakland County Jail. His case is pending.

HOLLY WOMAN GIVEN TWO CITATIONS

On Jan. 1 at 9 p.m., a Holly police officer observed a Pontiac Bonneville driving with a burned out headlight. A traffic stop was initiated. Upon speaking with the driver, a 32-year-old Holly woman, the officer detected a

See **POLICE** on 8A

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The secret to buying the right vacuum

Do you want an upright with changeable bags, or a bagless model? How about a canister-style vacuum, which maneuvers well on stairs? If you're into fashion, even your vacuum cleaner can make a statement in sleek shapes and trendy colors

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Everyone has one, but few enjoy using it. A vacuum cleaner is a staple in just about everyone's household, yet buying one that works the best for your specific needs and gives you the best bang for your buck, remains a mystery to most of us. There are just about as many choices as there are stars in the sky. See **VACUUM** on 8A



Top rated models to try

Upright model with a bag

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Cost: \$350

Rating: 74 out of 100

Upright model — bagless

#1: LG Compressor LUV350P

Cost: \$400

Rating: 70 out of 100

Canister-style

#1: Kenmore Progressive 2174

Cost: \$400

Rating: 72 out of 100

Source:
Consumer Reports

Michigan — land of extreme, wacky weather

► Cold snowy winters and blazing heat part of the norm for the Mitten State

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Michigan's winter started with rain followed by a cold snap, turning nearly every road into an icy path. By January, more than a foot of snow slammed the state, along with subzero temperatures. For older residents, this winter has harkened back to blizzards of yesteryears, particularly from the late '60s and '70s.

But it's not just this winter that seems to be especially volatile. Fenton Township was hit by a tornado earlier this spring and last summer brought record days of 100 degree weather. Is Michigan's weather really intensifying with each passing year?

"People go by what they feel, not the statistics," said WNEM Meteorologist Lauren

See **WEATHER** on 11A

Summary

► While this past winter has been colder and snowier than usual, Michigan is known for having extreme weather that can change from day to day. The variety of weather is just one of the state's charms.



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A Fenton City worker clears the snow which blocks entrances to city hall on Monday, Jan. 6. Michigan's erratic weather tends to cause "weather amnesia," where residents compare the extremes in heat and cold to milder weather in memory.



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Random royal thoughts

■ **The U.S. is third** in the world for per capita murders. If you remove Chicago, Detroit, New Orleans and Washington DC, we are fourth from the bottom. Each of those cities has been ruled by Democrats for decades.

■ **Monica Lewinsky turns 40** this year. Gosh, it seems like just yesterday she was this cute little girl crawling around the White House on her hands and knees.

■ **Liberal logic:** it is completely logical for an actor or talk show host who makes \$30 million a year to call a business owner who makes one million dollars a year greedy and selfish — and keep a straight face.

■ **'The presidency does not lend itself**

well to on-the-job-training.' Joe Biden speaking about Barack Obama before he was asked to be the VP.

■ **You can be certain** that whenever a bill in Congress is named as the (fill in the blank) Disclosure Act that it is, in fact, hiding something. Any bill titled as the (fill in the blank) Reform Act is corrupting something. And any bill labeled the (fill in the blank) Consumer Act has nothing to do with consumers but everything to do with big business.

■ **Medical terminology** for a miracle: 'misdiagnosis.'

■ **Liberal logic:** Kill unborn babies. Keep convicted murderers on Death Row alive for 20 years with expensive,

taxpayer-paid-for court appeals.

■ **All elections should** be held on April 16, the day after we pay our income taxes, while we are still enraged about politicians pissing our money away for their own benefit.

■ **Liberal logic** tells us that teaching teens how to have safe sex is better than teaching them not to have sex until they are emotionally mature. Using that same logic, we should also teach teens how to do drugs safely! If we're going to put condoms on a banana, we should also teach them how to smoke crack, snort coke and shoot heroin safely.

■ **Maybe it's just me,** but Barack Obama always makes me think of a sharecropper who hit the lottery. Think about it.

■ **Phil Robertson** says gays will not go to heaven. Liberals demand he be removed from his show. Former Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

orders gays hanged, stoned and burned alive. Liberals invite him to speak at Columbia University.

■ **Maybe it's just me,** but I really struggle with a president who demands we address violence against 'innocent children,' but has no problem with third trimester abortions.

■ **'Poor people have** been voting Democratic for 50 years. And they're still poor.' Charles Barkley.

■ **Liberal logic:** Dan Quayle served four terms in House and Senate but too inexperienced to serve as Vice-President. Barack Obama served half of one term in Senate but is qualified to be president.

■ **The NFL won't** allow advertising from gun manufacturers because 'we don't want to advertise products that can be harmful to people.' Over half of all NFL advertising is for alcohol.

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REPUBLICAN SEN. RUBIO has said the government's war on poverty is a failure. I am sure that those receiving SS and Medicare feel the same way. It is time to let the Republicans take over and repeal everything. Slavery won't be racial next time around because that's unconstitutional.

■ ■ ■
I WOULD LIKE to see the list of thousands of scientists that don't think climate change is real. I should say, see a list of names that haven't been forced to recant because they didn't disclose they were being paid hundreds of thousands for publishing biased research for oil corporations.

■ ■ ■
JUST THE FACTS folks. Average surface temp of the earth has risen 1.53 F from 1880 to 2012. Even higher over landmasses because water stays more stable. The year 2012 was the warmest on record for the contiguous U.S. Global warming is a fact, even for the skeptical, flat earth believer!

■ ■ ■
YOU ARE FORTUNATE that you have a job. No, you are not a 'fool.' You are keeping yourself healthy in body and mind when you go to work. I always took pride in going out and working and I felt fortunate. I pray others can do that.

■ ■ ■
THE ECONOMY IS like a car wreck that happened from 2001 to 2008. Then the Republicans hand the wreck over to

Obama and say, 'Look what you did. Now fix it. Oh and by the way, we are going to tie your hands behind your back. Now fix it.'

■ ■ ■
MADAME PRESIDENT, NO, not yet. That will be in 2016. I wonder if they will treat Hillary with as much disrespect as they do President Obama.

■ ■ ■
IT'S NICE YOU helped someone in need. But who cares what they were driving, who they voted for or what you're packing. Just try being human without all the baggage every now and then.

■ ■ ■
YOU CAN'T PIN the NSA problem on Obama. That came from the Patriot Act that Bush signed.

■ ■ ■
I DON'T GET why people don't 'believe' in climate change. Science has taught you about air, rain, sun, soil, gravity, the planets, etc... and you 'believe' that, right? Everything in this country is motivated by greed. What do climatologists have to gain from this? Oil companies gain otherwise.

■ ■ ■
YOU ARE RIGHT. You have no reason to worry about the climate change. Buy a gas-eating car and drive as fast as you like. Buy a big house and turn up the heat. Truth is you will be dead by the time it matters, so why should you care?

■ ■ ■
THANKS TO THE Fenton post office for great delivery during recent snowstorms. Hickory Ridge mailboxes became totally snow covered by Wednesday. It took me

an hour to clear the snow Wednesday afternoon so I could finally open the mailbox door. There was Wednesday's mail. Thanks Fenton USPS!

■ ■ ■
IF YOUR TRASH wasn't collected after the snowstorm, call your waste disposal company for a credit. It is not automatic. You will receive credit only if you call. After that, watch for the credit. Happy New Year.

■ ■ ■
YOU RAVE ABOUT mail service, you must not mean Linden post office. No mail, found in the road, wrong mailbox, the list goes on. Wasn't that way when it went through Gaines. TCTimes and Flint Journal get delivered, not the mail. Several calls, excuses but nothing changes. Close Linden.

■ ■ ■
THE CONSERVATIVES HAD Sarah Palin and her 'bridge to nowhere.' Now the new Republican savior has a bridge but when you're on it, you're also going 'nowhere!'

■ ■ ■
THIS DEMOCRAT WOULD prefer that there be a jobs bank for day work, agricultural labor etc. and a work program that all unemployed would have to do some type of work for their unemployment compensation.

■ ■ ■
I LONG FOR the days when government policies were to benefit the people instead of advancing the political careers of the politicians.

■ ■ ■
I TAKE OFFENSE to the person who said Obama won the vote in this area. How exactly do you know this? I never shared how I voted with you and I would hazard a guess that most other people didn't either. You are more credible if you state facts only.

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"Sister Mary Ilene. She was kind and taught my dad and brothers as well."

— Mary Holzer
Fenton



"John Earl in trade school. He was a walking encyclopedia."

— Theresa Nance
Fenton



"Mr. Burgett. He was my chemistry teacher and was fun. We learned a lot from him."

— David Wujciak
Fenton



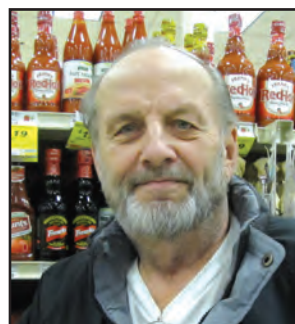
"Mrs. Tupper. It was a one room schoolhouse and my whole family was together."

— Judy Horton
Fenton



"Ryan Gonder, my band teacher. He understood me and was passionate about what he taught."

— Sandra Johnson
Fenton



"Carl Lemle. He was both my teacher and football coach at Byron."

— John Ley
Holly

Severe winter weather using up snow days

►All Michigan school districts allotted six snow days per year

By Tim Jagielo

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By late February of 2013, all four local school districts had burned through their six-day allotment of "snow days,"

Summary

►The Michigan Department of Education sets the maximum canceled school days at six, before districts must start making up days, or risk losing funding. Fenton, Holly and Linden schools have two "snow" days left, and Lake Fenton has one.

meaning any additional snow days would cause school to extend into the summer.

As it stands, Fenton, Linden, and Holly schools have used four of their allotted cancelled days, and Lake Fenton schools have used five.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has set a maximum of six canceled class days.

Each district is required to provide "the greater of 170 days... each district shall also provide at least 1,098 hours of pupil instruction." According to the pupil accounting manual, six days may be forgiven, which can be made up in the end of the year.

Failing to meet those minimum requirements and rescheduling lost days can result in more than \$60,000 in lost state funds.

Lake Fenton was out a total of 20 days at winter break. Superintendent Wayne Wright said schools were closed Dec. 20 for icy conditions, and then Jan. 6, 7 and 8 in the snow and cold. "I do drive the roads in the morning on any day where we could be closed for poor road conditions, and I make a

“I do drive the roads in the morning on any day where we could be closed for poor road conditions, and I make a judgment call.”

Wayne Wright
Superintendent, Lake Fenton Community Schools



Students in local districts were off for 23 days straight in December and January — 20 for the Christmas break, and three more for the ice, snow and cold conditions.

judgment call," said Wright in an email. "We also use a 20-degree wind chill factor as a guideline to close school for cold temperatures."

Lake Fenton Middle School was closed an additional day in November while a transformer was replaced and the district as a whole was offline without power as well.

Holly students missed the same three days the first week of January, and Dec 20, for icy roads, totaling four "snow" days. When deciding when to close schools,

"my transportation director drives the roads and makes a recommendation regarding student safety," said Superintendent Dave Nuss. "Student safety is our number one priority when closing school." Holly schools use a similar wind-chill test for closing schools.

Linden schools were closed the same amount as Holly, with four. Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) mirrored holly and Linden with closures.

Authorities warn of phone scam

►Caller poses as IRS, sheriff, demands money from residents

Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard wants to make the public aware of a scam that is occurring in Oakland County related to callers posing as the IRS and as law enforcement, and making demands for money.

Farmington Hills Police Department has received a complaint from a resident claiming that he received a call on Jan. 9 from someone claiming to be the Internal Revenue Service saying he was being charged with crimes unless he paid \$3,854 in green dot prepaid money cards. The resident paid the amount, and then subsequently received another call from someone claiming to be "Sheriff Bouchard" who advised he owed an additional \$4,560, or he would be charged with a crime. At this point, the resident

became suspicious and made a report.

It is important to note that the caller masked their phone number on caller ID to look like the call was coming from the sheriff's office.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office wants to remind residents that neither the sheriff's office nor Sheriff Bouchard would demand money from any resident related to a debt or for any other reason.

"Any entity asking for payment or money in the form of a prepaid green dot money card is suspect," said Sheriff Bouchard. "If you suspect you are being scammed, there is a very good chance you are. Trust your instincts and report suspicious behavior to your local authorities."

Anyone having information on this particular case is encouraged to report it to Farmington Hills Police Department at (248) 871-2610. For any other case where the sheriff or sheriff's office has been fraudulently used, please call the sheriff's office at (248) 858-5000.

“Any entity asking for payment or money in the form of a prepaid green dot money card is suspect.”

Michael Bouchard
Oakland County sheriff

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Gender gap growing in teaching profession

► Nearly 75 percent of teachers across nation are female

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A National Education Association (NEA) report indicates that there are 785,151 male teachers in public elementary and secondary schools across the nation compared to 2.4 million women.

While middle school and high school may have brought a few more male teachers into the mix, the truth is, the teaching profession was and really still is, dominated by women.

Most states report that less than 30 percent of all teachers are male, with the average coming in around 25 percent. The survey revealed that Arkansas had the least amount of male teachers at 17 percent while Kansas led the pack with more than 30 percent.

To go a step further, male educators make up 2.3 percent of the overall pre-K and kindergarten teachers, while male elementary and middle school teachers constitute 18.3 percent of the teaching population. It evens out a little more at the high school level with men representing about 42 percent of the teachers overall.

As other occupations began to open to educated women in the 1980s, women entered other professions, and teaching became slightly less-feminized.

But why are male teachers still few-and-far-between in the U.S.? Expert analysis insists that sexism and status play a big role in the issue.

An article published by mit.edu says that while girls have been encouraged to engage in typically male-dominated fields like math and science in recent years, boys have been given nearly no incentive to engage in female-dominated professions like teaching.

Author Bryan G. Nelson held many other jobs before becoming a teacher. In his book, "Why Schools Need More Male Teachers," Nelson blames a lack of male teachers on several factors including stereotypes, fear of accusation of abuse, and low status and low wages.

"Some people believe that working



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Jay Silvey assembles his class to hand out "cafe" assignments, which include a variety of interactive, cooperative activities on Wednesday.

with young children is 'woman's work,' that men are not nurturing, and that there must be something wrong with any man who would want to teach," he wrote.

Nelson went on to say that some people fear men will harm children or be accused of abuse, and that for men, working with young children is perceived to come with low wages and low status.

A 2006 study by Thomas Dee, now a professor at Stanford, suggests that boys do better in classes that are taught by men, while girls are more likely to thrive in classes taught by women. The study found that girls were more likely to report that they didn't think a class would be useful to their future if taught by a man, and boys were more likely to say they didn't look forward to a particular subject if it was taught by a woman.

Many scholars suggest that other variables like a teacher's experience and the number of students in his or her class are much more important to a student's success.

Patterson Elementary School teacher Jay Silvey has been teaching at the elementary school level for all of his 15 years in the Holly Area School district.

At 43, Silvey said he always wanted to teach at the elementary school level, having chosen to major in elementary education in college. "I love seeing the excitement on a child's face during the learning process — when they 'get it,'" he said. "It's awesome."

Contrary to Nelson's theory, Silvey

said he has never felt "judged" by men in other professions for being a teacher.

"I believe that a teacher is one of the most important professional roles a person can hold," he said. "Because of this belief, I have never considered if other men in other professions look down on me," he added. "People are often surprised to hear that I teach first-grade, but I've never inquired into their reasoning."

As for school administrators, the genders are more equally weighted. In fact, a 2009 report released by the National Center for Education Statistics suggests when it comes to becoming a principal, women are right on par with men.

The report shows that 50 percent of public school principals and 53 percent of private school principals were female that year. That's quite a change from 20 years earlier when 75 percent of all principals, both in private and public schools, were male.

And while the gender gap appears to be narrowing in the principal profession, so too, does that appear to be happening among superintendents.

According to mit.edu, by the early 1970s, less than 1 percent of school superintendents were women. Over the years, the number has greatly increased, although the positions are still primarily occupied by men.

A national study conducted in 2011 says the percentage of female superintendents has increased nearly four times, from what it is in 1992. The study, released by the American Association of School Administrators, found that of approximately 2,000 surveyed superintendents nationwide, 24 percent were women — up 13 percent from the 1992 data.

DOES GENDER MATTER WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER?

Female elementary school teachers' comfort with mathematics has an effect on the girls they teach, according to new research.

In a January 2013 article by Sarah D. Sparks in Education Week, Sparks said, girls taught by a female teacher got a learning boost if that teacher had a strong math background, but had consistently lower math performance by the end of the school year if she didn't, according to a study presented at the American Economic Association's annual conference.

By contrast, boys' math scores were not affected by having a female math teacher, regardless of the teacher's background in that subject, and there were no differences in math performance among male and female students of male teachers of different math backgrounds.

The study adds to growing evidence that children's gender biases can significantly affect their own ability.

"Children's perceptions of gender start emerging between the ages of 7 and 12," said the study co-author I. Serkan Ozbeklik, an assistant economics professor at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif. "Positive or negative, the primary school experiences may shape the academic course of students, leading to long-term consequences like choice of study, choice of major, and occupation."

Also worth noting, the researchers found no evidence of differences in teaching styles between the women and men teachers.

Source: January 2013 article by Sarah D. Sparks in Education Week, www.edweek.org.

TEACHER GENDER

FENTON

Male teachers.....	38
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Male principals	4
Female principals	3

HOLLY

Male teachers.....	57
Female teachers	151
Male principals	5
Female principals	3

LAKE FENTON

Male teachers.....	24
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Female principals	2

LINDEN

Male teachers.....	31
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Female principals	4

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TONI WHITLEY, senior VP of CGI Federal, was a classmate of Michelle Obama at Harvard. After the CEO gave huge donations to his election, they received a \$98 million no-bid contract to install Obamacare. It's up to \$678 million. They have been replaced because they're as inept as the Obamas.

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TO THOSE WHO say, 'this cold spell proves global warming is a hoax.' First, only North America has been unusually cold; elsewhere it has been warmer than usual. And a short-term cold spell does not invalidate a decades-long trend. Global warming is real, and human activity is at least partially responsible.

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CABLE

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a monopoly rather than being forced to buy from a single company.

Ask a spokesperson from the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association (MCTA) about the current state of cable and Internet providers however and they will tell you that options have never been so diversified as they are today.

"Everyone has at least two satellite providers (Direct and Dish networks) and you can get Internet services without having cable TV," said David Waymire. Online services like Hulu and Netflix only require Internet access, allowing viewers to consume shows without having to pay for a monthly cable service. "You've got more TV than people ever had before. There's a lot of choices and competition."

Despite the expanded viewing options, there's little comfort for customers

who want more variety when it comes to choosing a more traditional cable provider. Waymire said some cable companies choose to avoid expanding into an area because there's not enough return on investment. Waymire's advice for customers is to shop around and explore different providers and methods of watching shows.

Judy Palnau, a spokesperson for the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), said while her organization can review disputes between cable providers and customers, there are little outside regulations on what cable providers can charge for services. Neither MPSC nor the MTCA have any say in how many cable providers must be present in a given area nor how much or little they can charge for services.

"Companies look at what customers want, what content providers charge and

try to strike a balance," said Waymire. "There's no magic formula for pricing."

Calls to Charter were not returned and a spokesperson from Comcast directed inquiries to the MTCA.

According to a December report by Neilson, the average American consumed about 60 hours of content through various technologies. Television remains the most popular method of consumption at 35 hours per week, followed by 14 hours of radio, five hours of Internet usage on a computer and six hours split between mobile devices and game consoles.

Another theory about the limited cable providers in an area usually involves blaming local government. Fenton City manager Lynn Markland said it's up to cable companies to choose which communities they expand into and not local government officials.

"You'd really have to talk to cable companies about why that is," Markland said of communities where only one cable company is present. "I would assume one of the main reasons why this happens is because it takes a larger capital investment to install cable."

Waymire insists that even if only one cable provider is available in a certain locations, multiple options still exist.

"There is an awful lot of television now than there was five to 10 years ago," Waymire said. "I would encourage people to shop for various options. Call your providers and discuss these matters with them."

POTHoles

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They have come a little early though, usually we start patching in February," said Dan Czarnecki, DPW director. "The potholes range in all different sizes. Anything that becomes a hole, we put material in it."

That material in the winter is called a cold patch, which Czarnecki described as a sticky, tarry substance. While a cold patch is effective for covering up potholes, it isn't a permanent solution. He said the cold patch is subject to crack from the freezing and thawing process, just like concrete. Hot patches, made of similar material and heated up during the summer, fare better but aren't a permanent solution either.

Czarnecki said potholes are simply a part of life in Michigan. "This is standard procedure for potholes this time of year. There aren't a whole lot of other options for paved roads," he said. "It happens in this part of the United States."

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), potholes occur when snow and ice melt during freeze and thaw cycles. Water seeps between cracks in the asphalt, freezing into ice and expanding. Cars driving over the cracks push the raised section back down, causing it to become loose and eventually, a pothole.

How pothole repairs will affect



Michigan motorists are starting to see — and feel — the effects that the mid-January thaw have on roads.

municipal budgets remains to be seen. Gov. Rick Snyder attempted to add \$1.2 billion a year to help fix roads but was unable to get his proposals passed. Czarnecki said fixing potholes is part of the DPW budget and isn't a separate line item.

For motorists who do come across potholes, Czarnecki urged them to call city hall at (810) 629-2261 so that the DPW can fill them as soon as possible. Potholes can also be reported to MDOT by calling the Pothole Hotline at (888) 296-4546.

If a motorist's vehicle is damaged by a pothole, claims can be made to MDOT. Claims more than \$1,000 must be filed with the Michigan Court of Claims, located at 313 W. Kalamazoo,

PO Box 40771 Lansing, MI 48091. Claims less than \$1,000 must be submitted to the closest MDOT office where damages occurred.

“Anything that becomes a hole, we put material into it.”

Dan Czarnecki
Fenton Department of Public Works director

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VACUUM**Continued from Page 3A**

many choices in vacuums as there are in any other home gadget.

Do you want an upright with changeable bags, or a bagless model? How about a canister-style vacuum, which maneuvers well on stairs? If you're into fashion, even your vacuum cleaner can make a statement in sleek shapes and trendy colors.

Choosing the perfect vacuum goes somewhat by trial and error, or what has worked well for you in the past. Sherri McArthur, owner of The Cleaning Authority in Fenton, uses Hoover commercial vacuums for her residential cleaning crews. She

grew up with that brand and has been well satisfied in the past 14 years she has used Hoovers both at home and at work. "We use bags with 99.7 percent filtration to trap microscopic particles and allergens," said McArthur.

“You’ve got to try it out before you buy it.”

Sherri McArthur
The Cleaning Authority

Start by matching a vacuum type to your cleaning needs. Uprights, especially with a bag, do best overall on carpets, according to Consumer Reports. Whether you choose a bagless or not, the Good Housekeeping Institute says that both clean equally

well and that the choice boils down to personal preference. Bagless vacuums save you the trouble of keeping bags on hand, but they can be messy to empty, and may cause trouble for allergy sufferers in your home. While vacuums with bags keep dust and dirt contained, it can be tricky to retrieve an earring or small object that gets accidentally sucked up in the vacuum.

A canister vacuum is generally more versatile, handling carpets and bare floors with ease. They're also good at vacuuming stairs and sucking up dirt from corners.

Check the vacuum's special features, which may make this weekly chore easier for you. A brush on/off switch helps protect bare floors and avoid scattered debris. A motorized brush cleans carpets better than only suction. Also helpful is a manual pile-height adjustment, which can be matched to carpets better than with automatic.

Suction control is an important feature, helpful when cleaning delicate fabrics with tools. "Good suction is the most important feature to me," said McArthur. "You've got

to try it out before you buy it."

Be careful not to judge the vacuum suction quality strictly by the highest amps, horsepower or wattage. These are simple measurements of the electrical current used by the motors. A vacuum cleaner's performance depends on airflow, the amount of suction it produces and other factors, including the overall design of the vacuum and its attachments.

Check out the vacuum's attachments, as they will make your weekly cleaning chore much easier. When you're vacuuming pile carpets and rugs, use the motorized power nozzle. But when you're cleaning bare floors and walls, it's best to use the wall/floor brush. To get dust out of drawers, air vents and from under large appliances, try the crevice tool. For mattresses, upholstered fabrics, curtains and car interiors, use the upholstery attachment. To remove dust from blinds, lampshades and moldings, use the dusting brush.

Having a vacuum that's easy to use is also important. That means you might not like having to drag a canister around if you have a lot of wide open floor space. If you've got several staircases at home, a canister might be easier to use than an upright.

Check the length of the cord on the vacuum cleaner and make sure it's long enough to vacuum your living space without having to re-plug it all the time. "It should be at least 30 feet long," said McArthur. The newest models even have a retractable cord to make storage a snap.

Try out several models first before you make a selection. Push, pull, turn and lift models you're considering, and check out the controls and features. After all, you'll be the one using it once or twice every week.

POLICE**Continued from Page 3A**

strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A consent search was conducted and the officer found marijuana belonging to the driver inside the vehicle. The woman was cited for the headlight being out and for possession of marijuana.

MAN TAKES COLLECTION JAR

On Jan. 9, Linden police received a larceny complaint from a restaurant in the 600 block of West Broad Street. Video surveillance footage shows a white male, about 35 years old, 6-feet-tall and weighing about 280 pounds stealing a piggy bank collection jar containing \$300 from the counter. The man was wearing a baseball cap and winter coat. Linden police are continuing to investigate.

CRAIGSLIST AD RESULTS IN STOLEN WALLET

On Jan. 4, Linden police responded to a home in the 100 block of Laura Lane to investigate a larceny complaint. The homeowner said she listed a free mattress on Craigslist. In response to that ad, a white female, about 28 years old and a white male came to the home to pick up the mattress. They drove away in a silver Dodge Ram extended cab pickup truck. After they left, the homeowner realized that they had also stolen her green leather wallet containing credit cards and a debit card from her purse.

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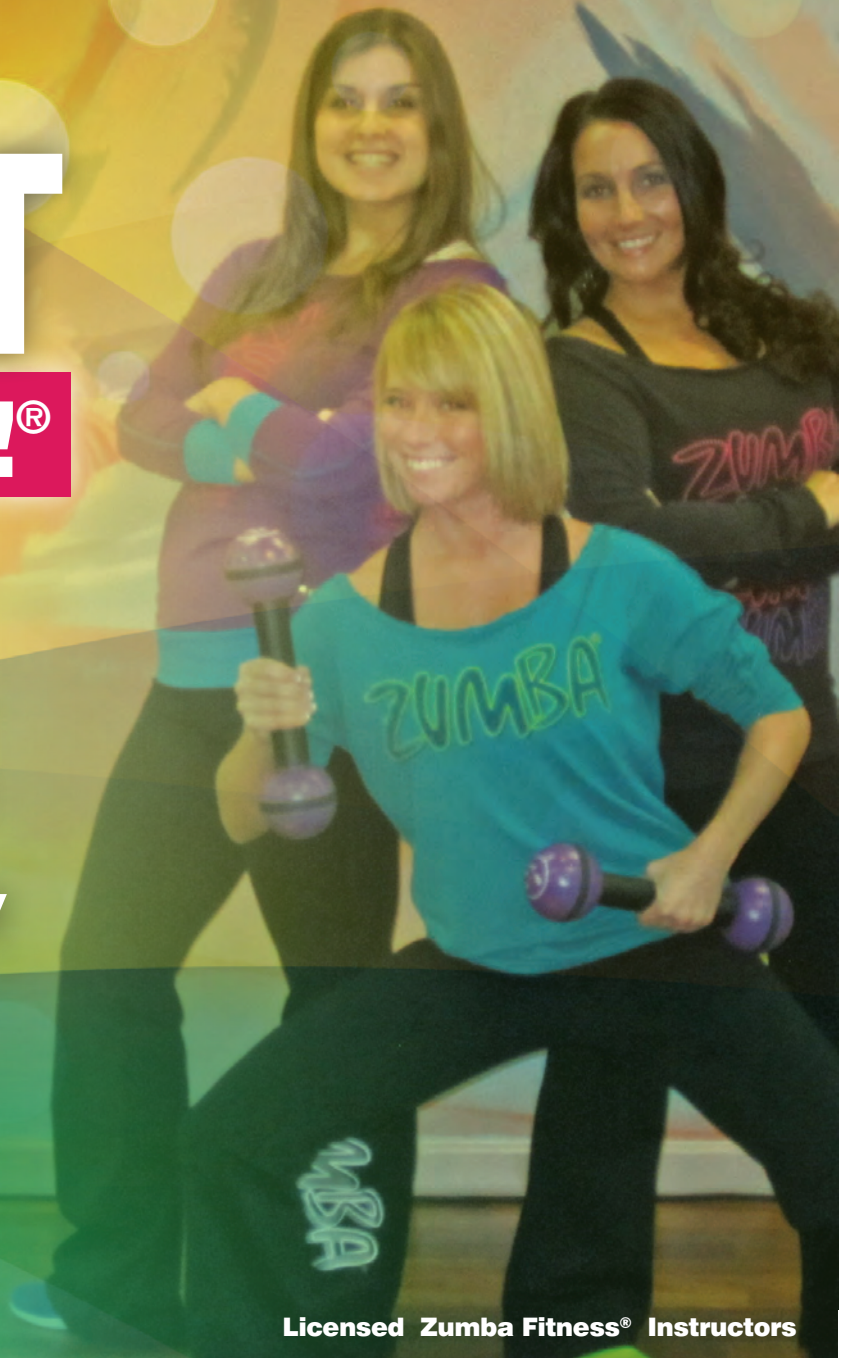
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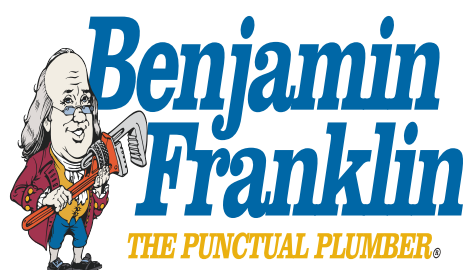
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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

The Michigan House and Senate opened the New Year with a pro-forma session on Wednesday, Jan. 8 as required by the Constitution, but no bills were voted on. This report contains several recently introduced bills of interest, as published on Friday, Jan. 10.

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>.

House Bill 4856: Authorize charges for rescuing negligent emergency victim — Introduced by Rep. Brandon Dillon (D), to charge a person for the cost of providing rescue and emergency services during a state of emergency, if the rescue was due to the individual acting in manner deemed "grossly negligent" as defined in the bill. **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

House Bill 4868: Let Flint impose higher city income tax — Introduced by Rep. Woodrow Stanley (D), to allow Flint to raise its city income tax to 1.5 percent on residents and businesses, and 0.75 percent on nonresidents who work there. Under current law, cities are not allowed to impose individual income taxes higher than 1 percent for residents and 0.5 percent for non-residents (except for Detroit, which can and does impose a 2.4 percent/1.2 percent income tax rate). **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

House Bill 4881: Make marriage name change provisions gender neutral — Introduced by Rep. Phil Cavanagh (D), to explicitly state in statute that the parties in a marriage are not required to use the same last name, and in general make this law "gender neutral." A man could adopt the woman's last name, a woman could adopt the man's, either party could adopt a hyphenated name, or everyone could just keep their original last name. **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

House Bill 4885: Cut tax on gas and oil "fracking" — Introduced by Rep. Aric Nesbitt (R), to reduce the 5 percent "severance tax" or royalty paid to the state on oil and gas extracted from state land to 3.3 percent for oil and 3 percent for gas if these are produced using "enhanced recovery" technology, presumably including hydraulic fracturing (fracking). **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

House Bill 4897: Use state agency to "facilitate" creating Detroit futures exchange — Introduced by Rep. John Olumba (D), to require the state financial and insurance regulation bureau to collaborate with other government agencies to "facilitate" creation of a Detroit "Mercantile and Commodities Exchange." **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

House Bill 4899: Impose new regulations on gas and oil "fracking" — Introduced by Rep. Sarah Roberts (D), to require the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to hold a public hearing before issuing a permit for the extraction of natural gas or oil using "hydraulic fracturing," if local politicians or residents request a hearing. **Referred to committee, no further action at this time.**

Source Book photo contest winner



Brooke Isaacson is the winner of the Times 2014 Source Book photo contest. Her photo entry (shown above) will be displayed on the cover of this year's Source Book. Look for it in the Sunday, January 26 edition.

WEATHER

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Fahrenkrug. "Every season is going to have its ups and downs and wacky weather."

While this winter has had below average temperatures and above average snowfall, Fahrenkrug points out that this past summer seemed unseasonably colder than past summers, when in fact it was on par with other average summers. Fahrenkrug calls the shock to different conditions as "weather amnesia," where people compare current weather conditions to memories of past milder seasons.

Michigan did accumulate record snowfall for this winter so far, giving plausible cause to labeling this winter as unusual. According to the National Weather Service, Flint has had 39 inches of snow for the winter so far, which is 21 inches more than normal. Detroit has also had 39 inches of snow and Saginaw has had 31 inches of snow, all above average for winter.

Record snow or not, any longtime Michigan resident will attest that the weather can

change multiple times in one week. Fahrenkrug attributes the variety of weather to the Great Lakes, which can drastically change temperatures and precipitation. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, lake effect snow forms in the winter when cold air brushes over warmer lake waters. The warm air is evaporated into the colder air, forming clouds and bringing snow. During the summer, hot air brushing against the colder air above the lakes can create wet, humid days.

"I would say the Great Lakes definitely play a part. We do have a lot of quick changes to weather patterns," Fahrenkrug said. "It is pretty unique to Michigan but it happens in other states too."

Fahrenkrug said mountains in a state could have a similar effect, causing drastic changes to the weather.

Love it or hate it, Michigan is known for snowy, cold winters and hot, sunny summers. If the winter is giving you the blues, cheer up — spring will be here in a few short months.

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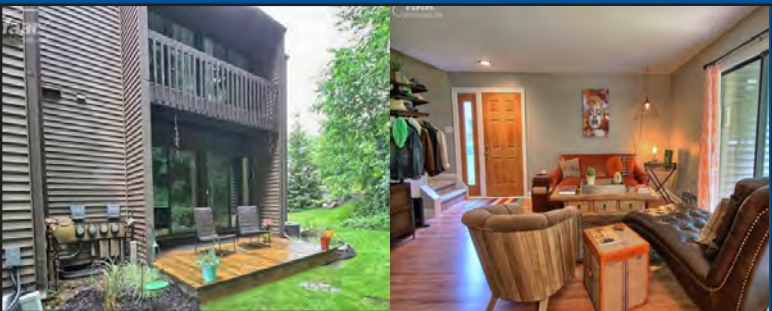
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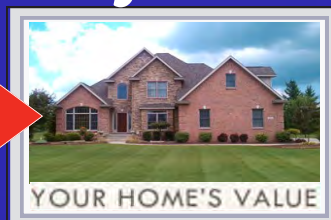
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SPA

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at the spa. A coordinated investigation involving Fenton police, Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), and the Michigan State Police was formed. Undercover officers confirmed that acts of prostitution were being offered to customers of the spa.

The business was deemed to be in violation of Michigan's nuisance abatement law, which allowed the courts to issue a temporary restraining order in December.

According to a complaint filed by the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, from at least Sept. 30, 2013 to Dec. 4, 2013, Lake Spa was allegedly the site of illegal prostitution activity.

According to the complaint, on Sept. 30, 2013, a Michigan State Police lieutenant, assigned to work with the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), was contacted by Fenton police who requested that an investigation be initiated.

On Oct. 23, 2013, a Michigan State Police trooper was assigned to enter Lake Spa in an undercover capacity with pre-recorded currency to request massage services and to determine if he would be solicited for prostitution services. When the trooper entered the business, he was met by an elderly woman of Asian descent, known as "Mama" who ushered him into a small private room where he purchased massage services for \$60 from a masseuse who went by the name of "Angie."

Angie gave the trooper a 15-20 minute back and shoulders massage and then asked him if he would give her a good tip. The trooper motioned to the end table where he had placed some tip money. Angie then touched the undercover trooper's genitals as well as lifted her shirt to expose her breasts, according to the complaint. At this point, the trooper told Angie he needed to leave. She told him to come back later when he was more comfortable and to be sure to bring more money.

According to the complaint, Angie showed the undercover trooper what he would receive if he returned with \$240.

On Nov. 13, 2013, a Flint Police Department lieutenant working undercover entered Lake Spa and requested massage services to determine if he

would also be solicited for prostitution services. He too was met by an elderly woman of Asian descent, called Mama, who ushered him into a small private room. He agreed to pay his masseuse "Lee" \$60 for a 15-20 minute massage. When she was finished, she asked him if he would like anything else. She told him he could get whatever he wanted and asked him how much money he had.

Similar to Angie, Lee touched the undercover lieutenant's genitals and lifted up her shirt to expose her breasts. At this point, the lieutenant told Lee that he had to leave with the excuse of having to pick up his children.

Based on these incidents, a search warrant was executed on Lake Spa on Dec. 5, 2013. During the raid, FANG

team members located five people, including the masseuses Angie and Lee, and the elderly woman known as Mama. There were also two customers at Lake Spa at the time of the raid, who both admitted to paying for sexual acts.

Both masseuses admitted that sexual activity for cash was available at Lake Spa and they recounted the costs for specific acts. Both also indicated that Mama ran the spa.

Mama reportedly gave officers several false names and claimed that she only cooked and cleaned on the premises. She reportedly provided the name of a Fenton resident as the proprietor of Lake Spa.

Through their investigation, the prosecutor's office learned that the lessee of the building space since March 2012 is a man, with a last known address in Ohio.

This case remains under investigation. If criminal charges are filed, this information will be made available.

Summary

►The doors to a spa on Torrey Road in Fenton remain locked after allegations of prostitution were exposed. Undercover police officers went to Lake Spa in December and confirmed that illegal prostitution took place, which violates Michigan's nuisance abatement law.

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Mitchell Bollinger

Scored 10 points in Lake Fenton's win vs. Durand.

Read more details on page 18A.

Claborn's late trey shocks Holly, 66-64

By David Troppens

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Holly — Down by 14 at the half courtesy of three Holly three-pointers in the final minute of the second quarter, the Fenton varsity boys basketball team had to play a perfect second half to defeat the Bronchos in Holly's own gym.

James Claborn and the Fenton Tigers did just that. Claborn hit the game-winning three-point shot with 38 seconds left, made the defensive stop on Holly's Jake Daniels' potential game-winning layup and then iced the game with a free throw, earning the Fenton Tigers a shocking 66-64 victory at the Horseshoe Friday night.

"That is what you look for when you are playing sports," Claborn said. "Friday night, one of the biggest games of the year. I just let it go and it went in."

Holly (5-1, 7-2) shot 60 percent from the field in the first half, with six of those shots being three-pointers. Consecutive treys by Isaac Casillas, Parker Rowse and Kyle Woodruff in the final minute of the first half gave the Bronchos a 40-26 halftime lead.

However, the Tigers (4-3) continued to fight. Fenton cut the gap to 55-50 late in the third quarter on a three-pointer by Austin Bossenberger, but Holly's Daniels hit a hoop, raising the edge to 57-50 entering the fourth quarter.

It was no problem, as the Tigers hit a sizzling 6-for-11, including two three-pointers, in the fourth quarter, while the defense held Holly to just two field goals.

Fenton tied the game up for the first time since the first quarter on an Andrew Mowery trey at 58-all with 4:35 remaining, and tied it up again at 62-all on a breaking layup by Alec Thomas with 1:26 left. Adam Tooley gave Holly a 64-62 lead with 1:10 left on a driving layup, but Claborn took a pass from Mowery and drained the game-winning trey with 38 seconds left.

Ross Ebert, who left with an injury in the third quarter, led Fenton with 15 points, while Claborn had 14. Bossenberger and Dillon Gardner, a Holly transfer, had 11 points each. Tooley led Holly with 17 points, while Daniels had 16. Woodruff finished with 13 points.

Fenton never turned the ball over



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(Top) Fenton's Austin Bossenberger (right) attacks with the ball against Holly's Parker Rowse. (Right) Holly's Jake Daniels (left) attempts a shot against Fenton's Andrew Mowery (right) and James Claborn (center). Fenton won the game 66-64.

in the second half, and finished with just four.

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Fenton's defense tries to keep Holly's Kaitlyn Smith (right) from taking a shot in the Bronchos' 37-31 victory

Lady Bronchos remain perfect, beat Fenton, 37-31

By David Troppens

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Holly — Trailing 26-25 after Fenton's Carly Granger netted a jumper, if the Holly varsity girls basketball team was going to remain perfect, they needed to find some answers.

The Bronchos (7-0, 9-0) did. Kaitlyn Smith hit a three-pointer with 4:30 left in the contest, giving Holly the lead for good, and freshman Paige Reid hit a trey that bounced on the rim twice before falling in, giving Holly a 32-26 lead with 2:40 remaining, leading the Bronchos to a gritty 37-31 victory against the upset-minded Fenton Tigers at Holly High School.

Fenton was never able to get the Holly lead cut back to one possession. The Tigers did cut it to 32-28 on a put-

back from Katie Conroy, but the Bronchos made 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch, icing the victory.

It was a tightly contested game throughout. Fenton's biggest lead was at 16-13 after an eight-foot jumper by Emma Evo, but Holly ended the half by scoring the final six points, the final two on a Reid jumper, putting the Bronchos up 19-16 at the half. Holly led by as many as 23-15 after a nifty scoop layup by Smith, but Fenton scored the next nine points, taking the lead on two converted free throws by Cassandra Reuschlein with 6:39 left in the contest.

The teams exchanged the lead until Smith's trey put Holly up 28-26. Smith also blocked a shot on Fenton's next possession and then passed the

ball to Allyssa Copley, who was fouled and converted a free throw, raising the gap to 29-26. Reid's trey followed after a missed three-pointer by Fenton with 2:40 left, putting the Bronchos up by 32-26.

Smith and Copley led Holly with 13 points each, while Copley added nine rebounds and three assists. Smith had five rebounds and three blocks as well. Reid finished with 10 points and two steals.

Fenton (5-2, 5-4) was paced by Sarah Cummings' seven points and seven rebounds, while Reuschlein had six points and four boards. Hannah Evo and Katie Conroy chipped in five points.

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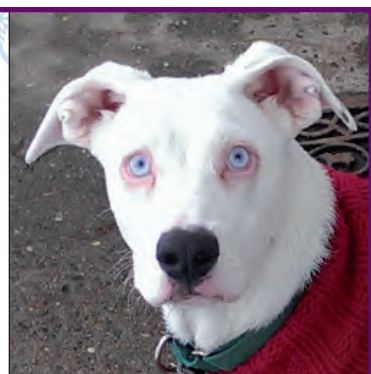
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Eagles looking to make a mark by the end of the Metro League's season

► Defeats Kearsley, falls to ranked Brandon in duals

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Ortonville — The Linden varsity wrestling team came into its tri-meet with the fifth-ranked Brandon Blackhawks with sickness as an issue.

It didn't help their cause as the Eagles fell to Brandon 59-19. However, Linden did get some good news, dominating Flint Kearsley 61-6 in the match prior to the loss the Brandon. The loss to Brandon would've been expected even with a full lineup, but health didn't help matters.

"We are a little sick right now," Linden varsity wrestling coach Todd Skinner said. "We are better than we wrestled tonight, but I knew we didn't have a shot to beat Brandon. They are the team to beat in the Metro and it wasn't worth getting anybody hurt any further (by wrestling them)."

The Eagles voided three weight classes against Bran-

don due to health issues. However, the Eagles started out strong against the Blackhawks, getting wins in two of the first three matches. Nick Sioui (215) won by void and Austin McNeill (285) followed that victory with a pinfall win, earning Linden a 12-6 lead. However, the Eagles were forced to void two of the next three matches, falling behind 24-12.

Linden cut the gap to 24-18 when Zach Shaw (125) posted an impressive pinfall win in 39 seconds, but Linden lost the rest of the matches.

"We are starting a lot of freshmen this year," Shaw said. "By the end of the season, we should be pretty solid. And we have guys out of the lineup right now, too. We are missing out on three weights."

The Eagles dominated Kearsley, winning all but one match. McNeill (215) and Shaw

both ended the day with 2-0 records with both being pinfall victories. Against Kearsley, McNeill earned a fall victory in 1:25, while Shaw had one in 1:14. Shaw is the Eagles' only returning wrestler who competed at the state meet last year.

"I felt good about (my performances)," Shaw said. "I was going through the motions, trying to get everything where I need it to be."

Shaw's goals include collecting a state title this year. Last year he did not place at the state, but he said it was a good experience.

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(Above) Linden's Luke Zimmerman (right) throws a Kearsley opponent to the mat in the Eagles' 61-6 victory against the Hornets on Wednesday. (Left photo, right wrestler) Alec Monticelli eventually won this match by injury default.

PREP REPORT

HOCKEY

► **Metro League Griffins 5, Flushing 4:** The Metro League Griffins capped off a 4-1 third-period comeback by getting a game-winning overtime goal by Brandon Diener off an Austin Wright assist. It was the Griffins' second win of the season.

WRESTLING

► **Holly vs. Lapeer West, Clio:** The Bronchos won a key 39-33 match against Clio in pursuit of their fourth straight Metro title. They also defeated West 55-19.

Holly trailed Clio 18-0 at one time, a five-match run of victories by Kyle Pepper (152), Andrew Scott (160), Tre Flores (171), Vincent Bianchi (189) and Wyatt Lupro (215). Double-winners included Sam Johnson (140), Pepper, Scott and Flores.

► **Fenton vs. Swartz Creek, Lapeer East:** The Tigers defeated Lapeer East 45-34, but lost a tight match to Swartz Creek 40-31.

The Tigers' Justin Hill (189/215) won two matches by pinfall, leading Fenton to the win against East. Norman Golden (103), Josh Tousley (140) and Shae Parson (145) also won two matches for Fenton. Against East, Jack Anderson (171), Terry Veres (112), Tyler Rice (119) and Ryan Parks (135) won.

► **Lake Fenton vs. Burton Bentley, Byron:** The Blue Devils defeated Bentley 73-6 and Byron 63-15.

Lake Fenton's undefeated wrestlers were Hunter Corcoran (112), Zach Zoll (119), Jared Corcoran (125), John Barry (135), Leo Shustock (140), Cody Sanders (152), Carson Whaley (160), Trent Hillger (171), Andy Donoho (189) and Chase Hull (215).

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Linden freshmen 52, Lapeer West 35:** Cole Sarkon led Linden (7-1) with 14 points, while Hunter Michael netted nine. Gavin Lund scored seven.

► **Linden freshmen 43, Kearsley 21:** Nick Rinks paced the Eagles with 13 points, while Trevor Wolford and Trevor

Varner had eight points each.

► **Linden freshmen 56, Holly 48:** The Eagles were paced by Cole Sarkon's 18 points, while Aaron Sarkon chipped in 13 points and Michael Hunter had 12 points. Kyle Staple led Holly with 12 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Holly 42, Clio 24:** The Bronchos (7-0, 9-0) shut out the Mustangs 12-0 in the first quarter.

Clio cut the gap to 18-9 at the half, but Holly led 32-17 after three quarters, taking control of the contest.

Kaitlyn Smith led the Bronchos with 15 points. Abby Lewandowski had eight points and eight rebounds, while Allyssa Copley netted six points.

► **Fenton 55, Lapeer West 30:** The Tigers outscored West 35-13 in the first half, and cruised to the Metro League win. Cassandra Reuschlein led Fenton with 13 points and nine rebounds, while Emma Evo had 12 points and five boards.

► **Goodrich 60, Lake Fenton 29:** The Blue Devils (3-6) were outscored 30-10 in the second half. Jordan Newman led Lake Fenton with 10 points, while Autumn Beardsley netted nine points.

SKIING

► **Fenton/Linden, Holly/Oxford & results:** Holly/Oxford's boys beat Fenton/Linden 22-69, while the Fenton/Linden boys beat Powers 36-39 and Grand Blanc beat Holly/Oxford 36-38.

In slalom action, Lars Joergens-Koka had Holly/Oxford's best time (57.71 seconds), while Seth Thompson (1:03.39) led Fenton/Linden. In the giant slalom, Joergens-Koka was first (44.59), while Thompson led Fenton/Linden (45.30).

In girls action, Fenton/Linden beat Holly Oxford 31-41, Grand Blanc beat Holly/Oxford 21-61 and Powers beat Fenton/Linden 33-40. Caitlin Wiley led Fenton/Linden in the giant slalom (48.49), while Emma Ford led Holly/Oxford (49.94). In the slalom, Zoe Weinberg led Fenton/Linden (1:02.04), while Ford led Holly/Oxford (1:09.09).

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Lake Fenton's Miranda Quick (right) defends a Durand player during the Blue Devils' 57-37 loss Tuesday night.

Second half issues doom Devils, 57-37

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — It was a decent start for the Lake Fenton varsity girls basketball team.

The Blue Devils led 9-7 entering the second quarter and looked poised to compete with the Durand Railroaders. However, Durand was able to control the paint for the rest of the game resulting in a 57-37 road win at Lake Fenton High School.

The Blue Devils started to fall behind during the middle two quarters, being outscored 37-19 during that 16-minute period.

Lake Fenton (3-5) trailed
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Without full team, Devils continue to improve

►Lake Fenton's Hanson scores 17 in 58-41 victory vs. Durand Railroaders

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — Things are looking up for Chase Hanson and the rest of the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team.

In the last two seasons, the program has won a combined eight games, with five of those victories coming during last season's first year with Jake Erway at the helm.

This season's start has been less than ideal in many ways. The weather has cost the team practices, transfers are still waiting to play their first game of the season and recent suspensions have cut the team depth even more. However, despite these issues, the program seems to be flourishing reasonably well.

The Blue Devils proved that point by winning their fourth game in just six contests on Tuesday, defeating Durand 58-41.

The Blue Devils trailed 10-8 after one quarter, but one got the sense it was only a matter of time before Lake Fenton took over. And that's what the Blue Devils did the rest of the game. A Mitchell Bollinger three-pointer off a pass from Chris Bell gave Lake Fenton a 11-10 lead just 15 seconds into the second quarter, and the Blue Devils never trailed again, netting three more three-pointers during the first four minutes of the period. Most came from good passing around the perimeter. Bollinger assisted Hanson's trey about 1:15 later, while Bell dished the ball on Bollinger's second trey of

the game with 4:50 left in the half. The third LF three came on a steal by Hanson and a dish from Hanson to Bollinger, who gave the Blue Devils a 19-15 lead with his three-pointer.

The Blue Devils' transition game took over from there, as each of their final three hoops in the half — one each by Merrick George, Bell and Bollinger — were the result of the break, helping the Blue Devils take a 25-17 lead into the intermission.

"I think the team is looking pretty well," said Hanson, who led the Blue Devils with 17 points, five steals and four rebounds. "We are definitely improving from the first couple of games. This was our first good win of the season. We had a couple of players out today, but we are improving on defense, getting the ball moving around and some kids are stepping up."

"I know we had at least five kids hit a three and that's bit," Erway said. "We needed that. When you are playing against a zone, it's nice to hit a couple to give them a different look. At the start of the second quarter we hit those threes and that was really helpful. They started getting out a little more and the inside opened up for us."

In the second half, the Blue Devils cruised to the victory. With Bell handling the offense, he ended up scoring eight of his 10 points in the second half, while dishing off nine assists for the contest. Hanson also had a big second half, scoring 11 of his 17 points during it. The Blue



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Lake Fenton's Chris Bell (left) scored 10 points and dished nine assists in the Blue Devils' 58-41 victory against Durand on Tuesday.

Devils shot an efficient 11-for-22, which included four three-pointers, in the second half.

Durand did stick close for a bit during the second half, trailing just 36-33 after a layup by Eli Walter with 2:10 left in the third, but a breaking layup by Hanson raised the gap to 41-35 entering the fourth quarter. In the fourth period, Hanson opened the quarter with a breaking layup off a Bell assist and a three-pointer, putting the Blue Devils up 46-35 with 6:41 remaining in the contest. A three-pointer by Bell with 5:04 left in the contest gave the Blue Devils a 49-37 lead, and they never led by less than double-digits again.

Bollinger had 10 points, while freshman Jalen Miller had nine points and three rebounds. Bell had three fourth-quarter steals, getting them while playing inside the paint in a 2-3 zone. Lake Fenton is 4-2 and still hasn't come close to playing a game with its complete compliment of players.

"It's going to be scary honestly," Hanson said when asked about how good the squad would be with a full team. "Two of them will probably be starters and we don't have two starters playing right now, so we were without four people out there. That's going to be scary."

Bronchos return to basics, crush Clio Mustangs 92-65

By David Troppens

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Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis had three orders for his squad on Tuesday versus Clio.

He wanted everyone to play hard. He wanted everyone to pass the ball and find the open shot. And he didn't want anyone taking contested shots.

"Those were the three things I told them I wanted, and if they came out of the game, they didn't have to ask why. It was probably one of those three reasons," Baylis said.

In other words, even in recent victories Baylis had seen some selfishness and complacency creeping into the Bronchos' games, and he wanted to see that leave. It's fair to say that happened on Tuesday as the Bronchos had five scorers in double-figures resulting in a 92-65 victory against the Mustangs.

"We wanted to get back to the way we play, and I think we are back to the way we play," Baylis said. "We got caught up in the limelight. We were winning games and that's easy to do for kids. But I think we are getting back to



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Holly's Morgan Baylis drives to the basket in a recent game. The Bronchos defeated Clio 92-65 on Tuesday.

Holly basketball."

That seemed to be the case against Clio. Holly scored at least 23 points in each of the first three quarters, out-
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Lady Eagles capture second straight win

►Strong defense sparks 36-27 win vs. Kearsley Hornets

By David Troppens

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Life was tough for the Linden varsity girls basketball team and coach Ben Varner for a bit.

The squad won its first three games, but then saw things go sour as the Eagles lost five straight.

But it appears the Eagles (5-5) are back on the good side of things.

A couple of days after defeating area rival Fenton in the Tigers' home gym, Linden made it two wins in a row by defeating Flint Kearsley 36-27 on the road on Tuesday night.

The Eagles struggled with their offense, but held Kearsley to just 27 points, sparking the win.

"It was a tough game, but we ended up making enough baskets to win," Varner said. "Kearsley played us pretty tough. They played tough defense. They were sagging in the paint pretty

good and it was giving us a heck of a time. We missed a ton of shots, but we made free throws down the stretch and ended up winning.

"The girls are playing really good again. We gave up only nine baskets and the rest of their points were on free throws. We played really good defense. Taylor Smith guarded their point guard (Mallory Miller) and she gave her fits."

The Eagles took an early lead, as Alyssa Logie netted seven of her game-high 16 points in the first quarter, giving the Eagles a 9-4 lead. However, Kearsley outscored Linden 10-4 in the second quarter and took a 14-13 lead into the half.

The Eagles finally took control in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Hornets 13-8 in the period. Linden netted 9-of-12 free throws in the final period, icing the contest. Smith hit all four of her charity stripe attempts, while Logie hit 3-of-4. Sydney Elmer hit her only two free throw attempts in the fourth quarter as well.

"We were able to make free throws down the stretch," Varner said.

"It sure is (nice to be back at .500). It was a tough five-game losing streak. It was disappointing. We figured there would be a few hard ones in there for us, but we didn't think we'd lose five in a row. But how we played like we did on Friday (in the win against Fenton) and now we got this one on Tuesday, that was huge. We could've had a huge letdown (after the Fenton win), but we didn't."

Logie added a team-high nine rebounds and four steals to go with her 16 points. Smith had eight points, four steals and three assists while Madison Pollen had eight rebounds.

Boys basketball

Kearsley 61, Linden 28

The Hornets' defense held Linden to less than double-digit scoring in each of the four quarters. The Eagles were paced by freshman Trent Strang, who scored nine points. Kyle Korman chipped in five points. Anthony McMasters led Kearsley with 15 points.



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Linden's Sydney Elmer attempts a shot in a recent contest against Fenton. Elmer scored two key free throws in the Eagles' 36-27 victory against Kearsley.

EAGLES

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"I want to win a state title. I've put in a lot of hard work, and time, and by the time the states are here, I think I should be ready," Shaw said.

"I learned last year not to take (the state meet) so hard. My main problem was I came in there too nervous with all the big lights and everything."

Others who won by pinfall for Linden against the Hornets included Dylan Musall (135), Patrick Kerr (140), Aaron Steedman (160), and Jailyn Steedman (171).

Alec Monticelli (145) earned an injury default victory, while Luke Zimmerman (103) won by a 11-1 major decision. Brandon Brennan (112) earned a 9-3 decision victory, while Adam

Tartara (189) and Sioui (215) won by forfeit.

Skinner likes how his young team is developing.

"I'm very happy with the way this team is progressing, and that's all we are trying to do right now is progress," Skinner said.

"I have some underclassmen who are hungry to win."

DEVILS

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24-17 at the half, and still was still only nine until a post hoop by Nicole Waterman made it a 37-26 lead. The hoop established Durand's double-digit lead for good at that point. The bucket started a 9-2 Durand run, giving the Railroaders a 44-28 lead entering the final quarter. Durand (5-3) continued hot in the fourth, increasing the lead to as many as 53-28 after a hoop by Durand's Meaghan Nanasy with about five minutes remaining in the contest.

"We started out pretty good, but we

just fell apart," Lake Fenton coach Dan Schloegl said.

"Transition defense hurt us, and they had some good shooters who buried them. (Rebounding), that's where we get beat up every game. ... We aren't boxing out like we need to."

Durand's Alex Ayala led all scorers with 18 points, with nine of those coming on three-pointers. Waterman followed with 14 points, while Nanasy had 10.

Lake Fenton's top scorer was Miranda Quick with 14 points, including six from behind the three-point arc. Autumn Beardsley followed with 13 points.



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BRONCHOS

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scoring the Mustangs by at least nine in each of those eight-minute periods. Holly led 23-14 after one quarter and was leading 51-29 at the intermission, the second time this year the Bronchos have scored as many as 51 points in the first half.

For the second time this season, it looked like reaching the century mark was definitely possible after Holly scored 29 points in the third quarter, raising the Bronchos' lead to 80-46, but Holly was held to 12 points in the fourth, meaning they had to "settle" for their second game this season they've scored at least 90 points.

"We had 92 points," Baylis said. "Clio is a good team, but Clio got us on a day when we were on our game. They ran into a very good Holly team on their game last night."

Kyle Woodruff ended his recent tough spell by leading the Bronchos with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Jake Daniels added 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Isaac Casillas and Logan Spiker had 13 points each, while Josh Sims netted 12 points. Parker Rowse had only four points, but he did dish off a game-high 10 assists.

"Our shot selection as better last night," Baylis said. "We passed the ball and found the open man."

Lapeer West 68, Fenton 59

The Panthers outscored Fenton 36-25 in the middle two quarters, helping West remain undefeated in Metro play.

Fenton was paced by Dillon Gardner's 17 points and two steals, while Ross Ebert had 15 points and six rebounds. James Claborn chipped in 12 points, while Austin Bossenberger had nine points. Alec Thomas had six points, five assists and four rebounds, while Andrew Mowery chipped in four boards.

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appears most automakers have increased their marketing budgets, bringing more glitz, glamour and most importantly of all — product to the auto show circuit.

Now entering its 26th year as an international event, this year's show features more than 500 vehicles on display, including some of the automotive world's most eagerly anticipated new vehicles. **All-new vehicles introduced at this year's show include:**

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 - Honda Fit
 - Porsche 911 Targa
 - Several interesting concept vehicles
- And many more!

SPOTTED AT THIS YEAR'S SHOW

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1. The Colorado is Chevrolet's all-new mid-sized pickup. **2.** Ford unveiled the next-generation F-150 that will feature aluminum body panels. **3.** Virtually every vehicle in Cadillac's product line is new. **4.** Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow stopped by the show. **5.** The Mini display makes car shopping fun. **6.** Baby on board. Product Specialist Jennifer Parmenter from Smart wows attendees while 6 and ½ months pregnant.



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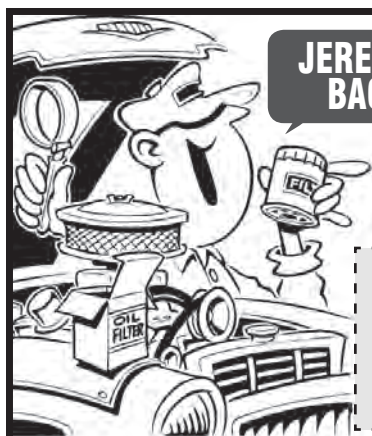
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Aftermarket parts for the value-conscious consumer

►Quality and warranty are two factors when considering purchasing aftermarket items

By William Axford

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When it comes to replacing car parts, there are two options for customers: purchasing aftermarket parts or original equipment manufactured parts (OEM). Aftermarket parts are usually cheaper than OEM and if purchased through the right vendor, just as high quality.

Robert Koppen, assistant parts manager for Vic Canever in Fenton, said he always tries to sell his customers GM aftermarket parts because they come with a warranty. It isn't always guaranteed that an aftermarket part will perform just as well as the OEM so customers should see if they can obtain a warranty for their new part as well.

"GM pretty much covers the gamut for what you would need or put onto a car," Koppen said. "A lot of the products are superior and are backed by the designs of GM themselves."

Koppen said an aftermarket part from GM that a customer installs comes with a one year warranty. If done at a dealership, the customer's warranty extends to three years.

Aside from quality and warranties,

customers should also check out price. While aftermarket items are usually cheaper than OEM, that is not always the case. Plus, low quality aftermarket parts may end up costing more in the end if they affect another piece.

"With some aftermarket parts, sometimes there is a quality issue as far as workmanship," said a worker at Lasco Ford of Fenton. "Sometimes the OEM may be cheaper and there's no real reason why."

Still, a majority of aftermarket parts will save on your wallet. Given that maintaining cars isn't cheap, replacing a door or fender from a certified company can soften the blow of an expensive auto repair.

"It all boils down to how much money you want to spend. Aftermarket parts usually only take a day or two to arrive and we can order any accessory from any warehouse," Koppen said.



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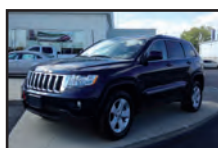
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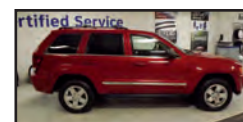
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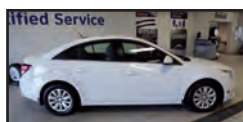
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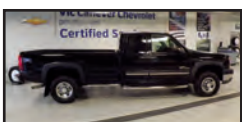
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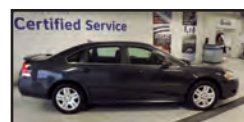
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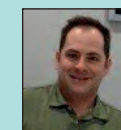
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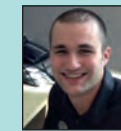
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A DAY AT THE
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Photos and story by Tim Jagielo • tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Detroit — Students from
Roose Elementary in Cen-
terline aren't just being fed facts
from docent Linda Cadariu,
she's making them observe, and
digest a painting, and interpret
what they see at the Detroit
Institute of Arts (DIA). Based on the color of
the garb of a character in the painting, they guess
that he's a joker, and that the instrument next to
him is a guitar because of the strings.

The tour style is a little different on Thurs-

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day. Pam Marcil, public re-
lations director for the DIA
said that instead of giving
students the basic facts —
who painted, or created the
art, when and what historical
period, students are asked to

critically observe the painting.

"What they do is they put the kids in front of
a painting, and they say 'so, what do you think
is going on in this painting?'" said Marcil.

See DIA on 6B



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Middle School from Redford learn
about the expansive industrial revo-
lution murals by Diego Rivera at the
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Look 10 years younger in one hour

'The Hour Lift' facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure — lasts for 10 years

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

Dr. Eric Seiger

Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

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

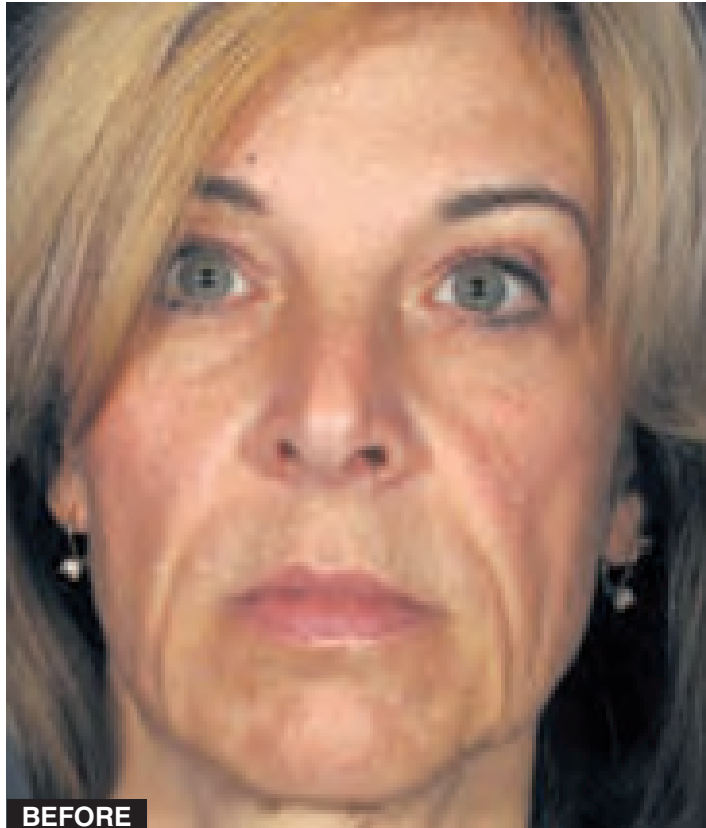
That's why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the pre-op area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for "The Hour Lift," a mini-facelift procedure that's becoming more and more popular.

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

Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. "I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

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

The price is also a huge factor in a per-



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

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

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



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Debbie Purcell is prepped for a mini facelift, at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger is assisted by Dr. Kate Johnson and nurse Amy Sowers.

Thinking about having 'The Hour Lift'?

Here's what to expect:

Q: What happens before the procedure?

A: Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to help you relax. Local anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

Q: How long does the procedure take?

A: One to 1½ hours.

Q: What actually happens during the "One Hour Lift"?

A: A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, removing any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firmer, more youthful jaw line.

Q: What can I expect during recovery?

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

Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?

A: Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

Q: How long will the results last?

A: Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?

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

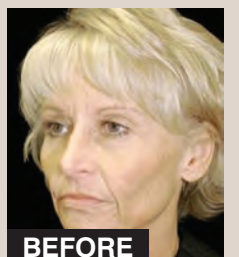
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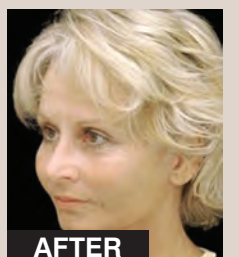
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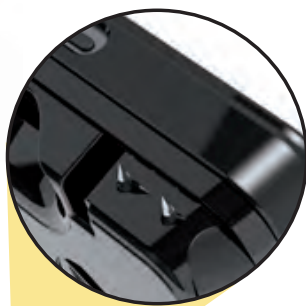
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Mother is a gadget that wirelessly receives data from sensors called Motion Cookies that you can place on drawers, coffee machines, keys, pill bottles, doors and even toothbrushes to track activity in your home. The manufacturer Sen.se says its goal for Mother is to bring the Internet of Things into everyday life, helping users track their eating, fitness and hygiene habits and even home security.

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BENDABLE TV

Samsung has shown off the Bendable TV — an 85 inch prototype that allows the curvature of its screen to be adjusted by remote control.



SMARTPHONE STUN GUN CASE

Yellow Jacket showed off the latest version of its iPhone stun gun case which can both fully recharge your phone and jolt an attacker with 650,000 volts. It will be sold starting in February for \$149, the company says.



PANONO BALL

The Panono's ball shape just makes you want to toss it into the air. That's

what you're supposed to do. It's playful and fun and so easy to use. You toss it in the air and an accelerometer inside the camera measures the launch acceleration to calculate when the camera is at its highest point and barely moving. At that point, all 36 cameras are triggered and the moment is captured, 360° X 360° of it.

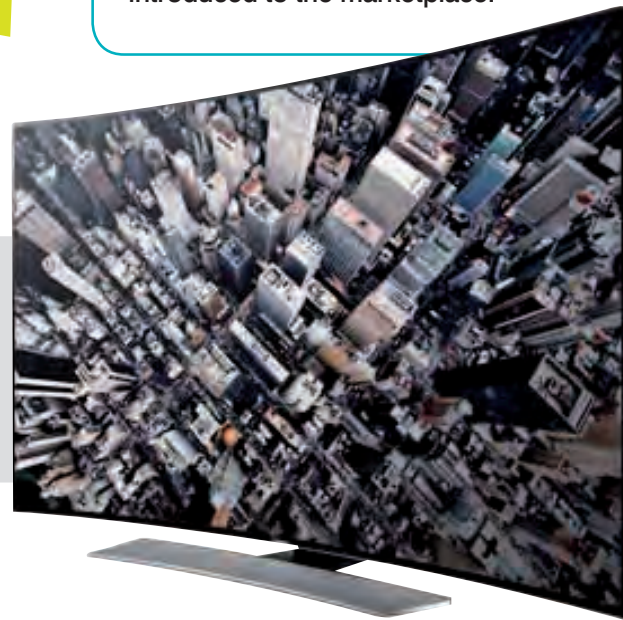


SLOUCH ZAPPER

For those who want good posture, but don't fancy putting a book on their head, a new Lumo Liftgadget could help. The Lumo Lift will zap its wearer every time they slouch. The tiny device clips underneath a collar, undershirt or bra strap, detects the beginnings of a slouch and then vibrates to remind the wearer to stand up straight.

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The idea is that instead of screaming "Snookums, sit!" across the dog park when your pooch is misbehaving, you can just press a button on your phone or iPad.



PET REMOTE

Tractive's new "Pet-Remote" prototype promises to help you train your dog to execute commands from afar. The small device fits on the dog's collar. First, you train your dog to perform a command as you normally would — giving a verbal order, and offering treats or praise when Fido gets it right. Next, turn on the Pet-Remote to either vibrate, emit an electronic noise, or both, and teach the dog to associate that feeling or sound with the command.



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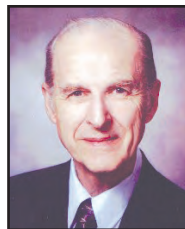
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Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



Beat fear this year

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, saw a link between swearing and worrying; seeing them both as acts of unbelief. Yet many people of faith fret continually over present problems and fear the future. They worry about family members, financial security, health and a number of other supposed impending disasters. If you are one of these anxious ones, try evaluating your fears.

Of the things you fear, how many are really likely to happen to you today? If you can feel safe for the remainder of the day, that is enough for now. 'Do not worry about tomorrow,' said Jesus (Matthew 6:34). And that is good advice for every day of the year.

Think of the cares that would be canceled if we would escape anxiety about

tomorrow. Most feel fairly safe about today, but the tomorrows are tough.

Tomorrow the house payment is due. Tomorrow is the final day of grace on the insurance premium. Tomorrow is the day of your appointment with your doctor to find out the results of the medical tests you took last week.

But what if tomorrow does hold unknown trials? Is worry likely to change anything?

Ian McClaren wrote: 'What does your anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape evil — it makes you unfit to cope with it if it comes.'

Which of your concerns tormented you yesterday?

Last year?

Have you been down this road before?

How many times have you been troubled by the same thought patterns that upset you today only to find that your expected tragedy didn't occur? Can you trust God to continue to protect you?

While writing this column, the phone rang and upon answering, I was reminded of the negative effects of fear on our health. This caller told of his difficulty in trying to sleep because of the number of people he knows who are losing their jobs, including his son. 'I sleep about two hours,' he said, then wake up and am unable to unwind.'

'Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair,' I said. 'It keeps you busy but you don't go anywhere.'

'It's a lack of faith,' he replied, letting me know he was on his way to finding peace.

Faith and fear are opposites.

And when faith wins, fear loses.

Most of us have known people who were serene when everything seemed to be crashing down around them. In the most trying of circumstances, they have remained calm. Those going to comfort them have come away comforted. They have been living examples of the peace of God. The secret of peace in troubled times is being willing to let God carry our burdens for us, which is precisely what He has offered to do.

Urging his worried readers to take advantage of this invitation, Paul said: 'Be anxious for nothing,' (Philippians 4:6). That's worry free living. And Peter cinched the guarantee by inviting us to be care free... because God cares for you and me (1 Peter 5:7).

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

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Rocky Dedivanaj and his sister, Drita Dedivanaj, show a half-and-half pizza combination of the Ultimate Pepperoni and Tropical Chicken, while standing in the bar portion of Boston's Gourmet Pizza.

Boston's Gourmet Pizza

New eatery specializes in Italian-American favorites

By Sally Rummel

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Boston's Gourmet Pizza is like three restaurants in one.

Boasting a sports bar, dining room and heated patio area, this Canadian franchise has made itself right at home in the Fenton area since opening its doors on Aug. 5, 2013.

"We're proud of our local roots here," said owner Rocky Dedivanaj, whose family has owned Mega Coney Island since 1998. He continues to manage "Mega" under the ownership of his father, while sister Drita serves as general manager of Boston's.

With seating for almost 300 diners, Boston's has created a comfortable ambience for a diverse clientele. "We've got families coming in for our gourmet pizzas, as well as a younger crowd enjoying our bar atmosphere," said Dedivanaj. There are 18 beers on tap, from popular Michigan brews to craft beers from Chicago and Colorado.

The restaurant serves large portions for hungry diners from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week, employing 75 staff members from the local area.

Boston's Gourmet Pizza offers 24 different pizza toppings, making creative pies like "The Flying Buffalo" and "Tropical Chicken."

"Of course, pepperoni is our most popular pizza topping, but people are enjoying the new flavor profiles we offer in our pizza," said Dedivanaj.

If pizza's not your favorite, then there's plenty else to try on Boston's Italian-American menu, from Baked Sausage Tortellini to Baby Back Ribs. "Pasta's definitely a big seller," said Dedivanaj. "Flatbreads are really popular, too." In addition to in-house dining, Boston's also offers take-out and catering services.

While food is the largest draw to Boston's, Dedivanaj is very proud of the design concept of his restaurant, which offers a decidedly urban feel you might expect to find in a larger metro area. He made a huge commitment to his state-of-the-art audio and video system, surrounding guests with a total of 40 TVs throughout the bar, restaurant and even the bathrooms.

All local construction companies and suppliers were used when he built the new restaurant on the site formerly occupied by Andrico's. Heading up the construction phase of the project was Rhoads & Johnson in Fenton.

Boston's Gourmet Pizza is located at 3324 Owen Rd., phone (810) 750-5800. For more details about the restaurant, visit www.bostons.com or their Facebook page.

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Approved: Consent Agenda as Amended.

Public Hearing: 2014 Community Development Application.

Approved: Muller Private Road Variance Request.

Approved: Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Program – Proposed Resolution 2013-18.

Approved: 2014 CDBG Application – Proposed Resolution 2013-19.

Approved: Planning Commission Appointments for - 2 Positions for Term 01-01-13 to 12-31-16.

Approved: Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment 2 - Positions for Term 01-01-13 to 12-31-16.

Approved: Construction Board of Review Appointment - 3 Positions for Term 01-01-13 to 12-31-15.

Approved: Board of Review Appointments - 3 Positions for Term 01-01-13 to 12-31-17 and 2 Positions for Term 01-01-12 to 12-31-18.

Approved: Copier Lease.

Postponed: NO HAZ Consortium.

Approved: Wellhead Protection – Forward to Planning Commission.

No Action: Sign Enforcement.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

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Holly Township Supervisor

TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, February 3, 2014 by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1: Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Sections 20.01 (Table of Schedule of Regulations), 20.02C (Footnotes to Schedule of Regulations), 21.25 (Residential Design Standards), and 21.39 (Clear Vision Area)

A variance request by Jim and Linda Huck for a 20-foot east side yard setback variance in order to build a 32-foot by 20-foot addition to the existing house, located at 8495 Starwood Drive, (TAX CODE # 4704-30-403-012).

Additional information, legal descriptions and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Gregory Carnes, Chairman
Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

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— Sally King
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— Dale Ward
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"I dislike Charter. They have interruptions."

— Sean Gifford
Linden



"I like Dish Network because it doesn't go out often."

— Sue Peters
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"I don't like the price. They keep upping the cost and they don't offer Charter in our area."

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At the DIA, visiting students can look at an anonymous mummy, from around 30 B.C.

DIA

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Students' observations are backed up by reasoning. This approach improves learning in math and science, she said. "You get kids to look more deeply." Because there's no wrong answer when digesting a painting, she said students are more likely to speak up in class.

Last year, 54,000 students visited the DIA, taking guided or self-guided tours. This amount is over 39,000 that visited the previous school calendar year. In 2013, the DIA had 619,000 guests, a 24-percent increase according to Marcil.

On Thursday, the marble walls of the DIA echoed with the voices of the children, who excitedly took photos with various digital devices, which no one discouraged.

The museum and all its assets are owned by the City of Detroit, and run by non-profit organization, Detroit Institute of Art, Inc.

DIA and the bankruptcy

The DIA has been in the news because of the city's bankruptcy, where questions regarding whether they should sell assets to pay for underfunded pensions. Marcil said that technically, art can only be sold for the procurement of more art, and the non-profit would be in breach of contract if that happened.

"It's pretty complicated," she said.

There is currently a plan to raise \$330 million to help fund the Detroit City workers' pensions, which would also move ownership from the city, to the non-profit group. It's still in the preliminary stages.

DIA BASICS

- **Admission** is free to Oakland, Wayne and Macomb County residents, because they pay a millage.
- **The DIA** is home to 66,000 pieces of art, and was formed in 1855. The most recent expansion was completed in 2007.
- **Tickets** are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 6-17.
- **Every Friday** the DIA stays open until 10 p.m., and features live music and a gallery where guests can create their own art on the spot.
- **Address:** 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit
- **Phone:** (313) 833-7900

DON'T-MISS EXHIBITS

1. Detroit industrial murals by Diego Rivera
2. Four Van Gogh paintings, including a self portrait, the first acquired by a U.S. museum
3. "The Wedding Dance" by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, Netherlanish, 1525 to 1569
4. Contemporary, modern, African and Native American art, including a Rembrandt

nary stages.

Marcil said that museums like the DIA make the city, surrounding areas, and state more attractive for businesses, much like a quality school district. "The DIA is a world renowned museum, it's a cultural resource for learning, enjoyment," she said.



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Young students tend to identify with contemporary art more so than older pieces. This one with multiple replicas of camel legs is made of steel, wax, marble, and other materials.

HAS 2014 school board officers elected

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly— With 2014 underway, members of the Holly Area School Board of Education elected new officers during the Jan. 13 meeting.

In the wake of Tony Mayhew's December announcement that he no longer wished to continue as president for his final year on the board, two nominations were made for president.

Linda Blair nominated Sue Julian, with Mayhew's support, and Pete Deahl nominated Mike Newcomb, with Leon's Sharpe's support. In a vote of 4-3, Julian was elected as the 2014-15 president, with Michael Newcomb, Pete Deahl and Leon Sharpe casting the dissenting votes.

Likewise, two nominations were made for the board's vice presidential slot.

Deahl nominated Sharpe for the job with Newcomb's support, while Blair then nominated Robin Carne for the position, again, with Mayhew's support.

In an initial vote of 4-3, Deahl's

nomination of Sharpe was denied. In a second vote, board members elected Carne as vice president with a vote of 4-3. Deahl, Sharpe and Newcomb again cast the dissenting votes.

Board members unanimously elected Deahl to fill the secretarial position left vacant by Carne, while Newcomb was unanimously elected to continue in his role as the board's treasurer.

"I'm very pleased to serve as the new president of the Holly Area Schools Board of Education," Julian said Wednesday. "We made steady progress under the leadership of Tony Mayhew, and I hope to continue that tradition."

Julian said 2014 promises to be a great year for Holly Area Schools with the reopening of Sherman Middle School this fall, Holly Middle School and Holly Elementary School's continuation with the Leader in Me program, and the high school's recent statewide recognition for its online courses.

At press time, neither Deahl, Newcomb nor Sharpe returned emails stating why they opted to split the vote.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

GOV. CHRISTIE IS being investigated for making a commercial with his family with hurricane Sandy relief money. Republican or Democrat, eventually the truth comes out that they are all the same and once good intentions turn to greed and self-interests. Support campaign finance reform so votes aren't bought.

SOMETHING TO THINK about. My dad retired from Sun Oil Company years ago and always said that diesel fuel was the cheapest fuel to refine so why does it cost us that much more per gallon than all other fuels? I think they are ripping us off.

TO THE PERSON who said that conservatives should look forward to a madam in the White House in 2016, If the person is talking about Hillary, don't worry, Bill will interview the interns, so he won't need a madam to find girls for him!

FINALLY, AFTER 16 months, a pentagon report comes out showing that the President, Panetta and Clinton knew that terrorist attacked Benghazi within 24 hours, but continued to make a charade out of it by sending Susan Rice out on five networks lying and promoting her for her loyalty.

PEOPLE WHO DON'T support the unemployment extension have never lost a good-paying job. No, I can't go to work at McDonald's. I was making \$80,000 per year, now unemployment pays me about 50 percent more than McDonald's. I've already lost my home and my pride.

YOU ARE RIGHT. A lot of the good-paying jobs are gone now. Obama has begged congress twice to create a jobs bill, with no response. Somehow, it's his fault.

IN RESPONSE TO the person looking for an organization to assist with issues of addiction, The Rock church of Fenton has a free group, 'Breaking the Bondage,' that meets on Tuesday evenings. There is more info and contact numbers on The Rock's website. Prayers and Blessings to you.

ALL POLITICIANS ARE hypocrites but Democrats are the worst of the lot. They claim they are compassionate but it's just a ruse to get the gullible to vote for them. For liberals, it's all about power.

REPUBLICANS HATE PEOPLE on welfare and unemployment insurance or food stamps. However, the Republican Party does nothing to create any jobs, nor do they have any solutions except obstruction and filibusters. Want the worst moochers cut off? Start with your GOP politicians.

News briefs



Attic of Michigan Smiles catches fire

Employees of Bo Shumaker's dental office Michigan Smiles at 118 West Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton noticed a fire in the attic on Thursday, Jan. 9. As a 911 call was made, Shumaker was able to open the attic door and put out the flames with a fire extinguisher. The Fenton Fire Department received the 911 call at 3:25 p.m. and was on site in six minutes. Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said employees thought they had extinguished the fire, however, a patient arriving reported seeing smoke coming from the roof. Cairnduff said his crew extinguished a good amount of fire in the attic and had to perform extensive overhaul in the attic due to the amount of blown in insulation to ensure the fire did not rekindle. Damage was contained to the attic area and the business will be temporarily relocated as the building and electrical wiring is repaired. Fenton Township and Linden fire departments responded through mutual aid. Fenton firefighters cleared the scene at 7 p.m.

Fenton City extends EMS, waste services contracts

Citing excellent response times from current emergency medical services (EMS) provider STAT EMS, the Fenton City Council unanimously approved extending the contract for another year. The city shares the contract with the Linden City, which also recently approved extending its contract with STAT EMS. The city first signed with the company in January 2010. The services are paid per run, by the patient and their insurance companies. The council also extended waste and recycling services with Republic Services for another six months. The council chose six months, to allow the refuse committee time to explore additional options which may cost less for residents, who currently purchase tags in a "pay as you throw" system.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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WE HAVE A President now who has no idea how to make a military decision, Benghazi is an example of that. He left four American people to die and never lifted a finger. Al Qaeda is on the run all right, straight for us. Think when you vote next time. Please.

■■■
MR. WRIGHT IS in the news again, Obama's old pastor/minister. How long does it take to brainwash a person. Our President has a pen and a phone — he is now a one-man show. Does he have all of our interests in mind? I doubt that, just his alone.

■■■
THE FDA APPROVED a class two device in 2004, which is a chip to be im-

planted in all of us. It will contain personal information and banking account data.

■■■
LET'S SEE, AMERICA is in deep debt financially, morally, and spirit wise. It's leader hates borders, citizens who can bear arms, constitutions, conservatives, Christians and Israel but loves Iran, 'Abortioncare,' his spies, NSA and IRS, spending our money on anything, even Egypt. Now, he gives away one of the biggest prisoners who planned 911. I have a headache. What else can he do?

■■■
GLOBAL WARMING: SCIENTISTS warned years ago that it would not be just warming, but ever greater weather extremes. I rest my case. You just weren't paying attention.

Holly village and school district form partnership

►Village to occupy soon-to-be vacant Karl Richter Campus office space in June

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — It's a win-win for the village of Holly and Holly Area Schools as the two entities made it official this week, entering into a partnership where this year, the village of Holly will make administrative offices on the Karl Richter Campus its new home.

In July, local businessman John Colucci struck the deal with the village of Holly, purchasing the historic downtown building for \$411,000 over the course of a 48-month land contract.

Since that time, village officials have been planning where to relocate. The Holly Board of Education's October decision to move middle school students back into Sherman Middle School opened the opportunity of possibly striking a deal with the school district by occupying office space on the soon-to-be vacant Karl Richter Campus.

Village Manager Jerry Walker said he was approached by Superintendent Dave Nuss late last summer, asking if the village of Holly might have any interest in setting up shop at KRC.

The Facility Use Agreement, which was approved by the Holly Board of Education Monday night, is an agreement for shared office space on the Karl Richter Campus. In June, village staffers will move into the administrative wing where the current middle school offices are now located.

Per the agreement, the village will pay \$1 for a 25-year lease, and will also be responsible for all utilities for the 9,000 square foot office space — a cost estimated to be approximately \$11,000 per year.

"The village would then just be responsible for utility costs for the first 15 years," Walker said. "In addition to this, if we decide to make any changes to property or to the space we occupy — paint, carpet or whatever — furnishings basically, then we are responsible for that."

Beginning in the 16th year of the lease, should any major capital improvements be necessary, Walker said the village would participate in the cost of those



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The Karl Richter Campus is located at 920 Baird St., Holly.

improvements based on the space the village is occupying at the time.

"From a personal standpoint, administratively, it's been a great team effort and the school has been very good to work with," Walker said before the vote. "I think for a community perspective, this is a great asset for the Holly community and it should prove to be very beneficial if approved by council."

Superintendent Dave Nuss agreed. "We appreciate the opportunity to build a partnership with the village and want to see that grow," he said. "Perhaps as Mr. (Jesse) Lambert pointed out at the last meeting, we could expand on the idea of a Community Center."



Dave Nuss

In a vote of 7-0, council approved the Facility Use Agreement.

"While I believe that the village and the school district have always had a very good working

relationship in sharing the community, at least in my time here in the village, this is the first real truly collaborative effort in terms of buzz words like 'sharing services' or 'joint efforts' that we've undertaken," Village President Ryan Bladzick said. "Holly Area Schools is our biggest employer in our community, and it is our community schools which prepare our children for their future, so I'm really excited about this opportunity as well."

Walker said the village of Holly will begin relocating to the new office space on June 13 and expects to be open for business a week later on June 20, 2014.

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Calendar of events

TYRONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

The Tyrone Historical Society will meet at the township hall, located at 10408 Center Rd., on **Monday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m.** The evening includes a potluck dinner followed by the program "Escape from Andersonville Prison," a true story of a Michigan soldier who was captured and sent to Andersonville and fell in love with a local southern belle. He promised to marry her after the war if she would help him escape. Did he escape? Did he keep his promise? Attend our meeting and find out. Everyone is welcome. For details, call (810) 629-2031.

LAKE FENTON THEATRE PRESENTS LATEST PLAY

The Lake Fenton Theatre presents a production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast at the Lake Fenton High School auditorium. The first performances is at **7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan 23**, followed by performances on **Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 24 through Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. and Sundays Jan. 26 and Feb. 2 at 3 p.m.** Brenda LaBonte, drama director, said this play is comprised of more than 50 students from three Lake Fenton buildings. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors. Follow the theatre group on Facebook at LFTheatre.

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Meet Bill Wood

- Business owner
- Towing specialist
- Proud father

By Sally Rummel

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Bill Wood, 50, is the second generation owner/operator of Woody's Towing in Tyrone Township, started by his father, Gaylord Wood, in 1972. His brother, Mike, handles the convenience store portion of the family business.

Wood and his staff of seven are often out in the middle of the night, rescuing stranded motorists. He also specializes in heavy recovery (semis, trucks and trailers) and water recovery. When he's not working, he enjoys spending time with his 5-year-old daughter, Chloe.

What kind of winter has it been for you at Woody's? Really busy, because of the weather. It reminds me of the winters we used to have back in the '70s with such cold temperatures and lots of snow.

What are the worst driving conditions for most vehicles? Deep snow and ice. This last storm was the deepest we've had in a long time. I remember back in '78 when we had 4 feet of snow.

How many customers do you have on a typical day? It depends on the season. In the winter, usually 20 to 50 a day. In the summer, it varies according to the temperature. Sometimes summer is busier than winter when there's extreme heat, or in a rain when the roads slick up.

What's the most important thing every person should have in their car? Warm clothes and a cell phone. You never know what's going to happen out there.

What's the most dangerous thing you've ever seen anyone do on the road? When people break down, then walk around on the highway. They take a chance at being hit. You're better off to stay in the car and call for a tow. Be observant about what's happening around you.

What makes you good at doing your job? Definitely my experience. I've been doing it for 35 years at Woody's.



"I watched a vehicle go off the bridge on Silver Lake Road in 2009 then catch on fire. I was driving right behind him. There aren't many times you do a rescue like that and have the person come out of it alive."

Bill Wood
Woody's Towing

What's the most memorable thing that has ever happened at Woody's?

The tornado in 2001. My brother was here with his wife and brand new baby. He took them to the back office and no one got hurt. We never even saw the tornado coming. Our garage fell over and our roof ended up in TRW's parking lot. It happened on May 21 and we were totally re-built and open on Oct. 23.

What is the worst part of your job?

The long hours. During one very long stretch of bad weather in December 2000, I worked 46 hours straight. We got dumped on with tons of snow the day after Christmas.

The best part of your job? I love doing water recovery work. It's exciting. **Have you ever gotten stuck yourself?** I'd say we've gotten stuck four or five times, but we can always get ourselves out. I get stuck in my own driveway more than anywhere else.

What rescue event do you remember the most? I watched a vehicle go off the bridge on Silver Lake Road in 2009 then catch on fire. I was driving right behind him. There aren't many times you do a rescue like that and have the person come out of it alive. The man broke his back but otherwise was okay. I've seen him several times since then and he always thanks me. I got a plaque from the Fenton Police Department for the work I did in putting out the fire.

What are you most proud of? Definitely my daughter Chloe. She's 5. As an older dad, I see things more clearly now. I think

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SALLY RUMMEL

Bill Wood stands next to one of the 12 Woody's Towing trucks that make up their fleet.

I'm a better dad at 50 than I would have been at 25.

Have you ever missed an important event because of your job? I just missed Chloe's play at St. John's because of the snow during Christmas. I had no choice but to be out there.

YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

GIVE KIDS A SMILE

February 7, 2014 is GIVE KIDS A SMILE, a day designated by the American Dental Association for participating dental offices to reach-out to local area children in need. I am, again, the local chairperson for the Genesee District Society for this year's event. We have several dental offices in and around Genesee and Oakland counties participating in this year's Give Kids A Smile day. We are offering teeth cleaning, exams, x-rays, fluorides, sealants, fillings, etc **FREE OF CHARGE** for kids without insurance. Last year the dentists of the Genesee District Dental Society saw over 200 kids and donated a total of \$25,000 in free dental care during Give Kids A Smile. Dental decay is the number one preventable disease found in children. If left untreated, dental decay can lead to pain, sleep deprivation, malnutrition, and potential life threatening infections. This is why the American Dental Association promotes Give Kids A Smile. My dental team and I have donated our time for Give Kids A Smile for almost ten years now. The kids are great patients; happy to be seen and the parents are so thankful and appreciative. One mother brought her three young children into my office for Give Kids A Smile. She explained how she and her husband have their own construction business and have been devastatingly affected by the poor local economy. They have not been able to afford for their children to see a dentist for two or three years. Her tearful "thank you" helped remind me of why I participate. If you know of families without dental insurance with school-age kids who need dental care simply call my office **248-634-7671** and we will make sure they're directed to one of the area's participating offices.

I welcome your questions and comments. Feel free to e-mail me drsulfaro@comcast.net



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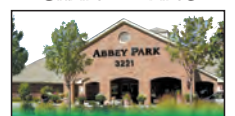


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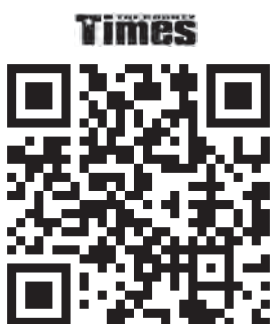


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► A simple estate plan, including a will, will protect you and your family

By Sally Rummel

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If you are 18 years of age or older, you owe it to yourself and your family to have an estate plan. At this young age,

you might think that you don't have any assets to distribute and besides, death is the furthest thing from your mind.

But the reality is that once you're 18, your parents no longer have the right to make medical decisions for you. If you become incapacitated due to illness or injury, your fate will be in the hands of a probate court judge or doctor, not your family.

Those are the words of experience spo-

ken by attorney Sharon Miner, of Miner Law Office, P.C. in Fenton.

What is an estate plan?

It is a package of documents that should include a health care power of attorney, a financial power of attorney, a will, beneficiary designations and perhaps a trust. "These are each a different tool that can be used in a variety of circumstances," said Miner.

"These (estate plan documents) are each a different tool that can be used in a variety of circumstances."

— Sharon Miner
Miner Law Office, P.C.

Young adults should have financial and health care powers of attorney and a will. When they marry and have children, the will should be changed to include the appointment of a guardian who

would raise their children in the event of their death. They also need to designate a person to manage the children's money until they become adults. If you want to protect their inheritance past the age of 18, you would create a "testamentary trust" in your will, or do a living trust.

If you have not yet worked with an attorney to write a will, here is how to get started:

- **Begin with the basics.** Start by getting organized, then outline your objectives, determine the value of your property, inventory your major assets, estimate outstanding debts. Prepare a list of family members and other beneficiaries to whom you want to pass assets. Ask yourself these questions: "how do I want to divide my assets among my family members, other loved ones and favorite causes? Do I need to make special provisions for any of my heirs?"

- **Choose guardians.** If you have minor children, or an adult child/parent/spouse, or a spouse with special needs who is your dependent, you must think about who will care for them when you're gone. Talk with a proposed guardian in advance, and understand that if you don't name a guardian, the court may end up doing it for you.

- **Choose a personal representative.** This person will gather up assets, pay outstanding bills and distribute your assets according to your will. If you don't have a will, the Probate Court Judge will appoint a Personal Representative. Your assets will be distributed according to the statute we think of as your "next of kin." This may not be how you want things to be distributed, so it is important to have a will.

See **DOCUMENT on 11B**

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Get out of debt in 2014

► Learn new financial habits that will help you become debt-free and stay that way

By Sally Rummel

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With a new year just beginning, now is the time to resolve to get your finances in better shape for 2014. For most Americans, that means tackling debt first. Getting out of debt will be your first step toward financial independence.

First, you need to know where you are financially, so that you can figure out where you need to go.

"We do an overall assessment of your entire financial situation," said Sarah Duncan, for Fentura Financial Partners at The State Bank. "This assessment will include your debt management, net worth, cash flow, investment strategy, tax strategy, insurance, etc."

It also helps to understand where the debt has come from, so you can avoid it in the future. Do you spend more money than you make on "wants" instead of "needs?" Has your debt resulted from a life circumstance like job loss or medical bills? Are you a young person saddled with huge student loans?

Margie Shard, of Shard Financial Services in Fenton, says that the beginning of the year is the perfect time to look at your whole financial picture and put a strong plan together. "This is especially important if you are nearing your retirement years and need to reduce debt so you can increase your retirement savings."

"Start with the basics — your expenses," said Shard. "Take out all your expenditures not related to your basic food, shelter, clothing, etc. People are always surprised to learn that they can get totally out of debt in 12 to 36 months, if they put a plan in place and stick to it. It's also important that couples are on the same page when it comes to having a goal of getting out of debt."

People who are serious about getting out of debt need to set a realistic budget that they can live with, also including some discretionary spending in the plan. "Don't be so strict with your budget that you can't stick with it," advised Duncan. "It's just like a diet. You're more likely to stick with it over the long haul if you allow a few 'treats' now and then. It's important that these 'extra' expenditures are planned within the budget."

Many financial experts are on board with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, which offers individuals and families a "package plan" for getting out of debt and onto strong financial footing.

A series of nine classes, each with a topic and goal, is led by a facilitator, who goes through the program with the participants in a group setting. The main tenant of the program is the "debt snowball," where each individual or couple takes their smallest debt, pays



Getting out of debt is like setting a diet plan. Establishing achievable goals with some discretionary money is the key.

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Of Shard Financial Services

it off and uses those funds to pay down the next debt. The classes also include lessons on investing and charitable giving.

Locally, The Freedom Center in Fenton is the site of Financial Peace University, which started Jan. 12 this Sunday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit financialpeaceuniversity.com or call the church at (810) 629-5261.

Working with a financial planner is key to accomplishing many of these goals for debt reduction. "It helps to have someone hold you accountable," said Duncan.

5 STEPS TO ELIMINATING YOUR DEBTS

- 1. Figure out what you really owe in total debt,** not just in monthly payments. Make a list of all your debts, with the total outstanding payments and current interest rates.
- 2. Find savings wherever you can.** Dedicating every spare dollar in your budget toward reducing your debt will get you out of debt as fast as possible.
- 3. Apply any extra money toward paying down your highest-rate debt.** If you can double your monthly payments on just a single credit card, you'll chop off well over half the time it'll take you to get that card paid off.
- 4. When you've paid off one debt,** apply that money to your next highest-rate debt. Once you get rid of your credit card debt, you can move on to student loan debt, car debt, then eventually, mortgage debt.
- 5. Once you're done, keep saving.** This time, you'll start paying yourself toward saving goals like a rainy-day fund, building up a down payment for a home or saving for long-term needs like retirement. This will get you ahead and prevent you from falling back down the debt spiral at the first sign of financial difficulties in the future.

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• **Meet with an estate planning attorney,** to avoid trouble for your heirs and to help you record your wishes in a legally sound will.

As people age and acquire more assets, the financial side of their estate plan becomes more important. If you've built up IRAs and one of the couple becomes incapacitated, it's important that the spouse have access to those funds through a power of attorney document.

When you've reached senior status in your 60s, the health care portion of a person's estate plan becomes espe-

cially important. Medical decisions can be made in response to the person's wishes. A health care power of attorney has the authority to make life support decisions in Michigan, where a Living Will isn't recognized.

Once you've put an estate plan in place, remember that it's a document that needs to be reviewed every time there's a new circumstance in your life — whether it's a new grandchild, you've retired or your spouse has passed away. "You

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Summary

► The beginning of the New Year is a good time to meet with your financial planner to review your portfolio of retirement savings. The rise in interest rates and subsequent fall in bond values will be the unique challenge of 2014.

Boost your retirement savings in 2014

► Financial experts advise people to review their investments at the start of a New Year

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Picture yourself in a retirement lifestyle doing what you've always dreamed of doing. Then figure out how you will fund that lifestyle with retirement savings throughout your working life.

"It's good to have an idea of what you want your retirement life to look like, so you know how much you'll realistically need to achieve those goals," said Margie Shard, of Shard Financial Services.

Shard and other financial planners agree that the New Year is an excellent time to review your portfolio.

"You need to make sure that you're putting in enough money to meet the goals you've set for retirement," said Kevin Messing, financial advisor at Edward Jones, with an office in Fenton. "We can help you do that at Edward Jones with a goal system that calculates the money you have invested versus the money you'll need for retirement."

If you hope to retire at age 65 and start saving at 35, a May 2013 Bank of America survey found it would take 15 to 19 percent of your income saved to hit the numbers you'll need to retire comfortably. If you decide you'd like to retire at age 60, those rates grow to 23 to 29 percent. Since life tends to get in the way (braces, college, weddings, health issues, etc.) it can be hard to hit those targets each year. But smart savers will work to live on less to gain ground when they can

(see sidebar on easy savings strategies).

New challenges for 2014 will be the rising risks in the bond market, according to Jim Barone, director of investments and insurance for Flagstar Bank. "The world has changed so dramatically," he said. "As interest rates in general rise, the value of bond portfolios goes down. Our strategy is to review portfolios with our clients and base investing decisions on the number of years they still have in the market."

Shard added, "We've had to reposition our clients' portfolios, especially those nearing retirement. Usually we advise our clients to move out of the more volatile stock market and into bonds, but we're in a different time right now. A lot of people aren't aware of the risks in the bond market. People need to look at the income in their bond portfolio. We have solutions for this at Shard Financial."

She advises people to take full advantage of tax deferred savings vehicles, like 401(k), 403(b), 457, etc. "Depending on your tax bracket, you can put more money away in these accounts because they are tax deferred."

In addition to making wise investments, getting rid of debt can be one ticket to a more comfortable retirement. "Consider downsizing your home, or paying your mortgage off early with weekly or bi-weekly payment plans," said Shard.

Living below your means is another excellent retirement savings strategy. Planners typically suggest you aim to replace 70 to 80 percent of your pre-retirement income, which doesn't require a dramatic lifestyle change when you eliminate the money you were saving, plus Social Security taxes, commuting costs, etc. If you can make it on 50 percent, you need to save 11.8 times your income by age 60, vs. 17 times if you hope to live on 70 percent, according to money.com.

Wherever you stand with regards to retirement, it's better to start late than not at all. "Clients really should have diverse portfolios so they can take advantage of opportunities, while avoiding some of the pitfalls that are out there," said Barone of Flagstar Bank.

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- **Lower your bills and funnel the savings to retirement.** Look at car insurance quotes, cable/internet/cell phone bills, etc.
- **Save one-time gifts, bonuses and tax refunds.** Consider putting at least some of the windfall into a retirement account.

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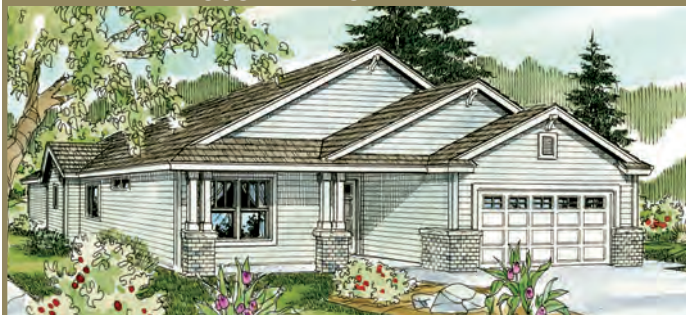
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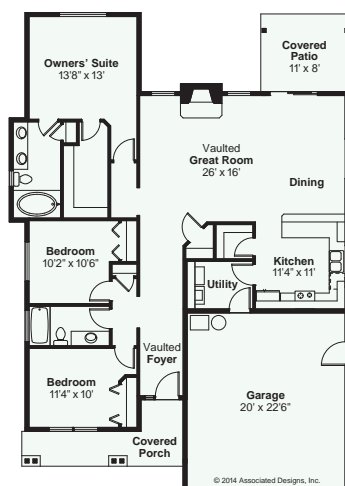
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**Real Estate
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Apartments
For Rent****23**

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**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

January 8, 2014

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, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder
	Board Members Excused/Absent: Miller
Approved:	Agenda as submitted.
Approved:	Consent Agenda as submitted.
Tabled:	Discussion, review & selection of company for installation of cameras, monitor and equipment at Rose Township Offices.
Approved:	Keep the PY 2013 CDBG funds for minor home repair in Rose Township as is but increase the amount to \$4,000 per qualified Rose Township home/resident.
Approved:	Programming of PY 2014 CDBG funds - 30% toward service providers with remaining balance to go toward minor home repair with a cap of \$4,000 per home.
Adjourned:	By motion at 7:54 p.m.

Paul Gambka
Rose Township Supervisor

Debbie Miller, CMC
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SundaySudoku

	6	4		9				
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5				7			1	3
			1	5	6		2	
	9		2	3	8			
3	2	6		8				4
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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

A Look back at the
TOP 10 SONGS

Week of Jan. 19, 1959
As determined by Billboard

1. Smoke Gets In Your Eyes -
The Platters

2. My Happiness -
Connie Francis

3. The Chipmunk Song -
Chipmunks &
David Seville

4. Donna - Richie Valens

5. 16 Candles -
The Crests

6. A Lover's Question -
Clyde McPhatter

7. Gotta Travel On -
Billy Grammer

8. Whole Lotta Lovin' -
Fats Domino

9. Stagger Lee -
Lloyd Prince

10. To Know Him Is to Love
Him - The Teddy Bears

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FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

1 Symbol before a key signature

5 Neighbor of Kauai

9 Actress Fox

14 Produces a winter blanket?

19 Arriving like fog

21 Prefix with anthropology

22 Smith's tool

23 Out of character

25 Hard up

26 Barks in pain

27 Suffix with meteor

28 Without face value, as stock

30 Theologian's subj.

31 Not up on current trends

36 Take a whack

37 States north of Nebraska

40 Bauxite, e.g.

41 Pizazz

43 Applying to all

48 Ones going a-courting

51 Reassuring words after an accident

52 "... Mac — PC?"

53 Suffix with schnozz or Motor

55 "Come again?"

56 Brief moment

57 Past proper limits

64 Ending for opal

65 Bring forth

66 Union topic

67 Lower exterior part of a ship's hull

69 L'Oréal rival

72 "Nothing —!"

74 Finer in meaning

76 Taxing work

77 Construction beams with 90-degree angles

79 Buenos —, Argentina

80 Gold, to Julio

81 Loony

85 Drink like Fido

88 S-X linkup

90 Woodsy, e.g.

91 Have unpaid bills

92 Washoe County seat

93 "So long"

95 Irrelevant

102 Its capital is Nuku'alofa

104 "— for Cookie" ("Sesame Street" tune)

105 Awakens

106 Oom- —

108 Subjected to severe trials

113 Golf surprise

114 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)

115 Co. offering a Buddy List

116 "The Family Circus" cartoonist

120 Shah, e.g.

122 A bit ill

127 Shah, e.g.

128 Hen's resting place

129 Remove from a computer

130 Arranged for

131 Spanish for "others"

132 Challenge for a lab rat

133 "To be," to Tiberius

DOWN

1 Big name in early computers

2 Theater area

3 Airline to Ben Gurion

4 Publication that's quickly thumbed

5 Add- — (peripherals)

6 Bus. rep

7 Arrive at, as a solution

8 Not masked

9 Stat of fuel efficiency

10 Gift for music

11 One peeking

12 Vowel string

13 Amateur

14 Italian Riviera city

15 Dayton-to-Toledo dir.

16 Way up there in years

17 Broader

18 In a foxy way

20 Enlarged map details

24 D.C. summer hrs.

29 Declaration

32 Holds

33 Suffix with 58-Down

34 "Woo- —!"

35 Momentous time

37 Speech spot

38 Peak

39 Ray of fast-food fame

42 Punch noise

44 Give a — (care)

45 Suffix with east

46 With 62-Down, rotten sort

47 Dumbbell

49 Extent

50 Handle the helm

54 Timmy's TV dog

57 Yogi of baseball

58 Inflated head

59 Lemon-hued

60 Be snaky

61 Sci-fi's Solo

62 See 46-Down

63 Tapered off

65 Prefix with diversity

68 "— a snap!"

69 Coagulates

70 Lash of Western films

71 Exempt from regulations

72 Pol Quayle

73 Municipal statute: Abbr.

75 Banquet liquid holder

78 Onion or lily

79 Help in crime

82 Beats (up)

83 Coal carrier

84 Lea lady?

85 Luau gifts

86 Bancroft of "7 Women"

87 Ollas, e.g.

89 Ida. neighbor

92 Casino game

94 Ottawa site

96 Quito's land

97 Autograph: Abbr.

98 Suffix with child

99 Easter eats

100 "— tu" (Verdi aria)

101 Oktoberfest dances

103 Maestro

106 City of Light

107 Lexus rival

109 "To be — ..."

110 Rat-a- —

111 Dull

112 Justice

117 Figuring-out shouts

118 "Little House on the Prairie" shopkeeper

119 — Stanley Gardner

121 Otoscope-wielding doc

123 That, to Tito

124 ACLU

125 Oz musical, with "The"

126 Suffix with propyl

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

Misc.
For Sale

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SNOW BLADES, 2 for sale, 3 point. \$250/each. 6ft snowblower, 3 point, \$900 or best. Mounted set, Texas Longhorns,\$250. 734-216-2234.

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Misc.
Wanted

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Sporting
Goods

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PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

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ANSWERS

CLEF OAHU MEGAN SNOWS
ROLLING IN PALEO ANVIL
AGAINST THE GRAIN NEEDED
YELPS OID NOPAR REL
BEHIND THE CURVE TRY
DAKOTAS FOREDOOMPH
ACROSS THE BOARD WOOLERS
IMOK TORA OLA WHAT
SEC BEYOND THE PALE LINE
EIGHT WAGE SETLGE
CLAIROL DOING SUBTLER
LABOR LABARS AIRE S
ORC AROUND THE BEND LAP
TUVOWOW LOWE
SEE YOU BESI DETHE POINT
TONGA CUS AROUSES
PAR THROUGH THE M LLL
ACE MASTR AOL KEANE
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ANSWERS

Solution time: 24 mins.

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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS

5	9	3	2	6	7	8	4	1
2	8	6	9	4	1	3	7	5
4	7	1	8	3	5	6	2	9
1	5	2	7	9	6	4	8	3
6	4	9	5	8	3	7	1	2
7	3	8	4	1	2	9	5	6
9	1	4	6	5	8	2	3	7
3	6	7	1	2	4	5	9	8
8	2	5	3	7	9	1	6	4

SUNDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS

7	6	4	3	9	1	8	5	2
1	3	9	8	2	5	4	7	6
5	8	2	6	7	4	9	1	3
4	7	8	1	5	6	3	2	9
2	5	3	7	4	9	6	8	1
6	9	1	2	3	8	7	4	5
3	2	6	5	8	7	1	9	4
8	4	5	9	1	3	2	6	7
9	1	7	4	6	2	5	3	8

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: POKED HONOR GULLET FAMISH
Answer: What a visitor to Hawaii is interested in finding out about first—THE "LEI" OF THE LAND

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: QUEST GAWKY DENOTE SURELY
Answer: What to wear when working outdoors—A "LAWN DRESS"

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Dolores Sydor,

Dolores Sydor - was 86 years of age at the time of her death. She was a greatly endeared, long time bus driver with Clarenceville Schools. Dolores and her late, beloved husband, Steve, also operated a farm stand in Livonia, offering produce from fresh picked

apples to pumpkins. Stopping by Sydor's was a tradition with countless families. Steve and Dolores moved to Argentine 25 years ago and became active members of the local community. Both Steve (who passed 15 years ago) and Dolores treasured every day they spent in the Linden area. They loved being in the country and especially loved the people of this area. Dolores is the dear mother of John, Tom (former wife, Cherie), Ken (Cathy), and Steve (companion, Tina) (former wife, Trish). She defined the concept of 'Fun Grandma' to her adoring grandkids: Sarah, Katie, Kevin, Lindsey, Emma, and Sarah Marie. Dolores was laid to rest last Monday, January 13, 2014 in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia, Michigan. We, the family, deeply regret that circumstances did not allow us to place this notice sooner.

Herbert Brannon,

Herbert Brannon - age 65, died January 15, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Elizabeth Brown,

Elizabeth Brown - age 83, died January 11, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gabino Caballero,

Gabino Caballero - age 78, died January 12, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Geraldine Bryant,

Geraldine Bryant - age 82, died January 14, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jane M. Morgan

1942-2014

Jane M. Morgan - age 71, of Wynona, Oklahoma, went to be with the Lord on



Sunday, January 12, 2014. Jane was born September 9, 1942 in Holly, Michigan, the

daughter of Charles C. and Edith (Jones) White. The beloved wife of Donald Morgan, they had been married 54 years. Jane was a loving mother to her two children, Kelly Sparks and Virgil Morgan; a grandmother of four: Donald Sparks and wife, Danielle, Crystal Sparks, Shawna Walker and Time Morgan; great-grandmother to Ethan Likert, Peyton Morgan, Landon Morgan and Hailye Morgan. Jane was a loving mother and grandmother to many others over the years. Funeral services were held Friday, January 17, 2p.m. at McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home, Pawhuska, OK. Pastor David Downing officiated. Internment in the AJ Powell Memorial Cemetery, Hominy, Oklahoma. McCartney's Johnson Funeral Home in charge of Arrangements.

Joseph Syracuse,

Joseph Syracuse - age 60, died January 13, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Joyce Gedeon,

Joyce Gedeon - age 88, died January 13, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jeanette Schindler,

Jeanette Schindler - age 91, died January 17, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Daniel Gilbert,

Daniel Gilbert - age 77, died January 16, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William Taylor,

William Taylor - age 84, died January 15, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Wayne Neil Zigler

1952-2014

Wayne Neil Zigler - age 61 of Fenton passed away of lung cancer on January 7,



2014. He was born November 3, 1952 to Leonard and Verneitta Zigler. Wayne

graduated from Montpelier High School in Ohio and then spent 6 years as a military police officer in the United States Marine Corps. After he was discharged from the Marines with honors, Wayne attended and later graduated from Ferris State University. He went on to work over 31 years with General Motors in the service operations department. Wayne is survived by his brothers, Gerald (Kathy) Zigler, Robert (Marilyn) Zigler, Marlow (Sandy) Zigler. Many nieces and nephews, Brenda (Frank) Parrish, Tammy (Ross) Sumney, Scott (Elizabeth) Zigler, Mark Zigler, Nicole (Rich) Uleisbecker, and many extended family members and friends. Wayne was predeceased by his parents and brother Otis. He will be greatly missed by all. Donations can be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Hospital. A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifuneralhome.com.



Kelly Braden,

Kelly Braden - age 51, died January 8, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lawrence Hudson,

Lawrence Hudson - age 75, died January 12, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Margaret Miller,

Margaret Miller - age 76, died January 11, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marty Hain,

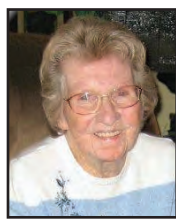
Marty Hain - age 68, died January 14, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Viola Emma Wilhoit Clark

1929-2014

Viola Emma Wilhoit Clark - age 84, former resident of Fenton, Michigan, passed



away January 7, 2014 in Apple Valley, California. The sixth of seven children

of Otis and Bertha Wilhoit, she was born July 12, 1929 in Fenton Village, Michigan. She graduated in 1948 from Fenton High School. Mrs. Clark is survived by her children; Linda, Jacque, Janet and Tom, their spouses, nine grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, her sisters Pauline and Joyce and many, many extended family members. Viola was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Dwayne Clark. The Clark family moved from Michigan in 1962, residing in Montclair, California until they moved to Lucerne Valley, California in 1978. After the loss of her husband in 1988, Viola remained in Lucerne until health issues forced her move to Hesperia. Her warm smile, quick wit and graciousness will be missed by many. A Memorial service was held January 17, 2014 at Crossroads Chapel, Lucerne Valley, California. Mrs. Clark was laid to rest next to her husband Dwayne in Lucerne Valley Memorial Park. Cards may be sent to the family care of High Desert Funeral Chapel 16545 Bear Valley Rd, Hesperia, CA 92345.

Merletta Goss,

Merletta Goss - age 59, died January 14, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mistie Stogner,

Mistie Stogner - age 34, died January 11, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ronald Ringlein,

Ronald Ringlein - age 77, died January 14, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ruth Hamilton,

Ruth Hamilton - age 92, died January 12, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Lois Naomi Perry

1931-2014

Lois Naomi Perry - age 82, of Fenton, died Tuesday, January 14, 2014. Funeral



Mass was celebrated 2 PM Friday, January 17, 2014 at St. John the Evangelist

Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Burial in St. John Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was held at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton Thursday From 5-9 PM and at church Friday from 1 PM until the time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430. Lois was born March 6, 1931 in Flint, the daughter of Carl and Naomi (Melancon) Waldron. She married Jack H. Perry August 30, 1951 in Flint. She retired from GMSPO after 25 years of service. Lois was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She had resided in Fenton since 1960 coming from Flint. Surviving are her husband of 62 years, Jack; 3 daughters, Kim and husband Michael English of Fenton, Denise Perry of Linden, and Yvonne Perry of Byron; 6 grandchildren, David and wife Jeanie Perry of Fenton, Nick English of Lapeer, Mandi English of Fenton, Wyatt Lamreaux of Clarkston, Genny and husband Rob Perry of Fenton, and Becky and husband Jamie Sawyer of Fenton; 5 great-grandchildren, Nicole, Tyler, Morgan, Miranda, and Trinity; sister-in-law, Lois Craig of Flint; several nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, William Herbert Perry; and brother, Neil Waldron. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Guadaloupe Gonzalez Sr.,

Guadaloupe Gonzales Sr. - age 63, died January 12, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas Stogner,

Thomas Stogner - age 66, died January 9, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas David King

1959-2014

Thomas David King - known to his friends as "Tiny" - age 54, of Fenton, died Janu-



ary 11, 2014 at Genesys Health Park. Services will be held 10 AM Saturday, February

1, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Tom was born November 24, 1959 in Martinez, CA. He was an enthusiast in all he did. His lifelong passion was driving - any kind of vehicle would do, including cars and trucks, ambulances, garbage trucks, police cars, ATV's and even mini-stock race cars. Driving may also be the key to understanding Tom's apparently wide choice of careers - he has worked as an EMT, a mechanic, a garbage collector (driving the truck of course) security guard, police officer (for the Holly, Memphis, and Lennon Departments), courier, and taxi driver. His most recent career passion was to become a registered nurse - maybe the first time where no vehicle was involved. Tom had been taking classes at Mott Community College for the past 3 years. He was a huge NASCAR fan and lifelong Oakland Raiders Fan. His true joy was his many local friends and his family in California. He was a blast with kids and could get down on the floor with the smallest tykes. Tom lived in many places during his colorful life - growing up in California (Martinez, Los Gatos, and Sonora, California, before setting out on a lifelong odyssey that took him to Los Angeles, Austin, Saline, MI, and finally to Holly and Fenton. Tom/Tiny was a colorful, larger than life character - he always followed his own path and passions, but he loved his friends like family. Tom loved his regular trips to visit his family in California and to attend Oakland Raider games. He is survived by his brother Bill and wife Dixie, and his niece Elizabeth and nephew Jerott. He was preceded in death by his mother Mathilda (Tillie) Turner, and will be interred along with her at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Private celebrations of Tom's colorful life are encouraged - visit Tom's Facebook page (Tommy King) to share pictures, comments, goodbyes and reminiscences. He will be missed by us all. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sam Gershinzon,

Sam Gershinzon - age 76, died January 14, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Henry Sonsmith,
Henry Sonsmith - age 82,
died January 12, 2014.
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Carl Snider,
Carl Snider - age 64, died
January 10, 2014. Services
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Donald Granbush,
Donald Granbush - age
84, died January 13, 2014.
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John Holtmeyer,
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- 1 (11 oz.) can shoepeg corn, drained
- 1 T. chili powder
- 2 t. onion powder (you can substitute a small chopped onion – add it in with the garlic)
- dash of red pepper
- salt & pepper to taste

 **DIRECTIONS**

1. In a large sauce pan, heat olive oil over medium heat for one minute. Add minced garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Whisk in chicken broth and cream of chicken soup till blended. Stir in remaining ingredients. Simmer for at least 20 minutes – a little longer is better though. Taste and adjust seasonings as desired.
**If you can't find seasoned cannelli beans, feel free to add those seasonings to the soup or just leave as is using plain cannellini beans.*



PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband is 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. He is a competitive distance runner. He loves Kool-Aid and calculates that in a year he drinks 150 pounds of sugar in Kool-Aid alone. A friend told him if he continues this habit, he might develop diabetes. Can a skinny, athletic person develop diabetes from consuming sugar? — S.B.

ANSWER: Although “sugar” is half the name of sugar diabetes, sugar doesn’t cause diabetes. It’s a popular belief that it does, but it doesn’t. People with diabetes are careful to watch their sugar intake, and they watch their total carbohydrate intake, but diabetics don’t have to eliminate sugar completely from their lives. Careful monitoring of sugar and carbohydrate intake is essential for their control of blood sugar. Type 1 diabetes, the kind that requires insulin for control, often has its onset in younger years. It’s due to a destruction of the insulin-making cells of the pancreas. The destruction is believed to be the work of the immune system. Sugar has nothing to do with it. Type 1 diabetes accounts for 5 percent to 10 percent of all diabetes cases. Type 2 diabetes, the much more common kind, comes about from a decline in insulin production along with a decline in the effectiveness of insulin. Ninety percent of Type 2 diabetics are overweight, and weight loss helps them control their blood sugar. Physical inactivity also contributes to Type 2 diabetes. So do genes. Again, it’s not the sugar intake that produces this common type of diabetes. But monitoring the intake of sugar is important for control of this variety of diabetes.



Teen’s virtual relationship worries parents

DEAR AMY: We have recently become aware that our 14-year-old daughter has been in very close contact with an 18-year-old boy who lives half way across the country, thanks to the magic of the Internet. We are not aware of all of the details of their communications (which is primarily by texting), but there is definitely a strong emotional bond. This has been going on for several months, and we noticed that our daughter has been very secretive and texting constantly in any spare time. Naturally, we as parents are very concerned about this and unsure of what to do. Any advice for parents in this modern age of communication? — Parents in the New World

DEAR PARENTS: Realistically, you will not be able to eliminate contact, and you might not even be able to monitor it thoroughly, though you should check her texts (unannounced) to make sure they are not sexual and follow her presence on social media. At her age, you as parents should make every effort to meet and get to know all of her friends, real world or virtual. This is non-negotiable. Communicate with him via Skype, phone or email, with your daughter present and with an open attitude. Verify that he is who he says he is. (And does he know that she is 14?) Basically, you want to demonstrate to both that you are present and involved.

DEAR AMY: I have a son-in-law who is 37, 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs about 250 pounds. I love him dearly because he treats my daughter like gold. The problem is his diet. He loves and craves cheese and eats cheese on everything. I think he’s an emotional eater, and I don’t want to make waves, but if he continues with this diet he’s going to make my daughter a widow and their children fatherless real soon. We get along very well, but I just don’t know how to approach him about this. — Father-in-law

DEAR FATHER-IN-LAW: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only 52 percent of men 18 years and over met the 2008 federal physical activity guidelines for aerobic activity. Your son-in-law most likely knows how unhealthy his diet is. Don’t confront or criticize. It would be great for you to be a friend in his corner, encouraging him toward a healthier lifestyle by being active with him. Also, encourage him to get regular medical checkups. Too few men visit their doctor regularly; seeing a physician could be a lifesaver for him.

SundayJumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Print answer here:

Answer key located in this edition

Sunny all day

WHETHER IT RAINED OR NOT THE WEATHER CASTER WAS THIS MOST OF THE TIME.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



Use iPhone as iTunes remote

You can use your iPhone as a remote to control the iTunes library on your computer by simply installing a free app called Remote. With Remote, you can control iTunes on your computer or Apple TV from your iPhone within the same Wi-Fi network. Think about you have the iMac in your bedroom, you can lie on bed and playback your music remotely.

To use Remote, first download it from App Store. The very first time you launch Remote app, it requires you to pair with iTunes on your computer. Simply tap “Choose a Library...” and select “Add an iTunes Library”. The app automatically generates a passcode for you to pair with iTunes.

On iTunes, select your device on the left pane. Key in the passcode generated by Remote app. If you correctly enter the passcode, you’re now ready to control the iTunes using your iPhone. You’re free to play back music, video, access playlist, etc remotely. Enjoy the free app, you’ll love it!

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



LEE DANIELS' THE BUTLER

Lee Daniels’ The Butler tells the story of a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. The film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during this time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected this man’s life and family. PG-13, 2 hr. 12 min.



RIDDICK

Riddick, the latest chapter of the groundbreaking saga that began with 2000’s hit sci-fi film Pitch Black and 2004’s The Chronicles of Riddick reunites writer/director David Twohy and star Vin Diesel. Diesel reprises his role as the antihero Riddick, a dangerous, escaped convict wanted by every bounty hunter in the known galaxy. The infamous Riddick has been left for dead on a sun-scorched planet that appears to be lifeless. Soon, however, he finds himself fighting for survival against alien predators more lethal than any human he’s encountered. The only way off is for Riddick to activate an emergency beacon and alert mercenaries who rapidly descend to the planet in search of their bounty. The first ship to arrive carries a new breed of merc, more lethal and violent, while the second is captained by a man whose pursuit of Riddick is more personal. With time running out and a storm on the horizon that no one could survive, his hunters won’t leave the planet without Riddick’s head as their trophy. R, 1 hr. 59 min.



Happy feet

How to keep your feet happy and carefree this winter

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You may feel sometimes like the weight of the world is on your shoulders, when in reality it's on your feet.

With some 26 bones and a complex framework of muscles, tendons and ligaments, your feet absorb the impact of your full body weight with each step, keeping you balanced and upright in the process.

No wonder your feet sometimes hurt. From blisters to bunions and corns to

calluses, your feet take the brunt of what you throw at them, including uncomfortable shoes, lack of proper support and sometimes, even less than perfect foot hygiene.

"Winter is especially hard on your feet," said Dr. James Hirt of Fenton Foot Care. "With the cold, dry air, your feet don't get much moisture. But you can use just about any

over-the-counter moisturizer, or buy one of our stronger medicated moisturizers for severe dry skin at our office."

UGG boots are another problem for your feet. "They're cozy, like slippers, but offer zero support," said Hirt. "Wearing them occasionally is fine, but

not for long periods of time standing on your feet."

The dry skin of this season also causes more foot issues like corns and calluses, caused in part by dry skin rubbing together in shoes that don't provide enough breathing room. "Don't let your toes rub against each other in shoes that don't have a wide enough toe box," said Hirt. "That can contribute to corns on the top of your toes or calluses on the bottom. They're basically the same thing."

Corns and calluses are usually a symptom of a larger problem with your feet, either a deformity of the foot or the misalignment of a joint.

Bunions are another foot issue that often bring patients into Dr. Hirt's podiatry practice. A bunion is an unnatural, bony hump that forms at the base of the big toe, when the big toe joint moves out of alignment. Genetics play a big role, according to Dr. Hirt, but so does footwear. Women tend to be more prone to developing bunions, mostly because of wearing tight, poorly fitting shoes, especially high-heeled pointed shoes. These shoes gradually push the foot bones into an unnatural shape.

Because a bunion occurs at a joint where the toe bends in normal walking, a person's entire body weight rests on the bunion at each step, making them extremely painful. They're also vulnerable to excess pressure and friction from shoes and can lead to the development of calluses.

"The only way to fix a bunion is to do surgery to re-align the joint," said Dr. Hirt. "It's best to prevent a bunion from happening in the first place by wearing a supportive shoe with an arch, not cramming toes into a shoe. That will speed up the formation of a bunion."

“Winter is especially hard on your feet.”

Dr. James Hirt, Fenton Foot Care



Five steps to happy feet

The best way to keep your feet healthy is a simple regimen of daily care that will keep the skin, bones and muscles of your feet functioning properly.

1. Wear comfortable shoes.

Make sure they fit well, as shoes that are too tight can cause hammer toe, corns, ingrown toenails and general foot pain. Shoes that are too loose can cause blisters and calluses, sore heels and excessive shoe wear. Shoe style matters too, as wearing high heels frequently can cause damage to the bones of your feet. Shoes made of natural synthetics like leather and cotton allow your foot to release moisture.

2. Take a walk

The muscles of your feet need exercise to stay strong. The best way to exercise them is just to take a walk.

3. Wash your feet daily

Since your feet spend most of every day trapped inside a pair of shoes, they need to be washed to get rid of moisture and sweat so that bacteria doesn't grow. If it accumulates, that will lead to unpleasant foot odor and/or fungal issues. Just give your feet a thorough soaping in the shower, especially between your toes, and dry your feet well. Foot powder can keep them dryer longer, too.

4. Moisturize your feet

The wear and tear endured by your feet often results in areas of dry, cracked or scaly skin, especially in the winter. Rub a lotion containing cocoa butter into the skin of your feet every day. You can also get in the habit of an overnight moisturizing routine. Simply coat your feet in cocoa butter, then put on a comfortable pair of cotton socks. In the morning, the skin on your feet will be much softer.

5) Wear socks

Socks not only protect your feet, they also absorb and wick away moisture. For basic daily wear, use socks made with natural fibers like cotton or wool. For high performance socks, synthetic materials made for athletes are better at wicking moisture away than natural fibers are.

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A glass of wine a day?

It may keep the doctor away,
but it's better to drink in
moderation

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Will a glass of wine a day keep the doctor away?

It all depends whom you ask, but it appears from recent research that one or two glasses of wine a day (depending on whether you are a man or a woman) may actually help your health, within reason, according to foxnews.com.

The key word is moderation, which means one five-ounce glass for women and one to two five-ounce glasses for men, per day. Other sources of alcohol may share some of the positive effects of red wine, because all sources can increase the cardio-protective blood marker, HDL cholesterol. More research is needed to know for sure whether red wine is better for the heart than other forms of alcohol, such as beer or spirits.

Reduces risk of diabetes

The source of red wine's health benefits is found in the red grape skins. That is where the polyphenol resveratrol is found. Resveratrol may prevent

fat accumulation and reduce insulin resistance, which lowers the risk of diabetes.

Lowers heart disease risk

Resveratrol also prevents blood clotting and plaque formation in arteries, while improving vascular function. It raises high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, the "good" cholesterol, and it reduces the formation of blood clots. It helps prevent artery damage caused by high levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, the "bad" cholesterol.

May lower cancer risk

Studies have also shown that resveratrol can reduce tumor incidence by targeting different stages in cancer development. Reduces stress

The high concentration on polyphenols, including resveratrol,

in red wine, also can slow down the aging process by reducing stress. Drinking wine can be part of a healthier lifestyle through a Mediterranean diet, which also emphasizes fish, fruits and vegetables, legumes, etc.

Other sources of wine's health benefits

If you don't drink alcohol, you'll be happy to know that you can get the same health benefits from other sources. Flavonoids are found in fruits and vegetables, cocoa and some juices. Grapes and red grape juice also have many of the same components as red wine.

In fact, neither the American Heart Association nor the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute recommend that you start drinking alcohol just to prevent heart disease. Alco-

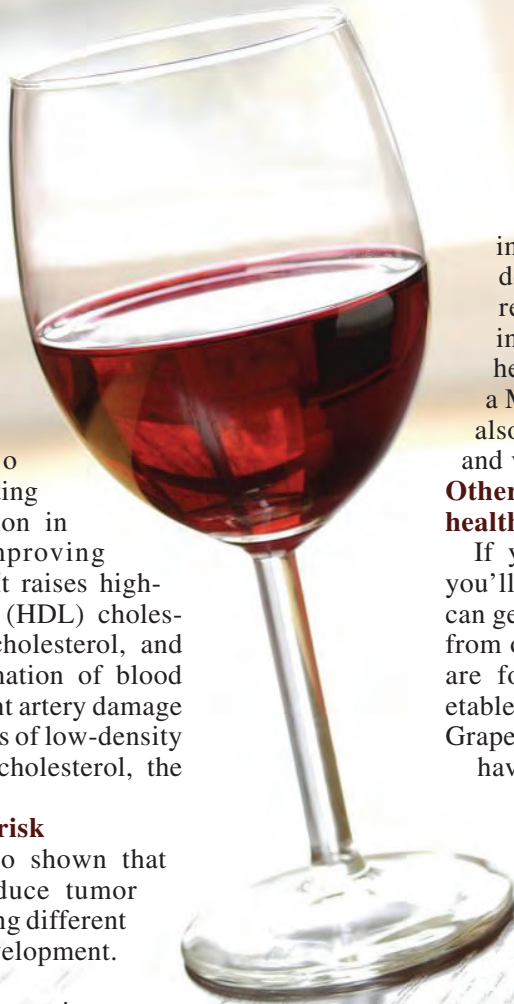
hol can be addictive and can cause or worsen other health problems.

Risks associated with alcohol

Drinking too much increases your risk of high blood pressure, high triglycerides, liver damage, obesity, certain types of cancer, accidents and injury and other problems. In addition, excess drinking may cause cardiomyopathy, a weakened heart muscle causing symptoms of heart failure in some people.

According to mayoclinic.com, if you have heart failure or a weak heart, you should avoid alcohol completely. If you take aspirin daily, you should avoid or limit alcohol, depending on your doctor's advice.

Wine and other alcoholic beverages also contain empty calories, which can be a problem for those prone to weight gain.



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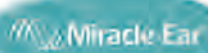
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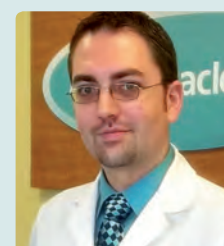
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