Teen driver thought he was heading home

Fatal crash investigation: Police await lab results, identifying and questioning underage partygoers

By Sharon Stone

Police have learned more information about the circumstances leading up to a fatal head-on crash on northbound U.S. 23 in Mundy Township on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 10:15 p.m.

Det. Mike Neering of the Mundy Township Police Department has been investigating the crash that killed Mariah Bailey-Collins, 35, of Mt. Morris. Bryan Collins, Mariah’s husband of less than a week, was driving their Chevy Cobalt and her 11-year-old son was in the backseat. Bryan was seriously injured.

Lake Spa could have ties with organized crime in Chicago

Possibility prompts federal investigation

By Sharon Stone

The Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office continues to investigate illegal activity that allegedly took place at Lake Spa, on Torrey Road in Fenton. This week, during a presentation on human trafficking, Prosecutor David Leyton told the Genesee County Board of Commissioners that he believes the spa had ties to organized crime.

“The investigation is ongoing. Authorities are trying to determine if there is a connection to an organized trafficking ring out of Chicago,” said Leyton.

Wanted: 200 families to adopt

While James Hodson of Fenton fills out an application, his wife Kristyn holds their new family member, Penny, a chihuahua mix.

Beat addiction

Former addict uses his life experience to help others

By Sally Rummel

At age 50, Stephen Handley wears his age well, works professionally in a career he loves and enjoys active hobbies like fishing and horseback riding.

You would never know that just five years ago, he was a dope fiend.

“Now I’m a hopeless dope fiend. I used to be a hopeless dope fiend. I used to be a dope fiend.”

Stephen Handley, substance abuse counselor and former addict

From here to New Orleans— in a day

Fenton buses travel more than 1,000 miles daily in a 37-square-mile school district

By William Axford

Fenton bus drivers cover 1,100 miles picking up and dropping off half the district’s 3,478 students. That’s enough miles to travel from Fenton to New Orleans in one day and an impressive feat, considering the school district’s 17 bus routes in a 37-square-mile school district.

BUSING BY THE NUMBERS

FENTON

• 1,000,900 budget

• Fleet of 26 buses, averaging 13 years each

• 50 percent of students ride buses

• 189,600 miles driven annually

• 32,900 gallons of diesel fuel consumed annually

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Lake Ponemah Access
$60,000

2 lots $24,000

This large 2 story home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths located in Andover Woods.
DRUNK AND DISORDERLY
At 11:50 p.m. on Feb. 15, Fenton police responded to a parking lot in the 1000 block of North Road in reference to a male yelling. Upon arrival, police were directed to an apartment where they made contact with a male matching the description of the one yelling. Police had prior knowledge of this man and took him into custody for an outstanding warrant. Once in custody he became disorderly. A PBT revealed a .25 percent blood alcohol content. He was transported to the county jail to be arraigned on the prior warrant. He now faces a disorderly intoxication charge.

MAILBOXES DAMAGED
On Tuesday, Feb. 18, a Fenton man who lives on Whispering Winds Trail reported to Fenton police that his mailbox was damaged during the nighttime hours between Feb. 16 and 17. The man said other mailboxes near his were also damaged.

Local Humane Society saves animals from cruelty, finds homes for thousands

By Tim Jagielo
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Burton — From the walls of the Humane Society of Genesee County (HSGC), barks, meows and the call-calling whistle of a cockatiel issue forth. It’s a busy day at the adoption center, as 17 new “parents” filtered through to pick up their spayed/neutered pets, after papers were signed this past weekend. That afternoon, Lorne Girling of Burton with his brother Mark, picked up a rat terrier mix that will likely be named Cleetis, and left with smiles.

James and Kristyn Hodson of Fenton came looking for a new family member to compliment their two children, and left with Penny, a lovable, brindle-colored Chihuahua mix.

Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?
Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease. Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness, burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease at www.flintveins.com

HUMANE HEROS

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Random royal thoughts

The biggest issue most people have with the Winter Olympics is that these are not sports most of us have played with any regularity, if ever.

Speaking of the Olympics, Women’s Biathlon is a great sport and there should be more of it. Young, beautiful women in skin-tight outfits — with guns. What’s not to like?

Only in America could the vast majority of ‘poor’ people be grossly overweight smokers.

Speaking of the Olympics, another issue I have is that so many of the events have only one or two competitors competing at the same time, against the clock. It’s like watching the Kentucky Derby and seeing one horse at a time run around the track and then comparing times to see who wins.

Butt cracks are like fingerprints — no two are alike.

Speaking of the Olympics, I once heard curling described as sliding car batteries on sheets of ice as long as a good-size supermarket aisle, with accuracy, clever tactics, sound strategy and answering sportsmanship.

It’s Canadian, so where’s the beer?

President Obama recently said, ‘I want to extend unemployment insurance to help people get back on their feet.’ Uh, pardon me Mr. President, but an unemployment check doesn’t allow you to get back on your feet, it allows you to get back on your butt.

Speaking of the Olympics, if you were a blind man watching (listening to) any of the 291 hours of Curling that have been available to date on NBC, you would think the Curlers were chiseled athletes hunting down a steep, icy track — lives at risk if their attention falters — dressed in futuristic, cutting-edge, protective clothing. Those announcers are good!

Have you noticed how many clerks are now demanding our phone number or zip code when we check out — even on a cash sale? They don’t even look up from the cash register; they just ask ‘phone number?’ or ‘zip code?’ as if it was a completely logical request. If a stranger stopped you on the street and demanded your driver’s license, phone number or zip code you certainly wouldn’t give it to them. I see no difference.

Speaking of the Olympics, those who participate in Luge are called — and this is not untrue — Luggers (pronounced ‘LOO-zers’), get it?

Formula used to calculate the date of Easter: Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. The date cannot come before March 22, or after April 25. Easter is on Sunday, April 20 this year.

Speaking of the Olympics, I always get this wrong, so I assume everyone else does. ‘Prone’ is lying face-down. ‘Supine’ is lying face-up. I learned this from watching the LOO-zers lugging on their luges.

Readers write

Polar Plunge

Dear Editor:

My name is Charley Holcomb and I am 10 years old. I am a fifth-grader at Tornet Elementary and today I read ‘Polar plunge’ in the Tri-County Times. This article was about people jumping into frigid water to raise money for the Special Olympics. I enjoyed reading this article because it took place where I live and it had parts in it that made me laugh. It’s funny how the people dress up! Lastly, I enjoyed this because they are using the money they raise for a good cause.

I think that kids my age might read the paper more if there are more articles like this, because it shows that people can do fun and daring things for a great cause.

Also who doesn’t like people in funny costumes jumping in ice cold waters?! Last, but not least, this article deals with real life and shows that people can do things they never imagined, like being in the Olympics. It’s not every day that you can change a life.

Sincerely, Charley Holcomb

avid reader

What is a fair monthly health insurance premium for a couple?

“I think $130 for a couple sounds reasonable.”

— Blair Miller

Linden

“Probably $300 to $400. It’s kind of high but less than what some people pay.”

— Cassie Hawkins

Holly Township

“$300 to $400 a month.”

— Stacy Cooper

Linden

“Around $600 seems fair for two people.”

— Derek Carroll

Byron

“Health care should be universal for people 70 and older.”

— Jack McDowell

Fenton Township

“It should be a percentage based on your income.”

— April Reese

Tyrone Township

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What is a fair monthly health insurance premium for a couple?
Township officials ask citizens for ideas on township's oldest building

By Amy Mayhew
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Rose Twp. — Since the early 1900s, Rose Township’s sole historical building has served many purposes. It’s been a place for Sunday worship, a place where farmers would meet to break bread after a long day in the fields, a general social gathering spot for card-playing citizens, and most recently, it served as the former Rose Township offices and the place from which elections were run.

Built in 1882, the former Rose Township Hall sits on the west side of Milford Road, just east of the new 9080 Mason Street facility that currently houses the township offices.

Longtime Rose Township resident Peg Thorsby remembers the building fondly as she and another friend and their children walked the railroad tracks into Rose Center to attend church conducted by Fredrick Burnett, a Baptist minister who served the community between 1914 and 1948.

“You couldn’t do that these days — that would be a no-no,” Thorsby said of walking the tracks. “But the building always served as a social gathering spot in some way or another — it was a great place for people to go back in those days.”

Elected officials moved from their home offices into the old township hall in 1998. In 2005, the township purchased and began renovations on the building that now serves as the township offices on Mason Street. Township staffers moved into the new digs in 2007, and since that time, the former township hall has remained vacant.

“Since I’ve been here, we’ve had a lot of people asking what we’re going to do with (the old township hall),” Supervisor Paul Gambka said during the Feb. 12 meeting. “I’ve heard everything from tearing it down to making it into a library or a senior center.”

Gambka said he is in favor of forming an ad hoc committee on the matter, made up of four or five concerned Rose Township citizens.

“I would be interested in seeing what the people want to do with this historical building,” he said.

Clerk Debbie Miller agreed. “It’s our only historical building — I don’t want to see it torn down,” she said. “I would like to see it turned into a library or a senior center,” she said. “I think we need to preserve it.”

Those interested in taking a seat on the ad hoc committee are asked to contact the Rose Township Offices from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at (248) 634-7551.
Do you see what I see?

Vision therapy can help all ages with common problems or difficulty reading

If your child has difficulty with reading in school, glasses aren’t always the answer.

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**ADDICTION**

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ago, he ended a 30-year streak of drug use that ripped through two marriages, two children, two houses, three $80,000-a-year jobs, his driver’s license for 10 years and his freedom.

But Handley’s story today paints a far different picture of hope for others in the throes of addiction, whether it’s to nicotine, caffeine, prescription drugs or street drugs like heroin and cocaine.

“Everyone on the planet has some kind of addiction,” said Handley, who now spends his days and evenings as a substance abuse counselor at Flint Odyssey House. “It’s just that some addictions make your life more miserable than others. Addiction doesn’t discriminate. It doesn’t care about your age, gender or socio-economic class.”

Handley began using marijuana and alcohol in his early teens, to escape his feeling of not belonging every time his family made a career move to a new town. “No one ever knew my secret,” he said. “I graduated in the top 10% of my class, went home to Kettering and landed at Ford Motor Co. as an executive by the time I was 30. No one knew I was doing cocaine and drinking to cope with the stress.”

That’s the main reason Handley said that people use drugs. “They feel better when they’re using, so that’s the behavior they continue until the consequences are greater than the pleasure they get,” said Handley. “A person has to reach their own ‘rock bottom’ before they decide they need to get help.”

Handley’s own personal “rock bottom” came in the last 10 years of his drug use, from 1998 to 2009, when he had begun smoking crack cocaine after years of snorting the drug. “Cocaine and alcohol were the drugs that took me down the hardest,” said Handley, who also admits he snorted meth a few times when he couldn’t find cocaine. “That’s really nasty stuff.”

Between 2002 and 2008, he had another failed marriage under his belt (his first wife left him in 2000, after he got caught using cocaine at Ford and was locked up for 30 days), lost two jobs and had four DUIs.

He ended up in prison from Aug. 17, 2009 to Dec. 10, 2010, and that’s where he found out “I need to fix ME” and put his own desire for sobriety ahead of any other goals. “Addiction is a disease of the mind, body and the spirit,” he said. “If you don’t address all three, you’re not going to beat addiction.”

Today, Handley celebrates his life and recovery, and works hard so that others have the hope of recovery also. “I’ve been clean for 4 ½ years, there’s no going back. My job now is to help others help themselves.”

In addition to his counseling work, Handley is also involved in the local Community Parent, Inc., which sponsors the “Chasing the Dragon” program in area schools; Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholic Anonymous, with meetings held locally at Transfiguration Lutheran Church and St. Jude’s Episcopal Church and Soberfest in Flint, a clean sober softball tournament held annually in July.

**POLICE**

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**BREAK-IN ON WINDSOR BEACH**

On Feb. 18, a resident in the 14000 block of Windsor Beach in Fenton Township reported a breaking and entering, without force. The homeowner reported that someone stole an air compressor and miscellaneous tools from his garage.

**BREAK-IN ON MINNETONKA**

On Feb. 13, a deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department responded to a home in the 4000 block of Minnetonka in Fenton Township to investigate a breaking and entering, without force. The homeowner reported that someone stole an air compressor and miscellaneous tools from his garage.

**BREAK-IN ON BUTCHER ROAD**

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Genesee County Sheriff’s Department deputies responded to a home in the 1300 block of Butcher Road to investigate a breaking and entering, without force, complaint. The homeowner said someone made entry into the garage and home. The intruder stole an air compressor from the garage and a wallet from the home.

**SHOTGUN FROM UNLOCKED AUTO**

On Feb. 8, a resident from the 12000 block of Linden Road in Fenton Township reported that his registered stainless steel Ruger 45-automatic handgun had been stolen from his vehicle. There were no signs of forced entry. The resident told the deputy with the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department that he kept the unloaded firearm underneath his front seat. The weapon was entered into LEIN as stolen.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

TO THE PERSON who posted that all they have to do is set up a ramp that would flatten your tires if you went the wrong way on the entrance ramp. I thought of that too but you also have to have some kind of barrier that comes up with flashing lights for the traffic that’s getting off so they don’t hit the car with the flattened tires.

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**TO THE POOR**

fact-disabled Romne y hailer, check your facts. Romney pulled 70 percent of the companies out of bankruptcy under his management. The facts are the facts.

**LAKE SPA**

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Based on allegations that the spa was offering more than just innocent spa services last September, an investigation was initiated by the Fenton Police Department. Police had received complaints that prostitution activity was taking place.

As part of the police investigation, members of the Flint Area Narcotics Group (FANG), working undercover, went to the spa last November and confirmed that acts of prostitution were being offered to customers. This violates Michigan’s nuisance abatement law.

FANG executed a search warrant in December and located five people, including two masseuses, an elderly Asian woman who appeared to be running the spa and two male customers, who both admitted to paying for sexual acts.

Following the raid in December, the lease was terminated and business has not existed at this address. The property owner reportedly was unaware of activity taking place in this rented space and now has it listed as new rental space.
Before there was Obamacare...

How modern health insurance began in the U.S.

By Tim Jagielo

The back story of what eventually became Blue Cross doesn’t sound that unfamiliar today — costs to hospitals were increasing and patient debt was accumulating — up into the $1,000s during the Great Depression. The first public health plans were started in Europe, said University of Michigan-Flint associate professor Max Mendiesta. His focus is on public health, in the health care administration program. To find out where health insurance came from in the U.S., you have to head down to Dallas, Texas, in the 1920s, and pour over texts assembled in 1978, chronicling the history of the Baylor University Medical Center, which is still a leading healthcare provider today. Baylor was the first to create a “Sick benefit plan,” to allow patients to pay a monthly fee, for future medical costs. Baylor’s bottom line was suffering during the Great Depression, enough that the hospital was in danger of folding, according to Baylor University. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, by Lana Henderson. The financial crisis of the hospital was discussed by Baylor University, and hospital administration. They decided to offer a “sick benefit plan,” which would allow patients to sign up to pay a set amount each month, to pay for future medical costs. This plan worked at Baylor before — when it was offered to teachers in the Dallas area during the Spanish Flu outbreak in 1918. This developed into the blue print for what they called “The Baylor Plan,” when it became known nationally. The plan started with the teachers, covering them for the first 21 days of illness not covered by their district plan. The first person to use the “Baylor Plan” was Alma Dickson — she fell and fractured an ankle in 1929. Under the plan, anything and everything was covered while they were in the hospital; there were no set benefits at the time. Enrolling teachers in the plan led to staff at The Dallas Morning News, and then to local banks. Ironically, Baylor had to fight against insurance companies, and even the state attorney general to offer these plans, which they won through the Texas legislature. The plan was picked up out of state, and still was met with resistance from parts of the medical community. By 1934, 10,000 were signed up under the Baylor Plan, and many other hospital systems had plans of their own. The American Hospital Association wanted to unite all the different the plans under one, where patients could get same care, whichever hospital they used. Because the Baylor Plan was the biggest, a central office was established, electing one of the original pushers of the plan as the lead administrator. The name selected for the national organization — Blue Cross. By 1940, five million used the Blue Cross plan, and Blue Shield was created for regular doctor visits. As established, Blue Cross/Blue Shield is a non-profit organization ran by volunteer trustees. The Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan still needed a catalyst to truly go nationwide, according to the NPR (news) story, and WWII was that catalyst. More workers for the war effort meant funding them in with better employment packages, like offering healthcare as part of a salary. Mendiesta said that because of the support given by the IRS to businesses that supply health benefits, and efforts from the unions, health insurance came to be expected with “good” jobs in the U.S. A few decades and federal tax decisions later and 70 percent of the population had coverage as of 1970. Employees came to expect it as part of good jobs, and thus became the system we have today. The NPR article stressed, “there’s nothing natural or inevitable about it. Instead, (historians) see it as the profound result of historical accidents.” So how did we change from simply paying a flat fee to a hospital each month, to the complex system we have today? To Mendiesta, it’s a reflection of how our government works — incrementally, slowly, with lots of different voices affecting the process. Each year, new rules are added, which accumulate over time. “It’s like building layers upon layers of regulation...I think it’s all well-intended,” he said. Like the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or Obamacare, it started as an idea, and was affected, in his opinion by everyone involved, and became a watered down version of what it was intended. To him, the best thing about the ACA is making preventative care instead of consuming healthcare as a product when one becomes sick. “Right now we are fixing problems at back-end,” he said. “As a country we’re re-framing the conversation.”
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BUSES
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Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) district is only 37 square miles.
For superintendent Timothy Jalkanen, the 189,600 miles traveled annually is a necessary expense for the district.
“Our parents and students rely on this bus service,” said Jalkanen, adding that the buses are also used for a variety of athletic events and field trips. “With this many students riding the bus, it greatly reduces traffic at the schools and surrounding roads. Not only does it help with traffic congestion but also increases safety for our students.”

That peace of mind for school officials and parents comes with a $1,000,900 price tag that includes 32,900 gallons of fuel, $186,000 in parts and fuel, 17 bus drivers and two mechanics. Transportation may become more expensive for the school district with most of the buses averaging 13 years of use and some as much as 18 years.

School officials are hoping to replace the district’s aging fleet by passing a new bond proposal in the May or November election. Two bond proposals, which would have included purchasing new buses, were voted down in 2012. In a 2012 Times article, Doug Busch, director of finance, said the average price of a new school bus is roughly $80,000.

Like Fenton, Holly Area Schools controls its own busing rather than outsourcing. Transportation Director Debbie Mentier said bus drivers in Holly’s 124-square-mile school district cover more than 500,000 miles a year. Holly’s budget comes at $2,261,000 a year. Roughly 65 percent of the 3,415 students ride buses to and from school. One of the largest busing districts in the state, Holly schools uses 70,000 gallons of diesel fuel annually and has nearly 40 bus drivers.

Unlike Fenton, Holly schools leases its buses on a two-year cycle, which Mentier said greatly reduces maintenance costs.
“We’re really fortunate. We have top of the line routing software, GPS, cameras—we have what we need to operate well,” Mentier said.

Lake Fenton Community Schools and Linden Community Schools privatized their busing services through First Student. Linden schools’ budgets $1.1 million for busing and roughly half of the 3,974 students ride the bus, which annually covers about 200,000 miles and consumes 36,500 gallons of diesel fuel. Linden’s fleet includes 23 buses that have an average age of 4.5 years.

According to a 2005 Times article, privatizing busing services with Linden schools saved Lake Fenton schools $40,000 annually. Superintendent Wayne Wright said busing was privatized at Lake Fenton sometime in the mid 1990s and has since then saved the school district thousands of dollars.

Busing by the Numbers

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• Staff includes 17 bus drivers, five sub drivers, two bus aides and two mechanics
• Buses operated by district, transportation controlled by district

HOLLY
• $2,261,000 budget
• 65 percent of students ride buses
• Fleet of 33 buses, leased every two years
• More than 500,000 miles driven annually
• 70,000 gallons of diesel consumed annually
• 25 routes in a 124-square-mile school district
• Staff includes 36 drivers, six bus attendants, two mechanics and an assistant supervisor
• Transportation controlled by district

Linden
• $1.1 million budget
• Fleet of 23 buses, averaging 4.5 years each
• 50 percent of students ride buses
• 200,000 miles driven annually
• 36,500 gallons of diesel fuel consumed annually
• 19 routes in a 50-square-mile school district
• Staff and buses are privatized through First Student

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and Mariah’s son was critically injured.
The crash occurred just north of the Torrey Road overpass, when a Chevy Impala, driven by an 18-year-old Swartz Creek male, struck the Collins’ car head-on. Beginning two minutes prior to the crash, 911 dispatch had received calls from motorists saying there was a car going the wrong way on the highway.
The teen driver sustained minor injuries. Suspecting that he had been drinking, police detained the teen at the county jail after being checked for injuries. A preliminary breath test was administered and blood samples have been sent to the crime lab for analysis.

Although there has been speculation as to the teen’s blood alcohol content on the night of the crash, Neering has not released any findings. He is waiting for the toxicology report from the crime lab before he submits the case to the prosecutor’s office. These test results are necessary for an arrest warrant to be issued.

Mariah’s funeral was held on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14 and her husband and son are both recovering from their serious injuries.

Since the crash, Neering has been trying to piece together the events that led up to the teen getting on the highway at Grand Blanc Road and going the wrong direction.
“We have learned that there was an underage party,” said Neering. The department is in the process of identifying everyone who was at that party and following up with interviews. Neering is also trying to determine where the alcohol came from.

Neering declined to say where the party was held and police are unsure as to exactly how many partygoers attended. From what the teen told police, Neering believes the teen thought he was driving home.
The case remains under investigation.
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The HSGC is an independent organization, not affiliated with the Michigan Humane Society (MHS). They are like Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, which relies on volunteers and donations. Project manager Terry Ashley said the facility can hold up to 200 animals at once, and there might be a little more room for dogs.

She said they’re to the end of the puppy season, and in March kitten season starts, meaning they’ll have an influx of kittens. “We’ll be getting lots of kittens brought in soon, and people bring them in box loads, sometimes people leave them by our backdoor,” she said. If they become full, they’ll refer them to another shelter.

In 2013, the HSGC adopted out 1,600 animals according to a recent newsletter. Each animal is spayed/neutered, wormed and microchipped before leaving. Friendly dogs with bad manners are given some training before leaving. They are temperament tested to be matched with the right home.

In the large, sunny atrium of the building, larger, gregarious dogs greet visitors right away, including Manny, a very friendly, but deaf pit bull with a bad ear cropping. “They’re wonderful dogs,” she said. “We’ve had Winky and Manny up at the front desk so people can be greeted by them.”

Ashley said that they do not take in aggressive or dangerous animals, and despite some misinformation, animals are kept until they are adopted out; they aren’t euthanized after a deadline. She said though, that some animals that become aggressive while in care will be put down if they aren’t safe, and very sick animals can also be euthanized, if they can’t be helped.

Fees start at $25, and run from $75 to $125 for a dog. Puppies and some purebreds will cost more. Applicants fill out a form, and most that apply will be able to get a pet — though the potential owner’s housing and family will be assessed.

Many of the animals taken in by the adoption center were relinquished by owners, and some (131 in 2012) are seized by the HSGC anti-cruelty officer. In all, the HSGC has about 18 employees, and many volunteers. Adoptions have also been in the news lately.

This week, the (MHS) Cruelty Investigation Department and emergency Rescue in Detroit team slept outside in dog houses on Tuesday to bring attention to animals neglected in cold weather.

Even the Olympic Games in Sochi have brought a little world-focus on adopting animals — some Olympians are staying in Sochi longer just to adopt some of the stray puppies, which led to the twitter hashtag #sochistrays.

Shelter manager Kristin Cole takes Manny, a deaf but friendly pitbull for a walk with Julianna Monroe, who is semi-serious about adopting another dog, preferably a pitbull.

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Top teams putting up a good fight for No. 1

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Now this is fun.

It’s late February and we have a classic battle for the No. 1 spot on the Tri-County Winter Top Five Poll.

We have two teams that are clearly ahead of the rest of the class. One team is the Lake Fenton wrestlers and the other is the Holly girls basketball team. For most of this season, the Holly girls have been atop the poll. Last week, the Blue Devils moved on top. Who is No. 1 entering Friday night’s events? Well, read on and find out.

No. 5 - Fenton girls basketball: Goodrich ended Fenton’s eight-game winning streak, but the Tigers are still the overwhelming second-best team in the Metro. The Tigers played undefeated Holly on Friday, and could get them in the district title game next Friday as well.

No. 4 - Holly boys basketball: The Bronchos zoomed back in the top five by capturing at least a co-Metro championship by defeating Lapeer West and Kearsley this week. If the Bronchos beat Fenton on Friday night, they captured the title outright. The scary thing is the Bronchos won their crown with a very young team. Virtually everyone should be back next year.

No. 3 - Fenton boys swim:
The Tigers should capture the Flint Metro League swim meet title this weekend, and that will boost their credentials as a major player to possibly sneak into the top two. Fenton finished the regular season unbeaten and with a runner-up finish in the county meet.

No. 2 - Holly girls basketball: What an amazing season for the Bronchos. As we type this, the squad is 19-0 and the outright champions in the Metro League. The squad started strong and has continued that pace throughout the season.

The only thing standing in the Bronchos’ way for a perfect 20-0 regular season were the Fenton Tigers at Fenton on Friday night.

But that could qualify as their toughest game of the season, so getting it won’t be easy. Check the weekend edition or go to www.tctimes.com to find out the results of that game.

Districts start on Wednesday for Holly against either Linden or Brandon. A win there will put them in Friday’s title game against either Grand Blanc or Fenton. It should be an entertaining week.

No. 1 - Lake Fenton wrestling: The Blue Devils competed against Dundee in the Wrestling Team State Championships on Friday night. For those results read the weekend edition of the paper or check www.tctimes.com. It is the team’s second trip to the team state meet in four years. The Blue Devils were underdogs going into the match with the defending state champions, but they were underdogs against Birch Run when they defeated them for a regional crown. It’s going to be tough for someone to topple the Blue Devils.
Holly girls win first outright title since 1983

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Flint — Holly seniors Abby Lewandowski and Allyssa Copley have been close to winning Metro League girls basketball championships. But in the past, the Bronchos have fallen agonizingly short of that goal.

On Wednesday, that all changed. The Holly varsity girls basketball team captured its first outright Metro League championship since 1983 by defeating Flushing Kearsley 46-27. About 24 hours earlier, a 51-35 victory against Lapeer West earned the Bronchos their first co-Metro crown since 1993.

“Coming here as a freshman, starting on varsity my freshman year, we wanted to win it then. It just took four years to do it,” Copley said. “And from the very beginning I told you we are going to win FMLS and we did it. I am so happy, it’s not even funny.”

“We know how it feels to lose, and I think that helps us with wanting to win it more. I had to deal with it for two years. Some of our girls had to deal with it only once. I think we were like we are not going to have that feeling again, and we’re going to come out and work hard.”

“It means the world,” Lewandowski said. “I know every single one of these girls worked their butt off in practice every single day. It feels good to win tonight, but a win on Friday would be even nicer.”

A victory on Friday against Fenton would end the Bronchos’ season at 20-0. To find the results of that game check elsewhere in this section or go to www.tctimes.com.

“Of course we want the perfect season,” Copley said. “It’s going to be a great game on Friday. Fenton is a great team and we are a great team.”

The outright clincher didn’t come as easy as probably expected against a two-win Kearsley squad, who seemed eager to make life tough for the Lady Bronchos. With the aid of two buckets, a free throw and two assists by Copley, the Bronchos took an early 10-0 lead. In fact, it was a Copley three-pointer that made it a 10-0 edge with 1:50 left in the first quarter. Holly eventually took a 14-5 lead into the second quarter.

Life got tougher for Holly’s offense in the second quarter, managing just seven points. However, the Bronchos’ defense forced Kearsley to just one field goal during the period, allowing the Bronchos to take a 21-8 lead into halftime.

Any thoughts of a quick blowout were dashed, as the Brookie faced the team that beat them twice this year.

The Bronchos (12-3, 14-4) can feel even better about the championship considering they put some of their best games consecutively to capture the crown. A day after defeating Lapeer West in a battle of undefeateds by leading the entire game, the Bronchos did the same against Kearsley, leading the entire game.

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Bronscho’s boys clinch share of crown vs. Kearsley

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Holly — At the start of the season, Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis knew his team was talented, but he did have one great concern.

“My biggest concern was if we could win a title with only one senior in our top 10,” Baylis said. “I don’t think it’s every happened. But we did.”

The Bronchos certainly did.

Holly captured at least a co-Metro League championship on Wednesday, defeating Kearsley 66-52 at Holly High School. The title is Holly’s first since 2009, when the Bronchos also earned a co-championship.

“It feels good, no doubt about it,” Baylis said. “I try to take everything with a grain of salt and just go to work each day, but there are times when you get a chance to reflect, and it does feel good.”

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Bronchos buck West in battle for first place, 65-47

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Holly — Jake Daniels can look pretty unassuming after a basketball game. He’s not one to proclaim to the world his abilities or demand attention once the contest is over.

But when he’s on the basketball court, the Holly junior realizes there are times when he needs to stand out.

Monday night was one of those days.

Daniels scored all of his game-high 27 points in the opening three quarters, leading the Holly Bronchos to the brink of their first Metro League championship since 2009 during a battle of first-place teams. The Bronchos defeated Lapeer West for the second time this season, this time earning a 65-47 win.

And while the Bronchos’ entire team showed a champions’ poise more than they had all season long in the critical victory against West, it was Daniels who stood out most, as he quite frequently does. Daniels scored his game-high 27 points on sizzling 11-of-14 shooting, which included five three-pointers in the mix. He never took another shot after the third quarter, but never had to. By then his shooting had the Bronchos up 51-32, cruising to a victory that put Holly a win away of at least a co-Metro title.

“Big players have to make big plays and have good games,” Daniels said. “I couldn’t do it without my teammates, all of the confidence they give me. They give me the ball and all the credit goes to my teammates for getting the shot.”

“That’s just who he is. He comes to play,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said. “I don’t think I’ve ever yelled at the kid in my life because he plays hard… He plays on defense and he plays on offense. He works hard and is a team player. He’s everything you want in a basketball player.”

He was on Monday. Daniels dropped 12 of Holly’s 16 first-quarter points, helping the Bronchos streak out to a 16-6 lead after the first period.

However, that wasn’t uncommon between the two foes. In their first match-up, the Bronchos frequently took double-digit leads only to squander them before eventually pulling off a 67-64 road victory. But this wasn’t a repeat performance. This time the Bronchos kept control of the contest after taking the early lead.

The closest the Panthers got after the first quarter was eight points at 29-21 after a three-pointer by Hunter Sharrard with 1:02 left until the half. However, Daniels responded with a 23-foot jumper near the top of the key and Adam Tooley hit a three-pointer after a West bucket, putting the Bronchos up 35-23.

“When he hit that deep three in the first half, I never seen a gym get silent like that in disbelief,” Baylis said. “I didn’t know how far out he was, but I was in disbelief as well.”

In the second half, the Bronchos showed the poise of a champion, fighting off anything that resembled a West challenge. West got as close as 42-32 after a hoop and converted free throw by Greg McGeary, but Daniels was there to end that threat, scoring his only five points of the third quarter on the Bronchos’ next two possessions. The first three came on his final trey of the game and the next came on his own steal followed by his breaking layup. Holly led 47-32 with 2:38 left in the contest, and the Panthers never seriously threatened again.

The Bronchos entered the season with as much talent as anyone, but they were extremely young. And, frequently the team showed that youth with chaotic mood swings. However, that problem was more than solved last night.

“We’re better how we handle pressure when we are in a close game,” said Logan Spiker, one of two seniors on Holly’s team. See FIRST on 19A

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out in the third quarter never materialized. The Hornets kept the Holly lead usually between 10 and 12 points during the quarter, cutting the gap to 32-22 with a hoop by Tammie Foster. However, that’s as close as Kearsley would get.

The Bronchos dominated the fourth quarter. It started with a Kailyn Smith steal and dish to Jenna Pepper for a breaking layup and a foul. She converted the free throw, and Holly led 35-22. About 26 seconds later, Copley assisted a Smith six-foot shot, putting the Holly lead to 37-22. Holly’s defense continued to be stingy during the quarter, holding Kearsley to just one field goal and forcing the Hornets to seven turnovers. Kearsley had 30 turnovers in the contest.

The game marked the 12th time in 19 games in which Holly held their opponents to 30 or less points.

“Our defense has made our team what it is,” Lewandowski said. “And everyone is a leader in their own way. We have captains, but everyone steps up and is a leader when others are down.”

The offense struggled a bit Wednes-

day, but Holly still scored at least 11 points in three of the four quarters, and had eight players score. They also turned the ball over just 13 times.

“It’s just their willingness of all the kids to share the ball,” said Holly coach David Hall. “They don’t have a problem with someone shooting the ball if it’s a good shot. They love it when somebody makes a good decision. The biggest thing is how they root for each other, too.”

Smith led the Bronchos with 15 points, seven rebounds and three steals, while Copley had 12 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. Lewandowski finished with five points, while Brooke Jackman and Paige Reid netted four points each. Reid also had five rebounds and three steals. Along with Copley and Lewandowski, Kate Ordway was the other senior on the team. She had four steals and two points off the bench.

“I’m happy for the kids. I’m happy for Holly,” Hall said. “I’m glad any time those kids walk into the gym, they’ll see something that defines their time here. The last two to three years we’ve had opportunities to be co-champs and we can up short, so it was nice for the two seniors to get it here.”
Powers’ Grimes continues a family tradition

Fenton resident headed to CMU to play football

By David Troppens

Trent Grimes has a family tradition when it comes to Central Michigan University. “My mom and dad went there, and my uncle Mark (Hopkins) played football there,” Grimes said. So it shouldn’t come as much of a shock when the Fenton resident and Powers Catholic senior was offered a chance to continue his football career as a Chippewa, he seized the opportunity. Grimes recently signed to play college football with the Division I school. “Central was the first place to offer, and I have family ties to Central,” Grimes said. “My uncle pushed me a lot to go to Central.” “It was a school I certainly wanted to go to. If I wasn’t playing football, it’s the school I probably would’ve ended up anyway.” Grimes is a running back who played his first three years of prep football at Fenton High School but then transferred to Powers for his senior season. He was an All-State Honorable Mention running back despite playing in just five games his senior year. He rushed for 561 yards and five touchdowns on 77 carries before suffering a broken bone in his left foot. “He’s in the process of rehabilitating the foot right now. As a junior with Fenton, Grimes rushed for 875 yards and caught 22 passes for 319 yards, scoring 13 touchdowns. He was a receiver his sophomore season, catching 29 passes for 272 yards and nine scores.” Grimes said it was tough leaving Fenton, but he doesn’t regret the decision. “It was tough leaving friends and leaving my senior year, but I got through it,” Grimes said. “I love it at Powers. The day I transferred, they accepted me. It’s been an awesome experience. I like it because everyone knows you and your family. I feel like I am a part of something.” Central is excited about getting Grimes. “I offered and he committed immediately,” Central Michigan coach Dan Enos said on signing day. “This is always where he wanted to go to school. He’ll be a great addition. He’s another guy that can play numerous positions, but he was an outstanding backtail with great speed (at the prep level).” Grimes is excited to be playing at the next level. “It’s awesome,” Grimes said. “The entire journey has been stressful and hard work the whole time. It’s nice to know it pays off at the end. Every combine, every practice, they were all worth it. It’s awesome to play with that type of talent. It’s really exciting.” Central Michigan is a Division I school in the Mid-American Conference. Other Michigan schools in the league include Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan. The Chipewaws will begin their fifth season under Enos in the fall. The team had back-to-back 3-9 records Enos’ first two years but went to a bowl game in 2012 finishing 7-6 overall. The squad was bowl eligible in 2013, but wasn’t invited to one and ended the year 6-6. Grimes feels CMU is a good fit for him. He also appreciated how Coach Enos stuck with him despite his injury. “The coaches are young and they all played college football before,” Grimes said. “They are really smart and know what they are doing. It seemed like a good fit.” “It was in the back of my head (about the injury possibly hurting my chances of going to Central), but we were upfront about it and Central supported me.” “His season was cut short with an injury, but he’ll be just fine,” Enos said. “He’s already started the healing process and is on his way back.” Grimes can’t wait to start playing again, although he realizes he’ll probably have to red-shirt his first year. Players have five years to use four years of athletic eligibility. In football most players sit out for a year while they develop their bodies. “I’m just hungry, just want to get at it right now,” Grimes said. “My season was cut short and there’s nothing worse than having your senior year cut short by a stupid injury. I’m excited to get out there and to play.”

BRONCHOS’ Continued from Page 17A he left off (against West). He continued his torrid shooting streak and good all around defense, and we got good contributions from everybody. It was almost an identical game from (West). Everyone is settling in a groove.” Daniels has been a key to the offense during the week, as he’s been one all season. “He’s been a little streaky after scoring 27 points against West, he had 25 against Kearsley, netting 15 of those points behind the three-point arc. Holly cruised to an early 9-2 lead and led 22-16 after one quarter. At halftime the lead was up to 36-24. An Adam Tooley three-pointer right before the end of the half put the gap in double-digits. Kearsley did cut the gap to 51-45, but the Bronchos scored six straight points taking a 57-45 lead into the fourth quarter. The Bronchos were never threatened again. Nobody besides Daniels scored double-digits for Holly, but Kyle Woodruff and Logan Spiker each provided eight points, while Parker Rowe, Isaac Cassilas and Morgan Baylis each had six points. Tooley chipped in five points. Rowe also provided 10 assists, while Woodruff had four steals. Tooley also had four steals to go with his five rebounds, while Daniels had six boards. Baylis cited every player listed above for helping spark the win. The Bronchos played Fenton on Friday to earn the title outright. For more on the Fenton game check elsewhere in this edition.

FIRST Continued from Page 18A “Before we sometimes get chaotic, like we did in the first West game. But now we are calming down, slowing down when it gets crazy.” “I think we are getting calmer. … We are playing basketball like we know how,” Daniels said. “We are not getting ahead of ourselves. It’s a simple game if you think about it. If we move the ball, take a deep breath and relax, it’s much easier.” It was on Monday. Kyle Woodruff followed Daniels with 12 points and four rebounds, while Spiker had six points and two boards. Morgan Baylis had four points and four steals. Holly connected on a hot 22-for-41, including nine treys. West only hit 16-of-44 shots. Matt Place led West with 12 points.
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Better fuel economy, acceleration and towing capabilities. That’s what Matt Lasco of Lasco Ford is anticipating when the new, lighter F-150 pickup truck rolls out of production onto the sales floor later this year.

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This revolutionary new truck will be composed of military-grade aluminum in the engine block and other parts of the body, including the crew cab, yet it will still contain the strength of steel where it’s needed most, in the frame. The steel frame is built with more high-strength steel than ever before. The company says that its new military-grade aluminum alloy also improves “dent and ding” resistance, in addition to saving weight.

This new F-150 is the first mass-market vehicle to consist of so much aluminum, because the high price of this metal has lent its use in the past only to luxury vehicles.

The use of aluminum will cut the vehicle’s weight by up to 700 pounds, increasing its fuel efficiency to more closely comply with higher average fuel economy standards regulated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). By 2025, vehicles will have to average 54.5 mpg, which will translate to a window-sticker rating of about 39 mpg in combined city/highway driving, according to a recent story in USA Today.

On sale later this year, the truck will be available in five primary “trims”: XL, XLT, Lariat, Platinum and King Ranch.

While this truck is the first major model to be composed of aluminum, it’s just a sign of more such vehicles to be built in the future, as fuel efficiency becomes more tightly regulated. The auto industry is now seeing a shift toward “aluminum intensive” large pickup trucks, which will improve fuel efficiency by saving on weight. General Motors plans to release its aluminum-bodied pickup truck by the end of 2018.
Lost, flat tire or locked out?

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Car debt?

Here’s how to pay off your loan early and save money in the process.

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If you’re like the seven out of 10 people who borrow money to pay for a car, you understand that the excitement of that new car can fade quickly under the weight of that loan.

It’s one of the largest financial obligations a person carries, next to their mortgage or rent, and there are ways to pay it off that will save you hundreds of dollars in interest in the end.

Before you sign loan documents, make sure your lender will allow you to pay the loan off early with no penalty. At The State Bank, there is no penalty for pre-payment of your car loan, according to Dennis Richardson, lending officer.

Car loan terms range from 12 to 60 months, depending on the year of the car.

“The newer the vehicle, the longer the term,” said Richardson. “Car loans are available for used cars from 2008 on up. It’s important that you have a good credit score in order to qualify for a car loan.”

Pay half the monthly payment every two weeks. This way, you will end up making 26 half-payments per year, or 13 full payments rather than 12. If you have a 60-month, $10,000 loan, you will save only about $35 in interest, but you will repay the loan in 54 months rather than 60. It’s painless if you get paid every two weeks anyway.

Round up your payment. Using the same scenario as above, your monthly payment is $212.47 and you will pay $2,748.23 in interest in the course of the 60-month loan. If you can round up your payment to $250 a month, you will repay the loan in 47 months, having paid only $2,214.69 in interest — a savings of $533.54.

Make one large extra payment per year. It doesn’t matter when you do it. If you make an extra payment of $500 a year on the loan above, you will repay the loan in 49 months, saving $468.88 in interest.

Make one large payment over the term of the loan. If you can make a lump-sum payment of $2,000, you will repay the loan in 46 months rather than 60, and will pay $1,664.83 in interest, a savings of $1,083.40.

Never skip payments. Even if your lender lets you do it, because it will lengthen the term of your loan and cost you more in interest. In the above scenario, lengthening the loan from 60 to 66 months will cost you an additional $293.17 in interest.

Refinance your loan, only if your monthly payment remains the same or is lower and if the length of the loan is shorter. You don’t want to lower your monthly payment and lengthen the term of your loan, because you’ll pay the same principal and a lot more interest.
LUXURY
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According to data gathered and analyzed by Edmunds.com, the industry-average transaction price for large pickups has risen 29 percent over the past few years, from $31,000 to $39,000. On the upper echelon of that market are the buyers who are opting for luxury.

Exterior and Engines
Luxury trucks are sure easy to spot. With chrome exterior accents and sleek body styles, these trucks convey a high-end look and feel.

Many new models also come equipped with large chrome alloy wheels, helping complete the attractive exterior design. And what's under the hood sets luxury trucks apart, as well, offering the most powerful engine options available, sometimes making more than 400 horsepower.

'Standard' Equipment
It's what is on the inside that counts, right? That life lesson applies to luxury trucks, as makers have attempted to revitalize the driving experience.

Here are some of the interior options that are coming standard on many luxury trucks:

- Heated and cooled front seats
- High-end leather seats and trim
- Heated steering wheel
- Extra sound insulation
- Front and rear park assist
- Name-brand sound systems
- Infotainment systems
- Touchscreens
- Bluetooth phone connections
- Rear-view cameras

The Chevrolet Silverado High Country is lighter and more fuel efficient than trucks from previous years.

ONSTAR
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Communication
Turn-by-turn directions are downloadable to your vehicle when you let the OnStar advisor know where you want to go.

A wireless service is built into OnStar-equipped vehicles for use when your cell phone is out of reach, range or its battery is low. Place a call by calling out a name or number, and OnStar does the rest.

OnStar is available on more than 50 GM models, from 2009 and newer. According to MSN Automotive News, there are currently almost six million OnStar subscribers in the U.S. and Canada.

"OnStar is extremely popular," said Matt Stevens, new car sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. "It encompasses so much more than it did in the past. Besides all of the obvious safety features and automatic notification of an accident to emergency personnel, today's OnStar provides many other helpful services."

Drivers can install the OnStar RemoteLink app to any smartphone, which will allow them to start their vehicle from their phone, plus check gas levels, tire pressures, start the horn and flashers and many other useful features.

OnStar is only for GM vehicles, from the factory. "However, you can add a unit called FMV (For My Vehicle) to any vehicle make," said Stevens. "On older vehicles, we would probably install the FMV system."

Another benefit for OnStar subscribers is insurance discounts, because of the added safety, security and technology that OnStar provides. Drivers may also qualify for a Low Mileage discount of up to 4 percent off your entire premium, if you drive fewer than 15,000 miles a year.

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Holly family gets revved up over...

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Holly — There are two kinds of people in this world — those who hate NASCAR, and those who absolutely live and breathe for the sport. Holly residents, Paul and Lisa Bischer and their two sons, Jacob, 17 and Levi, 14 simply couldn’t live without NASCAR, and every year, attend at least a couple races.

NASCAR’s roots go back to the days of prohibition, when a bunch of dirt-poor good ‘ol boys living anywhere between Virginia and Georgia survived solely on the profits acquired in the illegal whiskey business. Their souped-up cars were big enough to haul moonshine, and fast enough to outrun the law. For bragging rights, the drivers held informal races to determine which runner was the fastest, and by the end of the 1940s, those contests had become an organized sport.

NASCAR racer Junior Johnson was one of those guys, and when it came to racing, he says the experience left him in the driver’s seat. “It gave me so much advantage over the people that had to train and learn how to drive,” he told NASCAR.com.

It was family members who originally got the Bischers interested in the sport. “We had family members that attended races prior to us going,” Lisa said. “We would hear great stories about what a fun time they had, and after they asked us to go along for the first time 19 years ago, we’ve been hooked ever since.”

Lisa said her family usually makes the trip to Michigan’s International Speedway in Brooklyn for the two races that are held there every summer. In 1994, they attended the inaugural Indianapolis Brick Yard 500, in 2008, it was the 50th anniversary of the Daytona 500, and a year later, they traveled to Talladega Superspeedway for a race.

Love for the race is one thing, but when it comes to the drivers, each Bischer has a preference. “Paul likes hometown favorite Brad Keselowski,” Lisa said of the number 2 Miller Light Ford driver who hails from Rochester Hills. “I will always be a Mark Martin fan, while Jacob likes Jimmy Johnson, and Levi is a Carl Edwards fan.”

Camping with family members in the infield of turn two at the Michigan International Speedway, Lisa said it’s the “roar of the engines as they take the green flags,” that is her favorite part of the experience. “We always have a blast.” For ticket information on upcoming NASCAR races at Michigan International Speedway, visit their website at www.mispeedway.com or call them at (800) 354-1010.

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Ask Siri to send an email.
To send an email, you just say “Send John an email.” Siri will prompt you for the subject and email text. Siri will set up your email and ask you to confirm it before sending.

Note: To include punctuation, speak it. For example, “See you soon exclamation mark.”

Ask Siri to make restaurant reservations.
You can ask Siri to help you with restaurant reservations using different criteria. Ask by restaurant name, or just say “Table for four in Palo Alto tonight,” or “Find a good steakhouse in Chicago” to have Siri search for options. Siri gets you restaurant info, photos, and reviews, and you can complete the reservation using the OpenTable app.

Ask Siri to purchase movie tickets.
You can ask Siri to get movie showtimes, look up movie facts, play trailers, show you reviews, and more. You can ask, “What movies are playing nearby,” or “Get tickets for Monsters University this afternoon.” Siri helps you buy tickets using the Fandango app.

Ask Siri to set an alarm.
You can ask Siri to “Wake me up at 6:00 a.m.” or “Set a timer for 10 minutes.”

Ask Siri to make a call.
Ask Siri to “Call John.” If you have more than one phone number for a contact, Siri will ask you which number to call. If you already have one of their numbers in your list of Favorites, Siri will call that number. You can also ask Siri to make a FaceTime call by saying “FaceTime John.”

Ask Siri to set up a meeting.
You can ask Siri to set up a meeting by saying, “Set up a meeting with John in my office at 3.” Siri will check your calendar and ask you to confirm. The other attendees will receive an email that they can reply to. You can also ask Siri about your meeting. For example, “Where is my four o’clock?”

Ask Siri to remind you.
You can ask Siri to set a reminder. Simply say, “Remind me to buy dog food when I leave work.” If you have location services turned on, Siri can remind you when you arrive at or leave a certain place.

Ask Siri to create a note.
Ask Siri to “Note that...” or just say “Create a note” to be prompted for more. You can also ask Siri to add to an existing note. You can say something like, “Add birthday cake to my note about the party.”

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Ask Siri for directions.
You can ask Siri for directions to an address, point of interest, or other location. If you have a person’s address in Contacts, you can even ask for “Directions to John’s office.”

Ask Siri to do math for you.
You can ask Siri to solve math problems for you. For example, you can ask Siri, “What’s an 18 percent tip on $86.74 dollars for four people?”

Tell Siri who’s who.
If you let Siri know who you are, you can get personalized service—like, “Remind me to call my brother when I get home.” First make sure you have an info card in Contacts. Go to Settings > General > Siri > My Info and tap your name. Then tell Siri about your relationships, such as “Erin is my wife” or “John is my brother.”
Meet Patty Engberg

• Bus driver for Holly Area Schools
• Outdoor enthusiast
• Wife, mother and grandma

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Patty Engberg has been a school bus driver for 20 years, the last 15 years for Holly schools. Her daily bus run includes main roads like Grange Hall Road and Dixie Highway, plus a number of side roads leading to pickups and drop-offs of about 100 students every day for Patterson Elementary School, Holly Middle School and Holly High School. She has been married to Keith for 31 years and has two adult children and four grandchildren. Engberg grew up in Linden and lives in Tyrone Township on 40 acres.

How did you get to be a bus driver?
I was always a stay-at-home mom to Kyle, now 29 and Megan, now 26, until I heard about the shortage of bus drivers at Linden when our kids were in school. I thought I could do this and still fit my work around our family life.

What does it take to be a bus driver?
It’s a lot more training than people think. First, you have to get your commercial license with a passenger endorsement, and you have to earn an air brake endorsement. You have to know the mechanical side of your bus for making your daily inspections. It’s important that a bus driver likes to drive without being too fearful. We can’t be white-knuckled drivers. Challenging weather conditions come with every season.

What’s a typical day like for you? I get up early, by 4 a.m. so I have some quiet time. Then I’m ready to hit the road by 6 a.m. to be on the bus by 6:30 a.m. I love watching the day come alive from the windshield of my bus. The sun comes up, I see animals along the side of the road, it’s a special time of the day. First, I drive the high school and middle school kids, and then I go back and pick up kids to go to Patterson Elementary. Then I’m back on the bus by 2 p.m. to take everyone home, and I’m done by 5 p.m. I’m considered a full-time bus driver, because I work more than five hours.

What do you do in between your runs? I love my time between shifts, so I can work out, do housework and get dinner ready. What’s your biggest challenge on the road? People who don’t stop for our bus. When it comes to our children’s safety, you have to stop. People run our red lights every day on Grange Hall and Dixie Highway. People don’t realize how dangerous it is when it’s slippery and cars can’t stop, and there are kids on the sides of the road. Potholes in the spring are another big challenge.

What has been your worst on-the-road experience? When a dog ran out in the winter to chase my bus and went under my tires. I hit him because that’s all I could do. I broke down when I got back to the bus garage. That was a hard day.

What’s your biggest challenge off the bus? When I have to discipline a child for unacceptable behavior, and their parents don’t back me. Fortunately, that doesn’t happen all that often. I have great kids and families for the most part. I love the Holly community.

What behaviors on a school bus have changed over the years? There’s more proficiency as a society than there used to be. I won’t write up a kid for swearing, but I do let them know that I don’t use proficiency and won’t allow it on my bus. Of course, smoking in the back and fighting are the biggest infractions. Cell phones are allowed, but no photos can be taken. If kids are listening to music, they must have ear buds or headphones so the music won’t distract my driving.

Are you a proponent of seat belts for buses? No, because we have to get kids out of the bus fast in case of an emergency. The seats are built high, which does help block anyone from being thrown too far forward.

What’s the nicest thing a kid on your bus has ever done for you? Not too long ago, a little girl said, “I love you” when she was stepping off the bus. That was a real blessing. Once in awhile, a high schooler will come back to the garage to find me to say hello, and that’s a blessing, too. I really love the kids on my bus. I make it a point to know their names and greet them when they get on and off the bus.

What would you like people to know about bus drivers, in general? That we’re a caring, proactive bunch of people. We try to raise donations for ‘Coats for Kids’ because we see that some of our kids don’t have the right outerwear for the weather. We also give two scholarships to graduating seniors, who write an essay on ‘What the school transportation system has meant to me.’

Living here has its advantages.

I feel truly blessed to have both of my parents as permanent residents at The Oaks at Woodfield. The Oaks continues to provide compassionate care for my mom and dad in their new home. The entire staff and administration works together as a team. Daily, I see them apply their professional skills at all levels. What makes The Oaks so special is that every person is treated and cared for with respect and dignity, no matter their level of assistance. This is a one of a kind facility where I have found happy employees who are friendly, courteous and kind to care for my parents. I never worry about them being in a safe environment because I know how wonderful The Oaks is for them.

Betty Ritter, Daughter of Margaret S.
Holly village president delivers first-ever ‘State of the Village’ address

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Holly — It was the first time any such message was ever delivered by a village official, and a time in which Village President Ryan Bladzik could talk about the many successes and achievements the village of Holly has enjoyed over the last year, and look ahead to the future.

On Tuesday evening, Bladzik delivered an unprecedented State of the Village address to nearly 40 audience members in the auditorium of the Karl Richter Campus. Bladzik began by talking about the village’s recent partnership with Holly Area Schools. In addition to moving into new office space, Bladzik sees it as an opportunity to create a community center for Holly.

As for finances, Bladzik touted the village’s recent “clean” audit, and said the village’s bond rating remains at an A-, a good rating, he said, considering the recession and serious revenue challenges faced by the village.

Bladzik credited village administrators’ leadership in creating a solid budget strategy, preventing the village of Holly from having to make any budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year.

One item to work on, Bladzik said, is bolstering the village’s sagging fund balance.

For the first time in several years, Bladzik said the village of Holly’s debt service revenue on the water and sewer systems sufficiently covered bond obligations without cutting into operational funds.

While the village will pay off several bonds on its water and sewer system this year, Bladzik said it doesn’t mean villagers will see much relief on the water and sewer bills just yet.

“While it means for our water and sewer customers is that our built-in, scheduled rate increases may be deferred which is at least a little relief,” he said.

An upcoming project on Holly’s technology and communication front will come later this year when Wireless Oakland debuts in the village. This service, extending high-speed WiFi Internet access to our downtown for patrons and guests is in the final implementation stage, Bladzik said, adding that Oakland County estimates the work to be completed by July or August. Having made great strides in economic development last year, Bladzik said a goal of village administration will be to focus on developing the midtown section of South Saginaw Street, connecting the north with the south, and making it a “full commercial corridor.”

In closing, Bladzik summed up his vision for the community. “In 2014, let us as a council, as a government, and as a community continue to work together on our path to success, and our common vision of a prospering village of Holly.”

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NEVER WOULD’VE THOUGHT I could ever watch women’s hockey with a straight face. What a heartbreaker that game was. Congratulations anybody ladies, you did the USA proud.

I’LL BELIEVE THE global warming/ climate change crisis is real, when the carbon-spewing, energy-wasting politicians, celebrities, and the media start practicing what they preach. They lost me long ago.

GREAT NEW FACEBOOK site supported by your local chamber. ‘Grow Linden,’ it’s the new heartbeat of Linden where you can keep up with all the happenings in the community.

IF THERE ARE any children going hungry in this country, it’s because the majority of the parents are using their assistance money to buy drugs and alcohol. Sad but true.

GO USA, GO USA, GO USA! Hopeful, the men’s hockey can do what the women’s hockey couldn’t.

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Village President Ryan Bladzik delivered his “State of the Village” address to nearly 40 village residents Tuesday night.

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Specials

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On Monday, the city held its “Submit a Question to the Mayor” event, where residents could submit a question for Mayor Tom Rivera about any city issue.

At the city council meeting later that night, the city discussed a list of priorities for the year, which included building a new city hall, renovating the police department, and developing a comprehensive plan for the city.

Mayor Rivera also addressed the recent budget cuts, stating that while they were necessary, the city will continue to focus on providing essential services.

The city council also discussed the possibility of forming a partnership with a local university to provide internships for city employees, which could help reduce the city’s budget and provide valuable experience for students.

Overall, it was a productive meeting with a focus on moving the city forward and ensuring the needs of its residents are met.

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LINDEN KIWANIS EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
The Linden Kiwanis Euchre Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 at Spring Meadows County Club in Linden. Doors open at 6 p.m. with play starting at 7 p.m. For tickets, call (810) 629-0268, or stop by Murphy’s Dry Cleaning at 490 West Broad St. Linden or Shiawassee Shores office at 1515 West Rolston Rd. Linden. The event will feature cash prizes of $150, $75 and $25, as well as hot hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, 50/50 raffle and live auction. For more information, contact Don Rajisch of the Linden Kiwanis at (810) 629-0268 or drajisch0268@charter.net.

ST. ROBERT CCW TO HOLD CRAFT BAZAAR
The 37th annual St. Robert Council of Catholic Women Spring Craft Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 at St. Robert Activity Center, 310 North Cherry St. Flushing. It is sponsored by the St. Robert Council of Catholic Women (CCW). More than 100 crafters will offer a unique display of items. Admission is free. No manufactured merchandise or franchise distributors are allowed to sell items. The CCW supports several local charities, such as the North End Soup Kitchen, Heart Beat, Shelter of Flint, and Flushing Christian Outreach Center to name a few.

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Don Whitney won the one-quarter carat earrings from Gerych’s.

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Send all the bouquets upstairs
Dr. Kenneth Wuest, who taught Greek, was my favorite college professor because he inspired his students with insight that could change the day and leave a lasting and enlightening impression. He called these day brighteners ‘golden nuggets’ and authored a book by that title.

In addition to his stimulating nuggets of truth drawn from the Greek New Testament, Dr. Wuest frequently quoted his favorite line from Proverbs 18:14, “A man’s word may be over, but our achievements are operations of the heart.”

Dr. Wuest clearly understood the importance of helping others succeed, and his wisdom is as relevant today as it was to him when he was alive.

Tri-County Times

By Sharon Stone

Sam Gairhan won the drawing for the romantic evening for two. Beside him is girlfriend Lisa Morningstar from Linden.

Gerych’s gives away diamond earrings, Valentine’s Day package

By Roger Campbell

Don Whitney won the one-quarter carat earrings from Gerych’s.
The Mackinac Center for Public Policy provides a weekly report of how local elected officials in Michigan have voted and on what topics. This report was released Friday, Feb. 14.

**WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK**

House Bill 4486: Authorize “involuntary assessment and stabilization” for substance abuse. To authorize relatives or other interested persons to petition a court to take an individual abusing drugs or alcohol into protective custody for involuntary assessment and stabilization, if there is reason to believe the individual is incapacitated, has lost the power of self-control, and is incapable of making a rational decision regarding assessment and stabilization, if there is reason to believe the individual is incapacitated, has lost the power of self-control, and is incapable of making a rational decision regarding assessment and stabilization. The bill would also expand the authority police currently have to lock up (“stabilize”) public drunks so it also includes people publicly intoxicated on drugs. Introduced by Rep. John Walsh (R)

Passed 102 to 8
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5274: Preempt local governments from restricting CO2 pipelines. To expand the law that gives the state Public Service Commission authority to regulate oil and gas pipelines so it also applies to pipelines carrying carbon dioxide used in hydrocarbon “enhanced recovery” operations. This law preempts local governments from restricting pipelines in their jurisdiction. This is related to House Bill 4885, which would cut the tax on oil and gas extracted using enhanced recovery. Introduced by Rep. Peter Pettais (R)

Passed 99 to 11 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4885: Cut tax on oil and gas from “enhanced recovery.” To reduce the “severance tax” currently paid to the state on oil and gas extracted from state land to 4 percent for hydrocarbons extracted using “enhanced recovery” technology, which injects carbon dioxide into wells to extract more product (this is different from hydraulic fracturing). Introduced by Rep. Arci Nestorit (R)

Passed 85 to 25 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5255: Authorize eminent domain for oil well CO2 pipelines. To expand the state law authorizing eminent domain takings for gas, oil and other pipeline easements, so it also includes pipelines carrying carbon dioxide used to produce hydrocarbons in secondary or “enhanced recovery” operations. Introduced by Rep. Thomas Stallworth, III (D)

Passed 69 to 41 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

**ENGAGEMENT**

**BOGUES-MUNDY**
Gary and Lori Mundy of Grand Blanc are proud to announce the engagement of their son Zachary Mundy of Grand Blanc and Rachel Bogues of Hartland. The celebration will be held May 31, 2014 in Hartland. Zachary is currently a student at Spring Arbor University, will be graduating in May 2014 and majoring in Youth Ministry. Rachel is also a current student at Spring Arbor University, will be graduating in May 2014 and majoring in Speech. Her parents are Denise and Michael Bogues of Hartland.

**ENGAGEMENT**

**DISKIN - KROGSRUD**
Mark and Tammy Diskin of Fenton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Rachel Diskin of Fenton and Eric Krogsrud of Holly. The celebration will take place on April 5, 2014 in New Orleans, La. Rachel currently lives in Lansing. She graduated from Linden High School in 2004 and Michigan State University in 2008 majoring in Regional Urban Planning Management. She is currently employed at the State of Michigan as Program Director. Eric currently lives in Lansing. He graduated from Holly High School in 2001 and Oakland University in 2005 majoring in Business Administration. He is currently employed at Walgreens as a District Manager. The groom’s parents are Shannon O’Connell of Argentine and Jared Krogsrud of Holly. Look out New Orleans!

**ANNIVERSARY**

**LONGWORTHS CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY**
Donald Longworth of Milwaukee and Charlene Longworth of Fenton are proud to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents Thomas and Wanda Longworth. They will be celebrating in Frankenmuth on Feb. 21, 2014 and also a cookout is planned for the late spring. Thomas and the former Wanda Oistrander of Flint were married in Fenton on Feb. 21, 1964.
Puzzles and games are more than just fun activities

Playing certain games can have academic benefits

Why do people buy and play games? Entertainment value certainly factors in, but there are several other benefits to puzzles and games, including their educational value.

Just think about what happens when children (or adults) sit down to play a board game or contemplate a puzzle. Individuals come together, learn lessons about getting along and strategize. Games also encourage following guidelines for play and winning or losing with good manners.

There are many who believe these are valuable life lessons, but games and puzzles also may have other intrinsic educational value in the real world.

Although it can’t be assumed that playing games or doing puzzles will help make better students, there are some indications that playing certain games can have academic benefits.

In a 2008 study by Geetha Ramani and Robert Siegler, preschoolers were involved in “number line” board game research, where the player had to move a game piece through a series of sequentially numbered spaces. Prior to and after the game play the children were given math tasks appropriate for their age group. The kids who were in the control group and didn’t play experienced no math skill improvement. But the ones who had played the line game had marked improvements in measured math skills.

The researchers also found correlations between the number of board games that a child plays and a greater propensity for better preschool math performance.

Puzzles are another form of recreation that also have some educational merit and could trigger certain areas of the brain, resulting in improvement in intellectual skills. Puzzles develop hand and eye coordination and foster skills in problem solving. They also encourage kids not to give up until the finished product is reached.

Chess has been a game of strategy played throughout the ages. There have been statements that chess can help a child become more intellectual and do better at school. Others argue the flip side, that it is the intellectual child who gravitates to the game. Playing games together is not only fun, but also provides educational benefits to children and adults.

See PUZZLES on 10B
What is a Montessori classroom?

» Teaching method based on observation of children’s needs

Look into a Montessori classroom and you may see one child looking at books in the book corner, another child painting on the easel and two other children working together on a rug building a pyramid. One child may be at a table sewing buttons, while two other children are pouring juice and serving themselves snacks, because they were hungry.

Where is the teacher? She is on the floor giving a lesson on phonics to a small group of children.

Every child is busy and engaged in an activity of his or her choosing and they are free to leave that activity and choose another at any time.

Maria Montessori developed the Montessori Method of teaching young children more than 100 years ago. She was an Italian physician and educator, who developed an educational philosophy based on the observation of children’s needs.

A Montessori classroom is filled with children of multiple ages, carrying out learning activities of their individual choices under the guidance of a trained teacher. The role of a Montessori teacher is that of an observer.

He or she observes the children and then prepares lessons and the classroom environment based on the individual child’s needs. These lessons are hands-on activities that are placed in core areas of the classroom. These areas are practical life, sensorial, math, language, science, geography, music and peace education.

Every activity in the area of the classroom has an aim of learning. These include, but are not limited to order, concentration, coordination and independence.

In the Montessori classroom, children have freedom within limits. Each child is free to choose activities that interest him or her, but must execute these activities within the boundaries of the ground rules. Allowing children this freedom, helps to develop self-discipline and respect for others and their environment. By observing a child in a Montessori classroom, parents are giving them the opportunity to develop a love of learning that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Fenton Montessori Programs

The Montessori environment provides structure and order through activities that satisfy the senses and curiosity of the children. Through this environment, children are able to grow and learn at their own pace physically, socially and intellectually.

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Student volunteerism can be positive experience

» Efforts can also help pay for college through possible scholarships

Volunteerism can help young people grow into well-rounded, responsible individuals. When volunteering, kids can learn new skills, foster new friendships and contacts, and improve both their social and interpersonal skills.

In addition, a 2011 study from researchers at the Stony Brook University School of Medicine found that people are generally happier and healthier when giving back to their communities. The study even recommended that health care professionals recommend volunteering to patients 12 and older, with the belief that helping others provides significant health benefits, including allowing volunteers to escape their stress and anxiety. And, there could even be a few added bonuses for volunteering.

Students between the ages of 6 and 18 who haven’t yet graduated high school have the chance to be recognized for their volunteering efforts and earn money for higher education through college scholarships.

Finding the right activity is often the most important step when fostering a love of volunteering in youngsters, and there are a number of great opportunities and causes that children can relate to.

Litter clean-ups are a great avenue for the eco-conscious student.

• Embrace eco-volunteering. Today’s kids are increasingly eco-conscious, and concepts like recycling, reusing and conserving fuel and energy are second nature to many young people. That makes eco-volunteering a natural fit for today’s eco-conscious students.

Children can volunteer with organizations that remove trash from beaches and parks; plant trees to establish community green spaces; work to promote wildlife conservation; or further recycling efforts in their communities.

• Help the needy. Volunteerism can open youngsters’ eyes to the plight of the less fortunate. Various organizations dedicated to helping the needy depend on volunteers of all ages to meet their needs.

See VOLUNTEERISM on 10B

Informational Open House

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Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Still there is some evidence that chess has educational merit. Markus Scholz of the University of Leipzig in Germany studied kids with learning disabilities. Researchers assigned students to receive either five hours of math instruction each week or four hours of math and one hour of chess instruction each week. The kids were tested at the beginning of the school year and again at the end. The students who had received chess lessons showed more improvement in basic math skills like counting and addition than those who had just received tutoring.

When choosing games for children, educational value is derived most from games that require deductive reasoning and not pure chance from the spin of a wheel. A game like “Clue” or chess requires strategy and reasoning to become the winner. Even games like “Connect Four,” “Boggle,” “Scrabble,” and other deductive games are good choices to consider.

Although games and puzzles have the fun factor, there are educational benefits that may arise also in play.

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ROUNDUPS
Linden Schools
If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1, 2014, you will want to circle March 11 on your calendar. Linden schools is beginning its Kindergarten, Young 5s and Preschool registration for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration packets are available at all of the elementary school buildings in Linden, as well as the administration building and the school district’s website. Parent information meetings are scheduled at the three Linden elementary schools on Tuesday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Linden Schools also offers a variety of preschool programs and daycare programs for infants through fifth grade. Argentine Early Childhood Center will be holding its registration on Thursday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, call (810) 591-0980 or go to www.lindenschools.org.

Fenton Schools
Fenton schools will hold a parent information night on Tuesday, March 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Ruby Zima Auditorium at Fenton High School. This is for parents/guardians of Kindergarten and Young 5s for the 2014-2015 school year. All parents are invited to attend who have a child who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2014 — a waiver will need to be completed for children born between Oct. 1 and Dec. 1. All students are welcome to Fenton schools regardless of residence. Kindergarten and Young 5s registration is set for Thursday, March 20 from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the administration building on Owen Road. Bring enrollment form, legal birth certificate, Social Security Number, immunization record and proofs of residency. Call (810) 591-4700 or go to www.fenton.k12.mi.us for details.

Lake Fenton Schools
Lake Fenton Community Schools’ West Shore Elementary School will hold its Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, March 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This informational meeting is for parents of students who will be 5 years of age on or before Oct. 1, 2014. To register your child, parents are required to provide state issued birth certificate, immunization record, proofs of residency, and vision and hearing screening results. Children may be eligible for Young 5s based on the following criteria: birthday must be between June 1 and Oct. 1, kindergarten readiness screening and evaluator’s recommendation. For more information call (810) 591-6542 or go to www.lakefentonschools.org.
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Public Notice
To the Taxpayers and Property Owners of the Charter Township of Fenton

2014 Board of Review

The Board of Review of the Charter Township of Fenton will meet at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan at the dates and times listed below.

Monday March 10, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

Tuesday March 11, 2014
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 12, 2014
1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

Thursday March 13, 2014
3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(* The Monday Board of Review session will be recessed for 1-hour meal breaks at approximately 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The Wednesday session will be recessed for a 1-hour meal break at approximately 5:00 p.m.)

At these sessions the Board of Review will hear any appeals or objections and review potential corrections to the assessment roll.

Property owners may file their appeals in writing, provided they are received by the Board of Review on or before March 13, 2014.

Property owners wishing to appeal in person may do so on a first-come-first-served basis on the dates and times indicated above. APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED.

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Advertisement for Sidewalk Installation for the City of Linden, Genesee County, Michigan

The City of Linden will receive sealed proposals at the City Clerk’s Office, 132 E. Broad Street, P.O. Box 507, Linden, MI 48451, Genesee County Michigan, for Sidewalk Installation, located at Eagles Wooden Park, 125 Walmari Street, Linden, Michigan. Proposals will be received at 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 until 10 a.m. March 13, 2014. All bids received will be publicly opened and read at that time in the main office of the Linden City Hall.

Proposals are solicited on the basis of a lump sum price for all labor and material required to complete the project as designed and specified in the contract. The principal items of work include: Installation of 2,000 square feet of sidewalk.

The above referenced project is a federally funded activity authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. All successful bidders must comply with federal labor standards, including the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Anti-Kickback legislation; federal equal opportunity requirements; and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Minority/Women/Handicapped business owned enterprises (MBE/WBE/HBE) and Section 3 business concerns seeking bid opportunities under this Project Notice are encouraged to respond.

A copy of all sidewalk requirements, federal wage information and any additional specifications are available at Linden City Offices, 132 E. Broad St., Linden, Michigan. Please see product and construction requirements before bidding. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and plainly marked “CBG Sidewalk Installation – City of Linden.”

Bids are being solicited only from responsible and established bidders known to be experienced and regularly engaged in the work of sidewalk installation. Satisfactory evidence that the bidder has the necessary capital, equipment and personnel to do the work may be required.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held before the Tyrone Township Board on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Township Budget, all funds. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget and supporting documents will be available for public inspection at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, during regular business hours of Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All oral and written comments are welcome.

Keith L. Kremer
Tyrone Township Clerk

NOTICE
CITY OF FENTON
BOARD OF REVIEW 2014

The City of Fenton Board of Review will meet at Fenton City Hall, 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430, at the following times for the purpose of hearing protests to assessed values and the review of poverty exemption applications;

Monday, March 3, 2014 1:00pm-4:00pm
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 9:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday, March 5, 2014 1:00pm-4:00pm and 6:00pm-9:00pm
Monday, March 17, 2014 2:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:00am-12:00pm

Meetings with the Board of Review are held by appointment only. Appointments can be made by contacting the Assessors Office at (810)629-2261, or visiting Fenton City Hall at 301 S. Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430.

Property Owners who reside out of the area may appeal in writing to the Board of Review. Written appeals must be received no later than 5:00pm on Monday, March 17, 2014.

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION RATIO’S

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NOTICE
TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF GROVELAND TOWNSHIP
2014
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review of the Township of Groveland will meet at the GROVELAND TOWNSHIP HALL, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, Michigan, Upper Level, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereof, at the following dates and time:

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Monday, March 10, 2014 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 1:00 PM to 4:30PM
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Additional days will be scheduled, if necessary, to give everyone an opportunity to appeal their assessment.

Property owners may file their protests by letter provided they are received at the Township Hall by Monday March 3, 2014.

For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling: OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION 248-975-9811

If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE during regular business hours at (248)634-4152.

ROBERT DEPALMA, SUPERVISOR
Groveland Township
Tyrone Township
2014 Board of Review
PUBLIC NOTICE
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TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014
Organizational Meeting 10:00 am

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014
9:00 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted and must be received by 9:00 pm on March 11, 2014. No taxes or elections will be accepted.

AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENTIAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, PERSONAL
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Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00

Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
FEBRUARY 17, 2014

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday, February 17, 2014 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions:

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures in the total amount of $1,147,961.08.
4. Adopted Ordinance No. 780, an amendment to Dangerous Buildings Ordinance No 719 to revise the appeal procedures.
5. Adjourned at 7:36 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

Tyrone Township
2014 Board of Review
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Tyrone Township
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2014 AT 7:00 PM.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Mama Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz, Cam Gonzalez and David Walker.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-12.
4. City of Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff updated the board of two of the department’s projects: a GIS project to map long driveways to ensure the correct equipment would be dispatched in an emergency and the purchase of a new truck to be able to access areas that larger trucks cannot.
5. Agreed to recommend Denton Hill Road to the Livingston County Road Commission’s Primary Pavement Preservation Program with the township willing to pay 10% of the project, up to a maximum cost of $30,000.
6. Approved the renewal of the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension for AT&T.
7. Authorized the write off the uncollectible fire runs as presented in the amount of $7074.36.
8. Discussed amending the fireworks ordinance to be in accord with recent state law changes.
9. Authorized the purchase of a power failure alarm for the township building.
10. Adjourned at 8:35 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, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.
SUNDAY SUDOKU

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

ANALOG ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

Answer Key Located in This Edition

A Look Back at the Top 10 Songs

Week of Feb. 24, 1968
As compiled by Billboard

1. Love Is Blue - Paul Mauriat
2. Valley Of The Dolls - Dionne Warwick
3. Spooky - Classics IV
4. I Wish It Would Rain - Temptations
5. The Dock Of The Bay - Otis Redding
7. Green Tambourine - Lemon Pipers
8. Wonder What She's Doing Tonight - Tommy Boys & Bobby Hart
9. Goin' Out Of My Head Can't Take My Eyes Off You - Lettermen

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Sunday Sudoku

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KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS
1. Measure that led to a 1773 battle
2. Hartford "town"
3. Battery ends
5. Five o'clock
6. Quick
9. Phone (
11. Circus beau
13. Coat pocket
16. Corpse
19. Scotch
20. Fierce
21. Finish
22. "Spiritual"
23. "Walk Sheet"
25. Music
26. King in Lyon
27. Be emperor
28. Dapper
29. "The Defiant Ones"
31. "Hukumawen"
37. "...we've been buds"
38. As a reduced price
39. Amply
40. "UV test"
41. Seal!
44. "Panis".
47. Form, e.g.
48. "On Golden Pond" - "Klute"
52. Adam
58. Noted period
59. "Number one vehicles"

DOWN
1. Develop a living for
2. One-always
3. Spill
4. "Almost" (27)
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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Music For Sale

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ALL SCRAP metals picked up including appliances. We buy scrap cars/trucks, farm equipment/motor homes, lawn mowers and farm batteries. 810-730-7014 - 810-449-0055.

I need your scrap metal, washers, dryers, water heaters, furnaces, aluminium, copper piping, etc. Please call 810-730-5190.


TOP 10 SONGS

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PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION

At their meeting of February 17, 2014 the Fenton Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 760, an amendment to Dangerous Buildings Ordinance No. 719 to revise language regarding appeals.

A complete copy of the adopted ordinance may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinance is also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

February 12, 2014

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

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Miller, Gambka, Trevena, Kemp, Scheib-Snider. Board Members Excused/Absent: None.

Approved: Agenda as submitted.

Approved: Consent Agenda as submitted.

Approved: Bid to install cameras, monitors and equipment to MDK Alarm Systems, Port Huron, MI in the amount of $5,270.00 total installation.

Approved: 2013-14 Budget Amendment Resolution.

Approved: 2014 Interlocal Agreement Resolution for ballot layout and programming between Oakland County and Rose Township.


Approved: 2014 Resolution waiving penalty fees for failing to file a property transfer affidavit.

Approved: 2014 Resolution revising the 2014 CDBG funds.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:20 p.m.

Paul Gambka
Rose Township Supervisor
Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

NOTICE
ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
MARCH 2014 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

The Argentine Township Board of Review for 2014 will be held at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden MI 48451 on the following dates:

Tuesday March 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.: Organizational Meeting

Appeal Hearings:
Monday, March 10, 2014 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12, 2014 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 2014 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL (810) 735-5050 to schedule

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2014.

The 2014 tentative equalization ratio is 50% and the estimated multiplier is 1.000 for all property classifications.

Protest at the Board of Review is necessary to protect your right to further your appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for valuation and exemption appeals and/or State Tax Commission for classification appeals.

Homestead affidavits Information is required by PA. 237 of 1994 if you purchased your homestead after May 1, 2011. To claim the homestead exemption, if you have not already done so, you must file an affidavit before June 1, 2014 to affect the summer taxes and before November 1, 2014 to affect the winter taxes.

Robert W. Cole, Jr, Supervisor
Argentine Township
Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Margie June Butynski 1923-2014
Margie June Butynski - aka: Irish - age 89, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on February 13, 2014. Services will be held at a later date.

Mary Katherine Halloran Shannon (aka: Irish) 1924-2014
Mary Katherine Halloran Shannon (aka: Irish) - age 89, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on February 13, 2014. Born July 13, 1924, in Durand, Michigan, to Anna (Miller) and John Halloran. Mary dedicat ed her life to her family and others. She was a graduate of Mercy School of Nursing and a Registered Nurse and Leila Post Hospital in Battle Creek. She married Paul J. Shannon in South Bend, Indiana, on July 4, 1947, and together they raised five children. Paul pre ceded her in death on May 4, 1989. Quick with a joke or a story, but even quicker to come to the aid of a friend or a child, a neighbor in trouble or just someone in need, Mary could always be counted on to be present when a disaster happened. She was secretly known as the Phantom Leprechaun for St. Patrick’s Day. She nanigans involving Fen ton Police cars. When she wasn’t busy with shenanigans she was helping train the men of the Police and Fire Depart ments in Advanced First Aid and CPR, which led to the saving of several lives. Her career in nursing spanned many years in emergency services, hospitals and assisted living. She helped develop emergency protocols for Emergency Transport Services in Genesee County including many years as a Red Cross volunteer instructor. She pioneered the medical stations at the Buick Open, as well as the Bobby chimney Race in Flint. Mary was administrator of the Hilltop Convalescent Center in the Baptist Semi nary building until its closing. She then opened the Flint Extended Care on Beach Street, operating the facility there as Director of Nursing responsibilities at Crestmont Medical Care. She also taught EMT Basic courses at Mott Community College. Mary was a longtime member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. A memorial service in her honor will be held March 17, 2014, at 11 AM, with the Rev. Fr. David Harvey officiating. Interment of remains will take place at a later date. Mary is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and four of her five children. She was survived by her children, Patrick J. Shannon, the res k a J. (Jeff) Sirrine, P. Daniel (Beth) Shannon, Thomas P. Shannon; 11 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Rehabilitation and Senior Care, 700 Reynold Street Parkway South Lyon, MI 48178, or The American Heart Association, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.


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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials


Sarah Harris, Sarah Harris - age 64, died February 17, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


Jerry M. Murley, Jerry M. Murley - age 80, of Fenton, passed away on February 14, 2014. Beloved husband of Carol for over 52 years. Dear father of Timothy Murley, Keith (Kelly) Murley, Wendy Murley and Patrick (Amy) Murley, 7 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A graveside memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 25, at 12:00 PM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, Fenton. Friends may gather beginning at 10 AM. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

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**Avocado Pasta**

**INGREDIENTS**
- 150g pasta
- 1 medium avocado, pitted and completely mashed
- 1 1/2 t. lime juice
- 1 1/2 t. olive oil
- 1/2 t. pepper powder / chilli flakes, optional
- 1/4 cup almonds, finely chopped
- 1-2 T. dried parsley

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Cook pasta as per the package instructions.
2. While pasta is cooking, mix rest of the ingredients until evenly combined.
3. Drain pasta out of the water into a pan, add the avocado mixture on top of the pasta, combine well and cook until mixture is heated.
4. Serve immediately.

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**NEW DVD RELEASES**

**JAMESY BOY**
Jamesy Boy is the story of teenager James Burns (played by Spencer Lofranco) who goes from the suburban street gangs to a maximum-security prison cell surrounded by hardened criminals. In prison, he forms a friendship with a convicted murderer (Ving Rhames) who becomes his mentor and helps him turn his life around. In this unlikely setting, James ultimately emerges with hope and a brighter future. Unrated, 1 hr. 49 min.

**BATTLE OF THE DAMNED**
When a deadly virus is accidentally released into a major city, its population is quarantined by military blockade. And for a wealthy industrialist desperate to rescue his daughter from inside the rabid herd, chaos, his only hope is former commando Max Gatling (Lundgren). Now Gatling has one day to bust in, blast through hordes of the undead, find the girl, and hunt for a way to get them both out alive. But will a small band of survivors and an army of killer robots turn his mission into maximum slaughter? R, 1 hr. 28 min.

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**DEAR AMY:**
DEAR AMY: I met a girl on eHarmony, and we really hit it off. Over the past three weeks we have talked for only an hour total on the phone but have sent over 500 texts back and forth. Now the texts are becoming distant. What started out as ‘Good night, sweet dreams, thinking of you,’ is now just, ‘Night.’ I’ve tried phoning her, but it goes to voicemail, so I leave a message and go on with my day. We have tried to meet up, but she works two jobs, has two kids and lives 25 minutes away. I am happy to drive but don’t think it’s fair to her kids to have some stranger come by and chat with their mother. I am unsure of how to continue. Should I just skip texting until she initiates communication first? — Wanting More

**DEAR WANTING:** Go for the ‘meet.’ Texting, emailing, G-chatting, and other forms of not-in-person communication should be used mainly to arrange to meet one another in person. Otherwise, you can write yourself into a romance that isn’t quite real. Once you meet each other, you can text, etc., to your heart’s content, and while you still have no guarantee that a relationship will take off, at least you know that whatever interaction you have has some traction.

**DEAR AMY:** I am tempted to try an ‘Aunt-ervention’ with one of my nieces. I’m not directly advising (mis)behaviors, but I’m experiencing apoplexy as I watch her make selfish mistakes I have made myself and other (new and original) mistakes all her own. This isn’t ‘Downton Abbey’ and I ain’t Maggie Smith, so a lecture in the library is unlikely to accomplish anything except to alienate my 20-something niece (not to mention her parents). Any suggestions, other than to mind my own business? — Aunt-erventionist

**DEAR AUNT:** Maggie Smith the heck out of Downton Abbey and I ain’t Maggie Smith, so a lecture in the library is unlikely to accomplish anything except to alienate my 20-something niece (not to mention her parents). Any suggestions, other than to mind my own business? — Aunt-erventionist

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:**
Fibrillation is the chief one. You do not have it. It explains the heart’s many rhythm problems. Atrial fibrillation is the most common. When the heart ejects blood, a pressure wave is created in all the body’s arteries. You can feel the pulse beat in the neck, the ankle or the thumb side of the wrist. A normal pulse rate (heart beat) is 60 to 100 times a minute. Your 100 is normal, but at the high end of normal. Since you have no symptoms, you don’t have to rush to see a doctor. But at your next exam, mention your high pulse rate. The doctor can judge if conditions that lead to a fast heartbeat need to be investigated. An overactive thyroid gland and anemia are two such conditions. The booklet on heartbeat irregularities explains the heart’s many rhythm problems. Atrial fibrillation is the chief one. You do not have it.
**NEW LISTINGS**

**BURTON**
3118 S. Vassar
Davison Schools
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Open floor plan w/large mud/4 season room, attached garage w/workshop & tons of updates. Working above ground pool AND hot tub outside included! Recent updates include boiler, roof, windows, flooring through entryway & kitchen, full renovation of half bath along w/plumbing, water heater & interior paint. Home was energy-star rated in 2011 w/energy efficient features including attic & crawl-space insulation & vapor barrier. Priced to sell fast! $89,900
Call Kevin Usalman 810-965-6652

**HOLLY**
447 Bluewater Drive
Cozy Lakefront home. Beautiful water views from every window. Everything has been updated since 2005 including kitchen, hardwood floors, paint, siding, septic, furnace, new addition & roof. Enjoy sunrise views over Buckhorn Lake on your stamped concrete patio. Home is lovingly maintained. $175,000
Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-348-4076

**FENTON**
508 N. Lemen Street
Beautiful Victorian in prime location near downtown Fenton! Currently used as a triplex but could easily be converted back to single family home, or let the rent from the upper 2 units pay the mortgage. 1st floor unit is 1375 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, ding room, laundry room and office area. Updated heating, plumbing, windows, siding and more. Includes nice old carriage house! Lots of character and charm! $174,900
Call Sheila Rhoades 810-348-7357

**DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP**
11510 Crosby Road
Lots of ROOM in this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on over half an acre in a nice neighborhood. Home sits on a beautiful corner lot. Great family room on a beautiful lot! $162,500
Call Donna Fraidenburg 810-845-1971

**BURTON**
106 S. Russell Street
Why rent when you could own your home? Fantastic Bungalow. Large living room. Plenty of room for table in the kitchen. Two bedrooms, newer bath, deck off front of home. $21,900
Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481

**HOLLY**
508 N. Lemen Street
You must visit this home to see the commitment to quality craftsmanship that the owner has put into the refurbishing of this home. Everything remodeled from the floor to the windows & everything in between. Hardwood floors in the living room & the 3 bedrooms, 3 season room, 1414 sq. ft., full basement has 9’ ceiling which could add more living area when finished, 2 car garage & corner lot. New high efficiency furnace & double pane windows are some of the features. $134,900
Call Carr Gonzalez 810-348-4076

**FENTON**
107 S. Lemen Street
Updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home sits on a beautiful corner lot. 2 car garage has been completely re-sided and re-roofed, brand new dishwasher and water heater, new light fixtures and carpeting. Convenient first floor master, dining room, and full basement round out this great family home. $144,900
Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300

**CLAYTON TOWNSHIP**
1477 Van West
Quiet country living in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home in Flushing Schools complete w/gorgeous HW floors & CA. New updates include pant, flooring & all stainless steel appliances! Oversized 2 car garage & fully finished basement just waiting for a 4th bedroom. Only 3 miles from downtown Flushing & only 5 miles from the mall. $109,900
Call Kevin Usalman 810-965-6652

**FENTON**
117 N. Adelaide Street
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Spacious 2133 Hermitage Drive
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