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JOB

“Think twice before you go through those self-service lanes at the store. You may be putting some-body out of a job.”



JIMMY FALLON

“NBC is hyping silly Jimmy Fallon because he is a shameless stooge for the Obama administration. Quit watching and he will go away.”



HOT LINE

“Here’s a thought, stop using Christianity as an excuse to be a narrow-minded, hateful bigot.”

GUN RIGHTS

“It’s a fact. As the percentage of gun ownership goes up, the violent crime rate goes down almost exactly the same percentage. Man up and protect your family.”



THIEVES

“Never have so few stolen so much, from so many, and accomplished so little.”

POLITICAL

“Liberals do what’s right no matter what they are told. Conservatives do what they’re told no matter what’s right.”

“” HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“IF YOU STOP to think about it, the reason Obamacare is so hard to swallow is because it’s actually a suppository.”

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YOUR
HOT LINE**



Teen driver thought he was heading home

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

By Sharon Stone

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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

See **CRASH** on 11A

ABC12

This Chevy Cobalt was struck by the teen driving the wrong way on U.S. 23 earlier this month.



Lake Spa could have ties with organized crime in Chicago

►Possibility prompts federal investigation

By Sharon Stone

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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.

See **LAKE SPA** on 7A



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TIM JAGIELO

A ‘For Lease’ sign has replaced a neon ‘Open’ sign at Lake Spa. Police believe illegal prostitution activity took place at the now closed ‘spa’ on Torrey Road in Fenton. There is now speculation that the spa had ties with organized crime in Chicago.

Wanted: 200 families to adopt



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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

See full story on page 3A

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

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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

See **BUSES** on 11A



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
- 17 bus routes in a 37-square-mile school district

See **NUMBERS** on 11A

Beating addiction

►Former addict uses his life experience to help others

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com

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 heroin addict. See **ADDICTION** on 7A

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

Steve Handley, Substance abuse counselor and former addict



Stephen Handley has overcome 30 years of addiction. Today, he enjoys being outdoors and taking part in sports of all kinds.



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**Fenton****1486 Eden Gardens Dr.**

Built in 2000 with soaring ceilings, open floor plan with solid oak flooring, custom granite kitchen with designer backsplash, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, finished basement.

\$235,000**Fenton****12382 St Andrews Way**

Completely renovated main floor condo, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jacuzzi tub, garage, 1336 sq ft and large Florida room overlooking the golf course. Located in Glen Devon off Lahring Rd.

\$90,000**Lake Fenton****12519 Torrey Rd., Fenton**

Solid brick custom built by Rajala Homes. Over 140' of waterfront on 845 all-sports Lake Fenton. Master suite and bath with view of the lake. Full unfinished walk out basement with plumbed full bath. Needs TLC.

\$630,000**Davison****2094 S Washburn Rd.**

4300 sq.ft., Hickory kitchen with Granite throughout, large Master Suite, finished LL walkout, 2nd kitchen, fireplace, 3 car garage, 30x44 Pole Barn on 15 acres.

\$469,000**Squaw Lake****13554 S Horrell Rd., Fenton**

This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement, open floor plan, huge master overlooking lake with a private deck, Massive deck off the home and 2nd large deck down by the lake to enjoy.

\$379,000**Flint****2700 Parkside Dr.**

Beautiful Woodcroft Estate with 5 bedrooms, formal dining room, living room with amazing woodwork, library, solarium with fireplace. Detail and craftsmanship is spectacular.

\$370,000**Lake Fenton****13185 Torrey Rd., Fenton**

Original Crane family farmhouse with panoramic views of Crane's Cove. Large granite kitchen with fireplace, new carpet and paint plus amazing 3 season lakeside family room. 3 bedroom, 2 bath 4 car garage.

\$357,000**Lobdell Lake****16263 Seymour Rd., Linden**

Massive home 6 bedroom, 5 full baths. New flooring and granite through out, new kitchen, updated baths, plenty of storage, 2 master bedrooms with baths, 2nd floor laundry, great views of Lobdell lake!

\$315,000**Silver Lake****16194 Silvercrest Dr.**

Deluxe 2 bath, 4 bedroom with an attached two car garage! 100 ft of Silver Lake canal frontage. Updated maple kitchen, baths, flooring, interior paint, living room and family room with fireplace and a fourth bedroom or office.

\$300,000**Linden****11145 Sharp Rd.**

This home has 4 bedrooms, finished basement, cathedral ceilings on over 9 acres abundant with wildlife to view or hunt. Garage has massive insulated and heated workshop with 220V.

\$220,000**Fenton****1012 N Leroy St**

Currently mixed use of apartments and commercial space. Double parcel for expansion. High visibility corner. Buyer to verify all information.

\$170,000**Flushing Schools****1491 N Morrish Rd.**

Beautiful home has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Granite kitchen with Jenn Aire appliances, basement with 10 ft ceilings, Anderson windows, new roof, 2 decks and a covered hot tub. on 4.2 acres.

\$185,000**Vacant Land on Lake Fenton**

2168 S Long Lake, Fenton
\$150,000

**Vacant Land on Marl Lake**

16395 Hi-land Trl., Linden
\$100,000

**Vacant Land on Byram Lake**

6757 Lakeview Park Dr., Linden
\$60,000

**Vacant Land on Swanee Beach**

2 lots **\$24,000**

**Lahring Rd. Gaines**

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**Oxford**

1505 Harwood Dr. Squaw Lake Access
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Boat Access

**Carriage Hill**

This large 2 story home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths located in Andover Woods.

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Police & Fire report

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.

See **POLICE** on 7A

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HUMANE HEROS

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 cat-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.

See **HUMANE** on 15A

“All of the animals we accept are adoptable animals.”

Terry Ashley
Project manager, HSGC



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Lorne Girling of Burton prepares to take Cleetis, a rat-terrier mix home after office manager Linda Pillow (right) put him in a harness. Girling recently lost a dog of 13 years.



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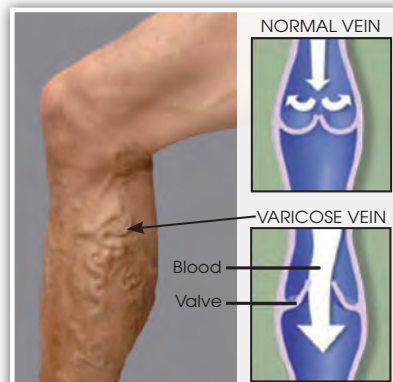


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Random royal thoughts

■ **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 unswerving 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 mine!

■ **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 hurtling 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 de-

manded 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 — Lagers (pronounced 'LOO-zhers'), 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-zhers lugging on their luges.

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■ **AT THE MOST** maybe ONE in 5,000 children in this country ever go to be hungry. The Chicken Little masses accept this divisive propaganda without question. Use your head for something other than a hat rack people.

■ **SO WORK WAS** ceased on the Cornerstone project for weeks in January. No doubt saving thousands of dollars in frostbite treatment, hypothermia treatment, slip and fall injuries to those hard working people working on the project and now they're back.

■ **I WAS JUST** reading the paper, second page, nice big black headlines, 'Obama disappointed in Uganda legislation.' Wow, I'm disappointed in Obama, so what?

■ **I AGREE THAT** there are not that many children in the United States going hungry. And what is with the food drives? What are they doing with all the food?

■ **I HAVE A** little quote for you, 'I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me, I'm too busy loving the people who love me.' I think people ought to listen.

■ **INSTEAD OF FENTON** getting all these breweries, when are they going to think of young people and good stuff to do? The Farmer Jack building would be a nice place to start. Put something in it for young people, please.

■ **I ALSO MISS** the F.A.R.R. store. That was the only place in Fenton that would help the people in Fenton. I think they should re-open, I don't know why they closed it but we certainly do miss it.

■ **EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES** to grumble about the snow should get out and enjoy it. I went cross-country skiing this morning and saw three cardinals and two deer. I love Michigan. Life is what you make it.

■ **OBAMA IS GIVING** away billions to countries who hate us but has no money for our troops that are coming home with missing limbs and need mental help.

■ **THANK YOU TO** my neighbor with the beagle. I really love looking out my window and seeing piles of poop. Now that the snow is melting, I have counted 27 piles. How many more gifts will she leave? Thanks for the gifts.

■ **A BIG THANK** you to the gentleman that finished the end of my driveway on Lahring Road. God must have sent you. You came along at the right time. Thanks.

■ **YOUR GALLUP POLL** logic is flawed. Of course, there are more insured, but how many of those insured are on a worse policy than last year? Those are the figures that should be considered. Affordable? You can keep your current provider? I bet politicians are still laughing about this.

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Polar Plunge

Dear Editor:

My name is Charley Holcomb and I am 10 years old. I am a fifth-grader at Tomek Eastern 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

Compiled by William Axford, staff reporter

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

streettalk



"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

What to do with the old Rose Township hall?

►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.

“I think it would be presumptuous on our part if we were to make this decision without listening to what the residents want.”

Paul Gambka
Supervisor, Rose Township

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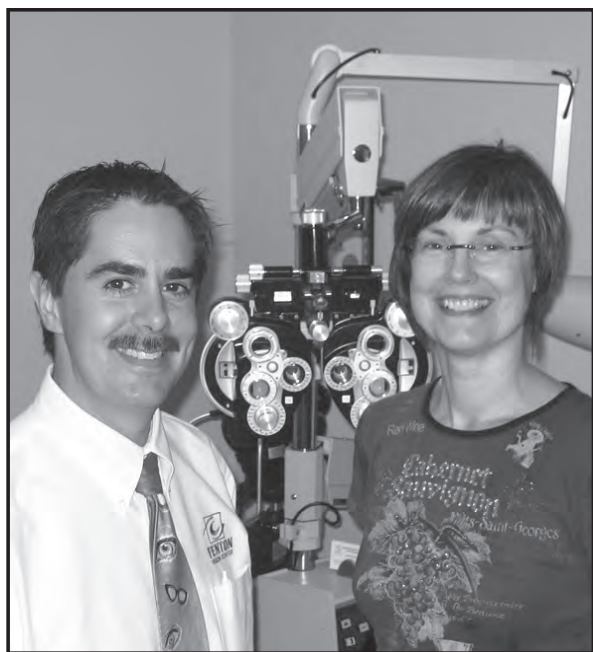
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► Vision therapy can help all ages with common problems or difficulty reading

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

Vision therapy — a type of physical therapy for the eyes and brain — may be more effective in resolving visual problems which interfere with reading, learning and educational instruction.

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

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

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

What is vision therapy?

It’s a progressive program of vision exercises or procedures that begin after a child or adult has had a routine eye

exam and undergone functional testing to determine that they will benefit from vision therapy.

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

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

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

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

- Corrective lenses
- Therapeutic lenses
- Prism lenses
- Optical filters
- Occluders or eye patches
- Electronic targets with timing mechanisms
- Computer software
- Balance boards
- Visual-motor-sensory integration training devices

ADDICTION

Continued from Front Page

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 to GMI (now 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."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Addiction Counselor Stephen Handley has put together a local softball team called "Crush" for recovering addicts.

If you have a loved one with an addiction:

- **Get help for yourself**, through self-help groups like Al-Anon that teach you how to live with an addict.
- **Don't judge or enable** your loved one who's addicted. Judging will feed the hopelessness that fuels his or her addiction. Love them, but don't enable them. Let them face the consequences of their actions, whether it's jail time, fines, etc.

The 'H.O.W.' of recovery:

- H** — honesty
- O** — open-mindedness in changing yourself and your thinking about yourself. No more "poor me."
- W** — willingness

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.

■■■■
PRESIDENT OBAMA WRITING executive orders to bypass Congress is acting as dictator. The Constitutional separation of powers is more important than ideology. If there aren't enough votes to pass, it's wrong. Vote against every member of Congress who fails to protest Obama's abuse of power.

■■■■
MOST OF THE CO2 we pump into the air from burning fossil fuel gets absorbed into the oceans, unfortunately when CO2 and H2O combine they form carbonic acid just like in your soft drink. How would you like to be a fish trying to live in that?

■■■■
TO THE POOR fact-disabled Romney hater, 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.

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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, complaint. Miscellaneous items were stolen. Dep. Geno Gaticka reminds residents to keep the doors of their autos, garages and homes locked at all times.

BREAK-IN ON BUTCHER ROAD

On Saturday, Feb. 8, Genesee County Sheriff's Department deputies respond-

ed 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. Dep. Geno Gaticka said the sheriff's department has received other similar complaints from residents living on side streets off North Fenton Road in Fenton Township. He reminds residents to keep the doors of their autos, garages and homes locked at all times.

GUN STOLEN 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.

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Before there was Obamacare...

► How modern health insurance began in the U.S.

By Tim Jagielo

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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 Mendieta. 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

“You have all these players, the union, the government, the war, all playing a part in health insurance.”

Max Mendieta

Assistant professor,
University of Michigan-Flint



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Blue Shield was developed in the 1940s to cover regular doctor visits, with a monthly fee. Flu shots like this can be paid out-of-pocket, at a local pharmacy.

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 the 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 a National Public Radio (NPR) story, and WWII was that catalyst. More workers for the war effort meant luring them in with better employment packages, like offering healthcare as part of a salary.

Mendieta 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 Mendieta, 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

BUSING BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBERS

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- Staff includes 17 bus drivers, five sub drivers, two bus aides and two mechanics
- Buses owned 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

has since then saved the school district thousands of dollars.

"Buses were privatized as a cost savings. Lots of districts privatize custodial services and food services too, so they can save money," Wright said. "Buses are very expensive and (First Student) is working very well here."

The Fenton Board of Education will further discuss busing and other needs that may be covered by a bond in an upcoming special meeting Monday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the administration building.

“With this many students riding the bus, it greatly reduces traffic at the schools and surrounding roads.”

Timothy Jalkanen
Superintendent of Fenton
Area Public Schools

CRASH

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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

To help Mariah's family

Mariah Bailey-Collins' funeral was Feb. 14. Bryan's mother, who lives in South Carolina, has set up a GoFundMe account, hoping to raise funds to help cover funeral expenses for Mariah and a fund to help Mariah's son. For more information, go to gofundme.com/6t77z8.

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 driver told police, Neering believes the teen thought he was driving home.

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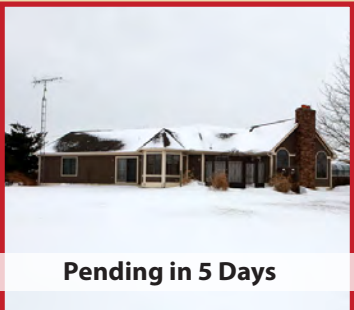
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HUMANE

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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 non-profit 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



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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.

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 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 hash-tag, #sochistrays.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

PRESIDENTS DAY HAS passed and I saw nothing honoring our greatest President, Ronald Reagan. He destroyed the Soviet Union and numerous dictators fell, freeing millions. He did this without sacrificing American lives. Democrats and moderate Republicans ignore his greatness because he was a true Conservative.

■■■■
I CAME UP with one thing that Obama came up with in the last six years to save money instead of spending it; he cut the pay increase to our military along with most of the military budget.

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SORRY, I DISAGREE with you, I like the winter Olympics much better than the summer one. I'm not happy with anything outside of that.

■■■■
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■■■■
ADD ME TO the list of people who think Obama is a good president. The Obama haters seem woefully misinformed on economic and political issues. I suspect they hate Obama because they disagree with him on cultural issues such as abortion and gay marriage.

■■■■
THE DEMOCRATS' NEW mantra is 'mend — don't end' Obamacare. The ACA is like a lemon car. You fix the engine and then the transmission breaks. You fix the transmission and then the differential breaks. An honest mechanic would tell you to get rid of the car.



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A The 1948 Los Angeles Rams were the first NFL team to paint a logo on their helmet. By the early 1960s all teams had logos on their helmets.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

By now all Red Wings fans have heard that Henrik Zetterberg had to withdraw from the Winter Olympics after suffering a herniated disk injury. Zetterberg, who has been out of the Wings' lineup a good chunk of the season, will likely be out for more time due to the injury.

The injury issue has the NHL re-examining the usage of their players in the Winter Olympics. It's understandable why they wouldn't want them in the games.

However, the Olympics remain the best opportunity for the NHL to broadcast its players. The Russia-US game had record TV ratings for NBC Sports Network for a hockey game. Simply stated, the Olympics are the best time for the NHL to showcase its talent. And eliminating that exposure would do more damage than the occasional injury. The professionals should remain in the Olympics.

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Kaityln Smith

A member of Holly's Metro League championship girls basketball team.

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 played a state quarter-final wrestling match on Friday night and is ranked in the state. The other clinched the program's first outright Flint Metro League title since 1983 on Wednesday and was looking to complete an undefeated regular season on Friday night.

Who are the contestants we're talking about? Anyone who has been paying attention during the winter already knows. 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.



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The top two teams have remained near the top of our Tri-County Winter Top Five all season long. Right now, A.J. Geyer (above, top) and the Lake Fenton wrestling team holds the No. 1 spot. They competed in a Division 3 team state wrestling quarterfinal match on Friday night against Dundee. With a win, the squad will be in Saturday's semifinal match with a possibility of being in the state title match at 4 p.m. (Left) Allyssa Copley (left) and the Holly girls basketball team is at No. 2. They entered a Friday night contest with Fenton at 19-0. They already clinched an outright Flint Metro League title on Wednesday by defeating Kearsley.

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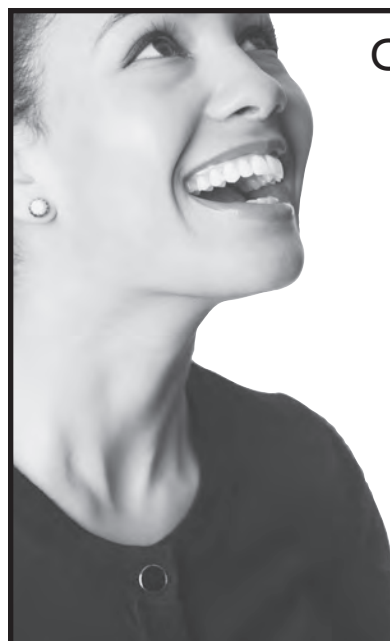
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

► **Lake Fenton 63, Atherton 32:**

The Blue Devils had four players score in double-digits and the team scored at least 12 points in every quarter setting up the easy home victory. Sophia Sahouri led Lake Fenton with 14 points, while Ashton Fuller and Jordan Newman netted 12 points. Taylor Sheyachich had 11 points. Sahouri netted four treys, while Sheyachich hit three.

► **Linden 38, Lapeer East 35:**

Taylor Smith made four free throws in overtime, including a pair with 2.3 seconds left, leading Linden to the win. Smith finished with 14 points, while Alyssa Logie netted seven points.

► **Holly 51, Lapeer West 35:** The Holly varsity girls basketball team clinched at least a share of the Metro title by holding Lapeer West to just 10 first-half points. Paige Reid led the Bronchos with 13 points, while Kaitlyn Smith had 12 points, five assists and three blocks. Abby Lewandowski chipped in 10 points while Allyssa Copley netted eight points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and five blocks.

► **Goodrich 62, Fenton 32:** The Tigers were held to single-digits in each of the last three quarters, resulting in the loss. Cassandra Reuschlein led Fenton with 12 points, while Sarah Cummings netted six points.

► **Clio 37, Linden 16:** The Eagles were held to just four second-half points, resulting in the road loss. Taylor Smith led the Eagles with nine points, while Alyssa Logie netted five points.

► **Linden JV 38, Fenton 33:** Madison Maxheimer led the Eagles with 15 points, while Bridget Adams netted 13 points.

► **Linden JV 59, Lake Fenton 40:** Madison Maxheimer scored 20 points and Bridget Adams chipped in 15 points, leading Linden to the win. Lake Fenton was paced by Sierra Arroyo's 19 points.

BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Perry 58, Lake Fenton 49:** Perry outscored the Blue Devils 9-0 in overtime, capturing the win. Chris Bell and Jalen Miller had 11 points each to lead Lake Fenton, while Logan Crisp, Logan Readdy and Chris Rose had six points each. Crisp also had 10 rebounds.

► **Goodrich 65, Fenton 56:** The Tigers were outscored 22-10 in the fourth quarter, resulting in the non-league loss. Dillon Gardner led the Tigers with 19 points and five assists, while James Claborn had 17 points. Andrew Mowery had eight points and five assists.

► **Clio 78, Linden 69:** The Eagles trailed 60-45 after three quarters and were unable to come back in the fourth. Austin Buerkel led the Eagles with 16 points and eight rebounds while Collin Hoeberling had 15 points, four assists and three steals. Travis Rinks had 11 points, five rebounds, two steals and two assists, while Mike Gold grabbed seven rebounds and dished three assists. Clio's Chauncey Bryant led all scorers with 27 points.

► **Linden freshmen 54, Lapeer West 36:** The Eagles (15-1) had all 12 players score in the contest, resulting in their 15th victory of the season. Josh Beil led all scorers with 10 points, while Hunter Michael and Gavin Lund provided eight points each. Cole Sarkon netted seven points, while Noah Pearce had four.

► **Linden freshmen 58, Clio 43:** The Eagles were paced by Aaron Sakron's nine points, while Austin Malkin netted eight. Gavin Lund and Jamon Link had seven each.

► **Linden freshmen 57, Fenton 40:** The Eagles were led by Hunter Michael's 21 points, while Aaron Sarkon and Cole Sarkon had eight points each. Patrick Controy and Troy Smigiel-ski had eight points each for Fenton.

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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 Flint 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-point-er 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 the half.

Any thoughts of a quick blow-
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Holly's Allyssa Copley (middle) faces a double-team while she attempts a shot in the Bronchos' 46-27 victory against Kearsley Wednesday night.

Bronchos' 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 ever happened. But we did it."

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."

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.

"It was just about the same as the night before when we beat Lapeer West," Baylis said. "We came out pretty strong. Jake (Daniels) took over where

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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 con-



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Holly's Morgan Baylis (right) drives to the basket in the Bronchos' 65-47 victory against Lapeer West on Tuesday.

test 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.

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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 Kaitlyn 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 opponent 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 five 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 Ordiway 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 came up short, so it was nice for the three seniors to get it here."

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Powers' Grimes continues a family tradition

►Fenton resident headed to CMU to play football

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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 collegiate football with the Division 1 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 tailback

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 1 school in the Mid-American Conference. Other Michigan schools in the league include Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan. The Chippewas 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 Central 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



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Powers senior and Fenton resident Trent Grimes will play his collegiate football at Central Michigan University.

(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."

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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. A day 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 pints, while Parker Rowse, Isaac Casillas and Morgan Baylis each had six points. Tooley chipped in five points. Rowse 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.

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"Before we sometimes got 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 calm. ... We are playing basketball like we know how to," 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 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.

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By Sally Rummel

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Chances are that some time in your life you've had an accident, emergency, a crime or have needed some kind of assistance when you've been driving your car. Maybe you locked yourself out of your car, or got lost in an unfamiliar city.

General Motors' OnStar system was created in 1995 to help drivers deal with safety, security and communication issues such as these, and almost 20 years

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later, it has become the nation's leading provider of these services using wireless and Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite technology.

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A red "emergency button" establishes a priority connection to an OnStar advisor, who can then contact and direct emergency services to a driver's exact GPS location. In the case of a crash, Automatic Crash Response built-in sensors automatically alert an OnStar advisor who is immediately connected into the

vehicle to see if a driver needs help sent to an exact location, even if the driver is not able to communicate. During severe weather and other natural disasters, an OnStar advisor helps drivers navigate their way to safety and provides a reliable connection to loved ones.

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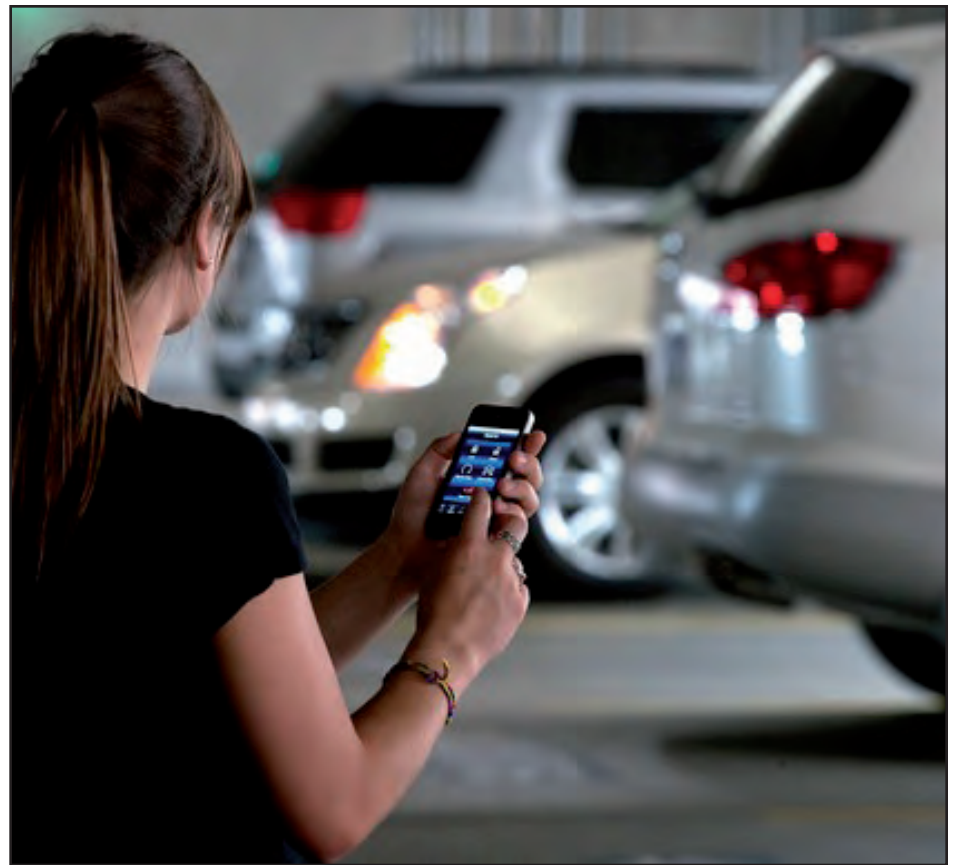
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Stuck in a parking lot or ramp and can't find your vehicle? An OnStar advisor will help you find it by sending a signal that triggers its horn and flashes its lights.

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Car debt?

►Here's how to pay off your loan early and save money in the process

By Sally Rummel

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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, don't, 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.



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This winter, take these steps to avoid costly and potentially dangerous ice dams:

- Keep your attic well ventilated. The colder the attic, the less melting and refreezing you'll have on your roof.
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Although OnStar is a GM-only product, a similar service called For My Vehicle can be installed in non-GM vehicles.

ONSTAR

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Communication

Turn-by-turn directions are downloaded 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 54 percent off your entire premium, if you drive fewer than 15,000 miles a year.

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 revolutionize the driving experience.

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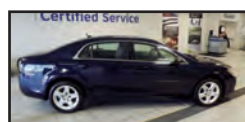
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LifeStyle

Holly family gets revved up over...



By Amy Mayhew

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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 Bischeres 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



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Lisa and Paul Bischer and their sons, Jacob and Levi attended the 2008 50th anniversary of the Daytona 500. Here they are pictured with Michigan International Speedway Vice President, Roger Curtis.

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.

“All the activities they host at the speedway — from signing autographs to concerts — there's just so much to do.”

Lisa Bischer, Self-professed NASCAR fanatic

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March 23
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What can Siri do?

►The basics of using Siri and a list of helpful commands



The basics of using Siri

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Note: To use Siri, your iPhone must be connected to the Internet.



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."

Ask Siri to search the web.

You can ask Siri to look up anything on the web. You can say something like "How do I roast a chicken?" or "Tell me about growing roses."



Ask Siri about the game.

You can ask Siri how your favorite team did last night, and when their next game is. Siri knows baseball, basketball, football, hockey, and soccer scores as well as schedules, rosters, and stats. You can even ask things like "Who is the best pitcher in baseball?" or "What's the soccer schedule like this weekend?"

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."

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Meet Patty Engberg

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

By Sally Rummel

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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.



"We really care about the kids on our bus. We won't just drop them off without knowing for sure a parent is coming to the bus stop to pick them up."

Patty Engberg
Holly Area Schools
bus driver

TRI-COUNTY TIMES
SALLY RUMMEL

Holly Area Schools bus driver Patty Engberg is on her bus Wednesday, ready to pick up kids at school and take them back home.

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 profanity 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 profanity 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.'



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Holly village president delivers first-ever 'State of the Village' address

►No budget cuts predicted, but no relief on water and sewer bills either

By Amy Mayhew

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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 Bladzick 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, Bladzick delivered an unprecedented State of the Village address to nearly 40 audience members in the auditorium of the Karl Richter Campus.

Bladzick began by talking about the village's recent partnership with Holly Area Schools. In addition to moving into new office space on the Karl Richter Campus, Bladzick sees it as an opportunity to create a community center for Holly.

As for finances, Bladzick 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.

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

“Our fund balance, or ‘rainy day fund’ is about 7 percent and should be at a healthy 15-20 percent of our budget.”

Ryan Bladzick
Holly Village president

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,” Bladzick said, adding that Oakland County estimates the work to be completed by July or August.

Having made great strides in economic development last year, Bladzick 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, Bladzick 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 prosperous village of Holly.”



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

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NEVER WOULD’VE THOUGHT I could ever watch women’s hockey with a straight face. What a heart-breaker that game was. Congratulations anyway 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.

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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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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 Sharon Stone
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Sam Gairhan and Don Whitney were the winners of Gerych's Red Box "Rocks" promotion the Fenton store held to coincide with Valentine's Day.

Gerych's held a Diamond Earrings Give-A-Way and a Romantic Grand Prize Drawing. Leading up to Valentine's Day, one customer, selected at random, who purchased one of the store's 30 Romantic Packages would win a pair of one-quarter carat diamond earrings. Whitney was the winner of these earrings.

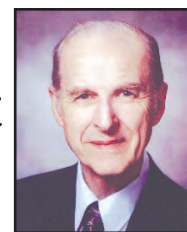
Each Red Box purchase was entered to win a romantic evening for two from Gerych's at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, which includes one night's stay, dinner for two and one dozen roses. Gairhan won this drawing.



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

Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



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 sage advice for preventing pride to grow due to too many compliments over our accomplishments: 'Send all the bouquets upstairs.'

Joe Gibbs was head coach of the Washington Redskins from 1981 to 1992. During that time, the Redskins won three Super Bowls, played in three NFC Championships, won four division titles and made six play-off appearances. In the book, 'The Greatest Lesson I've ever Learned,' by Bill and Vonette Bright, Gibbs tells about learning that money, position and power are not important compared to relationships. During one of those winning seasons, he awoke thinking about how important he was. Then his wife reminded him to pick up his socks and started telling about a problem with one of their children.

'Why is she bothering me with this?' Joe thought. 'After all, I'm an important guy on the verge of winning the NFC championship.' He stormed out of the house, and left in a huff, but on his way to work this proud coach suddenly realized the price of his pride.

Joe had developed a habit of praying in his car and as he talked to the Lord the truth of what he had done grabbed him, prompting, in his words, the following conclusions: 'When I leave this earth, I thought, it will not be the football games or the fact that I am the head coach of the Washington Redskins that will count. All of that will wind up in an ashtray some day. But the influence I have on my wife and two children, on those I've worked with or helped, and the investments I've made in someone else's life will last forever.'

Upon arriving at work, Joe called and apologized to his wife. Pride had tripped him up, but humility lifted him up. 'I'm sorry for the way I acted,' he said.

Wise Solomon said pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall (Proverbs 16:18), adding a man's pride will bring him low.

Solomon was right. Ask Joe.

How can we avoid pride's pitfalls? By remembering that every gift, talent and ability we have is given to us by the Lord. Whatever we have achieved is the result of His goodness and grace. If we have performed well, it is because He has made it possible. So when praise and recognition come our way because of what others see as our accomplishments, it's time to send all the bouquets upstairs.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
VOTED ON THIS WEEK

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.

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 treatment. The bill would also expand the authority police currently have to lock up ("stabilize") public drunks so it also includes people publically 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 Pettalia (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" or royalty 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. Aric Nesbitt (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 extend 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

Social News

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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 Ostrander of Flint were married in Fenton on Feb. 21, 1964.

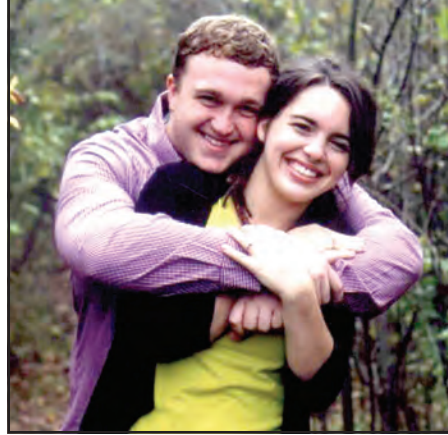
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DISKIN - KROGSRUD

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!

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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.

Last call for Holly HDC

The village of Holly is seeking interested people to serve on a study committee to evaluate the need for and the boundaries of the current historic district. Interested persons do not necessarily need to be village residents, but should have interest in historic preservation. Training for committee members will be conducted by the State of Michigan Office of Historic Preservation. The duration of the study committee is expected to be six months in length. If interested please contact Village Manager Jerry Walker at (248) 634-9571 or via email at jwalker@hollyvillage.org.

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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.

Top 10 classic board games for kids

- Scrabble
- Clue
- Sorry
- Chinese Checkers
- Chutes and Ladders
- Game of Life
- Chess
- Monopoly
- Twister
- Candy Land

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 improvement in measured math skills.

The researchers also



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Playing games together is not only fun, but also provides educational benefits to children and adults.

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

See PUZZLES on 10B

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Thursday, March 20, 2014

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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 choosing to place 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.



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A Montessori classroom allows students freedom to learn and do activities within limits, while the teacher observes, and prepares lessons.

Fenton Montessori Programs

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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.



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• **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

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PUZZLES

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toward chess play and therefore skews the numbers in the terms of intelligence and chess relation.

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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Gavin Godlewski, 13, works on his Eagle Scout volunteer project at West Shore Elementary in September.

VOLUNTEERISM

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missions. From soup kitchens to shelters to private clothing or food collection drives, opportunities abound for kids who want to help the less fortunate in the tri-county area.

• **Help the sick.** Many organizations that cater to the sick also provide volunteering opportunities to youngsters. Many kids who volunteer with such organizations are motivated to do so by a close friend or family member's battle with a particular illness, but some kids even turn their own personal adversity into an opportunity to help the sick.

• **Visit the elderly.** Kids can learn a lot from their elders, and many organizations that work with the elderly offer volunteering programs for boys and girls. Individuals in group homes or hospitals often appreciate visits from youngsters, and kids can learn valuable life lessons in return.

• **Tutor fellow students.** A child who is proficient in a given subject can lend a helping hand to fellow students who need some assistance. Working together to improve grades and school performance can improve others' sense of self-worth and instill a greater sense of accomplishment in tutors.

Volunteering can foster a sense of social responsibility in youngsters, and may even help them finance their college educations.



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 Kindergartners 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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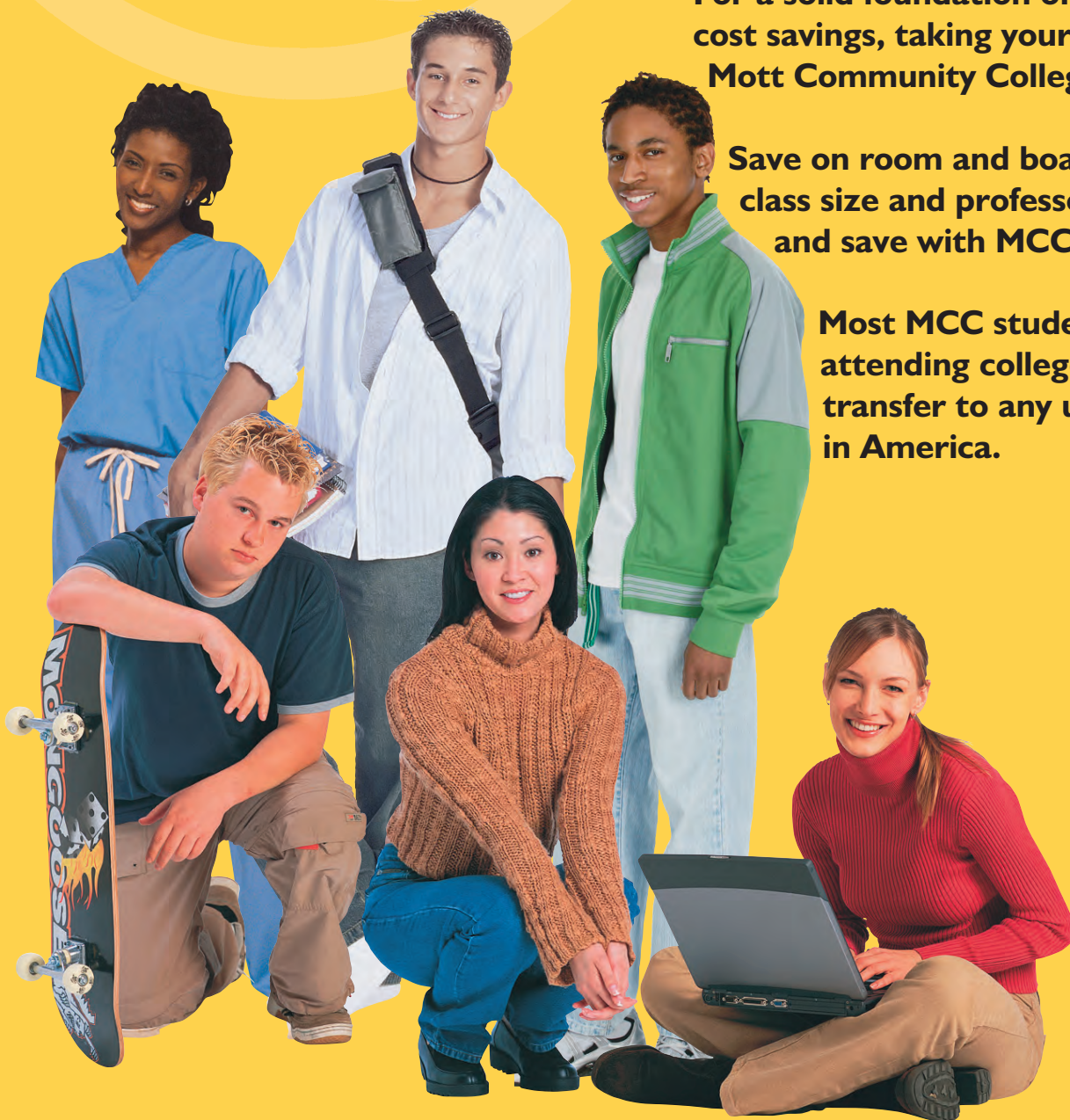
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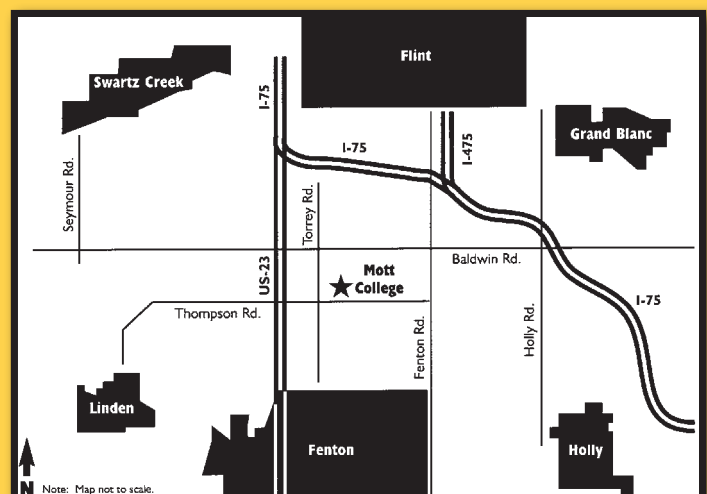
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The above referenced project is a federally funded activity authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. All successful bidders must comply with federal labor standards, including the Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Anti-Kickback 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.

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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 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 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 no later than 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.**

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION MULTIPLIERS

Property Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.03	0.9994
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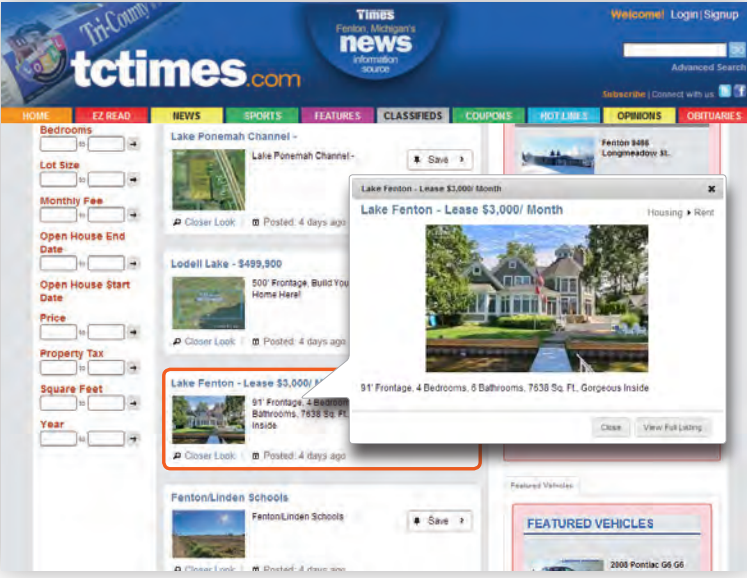
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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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.

CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Commercial	52.24%	0.9571
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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 EQUALZATION DIVISION
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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

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

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

A Look back at the
TOP 10 SONGS

Week of Feb. 24, 1968
As determined 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

6. Simon Says
- 1010 Fruitgum Co.

7. Green Tambourine -
Lemon Pipers

8. I Wonder What She's
Doing Tonight - Tommy
Boys & Bobby Hart

9. Goin' Out Of My Head/
Can't Take My Eyes
Off You - Lettermen

10. Nobody But Me
- Human Beinz

Misc.
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go! Bedroom, living room,
dinning and chairs, desk, and
more/like new! Package deal,
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Misc.
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ACROSS

1 Measure that
led to a 1773
Boston
Harbor "party"

7 Battery ends

13 Five o'clock
—

19 Medicine vial

20 Quick
reviews

21 Finished

22 "Spartacus";
"Wall Street"

25 Music
producer
Brian

26 King, in Lyon

27 — de mer

28 Duplicity

29 "The Defiant
Ones";
"Halloween"

37 "... — I've
been told"

38 At a reduced
price

39 Skimp
swimwear
brand

40 UV part

44 See 17-
Down

47 Fawn, e.g.

48 "On Golden
Pond"; "Klute"

56 Tarnish

57 Adam
named her

58 Noted period

59 Sci-fi
vehicles

60 Active sort

61 Conniving

62 Egoist's love

64 Prepare for
publication

65 Muppet frog

67 "Hot Shots!";
"The
Fabulous
Baker Boys"

74 Corporate
shake-ups,
briefly

75 Runtish

76 False god

78 Cpl.
outranker

81 French for
"mine"

82 Where dawn
arises

83 Gave
nutrients to

86 Prefix
meaning
"equal"

87 College in
Cedar
Rapids,
Iowa

88 "Love Story";
"Little
Darlings"

92 Ladder unit

94 Actress
Mazar

95 Weed-B-Gon
maker

96 Repetitive
response to
"Who wants
ice cream?"

99 Othello's
lieutenant

103 "... corn, —
don't care"

107 "Badlands";
"Platoon"

113 Smart —
(wise guys)

114 Sort

115 Stop on a
bus rte.

116 Tax return
pro

117 "Chinatown";
"Prizzi's
Honor"

124 Very
disorderly

125 Fighting —
(Big Ten
team)

126 Drill directive

127 Glittery tree
decoration

128 Latino corner
store

129 Easier to see

DOWN

1 Develop a
liking for

2 One-sharp
musical key

3 Spill
catchers

4 Black-and-
white
seabird

5 Bow of film

6 Mortise
insertion

7 Ulna's place

8 — Marcus
(retailer)

9 — razor
("keep it
simple" rule)

10 Mexican
flower

11 MPG org.

12 180 degrees
from NNW

13 Emotion-
hiding sorts

14 Come to a
stop

15 Made mad

16 Marina —
Rey

17 With 44-
Across, just
for fun

18 Sentence
units: Abbr.

21 Together,
musically

23 Executed

24 Size up from
med.

30 BYOB part

31 Steinbeck's
Tom

32 Model
Macpherson
and others

33 Foliage bit
(with)

35 Exemplar

36 Apogetic

41 Caustic stuff
in Drano

42 Road gunk

43 Cellular stuff

45 Passed
on a bicycle,
say

46 Big name in
soup mixes

48 "— So Shy"

49 Motorcyclist
Knievel

50 Carter of
sitcomdom

51 Naomi and
Wynonna

52 Tell — (lie)

53 Journalist's
tablet

54 Moore of film

55 Parched

63 All — naught

64 Turbine, e.g.

65 Kinte of
"Roots"

66 — Friday's

68 2012, e.g.

69 "I'll — best!"

70 On — to
nowhere

71 Vienna loc.

72 Sedgwick of
Warhol films

73 Sammy of
baseball

77 Texter's titter

78 Theater
curtain
fabric

79 Cheese type

80 Choir part

82 Huge 1940s
computer

83 Hide hair

84 Pro at giving
first aid

85 Oaf's cry

89 Run
before E

90 Saw or ax

91 Actor Wyle

93 Popular
1980s
jeans

97 Grow wider

98 Common
soccer
score

100 Sword go-
with

101 — Mae (loan
company)

102 Miffing

104 It lures bees

105 Unthrone

106 More
asinine

108 Electrically
adaptable

109 Hush-hush
govt. org.

110 "This —
stickup!"

111 "— Frome"

112 Fry quickly

117 RR crossing

118 "— get it
now!"

119 Solo of "Star
Wars"

120 Point on a
pen

121 "I'm Real"
singer, for
short

122 Espionage
gp.

123 Salty body

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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

SUPER CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

T E A A C T A N O D E S S H A D O W
A M P U L E R E C A P S A T A N E N D
K I R K A N D M I C H A E L D O U G L A S
E N O R O I M A L G U I L E
T O N Y A N D J A M I E L E E C U R T I S
O R S O O N S A L E S P E E D O
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KING CROSSWORD
ANSWERS

Solution time: 27 mins.

B O A B E E P R O A D
E R R E N V Y E R G O
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S T Y M I S T E R
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H O O P E D E N A R M
I N T O S A W S B A Y

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU
ANSWERS

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

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: NAVAL TASTY STIGMA RADIUS
Answer: The regatta was so full of sailboats that it made
one think of this—"MAST" TRANSIT

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: INKED LUCID CASHEW DIVERT
Answer: What those tourists got while in Holland—
IN DUTCH

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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 to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Roll Call:
- Board Members Present: Miller, Gambka,Trevethan, 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 Hardship Exemptions Policy and Procedure Resolution.
- 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-----10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11, 2014-----1:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m
- Wednesday, March 12, 2014-----1:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13, 2014-----1:00p.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 1.0000 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 affidavit Information is required by P.A. 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

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Karen London,

Karen London - age 58, died February 20, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Norma Orrison,

Norma Orrison - age 86, died February 19, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Floyd Gainer,

Gloyd Gainer - age 97, died February 19, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Patrick South,

Patrick South - age 81, died February 21, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Ella Wollet,

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Karen Young,

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Kelly Demers,

Kelly Demers - age 43, died February 13, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Margie June Butynski

1923-2014

Margie June Butynski - age 90, of Gaines, died February 13, 2014. Services will be held at a later date. Mrs. Butynski was born August 17, 1923 in



Vincennes, Indiana, the daughter of Guy and Effie Ellen (Graham) O'Key. She married Stanley Butynski on May 25, 1946 in Ypsilanti. Margie was a 1941 graduate of Ypsilanti High School, and a member of Fenton United Methodist Church. She resided in Gaines for the past 48 years. Mrs. Butynski is survived by husband, Stanley; sons, Donald (Ann), David (Tina); five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother. On-line tributes may be shared on the obituary page of www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



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Billy Tucker,

Billy Tucker - age 83, died February 20, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



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Mary Holt,

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Robert Bosch,

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Mary Katherine Halloran Shannon (aka: Irish)

1924-2014

Mary Kathrine Halloran

Shannon (aka: Irish) - age 89, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on February 15, 2014. Born July 13, 1924, in Durand, Michigan, to Anna (Miner) and John Halloran. Mary dedicated her life to caring for others. She was a graduate of Mercy School of Nursing as 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 preceded her in death on August 12, 1989. Quick with a joke or a story, but even quicker to come to the aid of a forlorn child, a neighbor in trouble or just someone in need, Mary could always be counted on to be present when some disaster happened. She was secretly known as the Phantom Leprechaun for St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans involving Fenton Police cars. When she wasn't busy with shenanigans she was helping train the Fenton Police and Fire Departments 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 at the

Bobby Crim Race in Flint. Mary was administrator of the Hilltop Convalescent Center in the Baptist Seminary building until its closing. She then opened the Fenton Extended

Care on Beach Street, operating the facility before assuming Director of Nursing responsibilities at Crestmont Medical Center. She also taught EMT Basic courses at Mott Community College. Mary was a longtime member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Fenton. A memorial service in her honor will be held March 17, 2014 at 11 AM, with the Rev. Fr. David Harvey officiating. Interment of cremains will take place at a later date. Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Anne Halloran, husband Paul, son Bernard, brother Thomas and sister Loretta, and in-laws Bernard J. and Winifred Shannon. She is survived by her children, Patrick J. Shannon, Theresa K. (Jeff) Serrine, P. Daniel (Beth) Shannon, Thomas R. Shannon; 11 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to South Lyon Rehabilitation and Senior Care, 700 Reynold Sweet Parkway, South Lyon, MI 48178, or The Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Leon Becker,

Leon Becker - age 90, died February 17, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Sarah Harris,

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



Theodore Pudvay,

Theodore Pudvay - age 67, died February 15, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



William Nolkemper,

William Nolkemper - age 84, died February 15, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



Gerald Naugle

1935-2014

Gerald Naugle - age 78, table tennis champion, fervent of the arts, lifelong pursuer of culture, passionate historian and family genealogist died at home on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. Jerry



was born and raised in Flint Michigan by his loving mother, Vivian (Noel) Naugle (deceased) and father Roscoe Naugle (deceased). With a master's of science from U of M and experience breaking intercepted code for the pentagon, his professional journey was prominently spent as an engineer for General Motors. With an education of that of a scientist and mathematician, co-workers fondly referred to him as "their most over-qualified engineer". After 39 years of dedicated service, Jerry's professional journey (head of ride quality of BOC's large car group), ended in fruition with Buick and Cadillac earning the renowned reputation for the smoothest riding vehicles on the road. Even at the end of his career, Jerry said he never really felt like an engineer. With a loving marriage of 54 years to his beloved wife Anita Burnham, Jerry's success encompassed his personal life as well. They were truly an inseparable duo, with Anita always at his side. Jerry was a patient and loving father to his daughter, Stacey and his son, Erik. He had a lifetime pursuit of bringing together family and friends for meaningful conversation and to share his passion for life. When asked to elaborate on his love of great food and wine, he simply stated that it was the perfect catalyst for great conversation and time well spent with family and friends. Jerry celebrated each dawn

with a cup of peppermint tea while watching songbirds from his favorite rustic rocking chair, complete with carved antlers. As a talented,

lifelong photographer, his walls were filled with wonderful photos of his travels and his family and friends. Many of these artistic photos were developed and printed by Jerry in his darkroom. Talk-radio and the American Songbook were consistently a part of Jerry's day at home and on the road. Sharing interesting and unbelievable facts, as well as unforgettable stories, was one of his many trademarks. Jerry volunteered many hours at the Fenton library where he shared his passion for reading and good books. He also traveled the countryside in search of fascinating gems and hidden treasures exploring thrift stores and antique shops alike. Jerry's other interests included fishing, tennis, cards, live music, writing, poetry, museums, reading, in addition to designing and making beautiful hook rugs. Table Tennis was a significant part of Jerry's life. As a champion, coach and mentor, he became a cornerstone of the sport throughout the US. He founded and ran the Flint's Table Tennis Club and numerous tournaments ranging from the Canusa Games to the US Open. His involvement and support of youth brought many to this wonderful sport. Jerry requested that no services be held and that all remember him for his life and not his death. A great man and life well lived; Jerry was a true inspiration and will be dearly missed. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Melvin Schmidt,

Melvin Schmidt - age 75, died February 19, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.



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William Line,

William Line - age 65, died February 16, 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Joel S. Marrone,

Joel S. Marrone - age 55, died February 10, 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



William Freed,

William Freed - died February 18, 2014. Service times pending. For more information visit www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Florence Lajcak,

Florence Lajcak - age 92, died February 14, 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Leroy C. Murley

1933-2014

Leroy C. Murley - age 80, of Fenton, passed away on February 14, 2014. Beloved husband of Carol for over 52 years. Dear father of Timothy Murley, Kelly (Kelly) Murley, Wendy Murley and Patrick (Amy) Murley. 7 grandchildren and many dear friends. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 12:30 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



Prep Time: 10 mins | Cook Time: 10 mins | Serves: 2-3

INGREDIENTS

- 150g pasta
- 1 medium avocado, pitted and completely mashed
- 1 ½ t. lime juice
- 1/2 t. onion powder
- 1/4 t. garlic powder
- 1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped
- 1/2 t. pepper powder / chilli flakes, optional
- 1/4 cup almonds, finely chopped
- 1-2 T. olive oil

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.

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



JAMESY BOY
Jamesy Boy is the story of teenager James Burns (played by Spencer Lofranco) who goes from the sub-urban 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 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.



Guy has texted his way into faux-mance

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 voice mail, 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 affected by her (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 this. You should write to your niece a version of this: ‘When I was a reckless young woman (as you are now), no one tried to guide me. I wish someone had, because I might have avoided years of ill will, damaged relationships and poor judgment. You are lucky to be loved by wonderful people, and now it is time for you to make your mark in the family by starting to contribute in your own special way. I believe in you and hope you choose this positive path.’



Create your own ringtone

Don’t want to purchase ringtone from iTunes? Actually you can create your own ringtone from songs. Developed by Phonitive, Ringbuilder is an iPhone app that lets you create custom ringtones right from iPhone.

To create your own ringtone, after launching the app, you can simply tap on the “+” button. Ringbuilder will automatically show all the songs available on your iPhone. Simply pick the one you want to create as ringtone and you will be brought to an interface for creating ringtone. As you play back the track, tap “Start” and “Stop” button to select the part of song as ringtone. Just make sure the short clip is not longer than 30 seconds.

Once the Ringbuilder saves the ringtone, you are almost done. The next step is to transfer the ringtone back to your computer and sync the ringtone back to iPhone using iTunes. To transfer the ringtone you just created, tap on the “Get my ringtones” and turn on “Wifi Sync”. The app will show you a link.

Go back to your computer and type in that link in your browser. You can access the ringtone saved by Ringbuilder. Click on the ringtone and download it. Simply open the file and iTunes will automatically import it into the ringtone library.

The final step is to sync the ringtone to your iPhone. RingBuilder is available on App Store for just \$0.99.

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.



To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For some reason, I have gotten into the habit of checking my pulse when I walk or when I sit. While I watch TV, my pulse is about 100. Isn’t that way too fast? — C.K.

ANSWER: Pulse and heartbeat are one and the same. When the heart ejects blood, a pressure pulse 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 (heartbeat) 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.

SundayJumble

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

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CUDIL
SWACHE
TRIVED

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

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Answer key located in this edition

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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 Usealman 810-965-6552



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 248-240-2272



FENTON

301 E. High 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, dining room, laundry room and office area. Updated heating, plumbing, windows, siding and more. Includes a neat old carriage house! Lots of character and charm!

\$174,900

Call Sheila Rhoades 810-348-7357



DURAND

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

THIS WEEK'S OPEN HOUSES!



FENTON

508 N. Lemen Street

You must visit this home to see the commitment to quality workmanship 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 Cam Gonzalez 810-348-4076



FENTON

107 S. Lemen Street

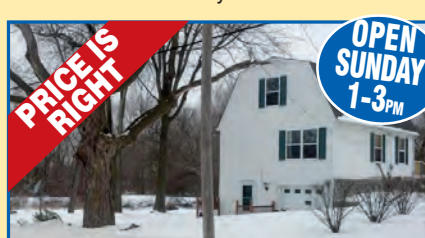
Updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home sits on a beautiful corner lot.

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



HOLLY

405 Elm Street

Classic looking 3 bedroom Dutch Colonial within walking distance of Historic Downtown Holly. Secluded partially wooded lot with fenced in back yard. Completely remodeled kitchen in 2013 with granite counter tops, oak cabinets and hardwood flooring.

New carpet in bedrooms and stairs, new water softener and roof in 2009.

\$87,900

Call Kevin Usealman 810-965-6552



CLAYTON TOWNSHIP

1477 Van Vleet

Quiet country living in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home in Flushing Schools complete w/gorgeous HW floors & CA. New updates include paint, flooring & all stainless steel appliances! Oversized 2 car garage & full, partially finished basement just waiting for a 4th bedroom. Only 3 miles from downtown Flushing & only 5 miles from the mall.

\$109,900

Call Kevin Usealman 810-965-6552



DAVISON

2133 Hermitage Drive

Spacious 4 Bedroom Colonial in Belle Meade Sub w/HW floors throughout. Traditional floor plan offering Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen w/casual dining, Family Room & 1.5 baths. Meticulously maintained. Enjoy cozy winter nights around your wood burning fireplace & summer nights in the Florida Room (bug free entertaining space!) Lots of storage in both the home & the oversized 2+ car garage. Clean & neat basement. Big yard. A few cosmetic updates will make this home a stunner. All appliances & home warranty are included w/full price & terms. New Roof 2011.

\$139,850

Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272



DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

11510 Crosby Road

Enjoy all sports Lobdell Lake without the taxes!

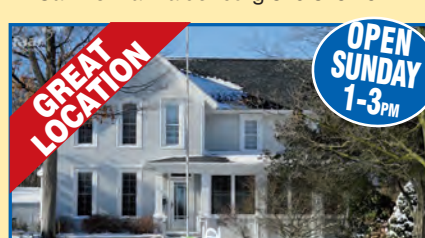
Lake privileges with day docking for only \$40 per month.

Great family home on a beautiful lot! Newer oak flooring, new deck and patio door, new garage door and firelit family room add to the charm.

Great location, Linden Schools.

\$162,500

Call Donna Fraidenburg 810-845-1971



FENTON

117 N. Adelaide Street

Park sized lot, 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths.

Grand older home in superior location in downtown Fenton.

Offers beautiful woodwork, large rooms and nice high ceilings.

1st floor laundry, lots of storage and an enclosed front porch.

Well insulated attached garage with heat and workshop.

\$169,900

Call Mark Goldsworthy 810-955-3736

NEW LISTINGS



WIXOM

28282 Haas

Great buy! 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow on 5 rolling acres. Enjoy country living within 5 minutes of all major expressways.

Beautiful rolling and wooded property. Updates include: boiler, vinyl windows, roof, vinyl siding, Pergo in dining room, bathroom updates, carpet and tile.

\$139,900

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



HOLLY

16068 Fish Lake Road

LOTS OF ROOM in this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on over half an acre. Updates in the last 5 years. Water heater replaced. Plenty of living space, family room, formal dining room and living room, as well as a large great room in the partially finished basement. Garage and a large pole barn for plenty of storage.

\$139,900

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



BURNS TOWNSHIP

12590 Julmar Drive

Incredible views from the deck of this exceptionally well maintained 3 bedroom home, 2.5 baths & 1614 sq. ft. This property backs to 40+ acre wildlife preserve & features a gorgeous view of nature's finest. Numerous improvements recently made including: Windows, Roof, Bamboo HW floors, Carpet, Cedar deck, Landscaping & more. Other features include Central air, RV parking w/ 240V hookup, 2-car garage & storage shed. Walkout basement contains finished bonus room. Located 10min from I-69, 15min from US-23 & 20min from M-59.

\$159,900

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



SOUTH LYON

333 Princeton

Large 3 bedroom colonial.

Vaulted ceilings gives home an open and airy feeling. Gas fireplace in family room.

Enjoy the large backyard with multi-level deck. No homes behind you gives you plenty of privacy.

1600 square feet for the family to enjoy.

\$145,000

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



FENTON

15205 Charluene Drive,

MOVE IN READY!

Clean and neat 2 bedroom home on quiet street. Many updates.

Bathroom with grab bars.

New fence on south side of property. Freshly painted throughout, new floor coverings. Large back yard with plenty of room for a garden.

\$86,900

Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481