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COMMENTS

CORNERSTONE

“Cornerstone
snow job? In

December, we were told it was too cold and will start soon. January

is almost over and no visible progress yet. No action causes reaction, money problems again, I wonder.”

HOT LINE

“I will never try and force what you call ‘my fairy tales’ on you but I will pray for you.”

POLITICS

“I for one find it ridiculous and insulting to hear the political elite (Pelosi) as well as the Hollywood elitists talking about how bad the income inequality is in this country. How hypocritical is that? They must think we are stupid to not see through them all.”

WEATHER

“My ‘rope barometer’ is more credible than any global warming scientist’s predictions.

When it’s dry, it’s fair. When it’s wet, it’s raining. When it’s swinging, it’s windy. When it’s frozen, it’s cold. I’ll believe my rope before I trust a politician or a Hollywood celebrity spouting climate change hysteria.”

HOT LINE
of the week

“I’m responding to the Hot line that was put in Jan. 12. Someone wanted to know where plastic grocery bags could be reused. A good place to take them would be Adopt-A-Pet, because we could really use them.”



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SUNDAY EDITION

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

“People had
no warning.”

Lt. Jason Slater
Fenton Police
Department

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

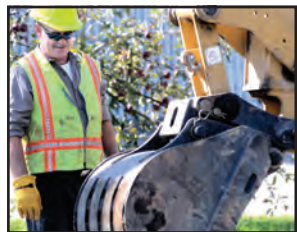
► **Stabilizing real estate market slowly reversing lost tax revenues**

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



FILE PHOTO

The Fenton DPW did not replace two city workers lost to attrition in 2009. The savings helped reduce the budget deficit.

Area teachers’ wages higher than national average

► **Michigan educators earn \$62,702 annually on average**

By William Axford

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How much is the average teacher from the Fenton, Holly and Linden area worth? Some may say priceless when factoring the influence teachers have on potential future leaders, scientists,

doctors and business leaders of the world.

If measuring by data collected by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) however, the pay of a local teacher averages out to \$63,778.25. That’s slightly higher than the \$62,702 the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) averaged for Michigan teachers, but not much.

See **TEACHERS** on 8A



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Teachers in this area average \$62,702 in salary, which is higher than the national average of \$56,383.

Holistic horse care



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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.

See story on Page 3A

Holly man faces 20 years in prison

► **Officer injured during pursuit**

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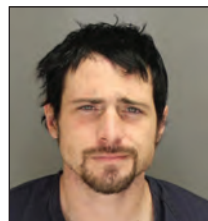
Jesse Thomas Long, 28, of Holly has been charged with multiple felonies and faces up to 20 years in prison after Holly police apprehended him while investigating a breaking and entering complaint last Sunday.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, shortly after 11 p.m., Holly police officers were dispatched to St. Rita’s Catholic Church to investigate a possible breaking and entering. Several windows on the east side of the church had been broken out but no one had gained access into the building.

See **PRISON** on 8A

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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 against the Goodrich man for retail fraud, and possession of marijuana and heroin.

See **POLICE** on 15A

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Luna, a 20-year-old walker watches as donkey Penelope is trimmed by ANna Brunsink of Fenton in Milford Thursday morning. Brunsink wore several layers to stave off the freezing temperatures, but the animals don't mind the cold.

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

By Sally Rummel
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When ANna (yes, that's the correct spelling) Brunsink moved from Detroit to Pinckney 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 Brunsink, 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 barefoot trimmer, as she will use a type of horseshoe that's more like a rubber cast to rehabilitate a horse's foot when needed.

See **PODIATRIST** on 15A

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

Educators adopting smart policies on smartphones

► Wireless devices in classrooms come with some 'growing pains'

By William Axford

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The driver's license may no longer be the ultimate rite of passage for this generation of teenagers. That title may 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 has come with some "growing pains."

See **SMARTPHONES** on 10A

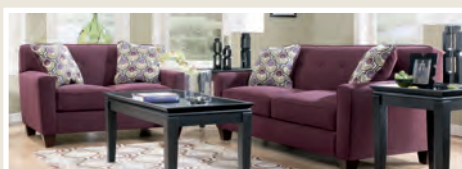
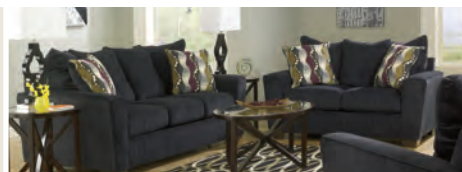


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Smartphones and teenagers

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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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 Johnson in 1964. I, for one, will be very interested to see how the bull\$#!+ slingers will accomplish this 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 was 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 not 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 some other 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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WAY TO GO Kan Rock tire, you had to put that billboard up didn't ya? Ha ha ha. How bout you put one up now that says, 'It's time to go old man!'

DON'T BE IMPRESSED by how well Holly High School boys basketball team is doing. Most of the starting five players aren't even from Holly. It's not about the kids, it's about an overgrown ego problem that needs to be stopped!

A BIG THANK you to all the great neighbors on Becker Street. You have been so great to me this winter. Can't thank you enough. Hope I can return the favor someday.

CAN SOMEONE TELL me why DTE Energy needs to spend all this money on advertising on TV? I don't see where they have a lot of competition. How about passing that money on to their customers?

DRIVING BY LAKE Fenton High School and a thought came to me. They have a wonderful skating pond in front of the high school. They will need to cut the stumps off and it would make a great community skating pond.

WE HAVE BEEN recording temperatures for 150 years. The earth is 4.54 billion years old. We may or may not be in global warming. There is just not enough data to track a trend. Ask a

statistician. Do the math.

I DIDN'T MEAN to offend you or make you think I know whom you voted for in the last Presidential election. But, breaking news — they count the votes and publish the results. That way, they can say who won.

I REMEMBER IN 1980, I ran out of unemployment and found a job in Texas. I can't keep paying you to wait for Michigan to stabilize. Go where the work is — pack up the babies, grab the old lady and see ya.

THIS (\$1,893,400,000,000) IS THE approximate amount Michigan auto-insurers will pay into MCCA Jul-2013/Jul-2014 with no government oversight as to where and who this amount goes too. The only way to stop

this is to contact your state congressman!

TO THE PERSON who doesn't like Flo — 90 percent of the commercials on TV are crazy and about 90 percent of them you don't even know what they are advertising. I can't figure out what they are trying to sell, so, enjoy Flo. At least you know she is selling insurance.

THE CONSTITUTION WAS designed to be a living, changing guide. Don't forget the Supreme Court had upheld that slavery and suffrage for women were legal. When the people vote, the majority rules until they lose that majority. A lesson Republicans have a hard time dealing with.

THE AUTHOR OF the Bible is also the

same one who created logic, science, reason, and human dignity. His long suffering to love us endures beyond human capacity to reject Him.

YOU HILLARY LOVERS are a real joke! She and her incompetent boss presided over one of the worst diplomatic blunders our country has seen. A bipartisan US Senate panel found them guilty of failing to do their jobs. Benghazi could have been prevented and the four lives lost, saved.

REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS are now saying that even if climate change exists we can't do anything about it anyway. It's too expensive (cost of wind energy has fallen dramatically). CAFE standards for cars is giving consumers more options and driving innovation. We can do a lot, Republicans.

VERY INTERESTING ARTICLE about gender gaps in the teaching profession. Would love to see a follow-up on salaries for administrators. I know for a fact that in one local district, female administrators make less than male administrators do and the disparity isn't based on education/experience.

YES, I CHOOSE to base my beliefs on the Bible. A fairy tale you say? Fact: Fairy tales promise a 'happy ever after' life. Fact: The Bible promises peace through Christ in an 'unhappy ever after' world.

WE GET A snowstorm and we got three Hot lines this week from the non-believing global warming crew. The most infantile thing I've ever heard, you must live with your eyes closed. You must have grown up in the '70s. Too much acid right?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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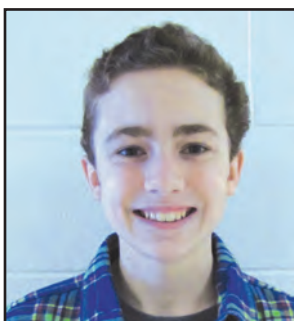
"I use it to check my grades and I use the Google Drive app for my IB History class."

— Sara Wujciak senior



"I look up answers when a teacher asks a question in class and reminders for NHS and Student Council."

— Caitlin Wiley senior



"I use the PowerSchool app to check and see if I did well on a test or quiz."

— Jacob Lee sophomore



"I use it to look up song ideas during SRT for our next choir concert."

— Micali Gadola junior



"I go on the Internet to look up answers to worksheets."

— Ben Hajciar sophomore



"I use it for math to look up examples on how to do problems."

— Taylor Deffendall freshman

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 evaluative 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 Koledo said that the technology infrastructure has to be able to handle 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

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.

infrastructure in preparation for a new test. Koledo 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 Koledo
Superintendent,
Linden Community Schools

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A quality roadside assistance plan should provide every possible roadside service, appreciated extras and quality customer support. Here, Frank Gray of Woody's Towing finishes hooking a semi tractor, in need of transporting for repair, January 2013.

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, lock out 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.

Summary

► Roadside assistance programs are affordable with most membership costs being recouped after one service call.

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 for as little 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.

Top five roadside assistance programs for 2014

1. Allstate Motor Club
2. BP MotorClub
3. AAA
4. Paragon Motor Club
5. Better World Club

Longtime area businessman dies

►Softball hall of famer Bud Stebbins loses cancer battle

By Sharon Stone

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Morton "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 Flint 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 into 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 his Grand Blanc Printing teams, which he coached and played on, won three state championships.



Bud Stebbins

Stebbins and the late Rick Rockman, Sr., former publisher of the Tri-County 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-County Times.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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

LOST DURING THE recent storm, Siamese cat in the area of west Shiawassee and West Street.

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

HEY, FENTON, I think your truck drivers have had enough rest. When are you going to push the rest of the snow the rest of the way out of the lanes? I almost got sideswiped.

I'M 51 YEARS old. I've seen a lot of snowstorms. It almost always got really cold after the storm. Only now, it's called a polar vortex. Stop insulting my intelligence.

I DO BELIEVE it's time that all you die-hard union members, which I was a member, 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 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, chess or 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 Motown defense, which is, "I heard it through the grapevine." This president is either ignorant, incompetent or involved in numerous cover-ups. I choose all three.

IS ANYBODY SICK of those lawyer advertisements every two minutes? You're

afraid to have anybody come visit you, they slip and fall and endanger, they're millionaires and you're a pauper.

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NOW TRY TO remember during the next election that it was Hillary Clinton who accepted Obama's deal, "Step aside so I can win the election and I'll make you secretary of state." You can't blame her, she wants to be in the limelight all the time because really, that's all she's got.

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Car dealer finds end of rainbow

Car dealers Joe Hood and Cheryl Luttmann opened their doors as a Pontiac only dealership in Holly 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 filed bankruptcy and got rid of the Pontiac, Saturn, and Hummer vehicles. When GM crashed that caused Joe and Cheryl's businesses to crash. Even with all of 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 the

hourly wages have been cut. There is just not a lot of money in the household budget," 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 affordable, dependable cars at the lot on Silver Parkway. According to Cheryl, the real focus is providing

cars for kids when they are old enough to drive. Their goal is to have 200 quality used cars all selling under the \$7,000 figure and all with warranty at no charge. Cars4Kids™ is now a trademark for Joseph, who is taking on a new marketing name of Uncle Joe's Used Cars. Hood and Luttmann have teamed up with Mike and Joe from the Good Car Company as well. "The Good Car Company features a newer car and some specialty cars that bal-

ance 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 LeRoy Street location and the lot on Silver Parkway.

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PRISON

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During this same time, Holly police officers were also investigating a breaking 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 stole 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. Mag-

istrate 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. Heather 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) 634-8221.

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

Summary

►Holly police arrested a 28-year-old Holly man with a lengthy criminal history for home invasion, felony assault, resisting police, marijuana possession and breaking and entering of vehicles.

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 Pointe 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 equal-

ly 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.

HIGHEST PAID IN MICHIGAN
UTICA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
pays its teachers the most, averaging **\$85,725**.

LOWEST PAID IN MICHIGAN
BIG JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
in Newaygo County pays the lowest at **\$21,047**.

SCHOOL DISTRICT	Average teacher pay	Per pupil funding	Teacher to student ratio
FENTON	\$63,505	\$8,321	25
LINDEN	\$62,336	\$8,053	26
LAKE FENTON	\$64,951	\$8,354	26
HOLLY	\$64,321	\$9,930	25
MICHIGAN	\$62,702	\$9,122	28.4
NATIONALLY	\$56,383	\$11,810	26

Source: Michigan Department of Education and national Center for Education Statistics 2012 numbers.

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ENGAGEMENTS



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 Nursing from Ferris State University. She is employed as a Registered Nurse at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. Andrew 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 owner of Golfing in Michigan. The wedding will be held at Mamrelund 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 celebration will be held in Fenton on June 28, 2014 at 4 p.m. Kelsy graduated from Linden High School in 2002 and from Michigan State University in 2006 with her Bachelor's degree. She also graduated from Nova Southeastern University in 2010 with her Master's degree. She is employed as a Marriage and Family Therapist at NorthPoint Professional Counseling in Novi. The groom-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 Master's degree. He is employed at Howell High School as a teacher.

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, here he comes again, hipity hop. Yep, 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, which most of us do, the answer is quite simple. There is racism because he created different races or somebody did.

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."

At the same time, the city of Linden was using around \$280,000 in fund balance to cover a deficit while the village of Holly was also looking to cover a \$140,000 deficit. "It's been draconian state-wide," said Assistant City Manager Mike Burns.

In 2010, the city of Fenton slashed the budget again, to survive on the same amount of property taxes as 2004.

In 2014, the city looks forward to the streetscape project, completion of the Cornerstone building and renewed interest in the downtown area due to the Fire Hall restaurant.

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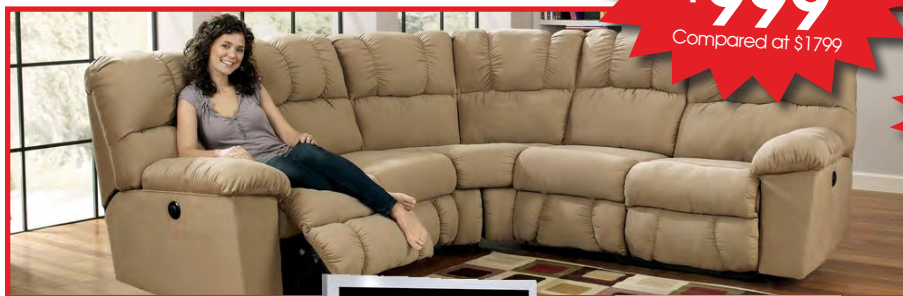


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SMARTPHONES

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"We have had some growing pains setting proper expectation 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 anytime, anywhere.

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."

Summary

► Local school districts have adopted smartphone policies where students can check text messages and social media during passing time or lunch. Teachers are also allowed to decide whether smartphones should be used in a classroom.

“We have had some growing pains setting proper expectations and use.”

Ed Koledo
Linden Community
Schools superintendent



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At the Oct. 30 Fenton City Council meeting, Ghassan K. Saab of Corlin Builders illustrates subtle visual changes made to the Cornerstone building in "value engineering" to save money on the design.

DDA finalizes \$200,000 loan to Corlin Builders

► Cornerstone project underfunded by \$800,000

By Tim Jagielo

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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 bal-

loon 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

\$600,000 from the budget; but without the loan, the project could not continue.

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

Summary

► The Fenton DDA voted to execute a \$200,000 loan to Corlin Builders, the Cornerstone building project managers, who in August found that their funding would fall around \$800,000 short. Corlin will pay \$4,000 in interest for five years, and the main principle amount in the end.

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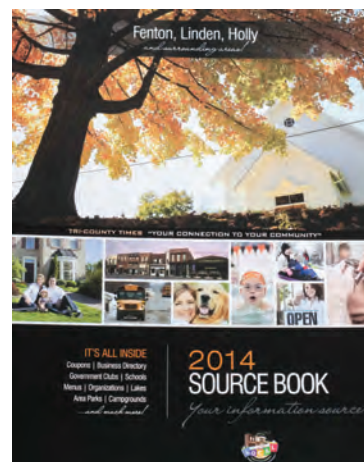


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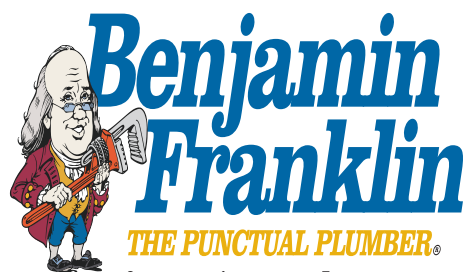
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Outdoors

Robins... already?

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

By Amy Mayhew

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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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Robin sightings this time of year most likely means foraging foods are available in the area.



DID YOU KNOW ?

• The American Robin is the state bird for Connecticut, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

• Robins have a sweet tooth, enjoying fruits, berries, sweet cakes and even pastry dough.

• Robins sometimes get drunk? It's true. Robins will sometimes flock to fermented berries.

• 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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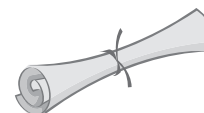
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ANna Brunsink switches sides while working on Luna on Thursday, while Apollo watches from his stall.

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She also prides herself in getting along with many farriers, realizing that they're all trying to reach the same goal, but with a different approach.

Most of her time is spent performing the very physical job of trimming hooves, using a giant file to rasp the feet into balance. "No matter what your horse's foot problems are, there's a way to strengthen the hooves again naturally," she said. "Horses are naturally more comfortable without shoes, so their feet can breathe and function as they were intended."

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

“Horses are naturally more comfortable without shoes, so their feet can breathe and function as they were intended.”

ANna Brunsink
Equine podiatrist

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.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

SOME REPUBLICANS ARE now saying climate change exists but there is nothing that can be done about it. I guess they haven't seen the thousands of turbines going up all over the country or haven't seen the great innovation coming from higher CAFE standards. Why limit innovation? Oil money!

VERY REFRESHING TO see a Hot line about putting reason, compassion and logic above the words in the Bible. Instead of hiding in the shadows, Atheists should stand up and be proud. There is beauty in the truth.

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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

Summary

► Fenton police and fire departments, as well as several towing companies were busy Thursday morning as they responded to 21 weather-related crashes on U.S. 23 and two on Fenton City streets.



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

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.

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.

All of the vehicles that crashed were towed away by multiple towing companies.

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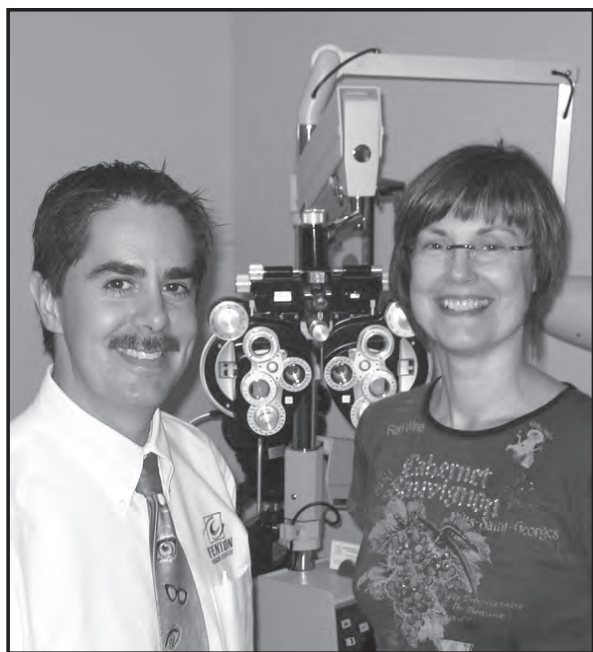
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Husband and wife optometry team Dr. Juan Alvarado, O.D., Diplomat, American Board of Optometry and Dr. Cynthia Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O., Diplomat, American Board of Optometry bring a high level of practice and specialization to their patients.



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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., Diplomat, American Board of Optometry and Cynthia Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O., Diplomat, 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.

“Typically in our office, patients will come in once a week for therapy, then will do ‘homework’ five nights a week, although this process varies depending upon each individual case,” said Alvarado.

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.

Unlike other forms of exercise, vision therapy is not to strengthen the eye muscles. Eye muscles are already incredibly strong.

Some of the in-office vision therapy tools used may include:

- Corrective lenses
- Therapeutic lenses
- Prism lenses
- Optical filters
- Occluders or eye patches
- Electronic targets with timing mechanisms
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- Balance boards
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SPORTS TRIVIA

PREP BASKETBALL

Q Prior to Friday night's game, who was the last team to defeat the Holly varsity girls basketball team during a regular season contest?

A Holly's last regular season loss came in a 48-26 loss to Clio on Feb. 5, 2013. Since then, Holly has won 15 straight regular season contests.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

One of my favorite shows is 'Life Below Zero.' The show displays the lives of people who live near the arctic circle in an isolated scenario, and how they deal with day-to-day problems. I enjoy the show immensely, and have frequently wondered, 'How in the world can they deal with below-zero temperatures on a daily basis?'

Well, guess what? On my Internet weather page, I track the temperatures in Fairbanks just for a flavor of Alaska weather. When I drove into work on Friday, my car read 2 degrees. When I came in the office, I noticed it was 40 in Fairbanks. And the temperature difference between our area and Fairbanks has been at least 20 degrees for a few days, with Fairbanks being the warmer destination. Apparently, it's time for a 'Live Below Zero' Michigan edition.

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Lady Bronchos

Holly won its 11th straight game on Tuesday.

Read the story on page 19A.

Bronchos' 'D' sparks 12th straight victory

By David Troppens

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Holly — Jenna Pepper recalls the Holly varsity girls basketball team holding squads to two points in a quarter.

But now she can add another defensive credential to their resume. How about just two points in a half?

Holly held the Swartz Creek Dragons to two first-half points, eventually earning a 42-30 Metro League victory in a contest that wasn't nearly as close as the final score may indicate.

Creek, Holly's closest competitor in the Metro entering the night, never was able to cope with Holly's defense, as the Bronchos forced 14 first-half turnovers, and allowed just one field goal in 22 shots, resulting in a 28-2 halftime lead. Holly — now 9-0 in the Metro and 12-0 overall — still led 38-14 entering the final quarter. The final score was as close as Creek got to Holly since the Bronchos took a 15-2 with 1:03 left in the first quarter on a Katie Ordiway layup.

"I don't think we've done it in a half, but we've done it in a quarter before," Pepper said about the two-point half. "We were helping and communicating really well, so we knew we had each other's backs. It works for us."

Holly scored the game's first 11 points, getting the final of those points on an Abby Lewandowski free throw. Creek answered

with an 18-foot jumper by Kelsey Griggs with about two minutes left in the quarter, but it ended up being the Dragons' final two points of the half.

Holly's defense created its offense by forcing 20 steals and good transition chances off those steals. Creek turned the ball over on its first six possessions of the second quarter, resulting in Holly upping the lead to 21-2 by the time the Creek's turnover run ended. Kaitlyn Smith sparked the offense during the first half, scoring 12 of her game-high 17 points in the first 16 minutes.

"It feels good," Pepper said. "We want to go far on this team, but we know we have to take it game by game and not get too excited. It's hard, but I think we manage it well, staying calm and realizing each game brings us closer to our goal."

Smith had four steals and three blocks to go with her 17 points, while Allyssa Copley had nine points, seven rebounds, seven steals and two blocks.

Pepper chipped in eight points, two steals and two rebounds, while Paige Reid had five steals.

Fenton 49, Lapeer East 20

The Tigers (6-2, 7-4) held East scoreless in the first quarter and cruised to the victory.

Cassandra Reuschlein led Fenton with 13 points and seven rebounds, while



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Holly's Jenna Pepper (left) scored eight points in the Bronchos' 42-30 victory against Swartz Creek Friday.

Emma Evo had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Hannah Evo had six steals, while

Carly Granger netted nine points, four rebounds, three steals and three assists. Han-nah Evo had six steals, while Katey Cairnduff grabbed seven rebounds.



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Holly's Jake Daniels attempts a layup in the Bronchos' loss to Swartz Creek Friday.

Fenton boys defeat East; Holly boys fall out of first

By David Troppens

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Tim Olszewski called it the Fenton varsity boys basketball team's best game of the year.

And it might be the game that put the Tigers right back in the thick of the Metro League race.

Fenton held Lapeer East to just two first-half field goals, resulting in a 55-28 victory at home on Friday.

The Tigers (5-3, 5-4) led just 13-9 after one quarter, but went on a 15-1 run in the second quarter, creating a 28-10 halftime lead.

"We locked down defensively, and the boys are dialed in and are understanding what it takes to win," Olszewski said. "They played as one,

played for each other and played the best basketball they have all year."

Alec Thomas led the Tigers with 14 points and seven rebounds, while Dylan Gardner netted 11 points and seven rebounds as well. James Claborn had nine points, five rebounds and two steals, while freshman Nick Wyrick made his first start of the season, earning four points, seven rebounds, three blocks and a steal.

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

Swartz Creek 75, Holly 74

The Bronchos (7-2, 9-3) led by 13 at the half, but were outscored 52-38 in the second half, resulting in the loss.

Isaac Casillas cut Creek's lead to 75-74 with about three seconds left, but time ran out on Holly.

Creek outscored Holly 25-9 in the third quarter. Included in that mix was an 11-0 Dragons' run which enabled Creek to take the lead for the first time since the opening bucket of the game.

In both of Holly's Metro losses, the Bronchos held double-digit leads in the second half only to lose those contests. Holly was paced by Jake Daniels' 30 points and seven rebounds while Kyle Woodruff had 11 points and five rebounds Casillas had with 10 points and seven boards.

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Bronchos win 11th straight, defeat West

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Holly — Coaches will be the first people to tell you that sometimes the key to a game can't be read in a box score.

Holly's Katie Ordiway had only two points in the Lady Bronchos' 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, Ordiway 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 Ordiway and her energy was significant," Hall said. "Her hustle really inspired the other kids. She ignited 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 for the season. So even when the Bronchos 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 Allyssa (Copley), Kaitlyn (Smith) and Paige (Reid) are no slouches either. They can easily be interchanged with those kids. And then Katie Ordiway sparked 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, 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 at 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."



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Holly's Allyssa Copley (right) tries to get around Fenton's Sarah Cummings in a recent game. Holly defeated Lapeer West 43-23 on Tuesday.

Lady Tigers post impressive win vs. Davison, 48-38

By David Troppens

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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 foes, posting records 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.

Holly boys win battle for first place vs. West

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Lapeer — Will the real Holly varsity boys basketball team please step up?

There are times when the Bronchos are a fun team to watch play basketball, and one wonders how any team in the Metro League is ever going to have a shot at beating this squad.

And then there are other times the Bronchos can't seemingly get out of their own way.

And the crazy part of this is both instances can usually be seen four to five times in any given contest Holly plays.

The Jeckyl and Hyde team showed up again at Lapeer West for a battle of the two top teams in the Metro, and the Bronchos put on both performances frequently.

However, when the game was over, a missed three-point shot by West's Terry Forgione after a steal of a Holly inbound pass gave the Bronchos a pivotal 67-64 road victory. The win means the Holly Bronchos (7-1, 8-2) are one-half game ahead of Lapeer West (6-1, 9-1) who is tied with Holly in the loss column in the Metro standings.

The Bronchos remained frustrated, but are relieved to leave West with the crucial win.

"How good are we when we can play like that and win on the road against the first-place team," Holly coach Lance Baylis said. "The turnovers were tremendous. And most of (our) turnovers were on two-on-one fast-break opportunities."

"Talent-wise we are good. Physically we are good. Skill-wise we are good. We are not mentally tough and we are poor decision makers. That's our team right there. Amazingly, those three good things are outweighing the other ones."



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Holly's Logan Spiker (left) and Isaac Casillas (center) defend a Lapeer West player during the Bronchos' 67-64 victory Tuesday night.

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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 offensively from other sources. Collin Hoerberling 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 have so many new pieces. We are starting to play as a



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Kyle Korman had 14 rebounds in the Linden Eagles' 67-59 loss to the Clio Mustangs on Tuesday.

team, play together and I'm happy about it. It's just a matter of being consistent."

Another bright spot for Wright is his freshman squad. Even without Strang, the squad has only lost one game this season, earning 56-33 victory against Clio. Cole Sarkon led Linden with 14 points, while Hunter Michael and Aaron Sarkon 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 Blackhaws, 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-all entering the 103 weight class, but Brandon's Brendan 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 Brandon, 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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PREP REPORT

SKIING

► **Holly/Oxford vs. Flushing:** The Holly/Oxford boys won 20-74, while the girls also won 26-53.

In boys action, Lars Joergens-Koka led the Bronchos by winning the giant slalom (45.18), and taking second in the slalom (58.37). Greg Schultz did the complete opposite, winning the slalom (57.77) and taking second in the giant slalom (45.90).

In girls action, Emma Ford won both events with a time of 1:12.16 in the slalom and 52.20 in the giant slalom. Montana Taube-White placed second in the giant slalom (52.87).

► **Fenton/Linden vs. Grand Blanc:** The Fenton/Linden girls lost to Grand Blanc by a tight 35-39 margin. Zoe Weinberg placed first for Fenton/Linden in both the slalom and the giant slalom, while Caitlin Wiley placed second in the giant slalom.

In the boys' action Fenton/Linden lost 25-60. Seth Thompson took first in the slalom, while Brendan McInemey placed sixth in the slalom.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Clio 51, Linden 42:** The Eagles were paced by Taylor Smith, who scored 15 of her game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter. Bri Holscher chipped in 12 points, while Alyssa Logie had nine rebounds. Smith also had six rebounds and three assists, while Sydney Elmer had four assists. The Eagles scored more points in the fourth quarter (22) than they did in the first three periods (20) combined.

► **Corunna 56, Lake Fenton 36:** Lake Fenton was outscored 14-3 in the first quarter, eventually resulting in the loss. Jordan Newman led the Blue Devils with 12 points, while Taylor Sheyachich had 11 points.

WRESTLING

► **Lake Fenton vs. Beecher, Bendle:** The Blue Devils dominated in their matches with Bendle (70-6) and Beecher (70-12). They travel to New Lothrop on Wednesday.

"The big one is going to be Wednesday at New Lothrop," Lake Fenton coach Vance Corcoran said. "This will be the first time we'll have our full lineup this season. We are on a roll, wrestling hard and peaking at the right time."

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Holly 90, Chelsea 45:** The Bronchos (9-2) scored 58 first-half points and cruised to the non-league victory against Chelsea. It marked the third time this season the Bronchos have scored at least 90 points in a game.

Jake Daniels scored 23 points to pace Holly, while Kyle Woodruff had 21 points. Isaac Casillas had 13 points.

► **Davison 62, Fenton 40:** The Tigers never scored more than seven points in any of the final three quarters, resulting in the non-league loss.

James Claborn led Fenton with 15 points, while Austin Bossenberger had nine points.

► **Corunna 74, Lake Fenton 51:** The Blue Devils were outscored in every quarter, resulting in the loss. Lake Fenton trailed just 38-29 at the half, but a 20-11 Corunna run in the third quarter blew the game open.

Lake Fenton was paced by Pete Plasters' 14 points, while Chase Hanson and Jalen Miller had 11 points each.

► **Linden freshmen 44, Brandon 40:** Cole Sarkon scored a team-high 15 points, while Hunter Michael chipped in 14 points. The Eagles improved to 9-1 with the victory.

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HOLLY

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"At halftime all we had to do was take a breath, 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 twos 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."

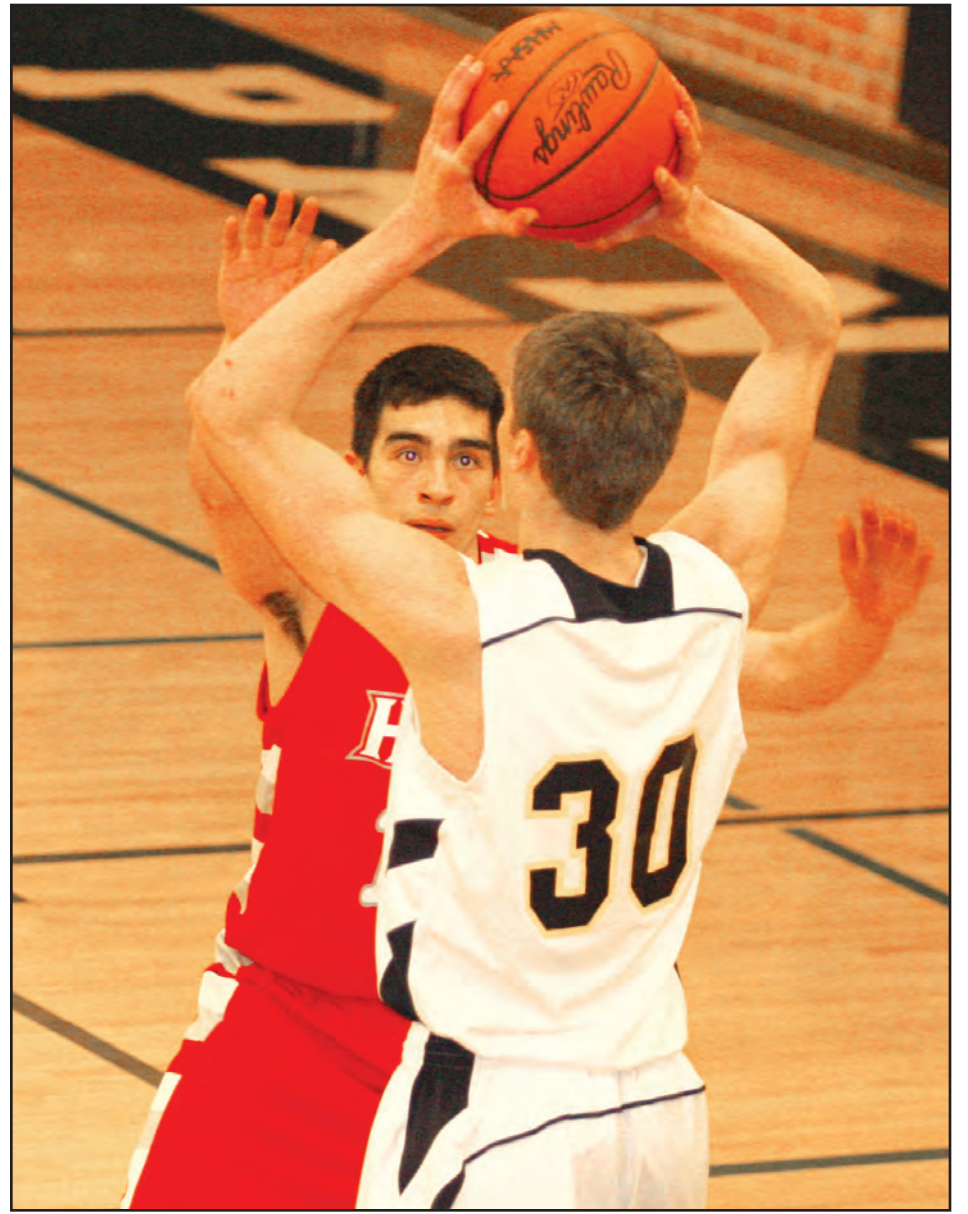
West wasn't playing a strong game themselves, and were frequently on the verge of getting blown out. Another one of those instances came in the first half. Holly led 28-17 after two Woodruff free throws with 3:27 left until the break, but West ended the half with a 9-3 run, cutting the gap to 31-26 at 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 Sherrard had 16 points. Forgione had 14 points.



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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.

WRESTLERS

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(112), Sam Johnson (140), Kyle Pepper (152), Andrew Scott (171) and Noah Brenner (285) each had 2-0 days for the Bronchos.

Holly returns to Metro dual action on Tuesday at Linden in a meet that also includes the Fenton Tigers.

Linden vs. Lapeer East, Clio

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 freshman Patrick Kerr and Austin McNeill. Luke Zimmerman, Zach Shaw, Aaron Steedman, Jacob Cox, Ruber Bailey, Brandon Brennan, Dawson Blank, Dylan Musall, Jakub Gagne, Jaily 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."

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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 Bladzick 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 \$6,400 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 informed 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 OLHSA's

Summary

►Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) submitted its request of \$2,500 of Community Development Block Grant funds after the deadline. Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) did request funding on time and will be allocated \$3,500.

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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 is that? 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 open the party store because that's all we know. I gotta put food in my stomach. Little by little we bought the Fenton 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



"It's not easy, but you know what? You gotta work for your money, you gotta work for what you stand for."

Athir "Tony" Aleyas

Co-owner, Locke's Party Shoppe, Fenton Party Store, Merchants Gourmet

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 there. 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 Lockes' owners before you were American-born. Was there any resistance, or push back because of that?

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TIM JAGIELO

"All my customers know me. Some of them call me 'Smiley,'" said Athir "Tony" Aleyas. He has customers that came in as small children that he is friends with. He enjoys a rapport and mutual respect with customers.

For the first week, or second week or first month, after that then we went back to normal. Because they gotta see you, if you treat them with respect, they're not going to stop coming here because of my accent. This county built on foreigners, everybody came from different countries long long time ago.



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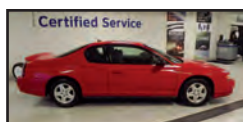
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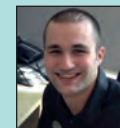
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Lose weight and keep it off

Local residents share their journey to
sustainable health and weight loss

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

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 5B

“Once I told myself I could eat anything, I stopping bingeing after realizing how much better I felt when I didn’t overeat.”

Gina Korpela
Who lost 65 pounds

Cynthia Craine
before
(in 2011)



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(Above) Cynthia Craine of Linden, before embarking on her 96-pound weight loss.

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(Right) Cynthia Craine runs in her Linden neighborhood, taking short runs during the week and a longer run on the weekend.

Cynthia Craine
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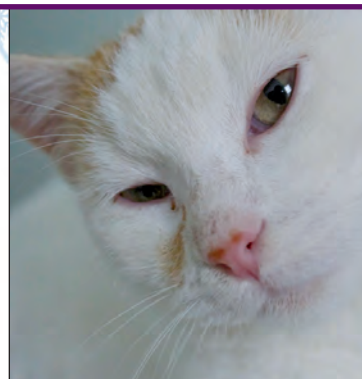
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"The weather. I like the cold, but not this cold."

— Dave McKeen
Fenton



"Health. I'm trying to choose better foods."

— Jim Papatheodore
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 Holvick
Fenton Township



"My granddaughter who has two kids and is getting a divorce. It drives me nuts."

— Jo Ann Bailey, Oxford

Loose Center to hold open house Jan. 31

By William Axford

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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.

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Pictured here (from left) are Oak Tree Dental dentists Dr. Paul Racine, Dr. Kenneth Ackley and at right, Dr. David Wagner.

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.

Q: What is prosthodontics?

A: Prosthodontics is the branch of dentistry concerned with the design, manufacture, and fitting of artificial replacements for teeth and other parts of the mouth.

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.

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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 predisposed to this behavior in order to **mask 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.

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Building a lifelong bond with your

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►For you and your dog to enjoy a life that brings each of you love, joy and a steady diet of happiness, you need to begin building a lifelong bond on the day that you bring your dog home. Here's how to do it:

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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 doggonessafe.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.

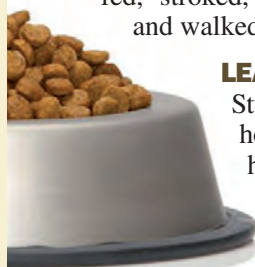
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Oh, my aching joints...



►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.

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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

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

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House Bill 4866: **Authorize new bicycle rider hand signals**

To establish new signals for bicycle riders. Left turns would be indicated by extending the left arm straight out; right turns by either extending the right arm, or the left arm with forearm raised (which is the current standard), and slowing or stopping by "extending the left hand and arm downward."

Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted:

☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ DID NOT VOTE

House Bill 4629: **Authorize fees and regulations on electronic billboards**

To authorize regulations for digital highway billboards, including a requirement that sign owners surrender three existing regular-sign permits to get one digital billboard permit, subject to certain exceptions and restrictions. The bill would also revise a wide range of other details of state billboard regulations, including conditions and restrictions on removing vegetation from in front of signs, increased fees and fines, and more.

Passed 101 to 6 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4288: **Restrict use of "indirect" tax audits**

To prohibit the Department of Treasury from levying a delinquent sales tax assessment on a person or business based on an "indirect audit," if a taxpayer has filed all the required returns and has maintained and preserved adequate records as required. The bill also establishes minimum standards for such "indirect audits."

Passed 107 to 0 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:

☒ YES ☐ NO

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LOSE WEIGHT

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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. Gaining that confidence totally has led me to where I am today."

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(Left) Gina Korpela, on a trip to Tennessee in 2009, when she decided to do something about her weight upon returning home. (Above) Gina Korpela cuts the ribbon for her business, Novelties LLC, which she opened two years after her successful weight loss.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF CHRISTIE DIDN'T know about the lane closure thing, why were the lanes still 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 Hilary stepped away from the election and gave it to Obama in the promise that he would make her Secretary of State. That shows she'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.

DID YOU HEAR 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 senior citizens.

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 of 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 ON 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 people are more amenable to phone calls and problems. We are much happier with it. So we do have two cable companies in Fenton.

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,

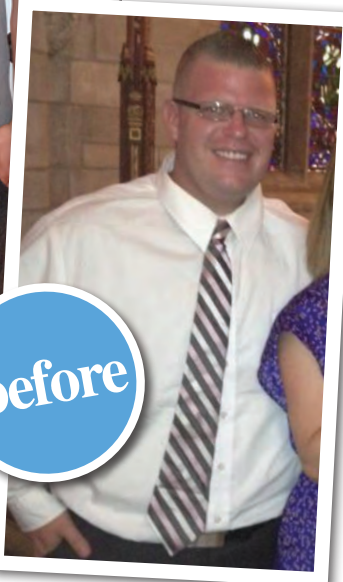
according to WebMD. Max Pettengill, 32, has lost 104 pounds and 11 inches off his waist since joining Fenton Fitness & Athletic Center last February. He's a prime example of what a person can accomplish when one sets his mind toward a goal. "The secret to weight loss is that you hold the key within yourself 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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before



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(Left) Max Pettengill was at his heaviest weight at 348 pounds. (Above) Max Pettengill transformed himself with a 104-pound weight loss by working out with a trainer at Fenton Fitness & Athletic Center and revamping his diet.



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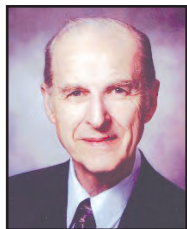
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The source of joy in tough times

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. His 38 books are still favorites of many because his message was always the timeless one that meets us where we are and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

Questioning why 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.

Young Havner concluded that many

at that time felt down because they were expecting joy from the wrong sources and therefore were continually disappointed. He saw these false hopes for happiness falling into four categories and warned against them as follows:

1. Joy does not lie in where we are.

'It is not a creation of circumstances. Poor human nature persists in thinking that the next field will be greener. A new house, a new car, a change of jobs, a trip; forever just ahead lies happiness.'

2. Joy does not consist in how we are (how we feel).

'Feelings are as variable as April weather and a joy based upon mere emotion is at the mercy of a headache or a bad dinner.'

3. Joy is not a matter of who we are.

'Position and prominence do not bring joy. People seek fame in high places only to learn they were happier in obscurity.'

4. Joy is not dependent upon what we are.

'Nicodemus, a wealthy religious leader described in the Bible who came to Jesus seeking advice and a rich young ruler, who was ruled by his possessions, were men of fine character but they still sought something deeper. Our own goodness may bring us a sort of self-satisfaction but it never sparkles with heavenly joy.'

How can one then find joy? If joy can't be found in where we are, how we are, who we are or what we are, where is it to be found? Vance Havner concluded joy is found in whose we are.

Explaining that we can belong to the Lord through faith in Christ, (Romans 5:1), Havner repeated it is in knowing whose we are that we find joy, even during tough times.

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The Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval

►105-year-old Seal key to success for many household products

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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.

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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. That also includes recipes that are presented in Good Housekeeping, all of which are tested in the lab's Test Kitchen.

It also includes all the products that are advertised on GH's pages. No product is advertised between its covers that hasn't been thoroughly tested and approved, according to a CBS News report on the Seal that was published in 2013.

Not all products make the cut. Some, like a child's pajamas that were supposedly flame retardant but went up in flames in just seconds, are soundly rejected and are presented on GH's Wall of Shame.

There are literally thousands of products that carry the Seal. For a complete list of products within certain product categories you may be researching, visit goodhousekeeping.com/product-reviews.

Don't let the "old fashioned" name of Good Housekeeping

magazine fool you. Not only has it been "a household word" for 128 years, it has also been a watchdog for the consumer.

Good Housekeeping was vocal in pushing for the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act in 1905. That was back in the day before the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The magazine stopped taking ads for cigarettes back in 1952, 12 years before the Surgeon General's report was published, because they had seen reports in Europe that cigarettes caused cancer.

Even Good Housekeeping's old-fashioned name doesn't keep an estimated 21 million readers away from each issue. In an era when many magazines are folding, it appears that the name of Good Housekeeping has successfully marketed itself for 128 years by using the old-fashioned commodity of trust.



The Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval is an emblem of the magazine's Consumer Policy, which promises a refund or replacement for defective products within two years of purchase. Not only does it offer consumers protection from defective products, but it also adds a boon to business for manufacturers whose products earn the coveted Seal.

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and necessary medications, including pain relief management, can help many arthritis sufferers live a mostly normal lifestyle.

Myth #2: My diet has nothing to do with it.

The foods that can help the most are those traditionally included in the Mediterranean diet, such as olive oil, lean meats and fish, vegetables and foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids. Diet is especially important because people with arthritis are more likely to have type 2 diabetes, heart disease or be obese.

Myth #3: I can't exercise.

Exercise is vitally important for those suffering from arthritis. Inactivity can cause a person's joints to continue to

deteriorate. The best workouts are low impact, range-of-motion-based exercises. Examples include Tai Chi, or yoga.

Myth #4: Glucosamine supplements will rebuild my joints.

While glucosamine is a natural compound found in your joints and the cartilage around them, it doesn't rebuild joints, as many people believe. It is helpful to some people for pain relief in the short term, however.

Myth #5: Cracking my knuckles can cause arthritis.

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Like totally radical, dude

►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 Cham-

ber 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
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The halls of Fenton High School in 2013 were clogged with Expo visitors who were connecting with local businesses and organizations.

Forecast for 2014



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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 "come-back 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 gov-

ernment officials on hand to talk about the upcoming year.

"Michigan led the nation in job creation for the last two years," Nash told breakfast

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Eggciting Easter Event hopping to Linden March 29

►Kids invited to breakfast and photos with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

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Make sure to mark on your calendar one of the area's most popular rites

"There's also a Kiddy Bunny Run, with kids getting bunny ears to make the event even more Eggciting."

— Shelly Day
Chamber Executive Director

of spring, the sixth annual Egg-citing Easter Event in Linden on Saturday, March 29.

This year, Easter is on Sunday, April 20.

Local kids are invited to at-

tend Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Hyatt Elementary School, and have their photos taken. After that, hundreds of kids will descend upon the school grounds to pick up about 5,000 eggs

See EGGCITING on 13B

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 Com-

mittee, 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 relation-

ships 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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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 productive 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 Chambers. 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, Shari took notes, and as a result, provided each Chamber with a comprehensive 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 retention and recruitment strategies, time management, and eight checkpoints of impact. She also provided numerous resource sheets and websites.

I am very happy to report that we were able to come back, roll the monthly enhancements into our calendar and feel good about the time and money spent to make this Chamber more valuable to our business members.

The Chamber board of directors recognizes the importance of education in training. One of the Board's goals established for 2014 is to invest in a facility that can provide opportunities for businesses to take advantage of training and education to grow their business.

Wishing you continued business success,

— Shelly Day, IOM

**2014 — a year of transition**

The year 2013 proved to be a very successful year for the Fenton Regional Chamber. With the assistance of a membership drive, we added 115 new members and now serve in excess of 500 members in the region. The success of the events the FRCC sponsors along with the car raffle made 2013 a financially successful year as well. These successes ensure a strong Chamber to carry forth the mission: To be a strong advocate for businesses through our services and resources, while fostering the economic vitality and prosperity of our region. Our priority is to promote businesses and provide education, networking and resources to our valued members.

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 efforts have been to find a central, convenient location that will allow the Chamber to offer some expanded services like enlarged conference 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 Fenton. 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 our 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, ambassadors, 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.

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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 for 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



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The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Marshall Callard. Pictured with the winner is Keith Green, Shelly Day, Chelsea Mills and Matt Stevens.

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

2014 Fenton Chamber

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.

Softaire Diffusers, Inc. joins Fenton chamber

Softaire 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 Softaire in 48 states and Canada from Fenton.

For more information, go to www.soft-aire.com.

Congratulations to the following 2013 FRCC Award Winners



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- Kristy Cantleberry
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- Kevin Messing
Edward Jones Investments

AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

- Linda Lokken
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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

- Amanda Braithwaite
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COMMUNITY HERO AWARD

- Michael LaJoice
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EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

- Alisha Ebenhoeh
Fenton Area Public Schools
- Sue Mann
Lake Fenton Community
Schools
- Kathy Hardy
Linden Community Schools



FRCC welcomes new employee

Shelby Skinner is a recent graduate of Grand Valley State University where she earned her Bachelor's of Science



Shelby Skinner

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.

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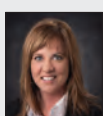
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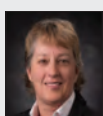
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Caretel Inns of Linden

►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 441 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.caretelinn.com.

Ribbon Cutting at Oak Tree Dental



Ribbon Cutting at Peabody Insurance



Membership Director

Report

By Rochelle Jones



In January, I will be working on member retention and concentrating on my goal of 83 percent member retention. I will also be working on our Business & Community Information Guide that will be inserted into the Tri-County Times and distributed to more than 17,000 homes in April.

The Chamber also distributes 3,000 copies to visitors, prospective members, chamber members and the business community. Many people use this Guide as a mini phone book and is their first source of reference. The deadline to place an ad in this Guide is Friday, Feb. 14. If you are interested in reaching 20,000 potential customers, please contact me for ad details.

Six new members have already joined the Chamber Membership in 2014. Welcome and we look forward to being part of your business strategy.

With over 500 members, we are looking forward to another excellent Chamber year, if you are not part of the FRCC don't delay and join today.

— Rochelle Jones,
Membership Director
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MEMBER FOCUS

American Red Cross

New Facebook page — “American Red Cross Genesee-Lapeer Chapter.” Please follow the Genesee-Lapeer Chapter of the American Red Cross on Facebook by “liking” their new page. It can be found by typing “American Red Cross, Genesee-Lapeer Chapter” in the search option at the top of your Facebook page.

Williams & Associates, P.C.

Williams & Associates, P.C. is having an Open House on Feb. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. The Open House will be held at the law office, which is located at 10299 Grand River Rd., Suite I, Brighton. Please RSVP to: rsvp@tlwilliamsandassociates.com.

Whaley Children Center

With nearly 1,000 community members attending the 29th annual World's Greatest Office Party, a record breaking \$60,400 was raised for the Whaley Children Center.

Yeo & Yeo CPAs announces merger with Hungerford & Co. in Southgate

Yeo & Yeo, a leading Michigan-based full-service accounting firm, and Hungerford & Co. of Southgate have merged. The combined firm, which will operate under the Yeo & Yeo name, will extend Yeo & Yeo's reach in the Southeast Michigan region. The merger, effective Jan. 1, 2014, will add approximately \$2.4 million in revenue to Yeo & Yeo, which last year earned more than \$30 million.

Loose Center

Open house for Loose Center's to be held on Friday, January 31st from 3 to 7p.m.

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years old this year,” said Shelly Day, executive director. “I don’t know of any other events of this type that are still going strong after three decades. Hosting this event year after year is one of our proudest moments as a Chamber. We owe it all to the support of our businesses and the community.”

This is Linda Hathaway’s 30th consecutive year of involvement with the expo committee, and she is hoping that this milestone year will bring out all the fun of the decade of the ‘80s. “We’re hoping that everyone will decorate their booths with ‘80s pop culture, colors, fads and trends,” she said. The Chamber will be supplying draped booths, as well as chairs and skirted tables for this year’s participants. It will be a whole new look with brand new colors of purple, yellow and lime green.

Once again, Coldwell Banker Professionals and Sharp Funeral Homes are co-sponsors, providing free admission to the public through their sponsorship. Both businesses have been with the Expo since its beginning and continue to be strong supporters. Other major sponsors include Chasse Ballroom as Entertainment Sponsor and Kid’s Zone Sponsors Valley Tent Rental and Faith City Church.

Instead of a Meet & Greet with exhibitors on Sunday before morning, this year it will be combined with orientation for the “Expo Orientation & Flashback Reunion” on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Fenton Hotel.

Orientation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and is mandatory for all exhibitors who want to be included in a drawing to win a free both in the 2015 show, no exceptions, according to Day.

Participating businesses can put their business cards into a drawing for a free booth for next year’s Expo. The Flashback Reunion Party will be from 7 to 9 p.m. with hors d’oeuvres, soft drinks, cash bar and ‘80s music. Photo memorabilia will also fill the walls. “We’re hoping to bring back the original committee that founded the Expo in 1984,” said Day. “Many of them still live in the area.”

Between 5,000 and 7,000 people are expected to attend this year’s event, according to Day.

“Thirty 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 Expo Chairman

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that have been filled with goodies by volunteers from the Loose Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$5 per child.

The event is sponsored by the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce, with The State Bank as a Gold Sponsor. Businesses are invited to participate by having booths at the event.

“There’s also a Kiddy Bunny Run, with kids getting bunny ears to make the event even more fun,” said Shelly Day, executive director.

Watch for more details as the event nears.

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Fenton Lock & Safe, Inc.
Fenton Medical Center
Fenton Patch
Fenton Pheasant Run Manor Apartments
Fenton Police Department
Fenton Post Office
Fenton Poured Walls
Fenton Printing
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Fenton Township
Fenton United Methodist Church
Fenton Veterinary Clinic
Fenton Village Players
Fenton Vision Center
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Networking @ Noon held at Raymo's



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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. Additional 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.

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Lynn Markland
Fenton city manager

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 many 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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29 Not as bright
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33 SPORTS ...
36 HARD ...
39 Get choked by, as food
40 Baseballer David a.k.a. "Big Papi"
41 Secrete milk
45 Discontinued
48 — Moines, Iowa
49 Congo River feeder
53 Modify formally

55 Spain's longest river
56 STORM ...
59 Winning line in tic-tac-toe
60 To be, to Jacques
63 "— in the bag!"
64 — -pah-pah band
65 Begin the cruise
67 — play (a simple job)
69 Country music resort city in Missouri
73 Tenor Jan
74 More piquant
76 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.
77 Some toy batteries
79 "An apple — ..."
80 Summer, to the French
81 AIR ...
86 Castle-circling ditch
88 Roman 553
89 What the Tin Woodman asked for
90 Derek and Diddle
93 Sleep disorder
95 Toss in some seasoning
97 Plain as day

99 Buddhism's — Lama
101 POWER ...
105 BLUE ...
110 Critical hosp. ward
111 Part of RSVP
112 Having disembarked
113 Pluralized -y
114 Becomes smelting waste
116 Letter before theta
118 Hipbone part
119 HAND ...
123 Get the suds out of
124 10th-century German king
125 Most pointless
126 See 44-Down
127 Maximally massive
128 Certifies (to)

DOWN
1 Rally or relay
2 Far greater
3 Pieces of merchandise
4 "Tik —"
(2009 #1 hit for Keshia)
5 "Catch — You Can" (Dave Clark Five song)
6 Gain back, as trust
7 Took place as a result
8 Left
9 Aged
10 Mom's bro
11 "— Rae" (1979 film)
12 Gloomy, in poetry
13 Les — -Unis
14 Rep.'s foe
15 Abbreviate
16 Tuba's kin
17 SCHOOL ...
18 Central
19 Computers such as the Aspire and Extensa
24 Banned apple spray
29 Gene stuff
31 Enjoy a slope
33 Offed
34 "LA Ink" channel
35 Liaisons
36 Car axle, e.g.
37 France's Côte d'—
38 Gymnastics great Korbut
42 Qdoba items
43 "Take —" (office order)
44 With 126-Across, multiple-gear bicycle
46 Beethoven's Third
47 "Tom —" (1958 #1 hit)
50 Cap. of the Gem State
51 Pantry insect
52 Fed. crash investigator
54 Far out from the coast
56 Sensed
57 Film director Stanley
58 I-90, e.g.
60 Itchy skin condition
61 Up-and-comer's eventual goal
62 SUN ...
66 Sewing line
68 "What's the —?" ("Who cares?")
70 Changed the décor of
71 Writer Nin
72 Of the entire U.S., e.g.
75 Installed anew, as a carpet
78 Shape of a parenthesis
82 Hat, in slang
83 Ken and G.I. Joe, say
84 In — (unmoved)
85 Give — to (approve)
87 Coffee shop's cousin
90 Has faith
91 Non-written exam
92 Pigs' hangout
94 Freaked out
96 iPhone extra
98 #2 corp. execs
100 Suffix with hex-
102 Adorn richly
103 Maine national park
104 Guitarist Ted
105 Carnivals
106 Suffolk County town
107 Metropolis, in Milan
108 Microwaves, say
109 Ain't right?
114 Vexed state
115 Crate piece
117 Part of A&E
119 Like kings: Abbr.
120 Vegas cube
121 "— for Alibi" (Sue Grafton book)
122 Suffix with Ernest

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

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS
Jumbles: FAULT BROIL FLABBY MEASLY
Answer: When is a boat the cheapest?—WHEN IT'S A "SALE" BOAT

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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8	7	3	5	4	6	9	2	1
4	8	5	3	1	2	6	9	7
3	1	2	6	9	7	5	8	4
6	9	7	4	5	8	2	1	3
7	3	8	2	6	5	1	4	9
1	2	4	9	8	3	7	5	6
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- Young Love** - Sonny James
- Green Door** - Jim Lowe
- Moonlight Gambler** - Frankie Laine
- Young Love** - Tab Hunter
- Blueberry Hill** - Fats Domino
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Misc. For Sale 26

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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 \$376,650.18.
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.

COPIES OF 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 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE APPEALS.

This notice is published in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fenton Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to Fenton Township.

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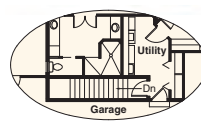
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ROBERT KRUG,
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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Ground Beef • Bacon • Cheddar
Mozzarella Cheese

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**Misc.
Wanted**

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**Lost &
Found**

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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, with one whisker being 3/4 black. He is most likely in the area of North LeRoy Street and Kellogg Drive in Fenton. The cat is microchipped and has identifying tattoo on hind leg. Call 810-853-2085 with information.

Pets

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TO A GOOD home - neutered male cat, two years old, all shots, very healthy. Small fee. Call 248-634-3071.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Felicia L Wallace, Single & Paula D Hitsman, Single to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 3, 2002 and recorded March 13, 2003 in Instrument # 200303130040337 Genesee County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$28,176.33) including interest 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on February 5, 2014 Said premises are situated in City of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 80 of Assessor's Plat of Richfield Woods, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 21, Page 31, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 3501 Huggins, Flint MI 48506 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 1/05/2014 CitiMortgage, Inc., successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-92534 Ad #65690 01/05/2014, 01/12/2014, 01/19/2014, 01/26/2014

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Todd W. Beaty a married man, and Tobi S. Beaty, his wife, who joins in the execution of this mortgage solely to subject her dower Interest and Homestead Rights to the Lien of this mortgage to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 8, 1999 and recorded July 15, 1999 in Liber 4213 Page 340 and modified by agreement dated July 26, 2011 and Recorded January 5, 2012 in Instrument # 20120105000481 Genesee County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, by assignment dated December 2, 1999 and recorded January 3, 2000 in Liber 4362, Page 145, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$14,404.87) including interest 4.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Genesee County at 10:00AM on February 5, 2014. Said premises are situated in Township of Genesee, Genesee County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26 of Woodslea Subdivision No. 1, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 32, Page 48, Genesee County Records. Commonly known as 6401 Webb Dr, Flint MI 48506 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 1/05/2014 CitiMortgage, Inc., successor by merger to First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation. Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-92692 Ad #65673 01/05/2014, 01/12/2014, 01/19/2014, 01/26/2014

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LIEN SALE

**Feb. 1st, 2014
at 11:00am**
— by sealed bid —

Anthony ParsonsSL 69
Wheel Barrow
Ladder
Lawn Tractor
Misc. Household

A minimum bid will be required.

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on Saturday, 2/1/14 at
8:00am until time of sale.**

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Brian Britton, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 8, 2006 and recorded September 25, 2006 in Instrument # 2006R-021343 and modified by agreement dated October 22, 2008 and recorded April 19, 2010 in Instrument # 2010R-011900 Livingston County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-D, by assignment dated November 14, 2013 and recorded December 2, 2013 in Instrument # 2013R-044171 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and Six Cents (\$131,400.06) including interest 6.44% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Livingston County at 10:00AM on February 5, 2014 Said premises are situated in Township of Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 4 East; thence West 8 rods; thence North 10 rods; thence East 8 rods; thence South 10 rods to the place of beginning; and containing one-half acre of land, more or less; and pursuant to a description in a deed recorded in Liber 305 on Page 431, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as 10990 Kelly, Pinckney MI 48169 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 1/05/2014 HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2006-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-D, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 13-90042 Ad #65759 01/05/2014, 01/12/2014, 01/19/2014, 01/26/2014

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

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz, and Cam Gonzalez. Absent: Trustee David Walker.
2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-2.
4. Treasurer Bunting-Smith updated the board on the status of Fenton Sand and Gravel's land deposit.
5. Approved the request of Troy and Justina Willis for a land division at 13414 Rohn Rd. as recommended by the Planning Commission.
6. Approved the board and trustee salary increases as recommended by the Salary Committee.
7. Approved the employee compensation recommendations.
8. Extended Republic's waste collection contract for the Jayne Hill Subdivision for three years.
9. Declined membership to South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEM-COG).
10. Declined participation of the Fillmore County Park project.
11. Reviewed the Welcome Packet for new residents.
12. Approved the 2013-2014 Special Funds budget as presented.
13. Approved the proposed 2014-2015 budget as revised to present at the public hearing on March 4, 2014.
14. Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

AFTER READING THE Hot lines about the Progressive Insurance commercials, I want to include Geico. No wonder insurance scams the people. We're paying for those million dollar commercials. What's a stupid commercial got to do with buying insurance. It's absurd to waste their money like that and laugh at us for the way they charge outrageous prices.

TALK ABOUT A president that can't make good military decisions — who was in power when the World Trade Center went down? Who took us into Iraq? Who took us into Afghanistan? Two wars we're still involved in. Mission accomplished.

I'M RESPONDING TO a Hot line comment about AA meetings in the Holly, Fenton and Grand Blanc area. There are NA meetings every day of the week except Sunday, 7 p.m. at Transfiguration Lutheran church or Saint Jude's Church Monday through Saturday, NA meetings are held in Fenton, 6 days a week.

HEY NEIGHBOR, 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 soon.

THE DECEPTIVELY NAMED Affordable Care Act has been controversial, is expensive and has been opposed by the majority of Americans for four years. This law is going to harm Americans with less access to healthcare and less quality. There is a reason that thousands of Brits and Canadians travel to other countries to get faster, better healthcare treatments.

I PITY THE fool who refers to the Bible as a 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.

MAYBE THE QUALITY of service at the Linden Post Office could be improved by the person in charge taking responsibility and not talking, 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 we 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 long-term trend. Apparently they forgot that all of North America was tropical at one time. All we have to do is follow the money. Even the head of the U.N's mission on climate change said it's all about wealth transfer.

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 a mistake, a truth or lie. Ever heard of factual history? How about the Dead Sea Scrolls? State your case professor.

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Morton D. "Bud" Stebbins 1934-2014

Morton D. "Bud" Stebbins - age 79, of Fenton, died January 20, 2014 at Genesys Health Park, Grand Blanc. A celebration of Bud's life will be held at a



later date. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 N. Fenton Rd, Fenton, MI 48430 or Camp Quality Michigan, P.O. Box 345, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Bud was born December 6, 1934 in Rosebush, the son of Alfred and Mildred (Ervin) Stebbins. He was a graduate of Flint Central High School and received a degree in Pharmacy from Ferris State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserves. He owned and operated Grand Blanc Printing since 1968 and formerly owned the Grand Blanc News. Bud was a member of Spring Meadows Country Club and the American Legion in Grand Blanc. He also was inducted into the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame. He was an avid deer hunter and sports fan. Bud married Karis D. Richardson April 11, 2008 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Surviving are: wife, Karis; 3 sons, Matthew and wife Rayne of Linden, Mark and wife Renee of Linden, and Michael and wife Lacy of Fenton; 2 grandchildren, Brady and Ava; brother, William and wife Hope of Fenton; sister, Debbie Lockard of Swartz Creek; father-in-law, Dennis Richardson of Farwell; special cousin, Doris Wrigley of Sun City, AZ; several nieces and nephews; and his 2 cherished four legged friends, Homer and Stella. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Joan Stebbins; and brother, David. Arrangements handled by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Deborah Gunther, Deborah Gunther - age 58, died January 21, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Courtemanche, Robert Courtemanche - age 86, died January 22, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Doris Mattingly, Doris Mattingly - age 86, died January 19, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sharon Colby, Sharon Colby - age 72, died January 19, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gerald Swain, Gerald Swain - age 80, died January 22, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sally Brasher, Sally Brasher - age 54, died January 22, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ronald Dixon, Ronald Dixon - age 56, died January 17, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Theodore Myers, Theodore Myers - age 82, died January 21, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dr. Musa Haffajee, Dr. Musa Haffajee - age 75, died January 21, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marjorie Mueller, Marjorie Mueller - age 71, died January 17, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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INGREDIENTS

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- 2 slices sandwich bread
- 3 teaspoon unsalted butter
- 2 slices ham
- 1 oz of gruyere cheese
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. On a hot skillet add a little Gruyere cheese for it to melt a little and place a bread slice on top of the cheese. It will stick to the bread.
2. Then arrange thinly sliced smoked ham over and top with more gruyere cheese. Keep in skillet until it melts.
3. In a skillet, over medium heat, melt a little piece of butter and crack an egg into the pan and cook sunny side up until it's firm and cooked to your liking. Season with salt and pepper

PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.

To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 71 years old and have been diagnosed with chronic heart failure. In October of last year, I had triple bypass surgery, but now I'm in good health. Some things I have read about chronic heart failure are unnerving. Will you give me your take on what lies ahead for me? — S.T.

ANSWER: Heart failure, chronic heart failure and congestive heart failure are the same condition. It's one of the most common reasons why older people are hospitalized. 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 heart failure's cardinal feature — gasping for breath on even slight exertion. Other signs of heart failure are breathlessness when lying in bed, heart enlargement, seen on X-rays, and the doctor's discovery of lung sounds that indicate the lungs have fluid in them. Numerous conditions lead to heart failure. At the top of the list is coronary artery disease, the blockage of heart arteries that often brings on a heart attack. This must be why your heart failed. You did have surgery to correct blocked heart arteries, but they did their damage well before surgery took place. Heart valve problems, high blood pressure and atrial fibrillation are other causes of heart failure. Medicines usually can get the heart beating with greater vigor and can lessen or abolish most symptoms. Anything that affects heart function must be treated. High blood pressure, for example, has to be lowered. You might think that inactivity is best for your heart — it isn't. Your doctor will outline a program that keeps you active to the level that your heart can tolerate. Walking is one example, but more strenuous exercise is encouraged when your heart becomes stronger. You should be on a low-salt diet. You ought not to be discouraged about your outlook. The life span of people with congestive heart failure has increased by 15 percent in men and by 5 percent in women in just the past decade. The increment in women's life span is smaller because women live longer, on average, than men.

ASK **Amy**
Amy Dickinson

Sorority sisters not real friends

DEAR AMY: I joined a sorority in college and afterward maintained contact with all of the members. Recently a bunch of the girls got married. Everyone in our social group was invited except me. When my wedding came around, none of the group showed up or even sent congratulations. I discussed this with a very close friend in our group. She said she experienced the same thing. We realized we had one thing in common. We had a disagreement with one of the girls, and we believe she started this alienation. The disagreement, though, was minor, and she still continues to talk to me as if nothing is wrong. How do I approach this? I want to confront her because I don't feel I should have to pretend that everything is OK. — Just Trying to Understand

DEAR TRYING: There are times when pretending that everything is OK might be called for. This isn't one of those times. You should at least attempt to confront the 'Queen Bee' — and then you should definitely move on. But Queen Bee isn't the only problem — every single one of these women has done her part. Stop thinking of these women as a monolithic group, and start approaching them as individuals. If there are individual women you would like to stay in touch with, then do so. Catch up with the others at reunions.

DEAR AMY: I happened upon a great guy while studying abroad. After returning to the U.S., nearly daily contact galvanized me over the subsequent years to find opportunities to visit him. He was never comfortable with my proposal to call him my 'boyfriend,' yet there was always a clear implication of mutual monogamy. Recently during a drunken lapse of judgment I kissed a complete stranger. I felt I owed my boyfriend a confession. I apologized for my mistake, but he has not communicated with me since. He has admitted to more than a stray kiss before, so I can appreciate how he must be feeling — but this is not the first time he has cut off communication with me. His silence is debilitating, but I still believe giving up on each other would be a lifelong mistake. — Hopelessly Impaled

DEAR IMPALED: This man is not your boyfriend (according to him). He does not require (or deserve) a confession about a stray kiss. His silence is not impaling you. It is setting you free, because this relationship does not have a future.

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DVDs and movies released this week

CAPTAIN PHILLIPS

Captain Phillips is a multi-layered examination of the 2009 hijacking of the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama by a crew of Somali pirates. It is - through director Paul Greengrass's distinctive lens - simultaneously a pulse-pounding thriller, and a complex portrait of the myriad effects of globalization. The film focuses on the relationship between the Alabama's commanding officer, Captain Richard Phillips (two time Academy Award (R)-winner Tom Hanks), and the Somali pirate captain, Muse (Barkhad Abdi), who takes him hostage. Phillips and Muse are set on an unstoppable collision course when Muse and his crew target Phillips' unarmed ship; in the ensuing standoff, 145 miles off the Somali coast, both men will find themselves at the mercy of forces beyond their control. PG-13, 2 hr. 14 min. The film is directed by Academy Award (R) nominee Paul Greengrass, from a screenplay by Billy Ray based upon the book, A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, and Dangerous Days at Sea, by Richard Phillips with Stephan Talty. The film is produced by Scott Rudin, Dana Brunetti, and Michael De Luca.

MACHETE KILLS

In Machete Kills, Danny Trejo returns as ex-Federale agent Machete, who is recruited by the President of the United States for a mission which would be impossible for any mortal man - he must take down a madman revolutionary and an eccentric billionaire arms dealer who has hatched a plan to spread war and anarchy across the planet. R, 1 hr. 48 min.

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