**Fenton police respond to 21 crashes in seven hours on U.S. 23**

By Sharon Stone  
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From 4 a.m. until about 11 a.m. Thursday, Fenton police and fire departments responded to 21 weather related crashes on U.S. 23. They responded to two more on city streets. There was one reported injury, however, that female motorist refused medical treatment.

See CRASHES on 16A

**City loses more than $1 million income over the past five years**

By Tim Jagielo  
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Fenton — This year might be the turning point, or at least another stabilizing year for the city of Fenton’s Budget. Last year saw the leveling out of Fenton-area home values. Hopefully 2014 brings the stabilizing of commercial properties. The property taxes on each make up half of the city budget — $3.3 million in this past fiscal year, out of $6.6 million in revenues.

See INCOME on 9A

**Holistic horse care**

ANna (correct spelling) Brunsink of Fenton trims the hooves of Apollo, an 18-year-old saddlebred horse in Milford, Thursday morning. Brunsink’s job as an equine podiatrist differs from a farrier, due to studying more closely the structure and biology of the hoof and what it does.

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### Police & Fire Report

**HEROIN, MARIJUANA, STOLEN MERCHANDISE FOUND IN CAR**
At 2:40 p.m. on Jan. 17, Fenton police responded to a store in the 3200 block of Owen Road to investigate a suspicious man that the loss prevention officer had been watching. Police made contact with the 34-year-old Burton man in the parking lot as he entered a black Ford, driven by a 22-year-old Goodrich man. Police learned that the Burton man had an outstanding warrant for larceny from Lapeer and he was found to be in possession of multiple pills of Xanax, a controlled substance. During a search of the car, police found marijuana and heroin, as well as a stolen portable speaker and video game, all of which the Goodrich man said were his. The Burton man was turned over to Lapeer police and faces charges for the prescription pills and Fenton police are seeking warrants for larceny from Fenton.

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**'City girl' steps up to unique job as equine podiatrist**

By Sally Rummel

When ANNa Brunink moved from Detroit to Plackney years ago, she was finally able to get a horse of her own. But, she couldn’t understand why people kept telling her that her horse needed to be shod.

“No one ever could give me a good reason why, so I learned on my own and started trimming my horse’s hooves naturally,” said Brunink, 50, now of Fenton. “Other people started asking me to trim their horses so I decided to take classes from the International Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry, working at horse farms in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, then England and Wales. It was quite an adventure for two years.”

It also taught her what she felt all along, that horses in most cases, do better without being shod. “It’s a more holistic approach, because we look more at the structure of a horse’s foot and its function, while a farrier (horseshoer) primarily learns how to pour iron and shape horseshoes.”

She doesn’t consider herself a bare-foot trimmer, as she will use a type of horseshoe that’s more like a rubber cast to rehabilitate a horse’s foot when needed.

**Q: What is the definition of shod?**

A: “Shod” is the past tense and a past participle of “shoe.” When a horse gets shod, it means the horse had shoes put on it’s hooves. This is done by a farrier (blacksmith).

**Q: What is equine podiatry?**

A: It’s a holistic approach to hoofcare, using functional anatomy to determine how the foot should be trimmed in order to promote good health through correct balance and stimulation.

Source: helpmyhorse.com

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**Tri-County Times / Tim Jagielo**

ANNa Brunink files a hoof, clearing it of compacted ice, which can be uncomfortable to the animal.

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**Smartphones and teenagers**

**The Pew Research Center reports that** —

- 78 percent of teens have a cell phone and 47 percent of them have smartphones.
- 23 percent of teens have a tablet computer, which is comparable to the amount of adults with tablets.
- 95 percent of teens have a computer and use the Internet.

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**Editors adopting smart policies on smartphones**

Wireless devices in classrooms come with some “growing pains”

By William Axford

The driver’s license may no longer be the ultimate rite of passage for this generation of teenagers. That title now belong to mobile phones as the Pew Research Center reports 78 percent of teenagers now have a cell phone, with 47 percent of them owning smartphones.

When it comes to cars, the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 45 percent of 17 year olds and 61 percent of 18 year olds had their license. With so many teenagers having access to the Internet at their fingertips at virtually any time, some educators view them as additional learning tool. But like anything new, smartphones in the classroom have come with some “growing pains.”
If it ain’t broke, let’s fix it

Get used to hearing the term ‘The War on Poverty’ as the 50th anniversary of the passing of the legislation is coming up this August.

Basically we will all be subjected to endless speeches extolling the success of this grandly named landmark legislation that was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. I, for one, will be very interested to see how the hell $14 billion dollars comes around in the face of hard facts that clearly demonstrate that ‘The War on Poverty’ was a dismal and expensive failure that not only didn’t reduce the number of Americans living in poverty, but actually reversed the existing trend of falling poverty numbers in the 1960s. In typical government fashion, the ‘war on poverty’ did exactly the opposite of what it was intended to do.

No surprise there — few government agendas ever accomplish the stated goals that accompany their onset. Quite the opposite, actually. Much like what’s happening right now with Obamacare.

Of course, even the worst government programs can be presented as winners if facts are ignored in favor of scripted bureaucratic speeches that, at best, distort the truth and, at worst, are outright lies. Data is skewed and facts are ignored. Again, much like Obamacare.

To his credit, Lyndon Johnson, who pushed the ‘war on poverty’ legislation through Congress and then signed it into law, was very explicit as to what it intended to accomplish. It was created for the sole purpose of reducing mass dependency on government handouts. Its slogan was ‘Give a hand up, not a handout.’

Unfortunately, quite the opposite happened.

Dependency on government handouts had been going down for years before the ‘war on poverty’ began in 1964. Statistics clearly showed that the number of people who lived below the poverty line in 1960 was, in fact, only half of what it had been in 1950.

But wait, there’s more. Under Johnson’s watch the first ‘sex education’ programs were put into schools because the Chicken Little left claimed they were needed to reduce an ‘epidemic’ of teenage pregnancies and venereal diseases. Yet teenage pregnancies and venereal diseases had both been going down for a decade.

The murder rate had been going down for decades, and in 1960 was only half of what it had been in 1934. This trend suddenly and dramatically reversed after liberal politicians demanded less harsh criminal laws during the 1960s. By 1974, the murder rate was more than twice as high as it had been in 1961.

And so, due to liberal policies ushered in by eight years of a Democratic president and Congress in the 1960s, we are still paying the price for pie-in-the-sky legislation that has, and is, devastating us socially to this day. Meanwhile history is repeating itself with the disastrous Obamacare debacle that is now destroying the formerly best healthcare system in the world.

So pardon me if I choose to dance in the streets with fact-free liberals as they celebrate the imaginary successes of their imaginary ‘war on poverty.’

Fifty years from now, our astute columnist can write about the fiscal and physical carnage wrought by the latest liberal ‘reform’ — Obamacare.

Yeah, let’s keep fixing things that ain’t broke — look how well it’s worked out so far.

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**How does your smartphone help you at school?**

**Sara Wujciak**
Senior — “I use it to check my grades and I use the Google Drive app for my IB History class.”

**BETHANY**
Junior — “I use the PowerSchool app to check and see if I did well on a test or quiz.”

**Caitlin Wiley**
Senior — “I use it to look up song ideas during SRT for our next choir concert.”

**Jacob Lee**
Sophomore — “I go on the Internet to look up answers to worksheets.”

**Micali Gadola**
Junior — “I use it for math to look up examples on how to do problems.”

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**Fenton High School students**

*Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern.*
MEAP on its way out — ‘Smarter Balanced’ in by 2015

> New school assessment aligned to national standards

By Tim Jagielo
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Soon, students in Michigan could learn to dread, study and cram for a different big test in the spring.

By 2015, the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) will be phased out of Michigan schools, making way for a different test — possibly the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA).

The SBA could be fully implemented in Michigan Schools for the 2014-15 school year and will test grades three to eight, and 11. It will test English language arts, literacy and math, and will be taken during the last 12 weeks of school. It will be used for evaluation purposes around the districts.

The MEAP was first adopted in 1969. Since 2007, grades 11 and some 12 took the Michigan Merit Exam (MME), while lower grades still took the MEAP. The MEAP is based on Michigan standards, and the SBA will test to national standards, developed by the SBA consortium.

The overall goal is student achievement-assessment and college readiness-assessment, along with giving teachers the tools to identify specific problem areas based on the test.

The consortium was established to create the next generation of tests based on the Common Core Standards (CCS) and cut scoring. Common Core has been adopted across the U.S., save for Virginia, Nebraska, Texas, Alaska, Minnesota and Puerto Rico.

Michigan fully implemented Common Core Standards for the 2012-12 school year, after adopting them in 2010. Local districts have worked over the past few years in aligning their curriculum to CCS.

Achieving standards and meeting requirements is a moving target for local school districts.

Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Kolledo said that the technology infrastructure has to be able to handle many students accessing the online network. He believes that a traditional pencil-and-scantron test, like the ACT Aspire, may still need to be available if a network can’t handle many students at once.

Linden schools has been building up the infrastructure in preparation for a new test. Kolledo said the MEAP and MME will be gone next year — but because there’s no specific plan for a new test, he’s not sure if it will be the SBA.

Fenton Area Public Schools is in the same boat as Linden. “We have found that students tend to like the online format more than paper and pencil assessments,” said Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen in an email.

What is different about the SBA?

The biggest, most noticeable difference is where the test is taken. The days of sitting at a desk in a quiet classroom with a No. 2 pencil and scantron sheets surrounded by peers may soon be finished.

The SBA is a computerized, online test which will adapt to the user as they answer questions. If the student is breezing through their answers, the questions will become more difficult. If they struggle, the assessment will not increase the difficulty of the questions. Literacy testing includes reading and evaluating text — and also watching and writing about videos.

For more information go to smarterbalanced.org.

There are plans to change from the MME and MEAP next year, although we have not seen any sort of comprehensive timeline for actual implementation.

Ed Kolledo
Superintendent,
Linden Community Schools

Smarter Balanced Assessment sample question:

The following is the beginning of a story that a student is writing for a class assignment. The story needs more details and an ending. Read the beginning of the story and then complete the task that follows.

Oliver’s Big Splash

Oliver was a dog that lived in a small town near a lake. He loved to play outside. Oliver liked to play fetch, but his favorite thing to do was to chase leaves. He loved chasing leaves so much that his favorite time of year was fall, when the leaves fell off the trees. One beautiful fall day, Oliver and his owner, Jeff, went for a walk around the lake. They were enjoying the sunshine and the lake when suddenly a dragonfly flew past. For a moment, Oliver forgot where he and Jeff were and what they were doing. All of a sudden there was a big splash.

Write an ending for the story by adding details to tell what happens next.
Roadside assistance plans provide a good bang for the buck

➤ Know what to look for in a worthy roadside assistance program

By Amy Mayhew
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Maybe you accidentally locked your keys in your car and spent a couple hours and a closetful of coat hangers trying to correct your error. Or possibly you were in a hurry on your way to work and slipped off a snowy road into an awaiting ditch.

In times like these, a good roadside assistance program is worth its weight in gold. And contrary to popular belief, programs offering assistance to stranded motorists aren’t all that expensive.

A quality roadside assistance plan should provide every possible roadside service, appreciated extras and quality customer support.

There are several important features to look for when choosing a plan. First and foremost, a roadside assistance plan should provide 24/7 roadside assistance, lockout assistance, minor roadside adjustments, towing, tire change service, extrication, gasoline delivery and dead battery services. Other key services include an on-time arrival guarantee, and coverage for travel interruption expenses.

A roadside assistance plan doesn’t only get you out of a sticky situation, but it can also shower you with several cool extras. Top plans offer online trip planning tools (including online maps), travel materials (including paper maps), travel planning assistance, concierge services, retail discounts and emergency travel assistance. Some plans even sell car insurance and offer a mobile app for getting even quicker assistance.

Perhaps most importantly, a good program should provide toll-free phone support to answer any and all questions you may have before signing up, or to address any concerns you may have as a new member. Email support is also another thing to look for in a provider, as is a “Frequently Asked Questions” segment on the provider’s website for quick answers to common questions.

Most standard membership costs range from $48 to $108 per year depending on the provider, while premium memberships can go as low as $80 on up to $160 per year.

New customers may initially frown at the annual cost for standard roadside assistance, but the money that a membership can save in the long run can’t be beat. From receiving coverage for tows to flat tire services, most customers will typically recoup their membership cost after one service call.

Sign up is easy with most companies explaining services and offering registration capabilities online.

Other options

- Some auto insurance companies, credit card providers, and auto manufacturers also offer some roadside assistance services practically free to their customers.
- Some new and used cars come with a warranty that covers roadside assistance. The coverage varies, but you can typically use it if you lock yourself out of the car, run out of gas, or need a tow.
- Credit card companies like Bank of America offer free roadside assistance. There could be a limit on the number of towing miles or other exclusions, so make sure you check out all the details before you sign on the dotted line.
- Most auto insurance companies also provide roadside assistance programs, so be sure to check with your insurance provider to see what’s available. Cost will most likely depend on where you live and what type of vehicle you drive.
- Even a few wireless service providers offer roadside assistance programs. With AT&T, Verizon and Sprint, you can get towing, locksmith assistance, tire changes, and gas service for just $3 to $4 per month.
Longtime area businessman dies

By Sharon Stone

Bud Stebbins, 79, will be remembered for being a Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Famer and for bringing softball to Flint in 1971. He will also be remembered for his pride in being a great cook, a loving father, grandfather and longtime business owner.

Stebbins, of Fenton, died Monday, Jan. 20 after a nine-month battle with lung cancer. He was born and raised in Rosebush, north of Mt. Pleasant. After graduating from Mt. Central, he earned a degree in pharmacy from Ferris State University. His pharmacy career was short-lived, ending when, in 1962, he purchased the Grand Blanc News newspaper from Rick Rockman and later, in 1968, started Grand Blanc Printing to print his growing newspaper.

Stebbins leaves behind his wife Karis and his sons Matt, Mark and Michael. Matt Stebbins said his mother, Joan, died in 1977 when he and younger brother Mark were 13 and 9. Despite daily treatments of chemotherapy and radiation, Stebbins continued to go to the office every day until a month ago. “That was the real Bud,” his wife Karis recalled. “You couldn’t keep him down.”

She also recalled how friends of Stebbins would refer to him as the “Hall of Famer” when they saw him out in public. Softball was a huge part of their life and Stebbins continued to coach and脾朗 Printing teams, which he coached and played on, won three state championships.

Stebbins and the late Rick Rockman, Sr., former publisher of the Tri-City Times, were longtime friends and business partners, buying and selling multiple properties and businesses together over the years.

Matt Stebbins said his father did not want a funeral service, just visitation. Instead, he requested that his family hold a Celebration of Life for him at Spring Meadows in the spring.

Sharp Funeral Homes is handling the visitation arrangements. Visit www.sharpfuneralhomes.com for details or see the obituary section of this edition of the Tri-City Times.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

QUIZ MOST LIBERALS on their knowl-
edge of the U.S. Constitution, and most of
the time they will plead the Fifth!

LOST DURING THE week, I saw
a story on a west Shiawassee
and West street.

I’D LIKE TO thank whoever it was that
soaked the Christmas tree on Silver
Parkway and Silver Lake Road. It’s so
nice a feeling when you drive by and it’s
dark in the morning or at night and all
those beautiful lights are there.

HEY, FENTON, I think your truck drivers have
been ina sort of revolt. Are you
planning to put the rest of the snow the rest
of the way out of the lanes? I almost got
sideways.

I’M 51 YEARS old. I’ve seen a lot of snow-
storms. I’ve always got really cold af-
aft the storm. Only now, it’s called a polar
tornado. I’m not blaming you, I’m just
suggesting a little patience.

I DO BELIEVE it’s time that all you die-
hard union members, which I was a mem-
ber, have to admit we elected a president
with no leadership qualities whatsoever.
He babbles and he talks and talks. Thank
God, it’s a big wonderful country because
he’s almost ruined it.

I’M A LOOSE Senior Center person. I
just go there all the time. It is not cold
and unfriendly. Did you even talk to anybody
as you walked through the building? Did
you go for lunch? Did you play Dominos,
cheer, cards? Next time, let somebody
know if they don’t come up to you and say,
“Hey are you new?”

I’M AN OLD lady and mighty thankful for
the man with his tractor who plowed me
out on Linden Road. As I got to the door
to thank him and pay him, he exited my
drive. It meant so much to me.

PRESIDENT OBAMA has been involved in
at least 10 major scandals at last count.
And in each case, he uses the Molotov
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grapevine. This president is either igno-
rant, incompetent or involved in numerous
cover-ups. I choose all three.

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Car dealer finds end of rainbow

Joe Hood

Cheryl Lutman

Car dealers Joe Hood and Cheryl Lutman opened their doors as a Pontiac
dealer in 1987. By 2006 they had five great locations, which included a Pontiac, a
Ford, and a Chevrolet new

car dealerships and some

independent lots. But in

2009, as we all know,
the economy crashed around
everyone especially GM
and GMAC/Ally. GM
bankruptcy and got rid of the

Pontiac, Saturn, and Hum-
mmer vehicles. When GM

crashed that caused Joe
and Cheryl’s businesses to crash. Even with
all the adverse actions of GM closing
dealerships and GMAC/Ally Bank calling
in all the loans and notes, there has never
been a day that the couple has not been
in business. At least one dealership

location has always been open. They

have been open and selling cars all along
the rough road.

They now feel they have found the end to
their Rainbow. According to Hood, the

market is demanding more affordable
cars than ever before. “People today
are not making the money they used to
make. People are now on part-time, or
hourly wages have been cut. There is just
not as much money in the household bud-
get,” said Hood. “All day long we have
people wanting a DEPENDABLE car
that has a warranty. They want to buy
cars like this for $5,000 or under,”

Cheryl said. The
couple features af

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Cheryl, the real

focus is providing
cars for kids when they are old enough to
drive. Their goal is to have 200 qual-
ity used cars all selling under the $7,000
figure and all with warranty at no charge.

Cars4Kids™ is now a trademark for Jo-

seph, who is taking on a new marketing

name of Uncle Joe’s Used

Cars. Hood and Lut-

man have teamed up

with Mike and Joe from

the Good Car Company

as well. “The Good

Car Company features a
car that has a speciality
car that balances

out our inventory,” said Hood. “The

Good Car Company and Joseph both

have the same goal, to provide affordable
high quality used cars all with some type
of warranty,” he said. Part of the inventory for Good

Car is divided between the

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the lot on Silver Parkway.

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During this same time, Holly police officers were also investigating a break-in and entering of a vehicle on Baird Street, just a few blocks east of the church. Around midnight, as officers were checking the area, a male subject was seen running west from College Street, near East Sherman Street.

The suspect, later identified as Long, was taken into custody after a short foot chase. A Holly officer sustained minor injuries during the foot chase and was later treated and released from a local hospital. Long was not injured.

When the officer arrived back at the patrol car with Long, a homeowner on College Street approached police and said the man in custody had just entered his home and stolen items from inside the residence while he and his family were inside.

Long was arraigned on Wednesday, Jan. 22 on multiple felony counts including home invasion, felony assault, resisting/obstructing police causing injury, marijuana possession and two counts of breaking and entering vehicles. Magistrate Elizabeth Chiappelli set Long’s bond at $200,000.

According to Holly Police Chief Michael Story, Long has a lengthy criminal history and is currently on felony probation in Oakland County for a conviction of felony breaking and entering of a vehicle, felony larceny from a vehicle and felony arson charges, all crimes, which took place in the village of Holly in December 2012. Long also was arrested for marijuana possession in Holly on Jan. 8 and was out on bond at the time of his most recent arrest.

Det. Healker Wolkow of the Holly Police Department obtained a search warrant after arraigning Long on the charges. As a result of a subsequent search of his home, all of the property stolen from St. Rita’s church was recovered.

Story said that Holly police are continuing the investigation as they are attempting to reunite property to the unknown victims. If anyone believes their property might be included in this, they are to call (248) 644-8241.

Story said, if convicted, Long could face up to 20 years in prison.

TEACHERS
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Lake Fenton teachers averaged the highest pay at $64,951. Holly had the second highest at $64,321, followed by Fenton at $63,505 and Linden at $62,336.

Teachers in Holly and Fenton had an average of 25 pupils per class while Lake Fenton and Linden teachers averaged 26 pupils per class.

The NCES notes that after adjusting for inflation, teachers in Michigan have lost an average of 8.2 percent in pay between 2000 and 2012. Nationally, teachers have lost 1.3 percent in pay overall.

Some school districts pay noticeably more for teacher salaries than local school districts. Teachers at Kearsley Community Schools average the highest wage in Genesee County at $73,020 annually and have about 26 pupils per class. Woodland Park Academy has the lowest salary for public schools in the county, averaging $36,321 with about 17 pupils per class.

Some of the highest paid teachers in the state work in southeast Michigan where salaries average around $80,000. The top district for pay is Utica Community Schools at $85,725, followed by Westwood Community Schools ($82,189), Saline Public Schools ($80,134), Grosse Point Public Schools ($80,134) and Livonia Public Schools ($79,207).

At least four school districts pay their teachers less than $30,000 on average — Big Jackson School District in Newaygo County ($21,047); Three Lakes Academy in the Upper Peninsula ($27,976), North Star Academy also in the U.P. ($27,988) and Virtual Learning Academy of St. Clair County ($28,510). Teachers within these school districts dealt with a lower student count, ranging between 10 to 27 pupils per teacher.

Calculating teacher pay isn’t an exact science as numerous factors, such as per pupil funding, property taxes, state and federal funding is not distributed equally to each school district. Also missing from the MDE’s data is what constitutes an average teacher (years worked, education level, etc.) and potential out-of-pocket costs such as healthcare, supplies and continuing education. A teacher earning $60,000 a year may have to pay for expenses not calculated in other professions of comparable pay.

Overall, the NCES calculates that the average U.S. teacher made $56,446 in 2012, with New York teachers averaging the most at $74,759 and South Dakota teachers averaging $39,524.

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Maile-Slade
The engagement of Amanda Maile of Kent City High School to Andrew Slade of Saline High School has been announced by parents of the couple, Michael and Victoria Maile and the late Dr. Thomas Slade and Julie Slade. The bride-elect earned a bachelor’s degree for Marketing from Ferris State University. He is employed as a head golf professional at Inverness Country Club and is employed as a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. Andrew earned a bachelor’s degree for Marriage and Family Therapist at Southeastern University in 2010 with her Master’s degree. She is employed as a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan. The wedding will be held at Mammelund Lutheran Church on February 15, 2014.

Anderson/Hoerauf
Chris and Donna Anderson of Linden are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelsy Anderson of Linden to Marc Hoerauf of Howell. The couple will be married on June 28, 2014 at 4 p.m. Kelsy and Marc graduated of Linden to Marc Hoerauf of Howell. The groom-elect’s parents are Chris and Donna Anderson of Linden and the bride-elect’s parents are Linda Gardell of South Lyon and Dave Hoerauf of Howell. Marc graduated from Brighton High School in 1995 and from Michigan State University in 2000 with his Bachelor’s degree. He also graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2009 with his Bachelor’s degree. He is employed at Howell High School as a teacher.

INCOME
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The city has lost $1 million in income over the past five years.
The city administration has to bring the 2013-14 budget to council by the end of April, for approval in July. Manager Lynn Markland said they are beginning to start the budget process now, getting a picture of what the city’s financial health will look like in the coming year.
If the city assessor finds that commercial property values are holding, the budget will look much like last year—which is a sign of a stabilizing budget, and local economy.
If you flash back to May 2009, the budget situation looked dire, as school systems and municipal bodies and businesses felt the sting of the recession.
Public safety services — police and firefighters tend to take up around 50 percent of a city or village’s operating budget. That year, Fenton essentially removed seven employees from the various departments. Only two were laid off and the rest retired and were not replaced.
The city administration made other savings through reductions in services, changing administrative structure and health plans. “We made our cuts early, and we went pretty deep early. That’s how we kept ourselves in good financial shape,” said Markland. “I think our revenue is finally stabilized.”

Fenton faced a $106,500 deficit for the 2009-10 fiscal year, and $384,000 deficit for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

HOT LINE
CONTINUED
AS ANY IDIOT will tell you, the reason Fox News is number one all the time is because it’s the only station Republican’s watch.

I TOTALLY AGREE with the Hot line comments about living in Fenton Township and never seeing a snowplow. Totally agree and I live off Silver Lake Road. Where are the snowplows when you need them?

I’VE TOLD MANY people the weather cycles. Now we are seeing what I saw 40 or 50 years ago. But today’s 20 and 30-year-old college students, they have no idea, they haven’t seen anything. But they are the ones that believe in global warming.

WE ELECTED A rabbit for a president. If you study it, it’s true. He hops from one thing to another, all over the place. Ya know, hipity hop, he comes again, hipity hop, Yap, we elected a rabbit for a president. Well I guess we could have done worse, although I don’t know how.

THE ANSWER TO racism is so simple. If God would have wanted us all the same, he would have simply made us all the same, but he didn’t. You’ve got Asians, Eskimos, Indians, Mexicans, blacks, whites all over the globe. Now if you believe in God, who’s to say that you’re going to believe the same, but he didn’t. You’ve got Asians, Eskimos, Indians, Mexicans, blacks, whites all over the globe. Now if you believe in God, who’s to say that you’re going to believe the same, but he didn’t.

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SMARTPHONES
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“We have had some growing pains setting proper expectations and use,” said Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden Community Schools, where smartphone use in the classroom is up to each teacher. “Bandwidth is also a problem we had to address as they suck up a lot just being in the school… let alone using them for streaming music, videos, etc.”

Despite some of the setbacks, Koledo believes smartphones and other wireless devices broaden the scope of education by offering more access to information at just about anywhere, anytime.

Fenton, Lake Fenton and Holly school districts all have similar smartphone and wireless device policies to Linden, allowing students to use them at designated times like lunch or passing time. When it comes to the classroom, it’s generally up to teachers whether smartphones are allowed. Students who violate the smartphone policies may receive warnings and in some cases, have their phone confiscated.

So is that anytime, anywhere access to knowledge helping or hindering education? Bring Your Own Technology programs are becoming more popular, according to an article in USA Today, where students are being encouraged to bring in their own devices to be used during school hours. For students who don’t have their own devices, they can rent them out from the school for the day.

Since allowing smartphones in school hallways is still a relatively new idea (Fenton schools didn’t allow them until January 2013), there have been few studies on their effectiveness to education.

Whatever that impact may be, it’s clear that educators are aware that smartphones aren’t going away anytime in the near future.

“Setting expectations early on in the process that allow flexibility and common sense have allowed us to enjoy a downhill battle with their use,” said Koledo. “Collaborative efforts between parents, students and schools will only allow everyone to strengthen the power of the Internet and allow for its accessibility into the classroom.”

DDA finalizes $200,000 loan to Corlin Builders

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795

Fenton — While work continues sporadically on the Cornerstone building, which is mostly delayed by weather, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has taken care of a bit of important paperwork.

The DDA unanimously approved a loan request by project managers Corlin Builders at the regular DDA meeting on Tuesday.

The $200,000 loan was approved by Fenton City Council last October. Corlin will pay $4,000 in interest for the next five years, and make a final balloon payment of the principle balance of $200,000 at the end, while providing a personal assurance, and collateral. The loan is less than 2 percent of the DDA’s $2.5 million fund balance.

In August, Corlin Builders realized that the initial investment of $3.2 million for the project would fall $800,000 short, due to rising material costs, complexity of design and stabilizing the ground on which the building will sit. Concessions were made by both Corlin and lead contractor Sorensen Gross. Materials and parts of the designs were changed to squeeze around the budget; but without the loan, the project could not continue.

The DDA approved the loan by voice vote, without discussion.

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Robins... already?

► January robin sightings don’t necessarily signal an early spring

By Amy Mayhew
news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

I was always told that whenever you see a robin in the last days of winter that can only mean that spring is right around the corner. If that’s true, then you can only imagine my shock when I saw not only one, but literally a dozen or more robins flock to a tree in our backyard last week.

And with more snow and freezing cold temps on the way, I seriously doubt that spring is anywhere near the corner.

My husband had witnessed the very same thing that day, only his sighting was from his office window in Auburn Hills.

We both couldn’t figure out what was happening. Could this be yet another weird effect from last week’s Polar Vortex? No, and it’s really not all that complicated, either.

According to Wild Birds Unlimited, robins do migrate after spending the summer in Michigan, but the robins that summer in Canada migrate as far as Mid-Michigan and parts of Maryland in winter.

In fact, robins are surprisingly hardy birds, capable of surviving temps below zero — as evidenced by their appearance here last week. Even so, it doesn’t mean winter sightings are all that common.

Following their nesting season, robins usually gang up into large nomadic groups and roost in the woods at night. Their diet goes from primarily worms and insects, to fruits, nuts and berries during the winter. From what I could see, they were hammering the Mountain Ash berries on our backyard tree pretty hard.

BirdScope magazine says that it’s all about food availability when it comes to winter robin sightings. Robins will show up in the winter wherever they have the best chance to forage on fruits and berries. It’s simple — when snow cover is high and food is hard to find, robins move farther south. That’s why it’s not all that common to see them in Michigan in the winter — it really depends on what food is available.

So even though the robin’s presence may not be signaling spring just yet, I’m still happy to have caught a glimpse of him. After the last few weeks, his appearance has at least given me a little hope that warmer weather is surely on its way.

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• Robins are known for their running and stopping behavior — it is one of their main characteristics.
• In the past, robins were killed for their meat, believe it or not. However, they are now protected in the U.S. thanks to the Migratory Bird Act.

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In order to keep their hooves healthy, she usually trims them every three to seven weeks, depending if she’s rehabbing a horse from shoes to barefoot, if it’s winter and also depending on the health of the horse.

She’s the busiest in the spring and summer, when horses are out and being ridden, which promotes growth of the hoof capsule.

Early in her career, she was the only certified equine podiatrist in the area, but now several of her clients have taken classes and also work as equine podiatrists.

“I was the first one in Michigan to practice equine podiatry, but it has become much more popular in the last 10 years. You can make a good living at it,” said Brunsink, whose career path before this was in equine insurance. Prior to that, she sold real estate and worked at General Motors. She’s also a single mom to four grown kids, foster mother of 5-year-old and 7-year-old siblings and grandmother to five.

“I’m a much better barn girl than a city girl,” she said, with a smile.

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CRASHES

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All of the crashes were caused by drivers not being able to slow down safely, according to police.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said temperatures in the single digits and road surfaces covered with a light dusting of snow caused a very icy situation.

Slater said Livingston County’s road commission had its salt trucks out and salt was spread on the highway only up to where Livingston County borders Genesee County, which is just south of Owen Road. He said cars were traveling northbound on U.S. 23 at posted speeds through Livingston County but as soon as they crossed the Genesee County/Fenton City border, it became a virtual ice rink out there and cars were sliding off the road and into ditches as soon as drivers hit the brakes.

“People had no warning,” Slater said. “They’d hit ice.”

Of the 23 total crash sites, a few were single vehicle crashes and several involved more than one vehicle.

Traffic on Northbound U.S. 23 is stopped as the last of the morning crashes on Thursday are cleared.

As Slater walked to one of the crash sites on U.S. 23, he said, “I almost fell. It was very slippery.”

Genesee County did eventually did get salt to this area and that combined with slightly increasing temperatures and sunshine helped to clear the road surfaces on the highway.

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Common vision problems such as lazy eye, crossed eyes, double vision, conversion insufficiency and some reading and learning disabilities may be treated well with vision therapy. Adults who are literate but have difficulty with getting past the mechanical phase of reading and into the automated phase will also benefit from vision therapy.

Juan Alvarado, O.D., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry and Cynthia Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry of Fenton Vision Center in downtown Fenton are both licensed in vision therapy and have a trained vision therapist on staff.

“The kids who need vision therapy are the ones who hate school, because the classes that require a lot of reading are so difficult for them. We can turn that right around with vision therapy so they can feel an overall enjoyment of school.”

What is vision therapy?

It’s a progressive program of vision exercises or procedures that begin after a child or adult has had a routine eye exam and undergone functional testing to determine that they will benefit from vision therapy.

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Depending on the case, vision therapy procedures are prescribed to help patients develop or improve fundamental visual skills and abilities; improve visual comfort, ease and efficiency and change how a patient processes or interprets visual information. “A child who has double vision doesn’t realize that’s not normal vision,” said Alvarado.

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Holly — Coaches will be the first people to tell you that sometimes the key to a game is ‘not to be read in a box score.’ Holly’s Katie Oriwayi had only two points in the Lady Broncos’ 42-23 varsity girls basketball victory against West, but to Holly coach David Hall, her effort may have been as big as anyone’s on the team.

With Holly leading 20-10 entering the third quarter, Oriwayi helped increase the Bronchos’ defensive intensity, resulting in increased steals and buckets for Holly, eventually giving the Bronchos a 36-16 lead entering the fourth quarter. From there, the Bronchos won their 11th victory in 11 tries, and keeping them in first place in the Metro League at 8-0.

“Katie Oriwayi and her energy was significant,” Hall said. “Her hustle really inspired the other kids. She ignored us and then all the other kids started to pressure the ball in other ways. Others got the steals a lot of the time, but it was because of Katie’s pressure.”

Generally, it was a strong defensive effort for the Bronchos the entire contest. West never scored more than seven points in any quarter, and were held to 23 points. That effort is pretty typical, as squads are averaging just 29.8 points against Holly so far. So even when the Broncos aren’t at their best offensively, they seemingly always have a strong defense.

“We are a pretty good defensive team,” Hall said. “Our starting five can guard different positions. Abby (Lewandowski) and Jenna (Pepper) are probably the top two kids. We put them on the other team’s best players, and then Allysia (Copley), Katilyn (Smith) and Paige (Reid) are no slouches either. They can easily be interchanged with those kids. And then Katie Oriwayi sparkled us in the third quarter with her steals and getting in the passing lane in the third quarter.”

Holly led 11-4 after one quarter, and the lead was never seriously threatened after that. However, 2-12 first-half turnovers kept West within shouting distance at the half. The Bronchos also improved that portion of their game in the second half, only turning it over three times.

Smith led Holly with 10 points, four steals and three assists, while Copley also had 10 points and a team-best 12 rebounds and two blocks. She also had three steals. Lewandowski earned eight points, 10 rebounds and three steals, while Brooke Jackman and Paige Reid had six points each.

It’s nice being 11-0, but I don’t think or feel any different than I did last year when we had two or three losses this time,” Hall said. “The articles are a lot nicer, the people are rosier and we were the game of the week last week. That’s nice for the school and the kids, but it doesn’t really matter to me. I know we win the games because of your kids. I do know that. And we have some good kids. That’s the bottom line.”

Bronchos win 11th straight, defeat West

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The Fenton varsity girls basketball team hasn’t had many easy games outside the Metro League this season. In fact, they’ve all been tough fouls, posting losses above .500. Two of the team’s four losses came against strong non-league foes Howell and Hartland.

However, the Tigers (6-4) reversed their fortunes when it comes to success outside the Metro on Tuesday. Fenton outscored Davison 30-21 in the second half, eventually resulting in a 48-38 victory at Fenton High School against the Cardinals.

Cassandra Reuschlein was the team’s top star, netting a game-high 15 points, with nine of those points coming on three-pointers. Fenton had five treys compared to Davison’s one. Carly Granger (nine points) had one as did Sarah Cummings (eight points). Granger also had five rebounds, five assists and three steals, while Hannah Evo contributed six points and seven steals. Cummings had six rebounds, while Emma EVO collected seven boards.

The Tigers’ tough non-league schedule has done the squad some good. After beginning the season with the losses to Howell and Hartland, the Tigers have gone 6-2.
Eagles still learning, lose tight one vs. Clio

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Everyone likes to win. And certainly, Linden boys varsity basketball coach Anthony Wright enjoys it as well. He did his share of winning during his prep basketball career and while playing at the University of Michigan. But Wright also knows wins and losses don’t always tell the whole story either.

The biggest keys involve getting the message across and getting the players to understand the right way to play the game. If that happens, then the wins can’t be too far away. The Eagles (1-9) seem to be on the verge of that final step.

The Eagles have made a habit of being competitive deep into the fourth quarter of games, but usually struggle down the stretch resulting in a tough loss. That was the case again Tuesday at Clio High School. The Eagles led most of the contest, but were outscored 22-10 in the fourth, resulting in a tough 67-59 loss against the Mustangs.

“Clio was leading 1-0 and then they didn’t have the lead until 54-53 deep into the fourth quarter,” Wright said. “We played well overall. We just didn’t finish the plays toward the end of the game, which really hurt us.”

“Basketball is a game of runs. We talked to the kids after the game about this game, the Holly and Fenton game, and how it was all the same kind of thing. We were tied with Holly in the fourth, down by one possession in the middle of the fourth against Fenton and we were leading Clio with under four minutes left. We’ve been on the bad end of some runs, we’ve had the worst times ever.”

The Eagles led 20-11 after one quarter and still held a slight 31-28 lead at the half. The game remained close, but Linden remained in the lead until Clio took the edge at 54-53. Linden never led again.

However, there were some clear signs that things continue to improve, starting with the work on the glass.

“Our rebounding was really good. My two big guys (Kyle Korman with 14 and Mike Gold with 10) combined for 24 rebounds,” Wright said. “That’s something that’s been missing the entire year. That helped a lot.”

Also, the Eagles are getting more contributions offensive-ly from other sources. Col-lin Hoehlering led the Eagles with 18 points and five assists, but four others had at least eight points. Rinks had 12, while Korman had 11. Austin Buerkel came off the bench, providing eight points, while Gold also had eight points.

Freshman Trent Strange also provided four rebounds and four assists, while turning the ball over just once.

“We’ve had 10 guys who have started on this team at some point this year, so we are giving guys opportunities,” Wright said. “I’m learning the dynamic of this team, because we’ve had so many new pieces. We are starting to play as a team, play together and I’m happy about it. It’s a big matter of being consistent.”

Another bright spot for Wright is his freshman squad. Even without Strong, the squad has only lost one game this season, earning 56-33 victory against Clio. Cole Sarkan led Linden with 14 points, while Hunter Michael and Aaron Sarkan had 11 each.

Holly wrestlers lose tight match vs. Brandon

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If the Holly varsity wrestling team is going to win its fourth straight Metro League title, the Bronchos are going to have to win the Metro League meet.

That’s because the Bronchos dropped a tight 39-33 match to the Brandon Black-hawks, Wednesday at Holly High School. Holly did defeat Swartz Creek 63-6 in the squad’s other dual match of the night.

The Bronchos were tied 27-27 all entering the 103 weight class, but Brandon’s Brennan Ladd won the match by pinfall, earning the Blackhawks the win, and allowing Brandon to remain undefeated in Metro League action.

“We were right there with Brandon,” Holly coach Don Pluta said. “It came down to the last match. We lost a close one at 130 and at 160. We went 7-7 in matches won, but they had four pins to our two. We gave a good effort, but we needed just a little more…”

The loss means the Bronchos trail Bran don, who is ranked fifth in Division 2, by one victory during the dual season. If the Blackhawks and Bronchos win the rest of their matches (both are favored to do just that), it means the only way the Bronchos can assure themselves of at least a share of the crown for the fourth straight year would be by winning the Metro League meet.

“We have a few more shots at them,” Pluta said.

Colton Cleaver (119), Josh Gonzales

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“At halftime all we had to do was take a break, catch the ball and play basketball,” said Holly’s Jake Daniels, who scored a team-high 22 points. “That’s all we had to do. The whole game we had some plays we knew we could’ve capitalized on. We had some dumb passes, but at the end of the day we got the ‘W’ and that’s all that matters.”

Despite turning the ball over an eye-popping 27 times, the Bronchos held the lead throughout, and frequently looked poised to blow the game open. The last of these times came with 3:09 left on two converted free throws by Kyle Woodruff, putting Holly up 65-55. However, that’s when Mr. Hyde joined the Bronchos.

Holly missed a three-pointer, missed two free throws and turned the ball over three times on its next three possessions, allowing a converted free throw by West’s Matt Place to cut the Holly lead to 65-60 with 1:51 remaining. With 1:28 left, a three-pointer by Hunter Sharrard put the Panthers within 66-63. The lead was still only 67-64 with 1:12 left after another converted free throw by Place.

Over the final 72 seconds, Holly turned the ball over three times and missed an open layup with chances to ice the game. West wasn’t much better. The Panthers had three possessions where they fought like crazy to get a three-point shot when open two were probably available to them. On one possession they missed two shots. On the second, they had three shots before turning the ball over on a travel call. On a third possession, there was an airball and a bad pass off the attempt to keep that ball from going out of bounds with about 10 seconds left. However, Holly had its inbound pass intercepted by Forgione for an open three chance to tie, but missed it.

“Our problem is mental toughness right now,” Baylis said. “That’s our problem. We shouldn’t have never lost that game on Friday with a 17-point lead (Fenton won 66-64). Our mental toughness in that game was poor. Our mental toughness was poor today.”

“We won (without playing a good game), but we are making a habit of it. That’s the problem.”

West wasn’t playing a strong game themselves, and were frequently on the verge of getting blown out. Another one of those instances came in the first half. Holly led 28-17 after two Woodruff free throws with 3:27 left until the break, but West ended the half with a 9-3 run, cutting the gap to 31-26 at halftime.

West cut the Holly gap to just 40-38 on a putback hoop by Place with 3:55 left in the third quarter, but Holly scored seven straight points on a breaking layup and converted free throw by Daniels, a putback by Daniels and a hoop by Joshua Simms. Holly led by a 49-40 margin after a breaking layup by Daniels ended the third quarter.

Holly sizzled from the field, netting 50 percent of its shots (23-for-46), but the 27 miscues kept West right in the ball game.

Daniels added four rebounds and two steals to his 22 points, while Woodruff had 17 points and three rebounds. Isaac Casillas led Holly with eight rebounds.

Place led West with 20, while Hunter Sharrard had 16 points. Forgione had 14 points.

**WRESTLERS**

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The Eagles cruised by Lapeer East 57-17, but lost a respectable match against state-ranked Clio 48-30.

“We forfeited four weight classes, so if we had our full team we are definitely in that dual meet, no doubt about it,” Linden coach Todd Skinner said.

“But we knew going in this year we didn’t have a real shot at winning the Metro. However, we are improving every week and we are becoming a good team. Hopefully by Tuesday we’ll be at full strength.”

The Eagles had two wrestlers go 2-0 on the day. They were freshmen Patrick Kerr and Austin McNeill. Luke Zimmerman, Zach Shaw, Aaron Steedman, Jacob Cox, Ruber Bailey, Brandon Brennan, Dawson Blank, Dylan Musalli, Jakub Gagne, Jailyn Steedman and Charlie Gergel each had one victory. “We have some freshmen who are starting to step up,” Skinner said.

“We had a couple of kids who have been in the lineup who are starting to do a really nice job.”

Linden hosts Holly and Fenton for duals on Tuesday at Linden High School.

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**Holly’s Isaac Casillas (face showing) defends Lapeer West’s Matt Place during the Bronchos’ victory against the Panthers. Holly left West in first place in the Metro League.**

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**Linden’s Luke Zimmerman (head higher) works on a pinfall during a recent match. Zimmerman won a match in the Eagles’ duals against Lapeer East and Clio on Wednesday.**

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**TRI-COUNTY SPORTS**

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A Holly resident outraged over missed grant opportunity

**Official responds to accusations**

*By Amy Mayhew*

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Holly — Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) won’t be getting in on any of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies doled out by the village of Holly after the agency failed to make its request in a timely fashion.

That did not sit well with Holly resident Lenore Johnston, who spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting.

A public hearing on the matter was held in December. At that time, Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) representative Katy Hughes asked that her organization be considered for the funding. No representatives from OLHSA attended the hearing.

In a letter addressed to council members and dated Jan. 8, OLHSA requested $2,500 in CDBG funding. After reading the letter during the Jan. 13 council meeting, Village President Ryan Bladzik said in order for council to consider allocating some of the funds to OLHSA, the resolution granting $3,500 to HAYA would have to be amended.

Clerk/Treasurer Cathy Behrens said the village has a total of nearly $6,600 this year, but that the remainder of the funds following HAYA’s disbursement was earmarked for the Grange Hall Road sidewalk project.

In a vote of 7-0, council approved $3,500 in CDBG funds to HAYA.

In the final public comment segment of the meeting, Johnston said she wished to “go on the record” with her complaint regarding OLHSA’s failure to submit its request on time.

“I’m just very disappointed in OLHSA,” she said. “I don’t know what happened that they didn’t get their request in, but as the parent of a special needs young adult, I know how important those few hours are to get the handicapped out of their group or private home and out into the community helping with Meals on Wheels or whatever they were doing.”

OLHSA Home Safety and Chore Coordinator, Pauline Kenner said her agency had been notified by village staff that it was appropriate to send a letter of request for the 2014 CDBG funding after December’s public hearing.

Additionally, Kenner addressed Johnston’s concerns. “The work to which Ms. Johnston referred is not something our agency typically coordinates.”

Kenner said OLHSA continues to coordinate scheduling for the village’s SMART transportation. OLHSA is currently accepting applications from Holly seniors and disabled adults for the Home Safety and Repair program. Those interested may contact OLSHA’s

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NO, THE FDA did not approve a chip to be implanted in all of us. That’s utter nonsense. Go to snopes.com and search on ‘FDA microchip implant’ to find out the truth about this. Do some basic fact checking before you believe (and pass on) outrageous claims.

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SURE, UNEMPLOYMENT was extended under Bush with Republican support. It has also been extended twice since Obama has taken office. The point is that it has to end somewhere. We can’t keep extending it indefinitely. But you want to make it an argument about political parties.

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I DISAGREE WITH The King. Kids should learn abstinence and how to protect themselves in sexual education. It’s not encouraging them to be promiscuous, it’s teaching them to be safe from STDs and unwanted pregnancy in case they do decide to take that next step.
Meet Tony Aleyas

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• Owner of three stores
• Born in Iraq

By Tim Jagielo

Athir “Tony” Aleyas emigrated with family to the U.S. from Baghdad, Iraq in 1980. In six years, just long enough to become an American citizen, he and three brothers bought their first party store — the Fenton Party Shop. Today they own three party stores, including Locke’s Party Shoppe and Merchants Gourmet. They’ve been in Fenton for 28 years, and live in metro Detroit.

There’s a stereotype, that an Indian person, or an Arab person is likely to own the corner party store… Seven-elevens? (laughs) Yes, why not? Because the thing is, when someone come from different country, sometimes hard for them to go to school or something because they try to make a living. When I came here, I was working 70 to 80 hours a week, $50 a week, in 1980. For the first three to four weeks we worked for free to learn the business. They didn’t give us nothing, only food. After they liked me they hired me, gave me $50 a week. When you came to this country, they give you opportunity to be whatever you want to be. You can be rich you can be poor, that’s why I love this country. I’m proud to be American. That’s why we own the party store because that’s all we know. Iotta put food in my stomach. Little by little we bought a bigger party store.

Can you tell me about your family? We are seven brothers and one sister. I was born in Baghdad, my mom and dad are from northern Iraq.

How do you feel watching the region in the news? I left when I was 16; the thing is, I used to pay attention too much when I was young. I’ve been in this country a long time, I pay attention a little bit, but this is my country. Whatever’s happening there I don’t agree, but what can I do? We’re here, they’re here. I worry about my family here, this is my country now.

How many children do you have, and have they been to Iraq? I have three — two boys and one daughter, and they’ve never been back, I’ve never been either. It’s too dangerous right now. We speak Chaldean, the Catholic language, we speak Arabic, and we talk English. (My) kids understand what we said (in Chaldean, Arabic), but they don’t talk, only English. For me this is my country, that’s it. I won’t force them to learn, Chaldean, or Arabic.

What should people know about building a business as a new American citizen? It was a little hard because you gotta look at your accent a little bit, but people are nice here. They give you the opportunity to be where you want to be, our customers loved us, we treat everyone good. They were really nice. To come from a different country, to take over a business, it was really hard, but it was easy for us because of our customers. It’s not easy but you know what? You gotta work for your money, you gotta work for what you stand for. If you don’t work you’re not gonna make it anywhere. And this country, you gotta keep working, you can’t sit at home and get paid, you can’t do that. The Locke’s owners before you were American-born. Was there any resistance, or push back because of that?

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Lose weight and keep it off

Local residents share their journey to sustainable health and weight loss

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At first glance, Cynthia Craine looks like any other busy mother of three, with her hair sleekly pulled back in a ponytail and her shoes laced, ready to run out the door of her Linden home. But she has been on a journey most people can only imagine, losing almost 100 pounds in a little over a year, and learning how to maintain that loss during this past year.

Even in these cold temperatures, Craine, 34, keeps up a committed exercise routine — her secret for losing and keeping off the weight. Her two weekday “short runs” of three or four miles are augmented by a long weekend run of 10-plus miles, plus two CrossFit workouts and two Zumba sessions.

She wasn’t always a runner, in fact, quite the opposite. “When I started, I couldn’t even run for a full minute,” she said. “Now I’m doing half marathons and have already signed up for my first full marathon, the Detroit Free Press Marathon in October.”

She began her diet on Dec. 30, 2011, limiting herself to 1,200 calories a day, upping that allotment on the days she needed more fuel to exercise. She quickly fell in love with the healthy recipes she found on skinnytaste.com, using those meals still today for 90 percent of her cooking.

Then she began to run, working up to her long runs in training for the 26.2 mile marathon in October, but she has no doubt she can do it. “I’m a different person now at this weight,” she said. “I’m more confident. It has even helped me in my photography business, Cynthia Craine Photography, because I’m not afraid to put myself out there. My family says my weight See LOSE WEIGHT on 59

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Loose Center to hold open house Jan. 31

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Linden — The public is invited to come explore the Loose Center during its Friday, Jan. 31 open house. Loose, located at 707 North Bridge Street in Linden. Executive Director Carl Gabrielson is hoping to boost membership and that senior citizens will learn more about what Loose has to offer. “We’re not just people sitting around crocheting and knitting,” Gabrielson said. “We have 1,500 to 1,600 active members and more than 4,000 members who attend certain events or just come to hang out.”

Renovations to the Loose Center were completed last month. Classes on retirement and Medicare, yoga and card game tournaments are just some of the activities offered at the center. Program Coordinator Melinda Elmore-Hajek said several trips for members are also scheduled. “We want people to come and see what we’re about,” Elmore-Hajek said. Activities for the open house begin at 3 p.m., with a ribbon cutting ceremony with State Rep. Joe Graves. Other activities will be ongoing until 7 p.m.

Membership to Loose Center is free for Genesee County residents. Residents from other counties are allowed to join the center for an annual fee of $25. Members must be 50 years of age or older. For more information about the open house and other activities, Loose Center can be contacted at loosecenter.org or (810)735-9406.

What’s been on your mind the most lately?

“The weather. I like the cold, but not this cold.”
— Dave McKeen
Fenton

“Health. I’m trying to choose better foods.”
— Jim Papathodore
Linden

“Cold weather. I hate it. I have stayed indoors as much as possible.”
— Robert Beers
Fenton

“My son who is in the navy. He has been in the service for two-and-half years.”
— David Brown
Linden

“Vacation. I am going to St. Croix to enjoy the sunshine.”
— Gilda Holvik
Fenton Township

“My granddaughter who has two kids and is getting a divorce. It drives me nuts.”
— Ja Ann Bailey, Oxford

Oak Tree Dental
New dental office opens in Fenton

By Sally Rummel
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A new dental office has opened its doors in Fenton, with a brand new exterior facelift and a warm, inviting interior. Oak Tree Dental, located at 500 North LeRoy St., offers cosmetic and family dentistry utilizing the dental skills of Paul Racine, DDS, Kenneth Ackley, DDS and associate David Wagner, DDS, MDS.

Open since June 2013, this practice also has an office in Clio. Both Ackley and Wagner will be regularly seeing patients from this new Fenton office.

This practice provides general dentistry for families, cosmetic dentistry from teeth whitening to veneers and restorative dentistry from implants to bridges, crowns and dentures. Taking care of your family’s teeth and oral health with regular cleanings, exams, fillings when needed, sealants and oral cancer screenings is the goal of each visit, in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere.

“We’re excited to be seeing patients in the Fenton area,” said Ackley, a 2005 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Wagner, a graduate of the Indiana University School of Dentistry, also earned a certificate in prosthodontics and a master of dental science degree. This enables the practice to handle complex and comprehensive cases, including full mouth reconstruction.

The staff also includes two dental hygienists, Maureen Brewer and Jenny LeRoy, one dental assistant, front office receptionist Marta Wright and office manager Kecia Shelton.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (810) 629-8272 or visit www.fentondentists.com. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is located next to the Clark gas station.
Why does my dog...

**STARE AT ME?**
Let’s face it: Dogs love their owners, but when they stare expectantly, it’s not usually because they’re trapped in a reverie of devotion. Rather, it’s because they’re thinking they might get something. And usually, that “something” involves a tasty snack. But dogs can — and do — stare at their owners for plenty of non-food issues, too. Indeed, anything a dog might want that a human can provide could be the source of the staring behavior: a fun game of fetch, a ride in the car, a long run, praise or direction. Some dogs may just be trying to read an emotion in our human facial expressions.

**LEAN ON ME?**
In most cases this is affection-seeking behavior, plain and simple. Dogs love to cuddle. And if the person you want to cuddle with is always sitting and standing, then cuddling takes the form of leaning on her or sitting on her shoes as she taps away at the keyboard.

**ROLL IN POOP?**
Our dogs probably can’t fathom why we scream when they come home smelling like, well, poop, but there may be some biological rationale for the disgusting tendency. It has been suggested that dogs may be masking their own scent, so they can throw predators off their trail and prey off their game.

**Twitch While Sleeping?**
Just like us, dogs dream. They go through three sleep stages: NREM, non-rapid eye movement; REM, rapid eye movement; and SWS, short-wave sleep. It is in the SWS stage that a dog breathes heavily while he is sleeping. Animal experts theorize that dogs dream during the REM stage and act on their dreams by twitching or moving all four paws as if they were chasing a rabbit.

**Give Daily Belly Rubs?** If you have four feet and a furry undercarriage, nothing brings more pleasure than to roll over on your back and have your human gently rub your chest and belly. It’s an excellent way to start the day, and you feel nothing but love for the human who understands that important fact.

**Build Trust?** Meet your dog’s needs, says dog trainer Deb Helfrich, director of training and certification for Therapy Dogs of Vermont and founder of GoldStar Dog Training in Stowe and Fairfax. A dog that’s regularly fed, stroked, groomed, played with, and walked will learn to trust you.

**Learn to Speak Dog?** Study your dog so you know how he or she shows fear, happiness, sadness, excitement, anxiety — the full range of emotions. If you’re not sure what you’re seeing, says Deb, check out doggone-safe.com and learn the signs. You can also sign up for an online course that helps you figure out appropriate responses, or you can get tips from a local trainer. Go to apdt.com for a listing of trainers in your area.

**Learn Together.** Obedience training, agility training, freestyle dog dancing, therapy dog training — whatever it is that the two of you learn together will, as you steadily work together, set the foundation for a lifelong relationship.

**Play Together.** Grab an old sock for tug-of-war, bounce a tennis ball off the house, hurl a Frisbee across the yard. Help your dog explore his interests with one-on-one attention. No puppy cousins or human brothers allowed. Just the two of you doing something that makes you both feel good.

**Never Use Physical Punishment.** Ever.

**Walk.** Just as that walk around the block after dinner settles you down after a hectic day and lifts your mood, it does the same for your dog. Shared together every day, it sets the tone for a feel-good relationship.

**Work Through Challenges Together.** When Rebecca Johnson, Ph.D., director of the University of Missouri’s Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction, adopted Madison, an English setter rescue, the dog came with a lot of little issues, plus an inclination toward aggression. Rebecca enrolled her in 16 weeks of private obedience work, which helped the dog become obedient but didn’t affect the aggression. But Rebecca kept trying. And after working with Madison through several approaches, she eventually found a trainer who was able to reach the dog. Madison became a different dog, and she found her place in the family. And the bond she and Rebecca built as those challenges were confronted is the foundation of a solid relationship today.
**Myths about arthritis — one of the common ailments of an aging population**

By Sally Rummel
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If you suffer from some kind of arthritis, you’re in good company. It’s a condition that affects more than 46 million U.S. adults.

With more than 100 types of arthritis, it can be difficult to get proper diagnosis and treatment. However, the most common type is osteoarthritis the “wear and tear” arthritis, affecting 33 million Americans. This chronic joint condition results from the overuse of joints from demanding sports, obesity or aging. It’s most common in joints that bear weight, such as the knees, hips, feet and spine.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic inflammatory type of arthritis that typically affects the small joints in the hands and feet, causing a painful swelling that can eventually lead to bone erosion and deformity.

Because arthritis is so widespread and there are so many different types, there are common myths about the condition.

**Myth #1: I can’t do anything about my disease.**

After finding out what kind you have, your first step in living with the condition may be weight loss, to “lighten the load” on your joints. Exercise, a healthy diet — See ACHING JOINTS on 6B

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loss has made me a more patient, kinder person.”

Gina Korpela, 31, of Linden, had struggled with her weight for a lifetime, finally beating it with a 65-pound weight loss. “It’s been my five-year journey,” she said. “I lost it doing the Weight Watchers point system on my own, and have kept the weight off for three years now.”

The key to her success? “Having a ‘Freedom Day,’ where I gave myself permission to eat anything and everything,” said Korpela, a self-described emotional eater. “Once I told myself I could eat anything, I stopping bingeing after realizing how much better I felt when I didn’t overeat.”

Korpela has settled into a comfortable weight of 135 and doesn’t even weigh herself anymore. She prefers to keep her weight in check by how her clothes fit.

“My life used to be based around food,” said Korpela, owner of Novelties LLC in Fenton. “Since I’ve won that battle, I feel so much freer in so many ways. Gain-ing that confidence totally has led me to where I am today.”

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HOT LINE
CONTINUED

IF CHRISTIE DIDN’T know about the lane closure thing, why were the lanes closed on days two, three and four?

OBAMA ENDED the blunder in Iraq after 5,000 dead and 30,000 wounded Americans, Seals killed Bin Laden, he saved Chrysler and GM, stabilized banks, ended 401k losses, cut the deficit in half, generated millions of jobs and doubled the stock market. If this is inept, we need a lot more of it.

THE BIBLE is God’s word. It was written long before any of us were ever born. No one has ever proven it is not God’s word. The Bible says, Practicing homosexuals will not see heaven.” How is it? That is my personal feeling.

I’M SO SORRY, every time I read about the pet pig named Eli. Remember Arthur on Green Acres? Pigs can be good pets.

I HAD TO laugh at the guy that said being against gay marriage is not a religious belief. It’s a sin and in the Bible. It’s not a religious belief.

I WONDER HOW many of you people remember when hilarious Hillary stepped away from the election and gave it to Obama in the promise that he would make her Secretary of State. That’s a deal maker, except she made an awful bad deal. So remember that in the next election, she will do anything to get elected.

YOU CAN’T BE very educated without reading the Bible. It’s full of good and bad and all history. God loves you.

MAN, I CAN’T believe that Snyder is bragging about the auto industry as loud as he is. He was against the loans that saved them. He was against helping the auto industry and giving them the loans. What a hypocrite.

ARE YOU SURE the governor’s speech? I started flipping channels around to see what else was on after he referred to Meals on Wheels. I’m assuming he’s going to have the county road commission scrape up road kill and deliver it to starving seniors.

TO THE LADY that was driving the black Saturn who yelled obscenities at me for my snowblower, blowing snow in the air and having it drift toward the road. There are people like me who use our own equipment to help with community services by trying to clear the sidewalks for people. We don’t need people yelling obscenities at us because the wind blows snow in her direction.

HERE ARE SOME fun facts, the Affordable Care Act of 2010 or as we know it, Obamacare, contains 2,700 pages plus 15,000 new rules and regulations, 1200 exemptions to union members and political cronies. It has been called the single largest tax in history in America and is being paid for by hard-working middle-class and self-employed Americans. Most premiums and deductibles are doubled or tripled.

OBAMA’S HOPE AND change has turned into doom and gloom. I don’t believe a thing that comes out of that Washington White House.

I LIVE IN Fenton and I just read your story on cable TV Charter and that story is not true. We just switched Charter TV and our Internet and our phone to AT&T U-Verse. It is much better, the price is the same or reasonable to phone calls and problems. We are much happier with it. So we do have two cable companies in Fenton.

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What about men?

The simple truth is that men are larger and have more muscle than women due to the hormone testosterone. They genetically are designed to have a higher percentage of muscle and less fat, which makes it easier for them to lose weight, according to WebMD. Max Pettengill, 32, has lost 104 pounds and 11 inches off his waist since joining Fenton Fitness & Athletic Center last February. He’s a prime example of what a person can accomplish when one sets his mind toward a goal. “The secret to weight loss is that you hold the key within yourself to do it,” he said. “You have to want to do it wholeheartedly and be willing to change everything to make it happen.”

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The source of joy in tough times

On May 6, 1934, a young minister in Charlotte, North Carolina, named Vance Havner, devoted his weekly column in the Charlotte Observer to a problem that relates to discouraged people today: how to find the source of joy in tough times.

When Havner penned his message to the people of Charlotte, the world was in the depths of The Great Depression; people were out of work, numbers of his readers had lost their homes and savings; some were hungry. He titled his depression era column “Where is Your Joy?’ And his insights are as relevant now as they were at that difficult time.

Though his church members and column readers weren’t aware of what was ahead for this young writer and pastor, Vance Havner would become one of the most widely heard and read ministers of his time. Havner would become one of the most astute counselors for his time, as well as a pastor for 22 years.

Young Havner concluded that many people were joyless during those depression years may have seemed like an unneeded question. Facing tough times now may enable us to profit from the wisdom shared by this Carolina columnist so long ago.

By Roger Campbell

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The Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval

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Whether you’re buying a blender or a bathing suit, the first thing you should find out is whether it has earned the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. If it does, you’ve got a product with a 105-year history of trust between Good Housekeeping magazine and consumers. When a product you’re looking to buy has the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, you’re not just buying that product—you’re buying the trust that the product will meet the standards you’re expecting, based on its advertising, product information and packaging.

Many people don’t realize that products that have earned the Good Housekeeping Seal carry a limited warranty, meaning that if the product is defective within two years of purchase, Good Housekeeping (not the manufacturer) will replace the item or refund the customer.

Good Housekeeping evaluates just about anything that anyone might consider buying, in its world-famous research lab known as the Good Housekeeping Research Institute. Whether it’s swimsuits or the knees of reinforced jeans, the durability and/or effectiveness of a product is studied scientifically through rigorous testing.

The Seal includes recipes that are presented in Good Housekeeping, all of which are tested in the lab’s Test Kitchen.

ACHING JOINTS

By Sally Rummel

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The 30th annual Fenton Community Expo has ‘80s theme — from lingo to disco

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In 1984, “Ghostbusters” was the year’s top-grossing movie and Prince reigned over the pop charts with “Purple Rain.” It was the decade of big hair, air guitar, shoulder pads and leg warmers. It was also the year that the Chamber debuted its first-ever Community Expo, and unlike the pop culture mentioned above, hasn’t yet gone out of style.

This year’s Fenton Community Expo is set for Saturday and Sunday, March 1-2 at Fenton High School. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme will be “30 Years Strong! 80s Flashback.”

“It’s really exciting that we are 30 years out from our first ever Expo,” said Shelly Day, executive director.

Forecast for 2014

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland addresses the participants at the annual Chamber Forecast Breakfast with the good news of Fenton’s growth in 2013, as well as upcoming projects in 2014.

Chamber Forecast Breakfast gives members an opportunity to hear what’s going on in their communities

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Michigan is on the “comeback trail,” according to a keynote address given by guest speaker Dr. Timothy G. Nash at the annual Chamber Forecast Breakfast on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

That was the uplifting news that greeted about 100 Chamber members, guests and government officials on hand to talk about the upcoming year. “Michigan led the nation in job creation for the last two years,” Nash told breakfast guests.

Chamber ‘brands’ itself with new marketing strategy

New header, new slogan part of raising Chamber awareness

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Watch out for a new marketing slogan, banner headers and other marketing promotional tools for this year’s Chamber events.

Thanks to a huge effort by a newly established Marketing Committee, the Chamber now has a new identity through its slogan: Building Business. Building Community.

“Our goal was to provide a consistent message for members and the public about Chamber events and how they benefit the community,” said Stacey Webb, chairman of the Marketing Committee. “This new slogan really focuses on the goals of the Chamber through an active process of building relationships with its member businesses, which in turn, creates a community.”

New banner headers will be prominently on display at each Chamber event so that everyone in attendance will recognize the Chamber and its activities.

“We’re excited about what this will mean for the Chamber, especially as we move forward in 2014,” said Shelly Day, executive director.
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Starting the year off right!

Education and Training is something all businesses struggle to fit in to their timeline and budget. It can take time away from daily, sometimes multi-
daily, tasks and can leave you feeling behind in your work. However, I have realized that given you choose the appropriate education and training to attend it can help you be more pro-
ductive and essentially improve your bottom line!

On Jan. 6 and 7, the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce partnered with two other chambers and shared the cost to bring in Shari Pash Berger, owner of Strategic Solutions for Growth, to conduct a two-day training session. The executive director and membership director of each Chamber attended the workshop.

One of the benefits was that it was a small group (seven including Shari), which allowed for plenty of time to share ideas and ask questions. This provided the opportunity to brainstorm, therefore resulting in enhancements to grow our Chamber’s capabilities. It also connected us with people that had very similar job descriptions and we could relate easily to each other’s role.

Throughout the two days of training, there were notes, and as a result, provided each Chamber with a pre-

prehensive plan to be incorporated into their annual task calendar. She even went so far as to break it down by month and if it was something that only applied to one or two of the Chambers, she personalized the plans. Some subjects discussed were member reten-
tion, education to grow their business, and education to grow their business.

The FRCC in 2014 and the future!

For 2014, the focus of the strategic plan is to enhance the membership experience with a new Chamber look. We have diligently been looking for a new place to call home. Our experts have been to find a central, convenient location that will allow the Chamber to offer some expanded services like enhanced Chamber capabilities, video conferencing, and office space for lease on a short-term or long-term basis. We are very excited to say we are in the due diligence process of the purchase of a great building in downtown Fen-
ton. We look forward to announcing this purchase as soon as it is finalized.

We currently assist our member companies with a slew of business services in addition to networking opportunities. Our Networking at Noon and Networking After Hours are two of our more popular times to meet your fellow Chamber businesses and local business leaders. In 2014, we are striving to bring the business leaders together in a forum-based environment where business owners can get answers from the people in our community that have ‘been there and done that.’ All of our member businesses strive to operate a successful business that provides a pleasant work environment and offers exceptional benefits to the consumers and community. The FRCC wants to be a key resource in helping our member businesses accomplish their goals.

Once again, we will be raffling off a new car in 2014. In 2013, Mr. Marshall Callard won $22,900 as part of the car raffle and 2nd — 11th place winners received an iPad mini. This event is integral to our goals for 2014 as all the proceeds go directly to our building fund to help us build the new vision for the FRCC in 2014 and the future! The Board of Directors, ambassa-
dors, staff and committee members are dedicated to delivering our mission and serving the member businesses. Best wishes to everyone and may 2014 bring prosperity and happiness to all.
Win a car...two ways!

Winner of this year’s Car Raffle has choice of convertible Camaro or Silverado truck

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This year’s Chamber Car Raffle will kick-off on Expo Weekend, with a winner’s choice of driving home a brand new 2014 convertible Camaro or Silverado truck, both from Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton.

A limited number of 1,000 tickets will be on sale for $100 apiece, beginning March 1-2 at Expo Weekend. The vehicles will be on display at the north and south entrances of Fenton High School. Sales will continue up until the Grand Prize Drawing date of Saturday, Aug. 11 at the conclusion of The Taste in Fenton event.

Prizes will be given out to the top seller of tickets each month of the campaign, including March, April, May, June and July. “Anyone can sell tickets,” said Shelly Day, executive director. “The more tickets that are out there, the better. To pick up tickets to sell, stop in at the Chamber office after Expo Weekend and we’ll assign the tickets. Any unsold tickets need to be returned to the Chamber office.”

The top seller overall will win a $500 cash prize. Last year, the hardworking lucky winner was Matt Stevens.

All proceeds from the Car Raffle will go toward the Chamber’s Building Fund. “By buying a ticket, you’re investing in a building and re-investing in a business in Fenton,” said Day.

Last year, a total of 400 tickets were sold in the Car Raffle, resulting in a 50-50 split between the Chamber and a winner, which took home $22,000. In order to give away a car or truck, at least 800 tickets need to be sold.

“We’re going with Vic Canever again this year to give them an opportunity to benefit from all the hard work they put in promoting this event the first year,” said Day. “They were our top ticket sellers, too.”

For more information about the Car Raffle, contact the Chamber office at (810) 629-5447.

By buying a ticket, you’re investing in a building and re-investing in a business in Fenton.

Shelly Day Chamber executive director

FRCC welcomes new employee

Shelby Skinner is a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University where she earned her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Sports Management. Having graduated from Linden High School in 2009, she is thrilled to be back in the Genesee County area working for her community. While completing her college internship this past summer with the West Michigan Sports Commission she realized her passion for special events and hopes to bring a fresh perspective to the many Chamber events.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Superior and Frankenmuth Travel Service

John Schmitt, CTC of Superior and Frankenmuth Travel Service, with locations in Grand Blanc, Fenton, Davison and Frankenmuth, was recently honored as one of the top travel agencies in North America.

The agencies were named an Elite travel agency by Travelsavers, an international marketing organization that includes the most knowledgeable travel consultants and best travel suppliers in the world today.

Sofaite Diffusers, Inc. joins Fenton chamber

Sofaite Diffusers Inc. is a new member to the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Gary Hodges, president, and CEO, locally manufactures a patented product that solves the Too Hot / Too Cold temperature and comfort issues common in commercial environments. Offices, clinics, hospitals, restaurants, anywhere you sit!

The innovative patented design is unlike traditional ceiling air diffusers. Hodges attributes this, plus free trials of the product for their success. They currently sell Sofaite in 48 states and Canada from Fenton.

For more information, go to www.softaire.com.

Networking@Noon

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Event Location: Faith City Church
2084 Thompson Rd • Fenton
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Announcements & Drawings at 12:30 pm
Bring your business cards!

For directions, please call the Chamber office at 810.629.5447
Caretel Inns of Linden

The grand opening of expansion to be held soon

Caretel Inns of Linden proudly announces the grand opening soon of their exciting expansion, located at 202 South Bridge St. in Linden. The expansion adds two new Assisted Living Inns, The Degas House Inn and The Homer House Inn, as well as additional common space, to the existing facility.

Caretel Inns of Linden currently has three Assisted Living Inns — The Van Gogh House Inn, The Leighton House Inn and their memory care The Monet House Inn.

The Linden location also has a Licensed Skilled Nursing Facility known as The Turner House Inn, which offers short-term rehabilitation services to the community. Caretel is looking forward to announcing the date of this Grand Opening in the first quarter of 2014.

“Caretel” was created by combining the words “care” and “hotel” and is fashioned after spacious Bed and Breakfast style hotels with individualized Inns designed to provide the care you need with the amenities you expect and deserve, for both Skilled Nursing Rehabilitation care and Assisted Living.

With the opening of The Degas House Inn and Homer House Inn, this adds an additional 32 assisted living units. These two new Inns will add an additional 27,151 square feet, to the existing senior living complex. This new phase at Caretel Inns of Linden will provide residents with larger room sizes and more amenities. The new Inns will have an average room size of 44 square feet, with 28 small singles of 290 square feet, four large singles of 320 square feet and four suites ranging from 528 square feet to 711 square feet, all suites suitable for double occupancy. There continues to be increased demand for larger rooms in the assisted living market, which Caretel Inns is committed to meet.

The expansion includes the 4,861-square-foot Bridge Street Gym to complement the existing “Send ‘Em Home” therapy program. The increased space will not only better accommodate existing therapy needs but will allow for outpatient therapy. Caretel Inns of Linden provides occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy. If you would like more information or a tour, please call (810) 735-9400.

Additional information may be found at www.caretelinns.com.

Ribbon Cutting at Oak Tree Dental

Ribbon Cutting at Peabody Insurance
30 years, what an accomplishment. It's truly a tribute to the strength of our Chamber. I'm just happy to be a part of the team.

— Linda Hathaway
Community Executive Chairman
Networking @ Noon held at Raymo’s

Networking attendees enjoyed a sample of the delicious food prepared by experienced Raymo’s chefs.

FORECAST
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participants at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. “We’re now ranked as one of the 12 best states to do business in.”

Nash serves as vice president for Strategic and Corporate Alliances at Northwood University in Midland. Additonal speakers at the breakfast were local government officials from the city of Fenton, city of Linden, village of Holly, Fenton Township, Tyrone Township.

Lynn Markland, city manager of Fenton, spoke about the positive economic climate in the city, from a strong fund balance to exciting projects in the downtown area, including the Cornerstone building and the Fire Hall Restaurant. “We’re now attracting many people out of the area who are coming to Fenton as a dining destination,” he said.

In other news:
- A residential streetscape project is also in the works for 2014, with $900,000 appropriated for that project, with the balance coming from other sources, which may include a millage or special assessment.
- A $4.5 million water main storm sewer project will start this spring, with newly paved streets and wider sidewalks.
- Bids are coming in for the renovation of the Fenton Community & Cultural Center, an approximately $1.8 million project.
- Linden Mayor David Lossing noted progress in Linden’s growth with the newly rebuilt Loose Senior Citizen Center, serving more than 4,000 local seniors, plus 13 new administrative site plans, including Gavin Smith Photography, Sweet D’s Tea Room and The Bridge Street Exchange.

“We also have had 12 new sign permits, following our revamping of that process,” he added.

Other area projects include:
• Continuing conversations with the LaFontaine family about the future of the Union Block in downtown Linden.
• A joint promotional video created with Fenton and Holly, “Come Paddle with Us,” to promote the Shiawassee River.
• A non-bullying ordinance that placed Linden among 30 in the state to pass such legislation. “We felt it was important to step up to the plate so that no one in our community has to face discrimination,” said Lossing.

Jerry Walker, manager of the village of Holly, said that the last two months of the year saw 15 new business openings, which created 70 new jobs and $2 million of investment in the city. He credits a stable administration and teamwork for the positive outlook Holly has going into the new year. “Holly’s becoming a one-stop shopping destination,” said Walker.
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Requirements:
- Graduation from an accredited School of Nursing and Nurse Practitioner program.
- State of Michigan license as Registered Nurse and PNP or FNP or SNF certification.
- Current CPR certification.

We offer a comprehensive benefits package (dependent upon full time or part time status). Send resume including required documentation to hr@mottchc.org or MCHC-HR, 806 Tuuri Place, Flint, MI 48503. Visit www.mottchc.org for more details.

Due to expansion...

Our long term nursing care facility is seeking individuals that have a passion about providing the best in elderly care and is now hiring for the following:

Certified Nurse Assistant (CNAs) positions available, Part-Time (contingent), Afternoon Shift. Must have certification from the State of Michigan as a nurse aide and worked with the elderly in long term care environment.

Apply in person at 202 S. Bridge Street, Linden, MI 48451
- OR - send resume to hr@caretellinden@gmail.com

Long Term/Skilled Nursing Care Facility

Due to expansion...

Argentine Care Center, Inc.
9051 Silver Lake Rd., Linden, MI 48451
Phone (810) 735-9487
Fax: (810) 735-9036
info@susanshallmark.com

We are currently looking for individuals that have a passion about providing the best in elderly care and is now hiring for the following:

All Shifts.

SEEKING HIGH ENERGY customer focused sales associate to join our growing and vital organization in our Fenton location. Email resume to info@susanshallmark.com.

Due to expansion...

Our long term nursing care facility is seeking individuals that are interested in working with residents and their families.

CANDIDATES MUST HAVE:
- Minimum of BSN in social work
- Appropriate state-required certification
- 3 years experience in long-term care
- Experience with MDS 3.0
- Exceptional interpersonal skills
- Effective written and verbal communication skills
- The ability to convey empathy and compassion while working with residents and their families.

Please send your resume to ejankowski@bbmich.com.

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Long Term/Skilled Nursing Care Facility
PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
JANUARY 20, 2014

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday January 20, 2014 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions:

1. Supervisor led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $653.95.
4. Conducted a public hearing for the purpose of obtaining citizen input for potential local road improvement projects for 2014.
5. Received 2013 4th quarter and annual fire department statistics from Fire Chief Ryan Volz.
6. Accepted the 4th quarter 2013 report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Robert Atkinson.
7. Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2014 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS: The Fenton Township Zoning Administrator has requested that the Fenton Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals classify the following use for the purpose of determining the appropriate zoning district and standards apply:

- The open storage of tree logs and cutting them to length.

- The above listed applications and the Township Ordinances are available at the Township Office for your review. Your opinions may be expressed verbally at this hearing or in writing to the Board of Appeals prior to this hearing. The hearing of appeals encourages your participation in these appeals.

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Robert Krug, Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430, (810) 629-1537.

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ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
REWARD: Cat owner offers $100 reward for information on the whereabouts and return of her 1 1/2 year old male, orange, short haired Tabby cat named Garf. He has all white whiskers, black feet and a white and black tail. He has identifying tattoo on hind leg. Call 248-634-3071.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD JANUARY 21, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Approved the minutes of the December 17, 2013 regular meeting.
4. Approved the request of Troy and Justinia Willis for a land division at 13414 Rohn Rd. as recommended by the Planning Commission.
5. Approved the board and trustee salary increases as recommended by the Salary Committee.
6. Approved the employee compensation recommendations.
7. Approved the extension of the tax collection period for the General Fund.
8. Approved the extension of the uses collection period for the Fire Department.
10. Declined participation of the Fillmore Township Park project.
11. Reviewed the Welcome packet for new residents.
12. Approved the 2013-2014 Special Funds budget as presented.

N. municipality of Southport Township.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Township Clerk’s office. Meeting dates are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.
I PITY THE FOOL who refers to the Bible for? This practical little book, amongst its many uses, can show us wealth transfer. There is a reason that thousands of Brits and Canadians travel to other countries to get faster, better healthcare. I heard you had a recent surgery and hopefully things are going well in your recovery. You will be back on your feet in no time. So get better, faster, healthier treatments. If I were a police officer right now, I would be rich after writing all these tickets for people who don’t stop at stop signs or use their directional signals. Perhaps the QUALITY of service at the Linden Post Office could be improved by the person in charge taking responsibility and not taking, gossiping with a former employee about nothing.

I’m responding to a Hot line comment about AA meetings in the Holly, Lutheran church or Saint Jude’s Church. I’m responding to the majority of Americans for four years. The Affordable Care Act has been controversial, and it will continue to be so. It’s far from perfect, but it’s certainly better than what we had before. I pity the fool who refers to the Bible for factual history? Ever heard of factual history?

I just found out that I can go to a government website that tells me how to be a dad. Isn’t that what we have the Bible for? This practical little book, amongst its many uses, can show us how to save our souls from eternal hell fire. Wow. Funny how the global warming people take a couple years out of millions of years, to determine that we are seeing a trend soon.

MAYBE THE QUALITY of service at the Linden Post Office could be improved by the person in charge taking responsibility and not taking, gossiping with a former employee about nothing. Maybe the quality of service at the Linden Post Office could be improved by the person in charge taking responsibility and not taking, gossiping with a former employee about nothing.

When I was a kid, we celebrated George Washington’s birthday and Abraham Lincoln’s birthday in school. Now it’s just a meaningless day called Presidents Day. I think today, January 20, should just be civil rights day.

Since the beginning, man has doubted God’s word. It’s called free will. By God’s grace, we can believe. Seek and you shall find.

Obama said marijuana isn’t as bad as alcohol. He said no, that’s one thing he’s good at.

Funny how the global warming people take a couple years out of millions of years, to determine that we are seeing a trend soon. All we have to do is follow the money. Even the head of the UN’s mission on climate change said it’s all about money. Even the head of the U.N’s mission on climate change said it’s all about money.

I just found out that I can go to a government website that tells me how to be a dad. Isn’t that what we have the Bible for? This practical little book, amongst its many uses, can show us how to save our souls from eternal hell fire. Wow.

Fairy tale? Show me the fairy tale. What a worthless life he must have.

If I were a police officer right now, I would be rich after writing all these tickets for people who don’t stop at stop signs or use their directional signals.


Heart failure, chronic heart failure and congestive heart failure are the same condition. It’s one of the most common reasons why older people hospitalize. The basic problem is that the heart has become so weak that it circulates blood poorly. Such poor circulation permits fluid to ooze out of blood vessels and “congest” tissues in the feet, ankles and lower legs. The lungs fill with fluid, which brings on a heart attack. This must be why your one of the most common reasons why older people hospitalization. The basic problem is that the heart becomes weak and can’t pump enough blood to supply the body’s tissues with the nutrients and oxygen they need. The body can’t function properly. The lungs fill with fluid, which brings on a heart attack. This must be why your heart becomes weak and can’t pump enough blood to supply the body’s tissues with the nutrients and oxygen they need. The body can’t function properly. The lungs fill with fluid, which brings on a heart attack. This must be why your heart becomes weak and can’t pump enough blood to supply the body’s tissues with the nutrients and oxygen they need. The body can’t function properly. The lungs fill with fluid, which brings on a heart attack. This must be why your heart becomes weak and can’t pump enough blood to supply the body’s tissues with the nutrients and oxygen they need. The body can’t function properly. The lungs fill with fluid, which brings on a heart attack. This must be why your heart becomes weak and can’t pump enough blood to supply the body’s tissues with the nutrients and oxygen they need. The body can’t function properly. The lungs fill with fluid, which brings on a heart attack. This must be why your heart becomes weak and can’t pump enough blood to supply the body’s tissues with the nutrients and oxygen they need. The body can’t function properly.
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**Linden**
213 Murphy
Adorable 2 bedroom home with fire place & family room and attached garage. Perfect starter or retirement home. Hurry, this will not last! $54,900 Call Patrik at 810-750-2300.

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**New Listing**

** Burnsville Township**
12590 Juniper Drive
Incredible views from the deck of this exceptionally well maintained 3 bedroom home, 2.5 baths & 1614 sq. ft. Property backs to 40+ acres wildlife preserve & features a gorgeous view of natural forest. Numerous improvements recently made including: Windows, Roof, Bamboo HW floors, Carpet, Cedar deck, Landscaping & more. Other features include CA, RV parking w/240V hookup, 3-car garage & storage shed. Walkout basement contains finished bonus room. Located 12min from I-96, 15min from US-12 & 30min from I-75. $159,900 Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

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Driftwood Dr., Fenton, $35,000. Wonderful build site surrounded by lovely homes and outstanding views of Lake Shannon, great price for this lot. Call Cam Gonzalez 810-348-4678

Kovacs Drive, Linden, $60,900. In area of nice homes near Lobbld Lake. Paved road with underground utilities. Lake Access to Lobbld Lake! Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

Ledgewood Drive, Fenton, Livingston County. 2 lots priced at $34,900, 2.17 Acres & 2.96 Acres. Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

11578 Hartland, Tyrone Twp, $59,900. Beautiful parcel of land previously an apple orchard that trees still remain which gives this parcel great character and privacy. A great place to build your dream home. Call Cam Gonzalez 810-348-4678

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**This week’s open house!**

**CLAYTON TOWNSHIP**
4477 Van Vleet
Quiet country living in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home in Flushing Schools complete with gorgeous hardwood floors and central air. New updates include paint, flooring and all stainless steel appliances! Oversized 2 car garage and full, partially finished basement just waiting for a 4th bedroom. Only 3 miles from downtown Flushing and only 5 miles from the mall. $109,900 Call Kevin Userverman 810-965-6552

**Fenton Township**
8131 Westwood
Charming 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath ranch. Updated paint, carpet, and flooring along with a full basement boasting daylight windows. Large 2 car garage, darling wrap around porch and a new deck overlooking prime corner lot. $107,000 Call Donna Mynatt 810-397-6779

**Holly**
405 Elm Street
PRICE IS RIGHT! Classic looking 3 bedroom Dutch Colonial within walking distance of Historic Downtown Holly. Secluded partially wooded lot with fenced in backyard. Completely remodeled kitchen in 2013 with granite counter tops, oak cabinets and hardwood flooring. New carpet in bedrooms and stairs, new water softener and roof in 2009. $92,900 Call Kevin Userverman 810-965-6552

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**GRAND BLANC**
6007 Murray
Beautiful 3 bedroom 3.5 bath 2 story condo in Grand Blanc schools. Gorgous cherry cabinets in kitchen and all appliances stay. Convenient second floor laundry. Walk-in closets and plenty of storage. Finished daylight basement with bedroom, full bath and family room. $127,900 Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

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**Mundy Township**
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Great opportunity for the experienced investor. This 3 bedroom home is located in a great neighborhood in Grand Blanc schools. Beautiful ½ acre lot. Home needs a lot of TLC. $26,000 Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

**OWOSSO**
528 Garfield Avenue
Great house for the price! Quiet street, but close to shopping. 2 Bedrooms 1 Bath possible third bedroom upstairs. Nice yard. Owosso schools. $24,900 Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481

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**Linden**
8100 Van Vleet
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