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“” ONLINE COMMENTS

MEDIA

“Can’t help but notice that no major news organization ever runs a story on how someone’s life was saved by being armed. More media manipulation.”

NEWSPAPER

“I don’t always agree with the Times, but I always read it front to back. Thank you Sharon and staff.”

WEATHER

“Weather whiners, it would be totally boring if the weather were the same all the time. Enjoy it and be thankful for the changing seasons.”

WINTER

“I’m not that old but I still remember plenty of winters like this when I was a kid.”

RONALD REAGAN

“Ron Reagan here — that sound you keep hearing? That’s me rolling over in my grave.”

“” HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“FENTON IS GROWING by leaps and bounds. I caution all residents to stay informed and involved. These decisions affect all of us and are made by just a few. Go to these meetings — remember the last Urban Renewal — and let your voice be heard. And thank you Times for keeping us informed.”

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Human trafficking

► **Legislators: It could happen in our backyard**

By William Axford

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Fenton — Rep. Kurt Heise (R-Plymouth) is often asked if human trafficking is more of a buzzword rather than a legitimate issue. But that shred of doubt didn’t arise in the crowd of nearly 50 people at the St. John Activity Center in Fenton Tuesday night when Heise,

Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Argentine Township) and Kelly Carter of Attorney General Bill Schuette’s office advocated for more laws cracking down on human trafficking.

After the December closing of Lake Spa on Torrey Road in Fenton for allegations of prostitution and possible human trafficking, the Fenton community is well aware that the issue is more than just a buzzword.

“A lot of people might think this
See TRAFFICKING on 10A

“One of the big questions I get is, ‘is this for real?’ My answer is absolutely this is a real problem here in Michigan.”

Kurt Heise
State Representative
(R-Plymouth)

Board of Review time — unpleasant but necessary

► **Property owners can argue assessed values, mistakes, changes**

By Tim Jagielo

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March brings us the first signs of spring, NCAA tournament brackets and St. Patrick’s Day. But lest we forget a most important week for property owners — board of review.

Board of Review occurs in each municipality, and it gives property owners a chance to make complaints on the assessed value of real, and personal
See REVIEW on 18A

Practicing for perfection



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Fenton Community Orchestra rehearses Strauss’ “Blue Danube Waltz” Thursday evening in the Fenton High School band room, with Andy Perkins directing. The orchestra will be performing at the Community Expo on Saturday, and a spring concert on May 2. The orchestra is comprised of about 50 members in a range of ages.

Don’t like your school district?

► **‘School of choice’ allows students to go elsewhere**

By William Axford

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Shelia Hopkins lives close to Lake Fenton Community Schools but that doesn’t mean her kids were automatically allowed to attend them. Hopkins’ home lies within the Carman-Ainsworth school district, with their school residing nearly half an hour away. Hopkins was able to get her children into closer and smaller schools through section 105 of the State School
See SCHOOL OF CHOICE on 19A



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Eden Anderson, 6, waits for instructions during the art/media hour at Creekside Elementary in Hartland Wednesday.

EDITORIAL

Does your community really need a newspaper?

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Studies consistently show that younger generations begin reading newspapers when they get married, buy a home or have children.



By Times Editorial Board

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See COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER on 6A

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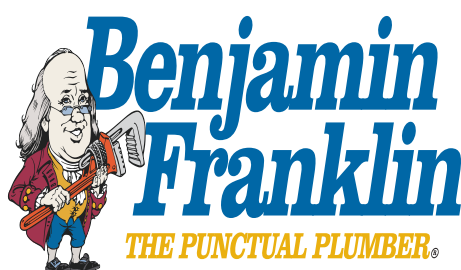
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Police & Fire report

COUSINS ARRESTED

A 52-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated – third offense and driving with expired plates on a car belonging to his parents, who live in Arizona. The man's cousin, a 56-year-old Holly woman was arrested for having open intoxicants. The cousins' legal problems began when a Holly police officer pulled the man over at 12:10 a.m. on Feb. 23 when he ran a red light on Grange Hall Road at North Holly Road.

WHO STRUCK WHOM?

A 62-year-old Holly man and his 87-year-old friend reported to Holly police on Feb. 21 that the elder man's car had been struck by a truck while they were seated in it and parked at a business in Holly. When the truck drove away, the Holly man, who was driving the car, followed the 2001 GMC Sierra pickup truck, made contact with the driver and then followed the truck to the 29-year-old Holly man's home so he

See **POLICE** on 11A

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Twenty churches, 7 square miles

► Numerous denominations of Christianity exist within city

By William Axford

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There are approximately two churches for every one square mile within the city of Fenton. A quick glance at Google maps revealed at least 20 locations for churches within the 7-square-mile city, ranging from Catholic to Baptist to Lutheran.

Whether one attends or abstains from church, some formal knowledge of Christianity is necessary to understand some current events and politics in America.

Recent events such as an Arizona bill allowing businesses to refuse services based on religious beliefs or scientist Bill Nye debating creationist Ken Ham have kept religion a part of national conversations.

According to Pew Research, 78 percent of Americans identify themselves as Christians, followed by 4.7 percent of the population indentifying with other religions such as Judaism, Islam and Buddhism. A little more than 15 percent of the population is unaffiliated with a specific religion.

St. John Catholic Church arguably has the biggest congregation in Fenton with 9,204 registered members. The church



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Altar boys participate in an Ash Wednesday service at St. John Catholic Church in Fenton, one of the largest churches in the area.

began in the mid 1800s and it has established itself as one of the most active churches in the area through Applefest and numerous social outreach programs.

"We're community and family orientated, with services including many Catholic traditions and practices," Fr. Kurian Joseph said. "St. John is also known for its schools and Catholic education."

“We’re community and family orientated, with services including many Catholic traditions and practices.”

Fr. Kurian Joseph, St. John Catholic Church

At the other end of the spectrum is the Freedom Center, a church that utilizes stages, videos and light displays. Pastor Jason McKay said the church attracts a 'younger, livelier crowd,' with

11,000 to 13,000 people attending Mass weekly. McKay's style of sermon is more contemporary rather than traditional.

See **CHURCHES** on 10A

Buying the right sunglasses

► Things to keep an eye on when buying the perfect pair

With spring break on the horizon, it could be that you're in the market for a new pair of shades to wear in Florida or perhaps some other sunny destination. Before you go shopping, there are plenty of things to keep in mind before settling on a pair.

UV is essential

Yes, of course your shades should look cool, but more importantly, they need to have UV protection. It's a fact — ultraviolet radiation,

See **SUNGLASSES** on 12A



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Random royal thoughts

■ **Despite the shameless** and false propaganda by the environmentalist

zealots about the loss of animal habitat and over-population, more than 90 percent of the land in the United States is still undeveloped. Look it up.

■ **In my book**, all lawyers are criminal lawyers.

■ **The secret to life?** Inhale. Exhale.

■ **Too many people** in positions of responsibility and authority betray our trust, such as teachers who propagandize their students and media who slant the news.

■ **Who would ever be gullible** enough to respond to those overseas spam-scams

full of grammar errors, syntax errors and spelling errors that promise you millions of dollars if you will just send them a couple of thousand bucks for some fabricated administrative costs. Somebody must respond or they wouldn't keep sending them.

■ **Great bumper sticker:** Watch out for the moron behind me.

■ **I always laugh** when someone says they are 'anti-war.' Everyone is anti-war. Pompous, self-preening statements like that automatically tell me that you are not one to be

taken seriously.

■ **Liberal logic:** Women in combat. Criminalizing cigarettes (through

taxation), legalize marijuana. Legalize abortion, eliminate capital punishment. Politicians trying to take away our guns are protected by armed bodyguards. Glaciers created the Great Lakes but a cold winter or warm summer is evidence of 'Climate Change.'

■ **In today's world**, it is 'politically incorrect' to tell it like it is to many minorities. That's why you never read that blacks are killing their own race. This idiocy doesn't help them, it harms them.

■ **Am I ambivalent?** Well, yes and no...

■ **Why is it impossible** to purchase a well-made T-shirt that does not have a logo, social statement or advertising on it?

■ **I don't think it is fair in Scrabble** to play words that no one has ever used or heard of. I say that if you haven't used the word correctly in a sentence in the last year, then it's off limits. Are you listening honey?

■ **Come on — we can invent** a self-cleaning oven but not a self-cleaning toilet? Which do we use more often? Which needs cleaning more? Let's get our priorities straight.

■ **Barack Obama is the** first president ever to: sue a state for requiring valid ID to vote, bow to a foreign head of state, have 22 highly paid assistants for the first lady, have a dog trainer on retainer at \$102,000 per year and preside over a population where 44 percent are receiving some sort of welfare.

■ **I have yet** to ever hear anyone provide a logical definition of the word 'diversity.'

■ **The left castigates** CEOs who accumulate wealth through years of leadership and risk, but never shriek 'unfair' when a silly twit actor or athlete is paid \$20 million for a few weeks of 'work.'

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.



Hot lines

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LIBERALS ALWAYS DO the right thing? Like aborting babies, increasing taxes, and increasing debts and deficits so that our children and grandchildren have to pay them off, thinking it's fine to have millions on food stamps and welfare, legalizing pot, but making cigarettes illegal? I was a liberal once, until I got a real job living in the real world.

GEE, WITH A name like 'Foster,' you'd think the King would know that beer is an integral part of curling.

DISSAPOINTED THAT NO one called out King's 'terrorist Muslim babies' comment in a recent column, so I will. At best, language like that discredits the kind-natured, fatherly advice the King also likes to give. That's the most respectful thing I can say about his ridiculous attempt at humor, or shock-value.

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG. Gangs in prison get their health insurance paid for, they get a roof over their heads, they get free meals, but our honest, working people that want insurance can't afford it. Take all the insurance away from those gang members and give it to the people on the outside, and ship the other ones out to an island and let them fend for themselves.

YEAH, ROMNEY SAVED a lot of companies from bankruptcy. The problem is, they're all in China now, with no accountability, quality control, or American jobs. I sure hope the Republican Party has a credible candidate next time.

IF THE KEYSTONE Pipeline becomes a reality in the USA, we stand to lose thousands of migratory birds who might touch down to rest and drink in waters that have become contaminated with breaks. Greed is the name of the game.

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL Eric Holder just announced that state Attorney Generals do not have to enforce a state law if they disagree with it. We have changed from a government of laws to government by whim.

WHAT WOULD IT take for every state in the union to have one congressman and one senator? I could see savings of a trillion dollars over a couple of years from travel to benefits to retirement, to pay. I don't care about the population; everything equal.

I WANT TO thank Linden police and all their crews for keeping a close eye on the schools. I have a son that's a kindergartener at Hyatt and every morning they're close by checking out anything suspicious. Thank you again guys, you're doing a good job.

THANKS TO OBAMA, we're losing the war on drugs too.

I DON'T KNOW if you heard that jet last Tuesday. If those two jets had been any closer, they could have exchanged Valentine's. They had a near T-bone mid-air over Rose Township and they just missed each other.

I WAS A social worker for my entire career and no child goes hungry here unless they don't know enough to get help. There are many avenues to ensure our children are cared for and fed.

A FOUR STORY building in Fenton is a mistake. The DDA is turning Fenton into what I moved to Fenton to escape.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Readers write

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Urban renewal

Dear Editor,
My name is Becky Fernelius and I am a Fenton resident conducting research on the urban renewal process occurring in downtown Fenton, which entails the destruction of old buildings and the reconstruction of new buildings to help the area's growth increase, mainly the Cornerstone building and old fire hall. I have interviewed elected officials such as Mayor Sue Osborn along with other business owners and residents to see how people truly feel about the urban renewal project. Everyone I interviewed stated they felt this project is just what the town needs in order to bring residents, jobs, and money to the downtown area. Most are happy about the changes made; however, others are disappointed with the history lost as well as the demolition of cherished buildings. This project affects many people so it is extremely important that more residents become aware of what is happening in their local area.

Sincerely,
Becky Fernelius

Patrick John Badgley

Dear Editor,
On Feb. 8, we tragically lost our beloved 22-year-old grandson, Patrick John Badgley. It has been shocking, numbing and heartbreaking. I feel the need to share something with our tri-county neighbors about some young men and women in our area. On the evening prior to the burial, some 15-20 young people in their early 20s came to the funeral home and shared their experiences and love of our Patrick. I cannot adequately express how comforting this was to our family. These young people, on their own, have started a scholarship fund in our son and grandson's name to be awarded to students of Linden High School of which Patrick graduated in 2009. We often hear only bad things about our young people, but we have seen firsthand some very find young men and women in our Linden area.

Sincerely, grandparents John and Evelyn Rubel and parents Tim and Andy Badgley

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What is the best thing about your school?

Linden High School students

streettalk



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— Patrick Newport, senior



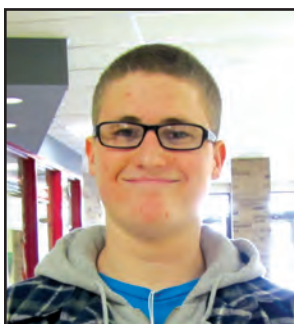
"The athletics and school lunches. We have great success in athletics and the lunches taste good."

— Jason Krall, senior



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— Brice Tucker
sophomore



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— Holden Holsinger
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— Emma Wabel
freshman



"Everyone is super nice and I like the classes they offer. Ancient Civilization is the most interesting."

— Olivia Allen
freshman

School districts, ‘very irregular’

►Shape of districts decided long ago by farmers, neighborhood developers

By William Axford
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When it comes to school districts, generally landscape and landowners dictate how boundaries are defined. And unlike political districts, the boundaries for school districts aren’t decided by politicians.

According to Linden Community Schools Superintendent Ed Koledo, school districts are rarely ever redefined. Redistricting, if needed, is generally prompted by real estate activity of a neighborhood or subdivision looking to join a specific school district. Koledo isn’t sure what factors specifically influenced boundaries for districts.

“Reportedly, it had a lot to do with property owners (back in the day) and district a farmer wanted to be in,” Koledo said. “I honestly have no idea what the original concept was in how the state created school districts.”

Whether through farmers picking which schools they would like to support or developers petitioning to be a part of a certain district, knowing the boundaries of a district is important for school officials. It dictates how much money a school will receive from millages and property taxes. Bus routes are drawn to ensure maximum coverage for all students.

School districts within the tri-county area are mostly square, extending far beyond their respective cities or towns

(Fenton, Linden, Holly and Fenton Township). School districts are not defined by counties either, as parts of Fenton schools include Oakland County and parts of Holly schools extends into Genesee County.

Holly by far has the biggest district at 124 square miles. Fenton is 37 square miles, Linden is 50 square miles and Lake Fenton is 33 square miles. As of the 2012-2013 school year, Michigan had 56 school districts and 1,529,887 pupils.

Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Wayne Wright has never heard of a school district being rezoned and has only heard one request for a rezoning in his 20-year career.

“District boundaries were drawn up many years ago and are very irregular,” Wright said. “They were drawn by property lines and what district people wanted to be a part of at that time.”

“Districts were drawn up many years ago and I have never heard of a boundary being changed.”

Wayne Wright
Superintendent at Lake Fenton Community Schools



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► Walker and Behrens will continue efforts of improving village

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — Village Manager Jerry Walker and Clerk/Treasurer Cathy Behrens will be on the job for the next five years, after members of Holly's Village Council approved the agreements during the Feb. 25 meeting.

Both hired in 2011, Walker and Behrens came to the village from Walled Lake in 2011, and since then, have been doing a great job, Village President Ryan Bladzick said.

On Tuesday, council approved Walker's five-year contract to begin March 9. The agreement bumps Walker's annual pay from \$80,800 to

\$81,608, with a 1-percent one-time bonus of \$816. Walker will receive an additional week of vacation, going from three weeks off per year to four.

Behrens' five-year contract will become effective on May 17, and boosts her annual pay from \$61,600 to \$62,620, with a 1-percent one-time bonus of \$620. Like Walker, Behrens will go from three weeks paid vacation to four.

"I'm really pleased with the renewal," Walker said Wednesday.

Behrens was equally happy about the contract extension. "It pleases me that I will continue working for the village of Holly," Behrens said.

"We've got a great team here, and I look forward to further automating services for our residents, and just continuing our efforts in making it a better place to work, live and play."



Jerry Walker

Council accepts Lambert's resignation

► Former Holly Township supervisor relocates to KY

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — It was a relatively short stint serving on the Holly Village Council, but on Tuesday, Feb. 25, council members accepted council member Jesse Lambert's resignation.

Lambert was appointed to council last September to fill the vacancy left by Ryan Bladzick, as he took over for former Village President Jason Hughes.

In his letter of resignation dated Feb. 23, Lambert reflected on his many years serving the community of Holly. "Holly has experienced a tremendous level of commercial growth and community prosperity over the last decade," his handwritten letter read. "The current leadership team has been responsible for creating many new opportunities as people and businesses continue to invest in all things Holly."

Village Manager Jerry Walker said Lambert accepted a reference librarian position at a county library in Kentucky. Additionally, Walker said he expects council to appoint a replacement for Lambert sometime within the next month.

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Continued from Front Page

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'It's not a pretty number'

►Holly schools' 2014-15 fund balance sinks below \$400K

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — Things didn't look all that bad last summer when officials with Holly Area Schools thought they were starting the 2013-2014 school year with a \$1.2 million fund balance. But several financial issues that have cropped up since the beginning of the school year have caused Steve Lenar, assistant superintendent of Administrative Services to adjust the numbers accordingly, leaving the district's fund balance approximately \$900,000 short of what was originally projected.

In his first budget update to the board since June, Lenar said the district originally showed an excess revenue of \$73,206, with an estimated fund balance of \$1,213,472. Changes in revenues and expenses for the district have caused Lenar to adjust the numbers, leaving the district with a \$529,189 deficit for the year, and a new estimated fund balance of \$897,555 as of July 1, 2013.

"The bottom line is, we thought we would be ending the year with about \$1.2 million and we're ending it at a proposed — now updated at \$368,000," Lenar said.

Changes in revenue

Lenar's original projection of student enrollment for the 2013-14 school year fell 23 students short. Lenar said the district won't have a solid number from the state until May, and estimates that the district will lose \$200,000 in student funding.

Lenar said Oakland Schools' special education allocation is also decreasing by about \$53,000. Additionally, Lenar said the district stands to lose another \$45,000 that is normally transferred in from food service. Budgeted to receive \$90,000, Lenar said the district will most likely



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HAS Superintendent of Administrative Services, Steve Lenar discusses the budget.

only get half that amount.

In total, Lenar estimates about \$213,000 in revenue changes.

Changes in expenditures

To handle the district's growing crop of kindergarteners, Lenar said the district hired two additional kindergarten teachers, as well as a classroom assistant to augment the young five program, amounting to \$157,000. Additionally, Lenar said the district spent \$45,000 in Leader in Me training at the middle school level, and budgeted \$110,000 for this year's share of the Sherman Middle School move. Tax abatements, technology adjustments, athletic prior year charges, and bus payments came to a combined estimated total of \$102,000 for total net expenditure changes amounting to \$414,000.

As for the overall change in fund balance, Lenar explained that after the audit was over, the beginning balance for July 1, 2013 was adjusted to

\$897,555. Off on the 2012-13 budget by a negative 1 percent, Lenar said the district ended up spending \$315,917 more than anticipated. Lenar said the shift in ending balances from a \$73,000 surplus to a \$529,000 deficit leaves a shift of \$602,000. That, added to the \$315,000 overage adds up to the \$918,312 change in fund balance.

"It's not a pretty number, but that's how it happened," Lenar said.

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Steve Lenar

HAS assistant superintendent of Administrative Services

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I'M A DRIVER'S Ed teacher and drive around Fenton a lot. Down by South Holly Road, I've noticed even Fenton police don't stop at the stop sign. I made my student stop so the Fenton officer and four other cars went through without stopping. Can't we do something about this before some young person gets the idea it's all right to do this?

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TO THE PERSON who said Liberals do what's right no matter what they're told and conservatives do what they're told no matter what's right: how do you not realize how ignorant you sound when you say such ridiculous things? Seriously, it's just unbelievable.

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IT'S AMAZING TO me that the government is going to change labels on food and a quick raise but yet they can't do a thing about the high gas prices.

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THE GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T scare citizens. The government should be scared of the citizens because we put them in office. Want a change? Go to government meetings and tell them

exactly what you think, and don't allow any lying backtalk.

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LAST SUNDAY'S HOT line that claimed Reagan was a great president forgot to mention the following: the Iran-Contra scandal, giving weapons to Saddam Hussein and Bin Laden, pardoning millions of illegal aliens, not admitting he had Alzheimer's and cutting taxes on the wealthy leading to a \$2 trillion deficit.

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OUR CORRUPT GOVERNMENT of America shouldn't require ministers of the Holy Bible to perform marriages between two men or two women, nor should two men or two women be allowed to adopt children into such an unnatural environment. Who says our world isn't going to hell?

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SO BIDEN SAYS that all single women can now quit their dead-end jobs with insurance and get Obamacare. Where then does the money come from to pay their bills and feed their kids? What is this guy, a moron? Does he want them on Welfare instead?

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I'M GETTING SO sick of the liberal union Democrats ripping on Ronald Reagan. He cut the tax rate from 74 to 28 percent and defeated the Soviet Union in what could have been a world-ending, mankind-ending war without any American's being killed. He won the cold war. He led us to a 7-percent growth rate out of the recession that Carter caused. Anyone that argues with that is a fool.

I LOVE USING the self-checkouts. I'm never overcharged, my change I can count back and it's not just slammed into my hand. And I can put it in my wallet without getting rear-ended by the person behind me because I'm not moving fast enough.

JUST READ ABOUT Hillary thinking about running for president in 2016. She is not a dumb person but I can't see her running at all. She blew her chance when she cow-towed to Obama. She would have made a real good president but it's too late.

I LOVE READING all the Hot lines, especially the ones with facts secured from questionable sources. Some people are very gullible.

YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENTS: sit down and listen to your parents and grandparents, the stories they told were true. I remember my father telling me how they built a fire under the car just to get the motor to turn over. Wake up!

SO YOU THINK it's cold? I remember clearly as a kid in the '70s and putting a thermometer on the patio and it was 37 degrees below. Go over a couple states to Minnesota, they deal with this all the time.

MITT ROMNEY'S COMPANY'S, modus operandi, was to invest in companies, leverage them with debt and sell them off for scraps, allowing investors to make huge profits. The companies ended up in bankruptcy, laying off workers and renegeing on benefits.

THIS IS GENERAL Robert E. Lee speaking: 'There is something very dark and sinister lurking just below the surface of your government. Polish off your guns and band together. The tanks are coming! The tanks are coming!'

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From left are sisters Linda Paese, Shelly Miracle, Maralee Dalton and Susan Hegrete. They get together every year in Michigan for a mini-reunion. All four are supporting each other as they battle breast cancer.

'We want people to see that there's hope'

► Daughter's story of mom and three aunts diagnosed with breast cancer

By Sally Rummel

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Jennifer Gebhardt, 43, doesn't like to live her life waiting for "the other shoe to fall," but a recent string of breast cancer diagnoses in her family has made it difficult to change that mindset.

First, her aunt Maralee Dalton was diagnosed in 2009 at age 55 with stage 2-B infiltrating mammary carcinoma. Following a single mastectomy, plus chemotherapy and radiation for the best prognosis, she is doing very well at home in Biloxi, Miss., where she lives with her daughter, Tammy.

Next, Gebhardt's mother, Susan Hegrete, was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer in 2010, at age 61. In addition to fighting a challenging disease, Hegrete's situation was confounded by the notoriety of her original doctor, Dr. Farid Fata of Rochester, who was arrested in August 2013 for mistreating cancer patients and committing health care fraud. "We used to wait over 12 hours to see Dr. Fata at his Clarkston office," said Gebhardt, who became her mother's caregiver immediately after her cancer diagnosis. She now lives with Gebhardt and her husband Randy in Byron. "He overmedicated her to the point that the tumor itself exploded and left a wound that got horribly infected."

Gebhardt then put her mom under the care of the University of Michigan Hospital Breast Cancer Center, and is pleased to report that her mom is doing very well. "Now she's taking care of her other sister, Linda Paese of Waterford who was diagnosed with breast cancer last November," said Gebhardt. "She went from needing a caregiver to being a caregiver."

A third aunt, Shelly Miracle, of Tennessee, was diagnosed with stage 1 ductal carcinoma last May at age 56. She had a single mastectomy and is now in the process of healing before undergoing reconstructive surgery.

In addition to these three aunts of Gebhardt's, the family also includes two other sisters who have not yet had any cancer diagnosis, "but they wonder when it will happen to them," said Gebhardt. Both she and two sisters have had genetic testing done. "We don't carry the gene for breast cancer," she said. Her family has also borne the sadness of loss with a sister's sister-in-law who had breast cancer, and passed away in 2002.

Gebhardt admits that since all of these breast cancer diagnoses have happened in her family, everything has changed. "You look at life differently," she said. On the positive side, her family gathers every year to walk in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Ann Arbor every October. "We want people to see that there's hope. Last year, our family had 18 walkers at the event."

DID YOU KNOW?

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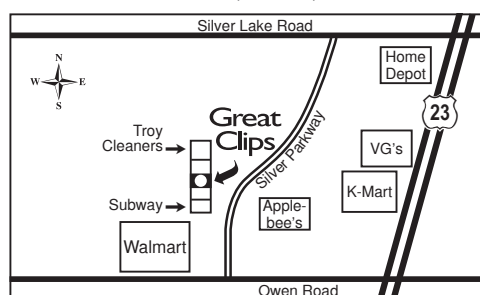
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TRAFFICKING

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is not my problem, this doesn't happen in my backyard but that's not really the case," Heise said. "We have introduced 23 bills in the last 30 days. Michigan is at the bottom in terms of laws on the books, public education and data gathering. It really showed to the rest of this county we are taking this issue seriously."

Heise knew legislators had to do more after the FBI found that Detroit was the second largest area in the country for human trafficking. Heise described it as a 'gut punch' and a motivation to improve laws, data collection, professional training and public awareness about the issue.

Carter said describing human trafficking can be difficult as some people confuse it with prostitution or transporting people. "We refer to it as modern-day slavery," Carter said. "It's a crime of exploitation. The victim is completely dependent upon their trafficker both for their existence and

the reality they're living in."

Legally, human trafficking is defined as any use of force, fraud or coercion used upon someone to obtain labor or services. Human trafficking is separated by sex and labor, where captors force victims into prostitution or servitude. According to Carter, captors may control their victims by withholding visas or legalization papers and through physical violence.

Carter and Heise said one of the biggest flaws in Michigan's current law is that victims forced into sex trafficking are treated as prostitutes, making them vulnerable to criminal prosecution. One bill in Lansing aims to provide a 'safe harbor' for victims, focusing on protection and rehabilitation for victims rather than punishment.

"The center piece of our legislation was to create a safe harbor bill for the victims of human trafficking," Heise said. "Many times, these young people,

we don't know where their families are. They may be from overseas or another part of the country."

According to a 2013 report conducted by the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking, 43 percent of trafficking incidents occur in private

residences, more than hotels, bars and massage parlors combined. Nearly half of all sex trafficking in the U.S. involves the sexual exploitation of children. When the FBI investigated Michigan in 2013 for trafficking, 18 pimps were arrested in metro Detroit and 10 children were rescued.

Other proposed bills include legalizing wiretapping, creating felony charges for those involved with underage victims and awarding seized assets obtained from captors to their victims. Outside of legislation, the panel hopes to increase public awareness and extensive training for law enforcement to recognize signs of trafficking.

“It's a crime of exploitation. The victim is completely dependent upon their trafficker both for their existence and the reality they're living in.”

Kelly Carter
Assistant attorney general



Michael Laetz achieves Eagle Scout

Michael Laetz, 15, of Fenton Township has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 219 in Fenton and attends Lake Fenton High School. He is the son of Ken and Mary Laetz. Laetz developed his Eagle Leadership project with the help of Tony Delecki, business manager of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Fenton. His project was to excavate 150 feet of stone walkway at the church that had become overgrown with grass and was unsafe to walk on. The project was named in honor of Fr. David Harvey, 'Harvey Walkway to Heaven.' Benches placed on the concrete pad provide places for quiet conversations and reading. The students and teachers of St. John's will surely benefit from his efforts.



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"We have a sanctuary that is set up more like a theater. We put a tremendous amount of care into it," McKay said. "One in three people at the Freedom Center are under the fifth-grade."

Some of the 20 or so churches in Fenton operate with much smaller congregations, such as the Trinity Lutheran Church, which Pastor Dean Dumbrille said attracts about 350 people a week. According to Dumbrille, the Lutheran faith focuses more on Jesus and the gospel rather than The Holy Spirit.

Pew Research also reports that the Midwest is one of the most diverse regions in America for religion. Women are more likely to identify with a certain religion than men are and nearly 40 percent of married couples have a different religion than their spouse. Protestantism is the most popular denomination of Christianity in America. Catholicism is the second most popular, followed by Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Orthodox Christians.

Other denominations of Christianity with Fenton include Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Seventh-Day Adventist.

Friends rally to aid fire victims

►Affected families need anything and everything to help rebuild lives

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — Sunday's devastating fire on East Maple Street may have taken one of Holly's oldest homes and the belongings of five area families in the process, but the one thing it didn't do is break the spirit of its victims, or the many concerned citizens of Holly dedicated in helping the affected families rebound.

Erika Pezold and her children, Ana, 16 and Carmen, 4, and their beloved Chihuahua, are holding each other a little closer this week after the fire claimed nearly everything they owned. Since then, they have been staying with Holly resident, Brenda Krug, a friend and a former co-worker of Erika's.

"They lost absolutely everything," Krug said. "But they're staying with me until they can find a place and get back on their feet. I wasn't about to let them go out into the cold."

Having occupied one of the upstairs units, Pezold's apartment was hardest hit. "Even the keys to her car burned up, so we've been trying to figure out how to get a key made," Krug said of the older model Pontiac Vibe. "It would be great if somebody could help us out with getting a key for the car. The car is the only thing they have left."

Since the fire, the kids are adapting as well as can be expected, with Ana returning to school on Wednesday. Erika, however, is having a tough time trying to figure out how she's going to replace everything they lost, Krug said.

Krug said Erika is content to get some replacement clothing at Goodwill, but that little Carmen wears size 5T and children's size 12 shoes, while Ana wears size 6 clothing, small shirts and size 9 shoes. In addition to her school clothing, Ana, a ballet dancer, also lost all her ballet shoes and other essential gear.

Those having any clothing or household goods to spare are asked to call Krug at (248) 830-0746 or (248) 245-3874 to make delivery arrangements. "Anything



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Ana Campbell, 16, helps carry some of a neighbor's belongings from the wreckage Sunday afternoon. Hit hardest, Ana's family lost absolutely everything in the fire.

that Erika and the girls can't use, we'll make sure goes to the other families who may need it," she said. "All donations are welcomed."

The River Church is also collecting clothing, personal items, and household goods of all kinds for all of the affected families at their downtown Holly campus, 111 College St., Holly. Donations can be dropped off from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donations needed

- Men's medium and large clothing
- Baby clothes for 2- and 4-year old girls
- Shoes for 2- and 4-year-old girls
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- Men and women's shoes, all sizes
- Coats, gloves, hats, scarves, mittens
- Women's medium and large shirts
- Female teen clothing, size 6 pants, small shirts, size 9 shoes
- Toothbrushes, toiletries and feminine products
- Tights for baby girls, 2 and 4 years old
- Hair ties for little girls
- All household and kitchen items
- Beds, sheets, comforters
- Furniture

POLICE

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could get his license. When the 29-year-old did not exit his home, the older men drove to the police station to report the hit and run.

The 29-year-old's mother also reported the incident, but told police that her son said that his truck was the one that was struck. Police cited the 29-year-old after learning he was driving with an expired and suspended license. Police advised the woman not to let her son drive until he had a valid license.

FENTON TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 11:30 a.m., Genesee County Sheriff's Department detectives and Dep. Pat Shaw arrested a male suspect who had been a person of interest in a handful of home invasions and larcenies in the Fenton Township area. Dep. Geno Gaticka said the Fenton Township man was arrested in his home. As of Thursday afternoon, he had not been arraigned and the sheriff's department has not released his name.

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SUNGLASSES

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Scratch resistant?

A thin coating can be applied to lenses to make them more resistant to scratches. Keep in mind that plastic lenses scratch more easily than glass lenses do. Sunglasses having mirrored lenses scratch even easier because the mirror finish is applied last.

Frame game

You can buy sunglasses with frames made from just about any material — plastic, base metals, titanium, and aluminum to name a few. Try them on to compare their weights to figure out what frames feel the best.

Get a good tint

Colors are applied to the lenses to help absorb light as it passes through, and while

the color is a matter of personal taste, there are a few color-related benefits to consider. Gray lenses reduce brightness but don't distort color, while brown and amber lenses reduce the glare but distort colors more than gray lenses. Yellow lenses will sharpen everything up and reduce some of the haze, but they cause more color distortion. Green is a good middle of the road lens, reducing glare and providing pretty good contrast, while rose-colored lenses are good for the sportsman as they provide a good contrast for objects that are viewed against blue or green backgrounds.

Don't have to spend a fortune

Sunglass styles change every year, just like everything else in fashion, but the selections are so varied, that no pair will every really go out of style. And since sunglasses don't have to be expensive to be effective, you're not required to break the bank in purchasing a pair.

Designer and specialty sunglasses, like the kinds used for sports, cost more than most sunglasses, but you'll find all kinds of fashion glasses for sale at affordable prices. Watch the UV ratings carefully and you'll be fine.

Fun facts about sunglasses

• Singer **Elton John** is rumored to have a collection of more than 1,000 pairs.

• The **most expensive** sunglasses sold on eBay are Elvis Presley's Madison Square Garden pair, sold for \$250,000.

• Sunglasses constitute a **\$34 billion** annual market at retail.

• In the United States, someone loses, breaks or sits on a pair of sunglasses **every 14 seconds**.

• Men's sunglasses sell **every nine seconds** on eBay

Source: www.9026eyes.com

Social News

ENGAGEMENT



Anderson-Armstrong

James and Kelly Anderson of Fenton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Cassia Elizabeth Anderson of Fenton and James Paul Armstrong III of Goodrich. They will be celebrating on Oct. 25, 2014, at 3 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Family in Grand Blanc. The reception will follow at The Captain's Club at Woodfield in Grand Blanc. Cassia will be graduating in May 2014 from Charter Oak State College in New Britain, Conn. and concentrating on Nutritional Science and Biology. James graduated from Goodrich High School in 2007 and is the owner of Master Machining, Inc. His parents are Denise and the late James Armstrong of Goodrich.

BIRTH

Benicio Joseph Beamer

Daniel and Consuelo Beamer of Grand Blanc are proud to announce the birth

of a son, Benicio (Benny) Joseph Beamer. He was born on Feb. 1, 2014 at Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc Township at 11:54 p.m. His weight was 6 lbs., 3 ozs., and he was 19.25 inches long. His grand-



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Fenton 55,

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Class A

At Fenton

Monday's game

Holly vs.

Grand Blanc, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Linden vs. Holly/Grand

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Friday's game

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- Holly defeated Linden on Wednesday.

Tigers' fans raising the fun factor in stands

► 'Every game we try to get better'

By David Troppens

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Fenton — With each Fenton varsity boys basketball game this season, it's hard to guess who or what you may see in the student section.

One week it might be student beach gear, with students dressed up as though they were at Daytona Beach instead of a local gymnasium in the middle of February.

During another game, one might see students dressed up as though it's late October, wearing M&M costumes, werewolf outfits or just about anything else representing Halloween.

And pretty much every night there's a good chance you'll get a lesson from the Old Testament when Moses parts the Red Sea (or in this case the Fenton student fan base) in half and runs up and down the aisle.

Whatever the theme is, it seems the fun has caught on and has a good portion of the Fenton student population excited, and, (despite the team's more average record than the past six seasons) more vocal than ever while watching their Fenton varsity boys basketball team at games.

There's no doubt, a Fenton Frenzy of sorts is on. More than ever the Tiger fans are having fun, and certainly winning the war against opposing fans whether they are at home or on the road.

"It's 100 times better than what it has ever been," said Mike Conroy, Fenton student and one of the fans that has created the creative chaos. "It gets seniors to freshmen involved and everybody is having a good time. It's really bringing the school spirit up for everyone in the school."

"It makes the games so much more fun when everyone is go-

What is a fan?

To most the answer to that question is pretty simple. It's a person who supports a specific athletic team in one of many ways. However, why was the word fan used to define team supporters? It was derived from the word "fanatical." Fanatical means motivated or characterized by an extreme, uncritical enthusiasm or zeal. That definition seems to define the Fenton student section rather well this year.

For those who want to see the Fenton fans in action, go to Wednesday's district game at home against the Brandon Blackhawks at 7 p.m.

ing crazy and stuff," said Fenton junior Logan Palmer. "It really helps our team in a lot of ways. They tell us at school that they play better. Every game we try to get better."

Just like a snowball going downhill, it does seem with every game the Fenton fans get much louder and more creative. Many of the chants the fans do are very similar to most student sections. Chants like "You can't do that" after a foul, or "scoreboard, scoreboard" when a team is winning are pretty common in a lot of gyms. However, the Fenton fans have learned to come up with witty comebacks when some of these chants are directed back at them. For example, at least once this season opposing fans used the "You can't do that" chant, but the Fenton fans responded quickly, "We just did" as though it was planned hours in advance.

How did the enthusiasm grow so great during what was expected to be a bit of a down season? A lot of it started with



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(Above) The Fenton fans prepare to "part the Red Sea" for Moses during a game. (Left) One of the themes this year for the Fenton student section was country day.

ex-Fenton basketball player and senior Alex Fulton.

"I played last year so (varsity) coach (Tim Olszewski) and I have a pretty good relationship," Fulton said. "About a month before tryouts started, he talked to me and we started to put a plan together to get the student section more involved than previous years. I think we've done that."

The Tigers are using social media to help their cause. There is a twitter account where students can learn chants in advance or put their input on what the theme for a specific game is going to be. There also was some research done to create some of the act.

"Coach and I were looking at

videos for college players and we came up with the 'Moses' idea because we saw it in the videos and thought the parting of the Red Sea would be a cool idea," said Fulton, who plays Moses during games.

Olszewski, who has never been shy for his love of enthusiastic crowds, enjoys the added attention to the games.

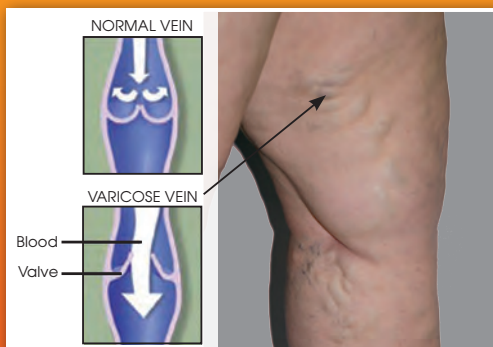
"They have been outstanding," Olszewski said. "I love the themes. I was impressed with student beach night. There were hundreds of students and they had to take both sides of the stands."

"I can tell you this, the kids feed off their energy. It's awesome."

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Six tri-county wrestlers win opening match at state

►Despite rib issues, Eicher advances

By David Troppens

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Auburn Hills — The trip to an individual state wrestling championship is never easy.

For Fenton resident and Hartland High School's defending state champion wrestler Austin Eicher, the trip got much tougher last week.

While wrestling at the team state meet with the Hartland Eagles, Eicher separated some cartilage within his ribs making his trip a painful one.

That was very evident during his opening round match at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Individual Wrestling Championships on Thursday at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Eicher wasn't his usual aggressive self, but still dominated his match against Utica Ford's Michael Wells, winning it by a 12-2 major decision.

Eicher was one of six tri-county wrestlers who won their first matches at the Palace, keeping their dreams alive for a potential state championship match on Saturday. Lake Fenton's Carson Whaley and Andy Donoho were winners, as was Holly's Andrew Scott. Eicher's Hartland teammate and Fenton resident Jacob Gorial also won as did Detroit Catholic Central wrestler and

Fenton resident Drew Garcia.

Eicher (135) knows he's facing a strong challenge.

"It's very painful," Eicher said about his injury. "The whole week I've been resting it in ice. Normally I'm on my attack. I'm attacking within seconds of the match. But for my first two matches (at state) I'm trying to wrestle a little more defensive, and come the semifinals, I am going to have to block out the pain and wrestle."

If there were any positives about Eicher's condition on Thursday it was he learned how painful it would be to wrestle with the injury, and that he was able to take an early lead and do exactly what he wanted to do — wrestle effectively in a defensive style. He rode his opponent most of the third period, switching sides so he wouldn't get any violations. However, when the match was over, it was clear last year's Division 1 130-pound state champion was feeling the pain from his injury. But Eicher plans on using his physical issues to help test his mental resolve.

"Mentally it sucks, but at the same time I'm kind of testing my mental toughness," Eicher said. "I get to use (the injury) as a way to test my will to win. Early in these matches I know it will hurt,



so now I know it will hurt later on."

The area's other defending state champion (actually two-time defending state champ) also won his match. Garcia, who won a Division 1 state championship at 171 is in the same weight class and off to a quick start. He earned a first-round pinfall against Utica's Sam Mason in just 1:11.

Gorial wrestled Eicher in the 130-pound state championship match last year, but is now in a weight class (145) where the two won't bump heads. Gorial started the tourney with a strong 13-1 major decision victory against Canton-Plymouth's Sofus Neilsen. Gorial dominated from the first period and cruised to the victory relatively easily.

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Two tri-county area wrestlers who won their opening matches at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Individual Wrestling Championships were Fenton residents Austin Eicher (top photo) and Jacob Gorial (immediately above). Both wrestlers are pictured on top of their opponents.

Bronchos not changing anything for district tourney

By David Troppens

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The Holly varsity boys basketball coach Lance Baylis has learned a lesson about district basketball.

"I have learned to not change what you normally do," Baylis said. "Let the other team adjust to what you do. It works way better when you let teams adjust to you."

The Bronchos, who have not won a district crown since 1983, will put that theory to test during the Class A district tourney being held at Fenton High School this week. They'll have to navigate their way through the toughest path to a district title at Fenton.

The Bronchos open action against last year's district championship squad, Grand Blanc, with a 7 p.m. contest on Monday. The winner of that game, faces Linden in the semifinals at 5 p.m., with that winner earning a spot in the Friday's district final against either Fenton or Brandon. Fenton hosts Brandon in Wednesday's second semifinal contest at about 7 p.m.

The winner of Monday's Grand Blanc-Holly bracket on Monday is the favorite to get out of the district, with the Bobcats (16-2) probably being the favorites overall.

"We have our work cut out for us," Baylis said.

"They are the sixth largest school in

the state and Holly is about the 135th largest. There's a big disparity. It's David vs. Goliath, but we are looking forward to the challenge."

Metro teams have had moderate success against good Grand Blanc teams in recent seasons. Holly defeated Grand Blanc 60-47 in a district opener in 2009, while the Fenton Tigers gave Grand Blanc a challenging contest in the district title game a year ago, before losing a 44-40 verdict. In the regional semifinals, Lapeer West defeated the Bobcats 65-43, earning the Metro League its first regional semifinal victory since Linden won a regional championship in 1998.

The Metro League is 5-2 against Grand Blanc since 2009.

However, the Metro has a nice little district streak going. After not having a league squad win a district from 1998 to 2011, Fenton won one in 2012 and West won one in 2013.

Holly appears to be the team best equipped in this district to give the league a third.

Lake Fenton at Class B District at Cournna

The Lake Fenton Blue Devils open district action against the winner of Monday's contest between Durand and Goodrich at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The winner of that contest will play either Cournna or Flint Southwestern in the championship game on Friday at 7 p.m.

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Area skiers post strong results at state meet

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Many area skiers had solid days at the Division 1 state ski meet, held at Schuss Shanty Creek Resort on Monday.

No one had a better day than Holly/Oxford's Lars Joergens-Kokate. He earned first-team all-state honors in both of his events, placing fifth in the men's slalom, and an even better fourth in the giant slalom.

In the giant slalom Joergens-Kokate was in third in the giant slalom after one run, with a time of 23.38 seconds. He slipped to 12th in the second run with a time of 24.54, but finished fourth overall with a combined time of 47.92.

In the slalom, Joergens-Kokate was fifth after the first round (31.46) and was eighth in the second run (31.12), and finished with a fifth-place combined time of 1:03.38.

"Lars skied GS (giant sla-

lom) very well in some challenging courses," Holly/Oxford coach Phil Nimmo said. "After the first run, he was only .03 seconds out of first place. He was nailing the second course, but lost his balance to the inside and ended up falling to his hip. Somehow he made a miraculous recovery. ... The fact that he can make that kind of mistake and still finish fourth says a lot about his strength and how well he was skiing that run. He pulled out an amazing finish after a tough mistake."

In girls' action, Fenton/Linden's freshman Zoe Weinberg was the top performer and also came home with first-team all-state honors by placing sixth overall in the giant slalom. She posted the fifth-best time during the first run (24.53) and followed that with the seventh-best time in the second run (26.14). Her combined time was 50.67.

"I'm proud of being a freshman and placing sixth at states in the giant slalom," Weinberg said.

"(Fenton/Linden) coach Tim Hiscock never stopped believing in me and gave me the confidence I needed for the giant slalom race. As a result I was able to put together two solid runs in the giant slalom.

"My Fenton/Linden ski team has been really supportive all year and without them I don't believe I would have had the success that I've had. I hope we can one day qualify as a team."

Weinberg had a tough start in the slalom, posting a time of 41.56 in her first run. However, her time of 33.11 during her second run was the sixth best that time down the hill. She finished 33rd overall.

Weinberg had an outstanding freshman year. It also included being the regional champion in both events earlier this winter.

The Fenton/Linden boys



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Fenton's Zoe Weinberg earned All-State honors in the giant slalom at the state ski meet on Monday.

were led by Seth Thompson. Thompson placed seventh in the slalom, earning a combined time of 1:03.38. His first run was done in a ninth-place time of 32.10.

His second run was a better

time (31.28), but was only the 12th-best time during that run.

Holly/Oxford's Greg Schultz finished 11th overall in the men's slalom with a combined time of 1:03.61.

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Lake Fenton's victors didn't have super easy times earning wins. Donoho (171) had a strong challenge against Bullock Creek's Ben McCann, but eventually captured a 3-0 decision win. Meanwhile, Whaley (160) had a little bit easier time with Manistee's Jacob Williams, capturing an 8-1 win.

Holly's Scott isn't the favorite to win a state crown in the Division 2 160-pound class, but he's not a wrestler anyone will want to face. The three-time state participant proved that by pinning Spara's Jason Ferrell in 2:41.

Lake Fenton's Jared Corcoran (119), John Barry (130), Cody Sanders (152), Trent Hillger (171) and Chase Hull (215) each lost opening-round matches, as did Holly's Sam Johnson (140) and Kyle Pepper (145). Wrestlers need to win two matches before losing two to earn a top-eight placing at the event.

The state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills conclude Saturday with action beginning at 8:30 a.m. The championship matches are at 4:45 p.m. For Friday and Saturday's action, go to www.tctimes.com or read Wednesday's edition of the Tri-County Times.

Holly's second quarter sparks win vs. LF

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One quarter was what separated the Metro League champion Holly Bronchos from the Lake Fenton varsity boys basketball team on Tuesday.

The Bronchos used a strong 20-10 second-quarter run to create a lead and then held on to that lead for the rest of the game, winning a 61-45 victory at Lake Fenton High School.

The Bronchos played without Kyle Woodruff, who rolled an ankle prior to the start of the game.

"We didn't want to take any chances, put ice on it and sat him out," Holly coach Lance Baylis said.

"The game felt a little anti-climatic. There wasn't a lot of energy on either side. Both sides of the stands were quiet. We had three important games last week. I think both teams' minds were on districts."

Holly led by double-digits during the second half, but were never able to blow the game completely open either against the Blue Devils.

"We just slowly opened it up, but we were never able to really blow it open ei-

ther," Baylis said.

"We'd get up by something like 16 and they'd hit a three. To their credit they kept making those threes and trying to battle back."

Lake Fenton coach Jacob Erway thought the Blue Devils had chances to get back into the game, but making just 14-for-58 shots kept them from doing that.

"I thought we played well enough to win the game as far as taking care of the ball and defense in the second half," Erway said.

"We missed a lot of easy layups that we had an opportunity to make. We make a few more of those and don't miss our free throws, and we have a chance to win the game. I thought we

played hard, but just couldn't find the basket on offense."

Holly was paced by Jake Daniels' 21 points, while Parker Rowse and Joshua Simms had 10 points each. Chris Bell led Lake Fenton with 13 points and three assists, while Chris Ross had 11 points and seven rebounds. Jalen Miller had nine points and seven boards, while Logan Ready had seven points and a team-best nine rebounds.

Both teams begin district action next week. Holly travels to Fenton for a 7 p.m. Class A district game against the Grand Blanc Bobcats. Meanwhile, the Blue Devils begin Class B district action at Corunna High School against either Durand or Goodrich on Wednesday. Tip-off for that game is set for 5 p.m.

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Holly, Fenton set up district championship battle

►Bronchos score first 18 points in victory vs. Linden

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Linden — Like many coaches, Holly girls basketball coach David Hall considers the start of the district tournament as a “new season.”

Based on Wednesday night, the “new season” looks a lot like the old one, or perhaps maybe even a bit better for Lady Bronchos’ fans.

The undefeated Holly Bronchos (21-0) scored the first 18 points of the game against the tourney-host Linden Eagles, cruising to a 60-40 Class A district semifinal victory, earning a spot in Friday’s final against the Fenton Tigers. The results of the championship contest can be found elsewhere in this publication.

Led by star post player Allyssa Copley, Holly played some of its best basketball during the first quarter, hitting on a sizzling 9-of-14 shots, while forcing Linden to just 1-of-12 shooting from the floor. In fact, the Eagles never really got their offense going, netting just two field goals in the first three quarters.

Copley scored nine of her game-high 19 points in the first quarter, while Jenna Pepper netted four of her 10 points during the first eight minutes.

“We came out really strong in the first half,” Pepper said. “We played our game. We communicated really well defensively and everything. We did just great.”

“I think we used their aggressiveness against them with their cuts,” Copley said. “We knew they were going to come out strong and we just played stronger and that’s why it worked out so well. And, our defense, of course, was strong.”

Poor Linden (8-14), 51-44 victors against Brandon in Monday’s opening round, never had a chance. Copley assisted an Abby Lewandowski



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(Top) Holly’s Katie Ordiway collects a loose ball among some Fenton players. (Right) Fenton’s Sarah Cummings (right) scored eight points in Fenton’s victory against Grand Blanc.

hoop for the game’s first bucket, and it was followed by a Paige Reid assist on a Pepper hoop and a driving layup by Copley. Linden called a time out and trailed 6-0 just 93 seconds into the game. The time out didn’t work. Copley scored two more hoops and Kaitlyn Smith hit two free throws between Copley’s shots, raising the gap to 12-0 before Linden called another time out with 4:42 left in the first period.

Out of the time out, Reid and Katie Ordiway nailed three-pointers, putting the Bronchos up 18-0. Holly eventually took a 23-4 lead into the second quarter. Holly’s biggest lead in the opening half was 26-8 after a Smith converted free throw. Linden trailed 40-11 at the half,

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►Strong first half sparks Tigers’ 55-30 win vs. Bobcats

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Linden — The Fenton varsity girls basketball team had to get back to their roots after losing contests to Holly and Goodrich last week.

Apparently they figured out how to do just that on Wednesday, playing one of their best halves of the season in a 55-30 Class A district semifinal contest at Linden High School.

Trailing 6-4 early in the first quarter, the Tigers, who are the defending district champions in the tourney, scored the final 17 points of the opening period and continued to extend the run to 21 points early in the second quarter, eventually earning the impressive win against the Bobcats.

“I think we played really well as a team and we focused on communication,” said senior Cassandra Reuschlein, who scored a team-high 16 points for Fenton. “That’s what we talked about, that and working on boxing out.”

“Really, it’s just playing Fenton basketball and playing together. (Against any team) we have to be ourselves and take on any team by working together.”

Fenton coach Rebecca Moore had a reasonably similar thought.

“Last week was a rough week for a number of reasons, but one was we focused a bit too much on the outcome instead of the process,” Moore said. “We got worried with all that other stuff instead of just getting better. All of a sudden we got to thinking we had to beat Holly, Goodrich and Clio. We realized it wasn’t working for us. ... We got back to focusing on the process.”

The Tigers (15-6) earned a third chance to play Holly this season on Friday in the district title game. Fenton lost the first two games. For results on that

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Blue Devils use fourth quarter to spark win vs. Linden

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The Linden varsity boys basketball team got some good news and some bad news in the week before districts.

The Eagles captured their second victory of the season by defeating Byron 54-36 at Linden High School. However, the Lake Fenton Blue Devils gave their fan base the good news on Thursday, capturing a come-from-behind 55-46 victory against the Eagles.

Lake Fenton was 37-29 entering the fourth quarter, but used a press to score 26 points in the final period and earn the victory.

Lake Fenton had 11 players score, led by Pete Plasters' 11 points. Chase Hanson had 10 points, while Chris Bell netted eight points and a team-high seven rebounds. Jalen Miller also had seven rebounds and was one of two Blue Devils to finish with six points. The other was Chris Ross.

Linden was paced by Mike Gold's 11 points, while Austin Buerkel netted 10 points. Collin Hoeberling and Kevin Hoeberling netted eight points each, while Travis Rinks scored seven.

Against Byron, Eagles gradually extended their lead as the game moved forward. The teams were tied at 11-all after one quarter, and the hosting Eagles led 23-19 at half-time. Byron still remained within shouting distance after three quarters, trailing 33-25, but Linden put the game away in the fourth, scoring 21 points in the final eight minutes.

Travis Rinks led the Eagles with 14 points, including six from behind the three-point line. Kyle Korman also had a big day, scoing 10 points and grabbing a whopping 18 rebounds. Collin Hoeberling netted nine points and five assists, while Brady Sarkon netted seven points. Mike Gold had seven rebounds, two steals and two assists.



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Linden's Alyssa Logie (left) attempts a shot as Holly's Katie Ordiway defends. Holly won the contest 60-40.

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and Holly was on cruise control.

"At tournament time it's always a new season and you never know how the kids are going to react," Hall said. "But Allyssa came out and set the tone for our team and got some baskets in the first half. The other kids played like they always play. Jenna Pepper was more involved."

"In the first half I liked how we moved the ball and got the baskets from other people. The defense, I don't know how many baskets Linden scored, but I think we held them to under 10 baskets in the game."

Holly did just that, allowing just nine.

"I think we turned the ball over too much in the first half, but when we did break the press really well, with Copley standing in the middle we just freaked out. She was standing there and we didn't do a good job taking it to her and getting her in foul trouble."

Linden didn't score a field goal in the third quarter, trailing 50-19 entering the fourth quarter. The Eagles scored 21 fourth-quarter points, making the final score closer than the game really was.

"Our locker room talk was about how this is just line any other game," Copley said. "We had to come out and play our game, stay strong, keep our composure and our confidence up and pick each other up when we are down. We played really well as a team."

Copley also had nine rebounds, three assists and two steals to go with her 19 points. Pepper had five rebounds, three

TIGERS

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game look elsewhere in this edition.

The Tigers tied the game at 6-all on a Hannah Evo assist on a Carly Granger jumper with 6:37 left in the opening quarter, starting the impressive 21-point run. It seemed most of the points came on strong dishes. Fenton's next two points came on another Evo pass on another Granger hoop. The next two points came on a Sarah Cummings assist on Granger's third straight bucket. Cummings had a putback, making it a 12-6 lead and Granger set up the next hoop with a steal and a dish to Evo for a layup. Evo recorded an assist on Reuschlein's three-pointer, raising Fenton's lead to 17-6, and Emma Evo scored on a jumper. Finally, Evo followed her hoop with a dish to Granger for a layup. Fenton led 21-6 after one quarter. The run ended early in the second period after a putback hoop from Cummings and on another bucket by Evo. Fenton led 25-6 and the competitive phase of the game was already pretty much over.

In the second half, the Tigers' lead grew to as many as 50-19 on an Ellie Cowger assist on an Emma Brant hoop with 4:23 left in the fourth quarter.

Reuschlein added seven rebounds to go with her game-high 16 points. Emma Evo had 11 points, five rebounds and two steals, while Granger finished with 10 points. Cummings had eight points, eight rebounds and two steals. Hannah Evo had six points, and three assists. Fenton shot 19-for-50 with just 12 turnovers in the contest, while the Tigers' defense held Grand Blanc to just 11-for-43 shooting and forced 19 turnovers.

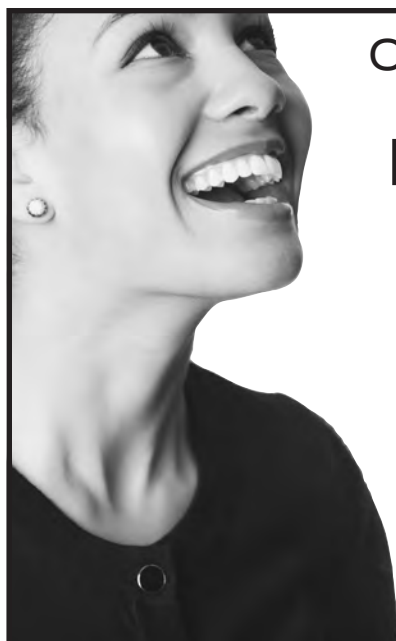
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BOYS BASKETBALL

► **Powers 56, Fenton 51:** The Tigers (8-11) lost their fourth straight contest, being outscored 34-23 in the middle quarters against Powers. Dillon Gardner led the Tigers with 20 points, while James Claborn netted 18. Adam Hartley led Powers with a game-high 21 points.

► **Linden freshmen 46, Lake Fenton 34:** The Eagles capped a 16-2 regular season by defeating Lake Fenton. Hunter Michael led Linden with 15 points, while Cole Sarkon had 10 points. Josh Biel netted nine points and Aaron Sarkon scored four. Lake Fenton was paced by Gannon Welch who scored nine points.

► **Kearsley freshmen 50, Carman-Ainsworth 45:** The Eagles lost just their second game of the season to an 18-1 Carman-Ainsworth squad. Gavin Lund led the Eagles with 13 points, while Cole Sarkon had 11 points. Hunter Michael scored 10 points, while Aaron Sarkon netted six.



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steals and three assists to go with her 10 points. Reid also had 10 points and three assists, while Lewandowski had eight points and seven rebounds. Smith had six points, six rebounds and four steals.

Linden was paced by Alyssa Logie who had 17 points, all coming after the first quarter.

The Bronchos want to get their first district title since 1993, but realize beating Fenton for a third time this year won't be easy.

"It would mean a lot, but we are not there yet," Pepper said.

"We have to focus on Friday, play our game and don't get our hopes up too much yet. We have to play game-by-game."

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properties. “Real” properties involve land, “personal” properties involve assets inside properties, like office equipment. There are 4,900 pieces of real property in the city of Fenton according to assessor Tanya Molloseau.

In Fenton, the board of review itself is made up of industry professionals, like realtors and former municipal assessors. Mayor Sue Osborn presides over the board of review, which meets at specific times, based on the city charter, starting on Monday, March 3.

Osborn said that usually the goal for residents is to lower the assessed value to pay less in taxes, or to claim a

mistake concerning personal property. She said for example, a resident might have assets listed that they may have sold or scrapped.

In the past, Osborn said most people wanted to get the assessed value of their property lowered, but because of the recession, most people have seen their assessed values decline naturally. Molloseau said in 2013, 106 complaints were brought forth, and there are 13 appointments scheduled so far for upcoming sessions.

“During the months of January through March is the busiest time for assessing departments.”

Tanya Molloseau
City of Fenton assessor

In some cases, the board can’t do anything for the property owner. Sometimes, a person will buy a foreclosed home for relatively cheap, and then be billed for higher taxes than they expect. Osborn said this is because taxes are based on the assessed value, not what they bought the property for.

“It is beneficial if the property owner brings in a recent market appraisal, sales of comparable homes within the city of Fenton, information about their home that we might not be

aware of that they feel causes the value of the property to be less than what we have on file,” said Molloseau.

Changes to assessed value have to be done in accordance with specific rules, said Osborn. “Sometimes it’s not too pleasant,” she said, adding that her board will spend a lot of time educating people, not necessarily agreeing with complaints.

Should the board agree to have the property owner’s complaint investigated, they will give the case to Molloseau. The resident will hear from Molloseau by April 1, and if they still don’t agree, they can go above the city to the State Tax Tribunal.

Osborn urges residents with questions to call the city hall and ask questions, and make an appointment if they have a question or complaint.

BOARD OF REVIEW TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Fenton**Where:** Conference room, City Hall**When:** March 3 — 1 to 4 p.m., March 4 — 9 a.m. to noon, March 5 — 1 to 9 p.m. (dinner break 4 to 6 p.m.) March 17 — 2 to 6 p.m., March 18 — 9 a.m. to noon. Residents can call (810) 629-2261 for an appointment. Drop-ins will be seen around appointments.**Linden****Where:** Linden City Hall**When:** March 17 — 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. March 18 — 1 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m. Residents should call (810) 735-7980 for an appointment.**Argentine Township****Where:** Argentine Township Hall**When:** March 10 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 11 — 1 to 8 p.m., March 12 — 1 to 8 p.m. and March 13 — 1 to 8 p.m. Appeals by letter are accepted until March 14. Residents should call (810) 735-5050 for an appointment.**Holly Village/ Holly Township**

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Fenton Township**Where:** Fenton Township Office**When:** March 10 — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. one hour lunch at noon, one hour dinner at 5 p.m. March 11 — 5 to 9 p.m. March 12 — 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 13 — 3 to 6 p.m. Walk-ins only.**Tyrone Township****Where:** Tyrone Township Office**When:** March 4 — (Organizational Meeting) 10 a.m. March 10 — 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 11 — 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**Rose Township****Where:** Rose Township Offices**When:** March 6 — 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 12 — 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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SCHOOL OF CHOICE

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Aid Act, more colloquially known as “school of choice.”

“Carman Ainsworth had to release her from their school, which at the time they could only release so many,” Hopkins said. “But we were lucky that they did release her, then at Lake Fenton she was put into a drawing and they could only take so many new kids. We were again lucky that she was drawn.”

Hopkins is one of thousands of parents across the state who has had their children switch schools under school of choice. Reasons for switching schools vary from social issues like bullying, academic reputation of a district, sports and extracurricular activities. School of choice comes with a bit of controversy as districts compete for per-pupil funding. A mass amount of students shifting from one district to another could potentially disrupt a district’s operating budget.

Diana Anderson has five children—four boys and a girl. She lives in Fenton but her daughter Eden, 6, attends the Hartland Consolidated School District, at Creekside Elementary. This is because her family moved from Hartland to Fenton, but she decided to keep her in Hartland Schools.

“We’re happy, we’ve had nothing but amazing things happen,” Anderson said, though she has no problem with Fenton schools.

When she moved, she had to fill out paper work for schools of choice to keep her in the district. “I love it. I love that people have that freedom,” she said, of schools of choice. For Anderson, she gets to keep her daughter in a district she’s familiar with, and live in a community environment like Fenton.

According to data compiled by the Michigan Department of Education, schools within the tri-county area enrollment numbers from 2008 to 2012 range from stable to significant, depending on the school district. Fenton schools saw a 1 percent increase while Linden schools saw a 2 percent decrease. Lake Fenton was the local school district to see the biggest growth with a 12 percent increase. Holly had the biggest loss with a 13 percent decrease. Charter school Holly Academy had a 26 percent increase.

To transfer to a new school, students must be granted a release slip from their current school and be accepted by their new school. Each school district has a limited number of seats available for students, with in-district students given



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Eden Anderson, 6, walks around with her classmates, checking out each others’ drawings in class Wednesday.

first preference. School officials can deny entry for out-of-district students for various reasons including grades, attendance and disciplinary issues.

While Hopkins benefits from having her children attend closer and smaller schools, she admits it does come with setbacks. Hopkins cannot vote in any elections specific to Lake Fenton schools since she lives out of the district. She and her kids also had to make new friends since they didn’t know anyone within the district before attending Lake Fenton schools.

“Parents and students have a wide range of options now-a-days. Today they make

switching schools very easy. This year in sixth-grade alone, Lake Fenton had 40 new students. It’s growing like crazy.”

Deadlines to switch districts under school of choice vary, depending on if limited or unlimited positions are available. Generally, school districts announce deadlines to switch districts. According to Michigan.gov, the end of the first week of school in late August or early September is the absolute deadline to switch to start at a new district at the beginning of the school year.

Associate editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this report.

“Today they make switching schools very easy.”

Shelia Hopkins
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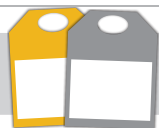
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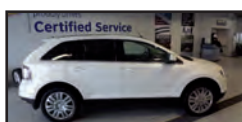
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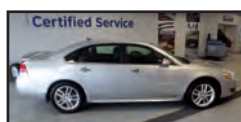
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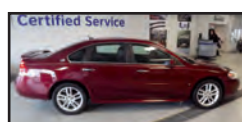
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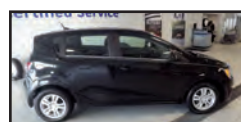
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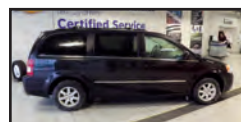
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Who isn't dreaming of a vacation of white sand and warm breezes this time of year?

Whether you have a warm destination planned yet for this year, you might want to think about taking an all-inclusive vacation in the near future. "It's our number one most requested vacation," said John Schmitt, of Superior Travel, with an office in Fenton.

What exactly is an all-inclusive resort, and what sets it apart from other vacations? "An all-inclusive is exactly what its name suggests," says Schmitt. "The cost of the trip includes everything you need, from airfare to hotel, plus your food, drink, entertainment, water sports, organized activities, etc."

The price and unbeatable value of an all-inclusive resort is what makes it so attractive to both seasoned and novice travelers alike. "There's a huge benefit in having everything at your fingertips," said Schmitt. "There's no planning needed, it's all in one place and there's something for everyone in any age group."

The most popular destinations for all-inclusive resorts are Jamaica and Mexico. In fact, the concept actually originated in Jamaica, which Schmitt said has the most family-friendly resorts, followed closely by the Riviera Maya in Mexico. Other popular all-inclusives can be found in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, Aruba, the Bahamas, St. Lucia and Antigua. "One of our most popular destinations is the Beaches all-inclusive in Turks & Caicos, in the Caribbean," said Schmitt.

Where you won't find all-inclusive resorts is in the U.S. That's because it's too expensive to operate here, compared to other countries like the Caribbean, according to Schmitt. "I'd really like to see one in Hawaii, but they aren't available there."

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FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN

4518 Silver Lk. Rd. • Linden
810-735-9339

Kenneth C. McMaster, Senior Pastor
Jack C. McMaster, Pastor Emeritus
Jason Coldwell, Youth Pastor

Children & Teen Sunday School.....9:30 am
Morning Worship..... 11:00 am
Christian Education Courses9:30 am
Children's Church..... 11:00 am
Wednesday Kids Club & Youth Group.....6:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 pm
Nursery (0-2 and 2-4 yrs.) available at all service times.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SWARTZ CREEK

5372 Seymour Rd. • Swartz Creek
810-635-7016

Jim E. Nelson, Sr. Pastor

Shawn Cook, Associate and Youth Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship.....6:00 pm
Wednesday Night 7:00 pm
Adult Bible Study, Youth Group (6-12 Grades),
Kids Club (K-5 Grad), Mission Friends (3-5 years)

CATHOLIC

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

600 N. Adelaide • Fenton
810-629-2251

Father Dwight Ezop, Pastor
Father Kurian Kollipalli, Associate Pastor

Saturday Mass5:00 pm
Sunday Mass..... 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm
Confessions Sat.....3:30-4:30 pm
Call for daily Mass times

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

309 E. Maple St. • Holly
248-634-4841

Fr. David Blazek, Pastor

Saturday Mass.....4:00 pm,
Sunday Mass..... 8 am, 10 am, & 12 noon
Weekday Mass Tues.-Thur.9:00 am
Reconciliation after Sat. 4 pm Mass or by appt.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

204 E. Rockwell • Fenton
810-629-3211

Church Service 11:00 am
Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Wednesday Evening..... 7:30 pm

EPISCOPAL

ST. JUDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

106 E. Elizabeth St. • Fenton
810-629-5681

Holy Communion..... 8:00 am, 10:30 am
Christian Education.....9:15 am

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LUTHERAN

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LC-MS

7355 W. Silver Lake Road
(Behind Linden High School)
Linden, MI 48451

810-735-4807

www.hopelinden.org

Pastor Jim Rolf

Sunday Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Adult Bible Study9:30 am
Sunday School.....9:30 am

TRANSFIGURATION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

14176 Fenton Rd. • Fenton
810-629-7332

Dr. Mark Fisher, Minister

www.FentonTLC.org

Sunday Worship 10:30 am
JAM Children's Ministries 10:30 am
Communion Celebrated every Sun.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LC-MS

806 Main Street • Fenton
810-629-7861

Fax 810-629-9877

www.trinitylcmsfenton.com

Reverend Dean G. Dumbille

Worship Services
Wednesday in the Word..... 7:00 pm
Saturday Traditional Worship6:30 pm
Sunday Traditional Worship.....8:30 am
Sunday Education Hour9:45 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship 11:00 am
Saturday5:30 pm, Bible Study

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES WELS LUTHERAN CHURCH

14160 Fenton Rd. • Fenton
Pastor Aaron Frey

989-944-1130

Sunday School.....9:15 am
Adult Bible Study9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am

METHODIST

HOLLY CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

15010 N. Holly Rd. • Holly
248-634-9711

www.hollycalvary.org

Rev. Cliff Schroeder

Sunday Worship9:30 am
Solid Grand Worship 11:11 am

FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

119 S. LeRoy St. • Fenton
810-629-2132

fentonumc.com

Rev. Bill Donahue

Rev. Jeremy Peters, Associate Pastor
Traditional Worship 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
Contemporary Service 11:05am
Conversational Worship.....6:00 pm
Church at Study.....9:30 am
Nursery Provided at all services.

FENTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

800 North Rd. • Fenton
810-629-8531

www.fentonfmc.org

Pastor Chuck Hubbert

Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Nursery available.

LAKE FENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2581 N. Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-5161

Reverend Jeremy Peters

Sunday Worship9:00 am
Sunday School..... 10:00 am

METHODIST (CONTINUED)

LINDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

201 Bridge St. • Linden
810-735-5858

Pastor Margo Kivisto

Worship & Jr. Service 10:30 am
Coffee Hour 11:30 am
Nursery Available

LINDEN FREE METHODIST CHURCH

13274 S. Linden Rd. • Linden
810-735-4564

Pastor William Moull

Assoc. Pastor Mike Anderson

Sunday School.....9:30 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Sunday Night Teen Programs5:00 pm
www.LindenFreeMethodist.org

NAZARENE

ARGENTINE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

16248 S. Seymour Rd. • Linden
810-735-7118

Pastor Robert Lindsay

Sunday School.....9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am
(Junior Church and Nursery Provided)
Sunday Evening Worship6:00 pm
Wed. Children & Teens..... 7:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

FENTON CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

11075 Runyan Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-750-6544

Sunday Worship Services 11:00 am
Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am
Adult Bible Study & Classes Wed.....6:30 pm
Children's & Teen Programs Wed.6:30 pm
Nursery provided for all services.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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11400 S. Linden Rd. • Fenton
810-629-2444

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Saturday Evening Service..... 6 pm
Sunday AM Services..... 8:30 am, 9:30am & 11 am
Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Sunday PM Service 6 pm
Wednesday Mid Week Service
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Andrew Barancik, Campus Pastor

www.faithcity.tv

SUNDAY:

Contemporary Worship Service.....10am
Studio 145 Kids (Ages 6-12).....10am
Preschool (Ages 3-5).....10am
Nursery (Birth-2 yrs).....10am
WEDNESDAY:

Contemporary Worship Service..... 7pm
All kids classes available on Wednesdays also.
Connect groups meet throughout the week.

THE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

810-922-2088

Lead Pastor Chris Vitarelli

Youth Pastor Gordon Fry

www.theroadcc.com

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214 E. Brooks St. (NW corner of Brooks & Fleming)
Horizon campus 6:30PM
301 E. South Holly Rd.

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2940 Georgetown Parkway
Office: 810-629-7570 Cell: 248-459-1728

Pastor Marc Burnett Sr.

WWW.THEPOTTERSWHEELCHURCH.ORG
PMBS6@GMAIL.COM

Fellowship 10:30 am
Sunday Worship..... 10:53 am
Children's Service..... 11:15 am

ORTHODOX

ST. MARY MAGDALENE ORTHODOX CHURCH

2439 South Long Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-750-1401

www.st-marymagdalene.org

Services:

Saturday Evening,
Great Vespers5:00 pm
Sunday Morning,
Divine Liturgy..... 10:00 am
Community Bible Study Monday @ 7:00 pm
at the church

PENTECOSTAL

FENTON CHURCH OF GOD

14569 North Rd. • Fenton
248-328-0382

Reverend Eugene Blankenship
www.fentonchurchofgod.com

Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am & 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wednesday Young Adult
& Children's Class..... 7:00 pm

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

503 S. LeRoy St. • Fenton
810-629-7801

www.ffpc.org

Interim Pastor M. Jacob Kaufman
Larry McMellen, Parish Associate

Sunday Worship 9:00 am, 11 am

HOLLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

207 E. Maple • Holly
248-634-9494 • www.hollypc.org

Reverend Dr. Sharlyn DeHaven Gates

Sunday Worship Schedule
Sunday School for all ages9:30 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am

LINDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

119 W. Broad St. • Linden
810-735-5755

Pastor Seth Normington

Sunday Worship 9:00 am, 10:30 am
Sunday School..... 10:30 am
(Nursery provided at each service)

TYRONE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9141 Hartland Rd. • Fenton
810-750-0350

Pastor Linda Living-Hawley

Sunday Worship Schedule

Celebratory Worship..... 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School..... 10:30 am
Fellowship 11:30 am

TYRONE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

10235 White Lake Rd. • Fenton
810-629-1261

Tyronepca.org

Pastor, James Mascow

Sunday Worship (includes Children's Church) ..10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship6:00 pm
Youth Group & Family Night.....Wed. Evenings

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

FENTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

408 Fifth St. • Fenton
810-629-9493

Pastor Chris Ames

Church Worship..... 10:00 am
Sabbath School 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Wednesday
(Linden Seventh Day Adventist 7007 W. Silver Lake Rd)



Anna Maria Island



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Why We Love It

The vibe is very old-time Florida on this tiny island 40 miles south of Tampa. No high-rises, big-chain hotels or fast-food restaurants — just vintage bungalows, small-scale condos and mom-and-pop shops. At the end of the Rod & Reel Pier, fish for your own dinner or order a grouper sandwich



from the landmark restaurant. Try horse surfing in nearby Bradenton: Ride your new

friend along the beach, then perch on his back while he trots into the water (beachhorses.com).

Where to Stay

Get cozy in one of the cute Anna Maria Beach Cottages, with eat-in kitchens, outdoor decks and the beautiful Gulf beach as backyard; nightly rates start at \$156 for a studio that sleeps four (annamariabeachcottages.com).

Fun Side Trip

Head to Sarasota (a 50-minute drive away), once the Ringling Brothers' winter home, to check out historic big-top memorabilia at the Ringling Museum of Art Circus Museum (ringling.org).

5 BEST FLORIDA DESTINATIONS FOR FAMILIES

Source: familycircle.com



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Sanibel Island

Why We Love It

This Gulf Coast barrier island, where seashells and wildlife are the star attractions, is paradise for eco-adventurers. Dolphins leap in the spray of the Sanibel Thriller high-speed catamaran, a fun option for tweens (sanibelthriller.com). Bike paths wind throughout — pedal, hike or drive the iNature trail in J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge to spot gators, spoonbills and other



residents, scanning smartphone codes to learn more (fws.gov/dingdarling).

Where to Stay

The Gulf-front Sundial is the largest condo resort on the island and has the most amenities — golf, tennis, kayaking, biking, a fitness center and several restaurants. Easily zip from beach to pool and back for family volleyball games and logrolling contests. Nightly rates from \$179 for fully equipped one-bedroom condos (sanibelcollection.com/sundial_resort).

Fun Side Trip

Kids on nature overload will enjoy spending a day in Fort Myers, just across the causeway. At Skatium's ice rink, admission includes rental skates on Saturday evening, which is teen night (cityftmyers.com/fmskatium).

Seaside

3



Why We Love It

This adorable town along the panhandle's Emerald Coast has sugar-white sand, sherbet-colored cottages and an old-fashioned main street and a village green for gatherings. Take a kayak tour or a stand-up paddleboard lesson with a naturalist on a rare coastal dune lake; when conditions are right you can row straight into the Gulf (walcoecotours.com).

Where to Stay

For a blast from the past, stay in the vintage 1950s-style Seaside Motor Courts. The old-school motel rooms



have new-age amenities, like flatscreens and complimentary Wi-Fi; nightly rates from \$150 (cottagerentalagency.com).

Fun Side Trip

Plan a playdate — or two — in Destin. Thirty minutes west, this hopping town has laser tag, bungee jumping, banana boating, go-karting and the wet and wild Big Kahuna's water park (bigkahunas.com).

Miami



4

Why We Love It

Miami sizzles with tropical temperatures and big-city excitement. Swim, boogie board and surf, or play volleyball on oceanfront courts. Go a little wild at Jungle Island's interactive animal shows (jungleisland.com) or snorkel your way around the reefs and shipwrecks of Biscayne National Park (biscayneunderwater.com).

Where to Stay

In the center of trendy South Beach but set back from the lively street scene, Loews Miami Beach Hotel has an oceanfront lagoon pool, an ice cream parlor and two teen-only hideaways (one's a poolside cabana), plus free family



sushi-making classes on Saturdays. Rates from \$299 (loewshotels.com).

Fun Side Trip

Island-hop through the laid-back Keys. Drive along Highway 1, stopping at The Fish House in Key Largo for stone crab and Key lime pie, and at Robbie's of Islamorada on Lower Matecumbe Key to hand-feed huge tarpon.

Tampa



5

Why We Love It

Multiple thrills for variety-seeking families — from theme parks to ethnic food to nature treks. Busch Gardens has extreme coasters and awesome animal encounters (buschgardens.com). Downtown, there's the festive



Riverwalk and the Latin-flavored Ybor City — go here for Cuban sandwiches and Flamenco shows. Canoe along the Hillsborough River, where turtles and gators hang (canoeescape.com).

Where to Stay

It's all sports all the time at Saddlebrook Resort, with three outdoor pools, water volleyball and basketball, and golf and tennis academies. There's also a kids' club and full-service spa. Nightly rates from \$209 (saddlebrook.com).

Fun Side Trip

Snorkel with manatees in their natural habitat on the Homosassa River (November-March) or the Crystal River (all year long); both are 90 minutes north. American Pro Diving guided tours leave in the early morning, when these gentle giants are most active.

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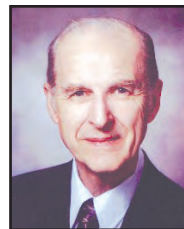
Ticket Cost: \$5 at the door

Call for more details!
810-632-6401

* Rules and regulations apply. Winner announced at 2:45 pm
(Bride or Groom must be present to win!)

Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



God really cares

How do you react when trouble comes? Do you become pessimistic, depressed? Are you difficult to be around because you lash out at others? Do you find yourself angry at God because things haven't turned out as you hoped they would?

Few people have difficulty believing God cares for them when things are going well. But things do not always go well. This may be one of your difficult days.

All the things you feared might someday happen seem to be happening and you don't know how to cope with these disappointments. What can you do to rise above your circumstances? Try relaxing in God's love. He really cares. God's care for us is shown in His creation.

In his book, 'Countdown,' G.B. Hardy points out a number of scientific facts about the earth and its relation to its atmosphere and other planets that prove the Creator's care, writing: 'We now know the size of our earth could not have been a thing of chance. It is exactly the right size for the existence of life.'

After listing a number of these 'just rights,' he contrasts the earth to other planets as follows: 'These dead and

dismal moons and planets are a witness to the providence and genius of God. They stand bleak in dazzling light or eternal blackness, in blistering heat or deadly cold. They stand an eternal witness to man of what his world would be like if a loving God had not fashioned it for life and comfort.'

Negative attitudes overcome us when despair leads us to conclude that some areas of life lie outside the circle of God's love. This kind of thinking compartmentalizes God and limits our expectation of His care.

God's love extends to all areas of life. All things that concern God's children concern their heavenly Father. According to the Bible, 'all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose' (Romans 8:28).

On one of his down days, Martin Luther heard a bird singing its evening song; then the sweet singer tucked its head under its wing and fell asleep. Describing this experience, Luther concluded: 'This little bird has had its supper and now is getting ready to go to sleep, quite content, never troubling itself as to what its food will be or where it will lodge on the morrow. Like David, it abides under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 92). It sits on its little twig content and lets God care.'

Are you hurting because of pain or other unwanted trials? Not one of your problems has taken God by surprise. Tell Him your troubles and leave them with Him. He understands and cares.

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

Lake Fenton Community Schools West Shore Elementary

3076 Lahring Rd. • Fenton, MI 48430

Phone (810) 591-6542

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

March 13th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Parents of students who will be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2014.

WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

- State Issued Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proofs of residency:

The following documents **are required** to prove residency

- Homeowner:** Purchase agreement, closing papers or deed
Renter: Current lease/ rental agreement
Property tax statement
- 2 Different current utility bills**

- Vision and Hearing Screening Required to the start of School

Your child may be eligible for Young 5's program based on the following criteria:

- Birthday must be between June 1st and October 1st
- Kindergarten readiness screening
- Evaluator's recommendation

Non residence interested in attending LFCS may pick up a school of choice application at administrative services: 11425 Torrey Rd. Ph. 810-591-2532

ALL-INCLUSIVE

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and many other activities already included in the price. You can easily go as a non-drinker and be very comfortable in that environment. It's not a reason to shy away from an all-inclusive."

How is an all-inclusive different from a cruise, other than the obvious difference between being on land rather than on sea? "The similarity is in the fact that you're not alone in your planning, everything's all taken care of for you," said Schmitt. "But on a cruise, you're visiting multiple cultures and locales, and paying for each of those ports of call. Also, your drinks are not included on a cruise. You don't know exactly how much your vacation will cost on a cruise until you do it, because of the variables of your on-board tab and shore excursions."

If you've ever traveled to an all-inclusive resort and the experience didn't live up to your expectations, Schmitt advises that you plan one again, using the services of a travel agent who can match up your goals for your trip with a specific resort.

How to pick an all-inclusive resort

• **Make sure the** all-inclusive vacation you're expecting is an all-inclusive resort, not an all-inclusive plan. They are two different things, and you'll experience a different level of service at each.

• **Not all all-inclusives** are the same. Some may have limitations in what they offer, depending on whether you're on the lower end of an exchange or the higher end.

• **Understand your room** category and where it is in the resort. It's not as simple as "garden view" or "ocean view." There may be 20 to 30 different categories. Ask: which building, location, proximity to pool, proximity to ocean?

• **Let a travel agent** work through these issues for you, so you aren't disappointed when you get there.

Source: Superior Travel

How much will my all-inclusive resort vacation cost?

For two people, a starting point of \$2,500 is realistic, up to \$5,000-6,000 (the latter price for a suite on the ocean, a concierge, balcony, etc.)

Source: Superior Travel

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Pictured (from left) are regional manager Michael Doherty, branch manager Carol Ray, broker owner CEO Steve Fase and Steve Fase II.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan

Historic change for Prudential Great Lakes Realty

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Prudential Great Lakes Realty is now associated with billionaire business magnate and investor Warren Buffett through the real estate arm of his company, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. The merger of the companies officially took place on Feb. 18.

Built by Buffett and recognized worldwide for its strength, integrity and trust, the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices brokerage network is among the few organizations entrusted to use the Berkshire Hathaway name.

"This is not simply a name change for us," said Steve Fase, broker owner and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan, leading 38 offices, including Fenton, and more than 550 agents. "It's an opportunity to bring a new level of quality and innovation to our future. We're merging the heritage and expertise of Prudential and matching it with the

investment competency of Berkshire Hathaway."

Prudential Great Lakes Realty, now known as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan, has been family owned and operated for 61 years, now in its third generation.

Regional Manager Michael Doherty believes that this change will greatly enhance the image and future of local offices throughout Michigan and northern Indiana. "Our brand will be much stronger. Buffet is gearing up for the long-haul in real estate, building a first-class real estate franchise."

The Fenton office, located at 2359 Shiawassee Ave., includes about 24 agents, plus support staff and branch manager Carol Ray. This is part of the east Michigan region of the company owned by Fase, which includes more than three dozen Michigan offices in northwest, southwest, eastern and southern Michigan, as well as northern Indiana.

logical surgery and comprehensive obstetrics care from preconception counseling, to delivery and postpartum services. McEwen performs in-office procedures, as well as minimally invasive surgery. This practice includes offices in Fenton, Grand Blanc, Davison, Clarkston, Lapeer, Marlette and Sandusky. McEwen is now accepting patients. The Fenton office is located at 17200 Silver Parkway, Fenton. To make an appointment with McEwen, call (810) 606-9190.



Dr. Stacey McEwen

cal Center, Grand Blanc. Women's Integrated Healthcare services include well-women care, infertility treatment, ambulatory and inpatient gynecologic

Shard Marketing & Branding

Tony Shard promotes local businesses with new company

By Sally Rummel

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Coca-Cola, Disney, Nike, Apple and Target all have one thing in common: they have marketed themselves so successfully that as soon as you hear their name or see an image, you know exactly what company is represented.

Shard Marketing & Branding President Tony Shard is bringing his marketing background and experience to businesses that would like to have a similar brand recognition for their company, but without the major expense of a full-time marketing department.

"Many businesses in our area have an excellent product or service, but don't know how to get their name out there to work for them," said Shard, who holds a bachelor's degree in business and master's degree in marketing. Over the last few years, Shard has worked with and grown many lines and businesses and has developed a passion for helping small businesses.

"I've been fortunate to work with companies like Disney and Virgin, where I had opportunities to work hands-on with their marketing departments for years," said Shard.

Shard Marketing & Branding offers marketing strategies for social media, search engine optimization, website and graphic design, referral education, media buys/digital media, video production and more. He places a special emphasis on cause-related marketing, aligning your business with a charitable cause that can add an identity and passion to your company. Working with him is Antonio



Shard Marketing & Branding President Tony Shard uses a variety of marketing strategies to grow local businesses.

Ayala, who specializes in website design and graphics.

"Most small companies today can't afford a full-time marketing specialist," said Shard. "I can help you work within your budget to create a strategic marketing plan that will grow your business."

Offices are located at 1537 North LeRoy St., Suite D in Fenton. For more information on Shard Marketing & Branding, visit shardmb.com, facebook.com/shardmb or call (810) 577-5291.

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

Business briefs

DR. STACEY MCEWEN JOINS WOMEN'S INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

Women's Integrated Healthcare is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Stacey McEwen to their practice of obstetric and gynecological services. A native of Flint, McEwen earned her medical degree from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc. Women's Integrated Healthcare services include well-women care, infertility treatment, ambulatory and inpatient gynecologic

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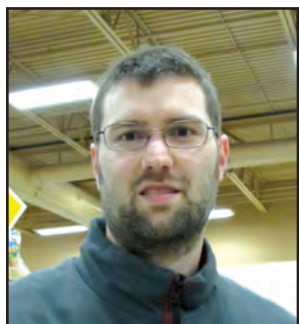
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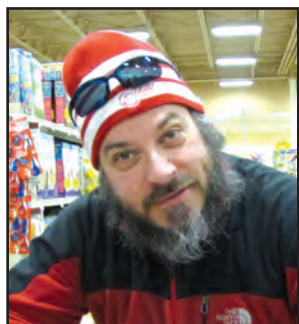
Who would you give best picture Oscar award to?

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“‘Gravity.’ It was very well done and I liked the quality of the picture.”

— Will Gibb
Fenton Township



“‘The Avengers.’ It was action packed, had good humor and good special effects.”

— Eric Schauwecker
Fenton



“‘Lincoln.’ It was historical and I read the book. The author is my favorite.”

— Eva Fizette
Fenton



“‘Monuments Men.’ It was based on a true story and it’s a worthwhile cause.”

— Hildegard Bieler
Fenton



“Tom Cruise in the ‘Impossible’ movies. He plays the part perfectly in every movie he is in.”

— Justin Jones
Linden



“I haven’t seen any movies that impressed me in a long time. They are all the same anymore.”

— John Hudson
Fenton

25 things your mother should have told you

► From your kitchen to your garden, these ‘words of wisdom’ will improve your life

By Sally Rummel

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Whether your mom is with you in your daily life or in spirit, here are a few “gems” that she should have told you. You might want to hang this list on your refrigerator.

1. Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. They ripen faster when connected at the stem.

2. Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil for longer freshness.

3. Peppers with three bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with four bumps are firmer and better for cooking.

4. Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef, to pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

5. For richer scrambled eggs/omelets, add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese or heavy cream.

6. For a cool brownie treat, make a minty frosting by melting Andes mints in a double



boiler and pouring over warm brownies.

7. Add garlic immediately to a recipe for a light taste, and at the end of a recipe for a stronger taste of garlic.

8. For an easy dessert, chop up Snickers bars and place them on top of peeled, cored and chopped apples. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes and serve alone or with vanilla ice cream.

9. Reheat leftover pizza in a nonstick

skillet on top of stove to keep crust crispy.

10. Easy deviled eggs — put cooked egg yolks in a Ziplock bag. Seal and mash. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal and mash ‘til mixed well. Cut tip of the baggy, and squeeze mixture into egg. Throw away bag for easy clean up.

11. Expand your frosting by whipping canned frosting with your mixer before using it to frost a cake or cupcakes.

12. To warm biscuits, pancakes or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. It will keep the breads moist and will heat faster.

13. Use wet newspapers placed around plants as a “mulch” to keep weeds away.

14. Pick up small shards of glass you can’t see with a wet cotton ball or Q-tip.

15. Place a dryer sheet in your pocket to keep mosquitos away.

16. Sprinkle plants with cayenne pepper to keep squirrels away.

17. To retrieve something out of a heat register or from under the refrigerator, add an empty paper towel roll or gift wrap role to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to reach narrow openings.

18. Reduce static cling by pinning a small safety pin to the seam of your slip, or pants, when wearing pantyhose underneath.

19. Before pouring sticky substances (like peanut butter) into a measuring cup, fill with hot water and dump it out without drying, or spray with PAM Spray.

20. Buy a chalkboard eraser and use it to rub your windshield when windows fog.

21. To easily re-open an envelope you’ve sealed, just place in the freezer for an hour or two.

22. Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs, for a smooth, soft shave. Great for using up a hair conditioner that you don’t like for your hair.

23. To get rid of pesky fruit flies, fill a small glass with ½-inch of apple cider vinegar and two drops of dishwashing liquid, mix well. Those flies will be drawn to the cup and gone forever.

24. To get rid of ants, put small piles of cornmeal where you see them. The ants will eat it, take it “home” and can’t digest it, so it kills them. It may take a week or so, but is safe for areas with small children and pets.

25. Clean your dryer filter with a toothbrush and hot soapy water every six months, so a waxy buildup won’t potentially cause your dryer to overheat.

Source: pinterest.com

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
VOTED ON THIS WEEK

MichiganVotes.org, a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, providing concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. Please visit <http://www.MichiganVotes.org>. This was released on Friday, Feb. 21.

House Bill 4962: **Mandate sudden infant death syndrome information distribution.** To mandate that hospitals give mothers a copy of a pamphlet on the risk factors of sudden infant death syndrome and sudden unexpected infant death (SIDS and SUID). This would also apply to a health professional in charge of a birth or a newborn’s care outside of a hospital. The Department of Community Health would be responsible for producing the pamphlets and related material. *Introduced by Rep. Gail Haines (R)*

Passed 105 to 3 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 553: **Extend already-extended renaissance zone tax breaks longer.** To allow an eight year extension of the extensive tax breaks granted to residents and businesses in a particular “renaissance zone” located in Saginaw County. This would be in addition to a previous seven-year extension. *Introduced by Sen. Roger Kahn (R)*

Passed 87 to 21 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4487: **Authorize DDA debt and spending to promote local agriculture.** To empower Downtown Development Authorities to borrow and spend the loan proceeds on “marketing initiatives,” “infrastructure improvements” and more that “promote local agriculture products and farmers markets.” The debt incurred by these “tax increment financing” schemes is repaid by “capturing” from other local taxing units the increased property tax revenue that the DDA’s subsidies and spending are presumed to generate. *Introduced by Rep. Stacy Erwin Oakes (D)*

Passed 81 to 27 in the House
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Meet Duane Bartlett

By Tim Jagielo

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Duane Bartlett of Deerfield Township describes himself as "66 going on 40." Lawn care has been his business for 35 years, and snow plowing for 10 years. He has a smaller operation of two plow trucks, and six employees in the winter. He still runs a plow himself. He prefers summer, but admits this winter has been "tremendous" for business.

Can you give me an idea how much busier you are this season?

I'd say 75 percent busier, even with the normal customers. It's just been ongoing with some of the businesses. These businesses have to be plowed and salted all the time. You may go there six to eight days straight.

With plowing roads, driveways and parking lots, how do you know where to put the snow?

This year, wherever you can, this year wherever you can. You have to make some spots, and sometimes it's not where everyone wants you to be. People have been very understanding this year with the situation with the weather.

Can you walk me through a busy day this season?

Businesses need to get plowed out early because most of them have to be opened at 7, 8, or 9 o'clock. We'll send one truck that way and send others to the residential. But if the snow keeps coming down, you can't do much. You just have to wait for it to get over, but if you have a foot, you have to be out in the snow, staying ahead of it.

What can you tell me about your family?

Married for 43 years, my wife's name is Mae. I have three daughters, six grandchildren and three very good son-in-laws.

What do you like about living in this farming area?

I grew up on the farm a little bit. I like the country. I don't think I would last in a condo. I don't think I would last in a small sub division. I like being outside, I don't like a ton of traffic.

If you have free time, what do you like to do?

I can't remember, because we haven't had a day like that in so long. I'm not a big traveler and I don't play golf, the rest of golfers are probably glad I don't — you can only fish so much. The grandkids are here a lot, I haven't been able to spend a lot of time with



them this year because we've been so busy with this.

Were you in the military?

I was a combat engineer in Germany, during the Vietnam era too. I tried to get in the Coast Guard and they wouldn't accept me because I was color blind. So I just waited and one day Lyndon Johnson sent me a nice letter and said I needed to go work for him.

Does anything stand out to you about that service?

Well, I really liked what I was doing. We built bridges and tore bridges down. We built a mess hall for the Polish army in northern Germany. I really liked what I was doing there — demolitions, land mines, and I was very fortunate to get sent to Germany, because like I said, it was the Vietnam era. There were a lot of us who went into the service in that era.

Was your military experience helpful in your business?

I grew up in a family run business, so I was used to working more than eight hours a day. Working a long day doesn't really bother me, of course I can't do what I did when I was 30, of course that's anybody.

Are there hobbies you'd make time for if you could?

I'm not real big on that. I sometimes

"I think this (winter) is worse because it's been so cold for so long, just straight cold. But we've just gotta deal with it."

Duane Bartlett
Owner, Bartlett Lawn & Snow

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TIM JAGIELO

To Duane Bartlett, his business is still less important than his country and family. He likes a business such as his that helps others.

just like just being out on one of these zero-turn mowers. It's kind of a relaxing thing. There's not a lot of stress, you're just out there mowing, you're not dealing with paperwork, or break downs. You're just out there mowing.



YOUR SMILE MATTERS!

By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

PUTTING CARE BACK INTO HEALTHCARE

Have you yourself had the experience, or know of someone, who went to the dentist and were told treatment was needed but really weren't sure if it was truly necessary. You may even go as far as wonder if the dentist was just trying to "sell" something. Proper and appropriate care recommendations require time. Time to adequately diagnose the immediate condition; time to carefully evaluate the condition and how it relates to the entire mouth and time to develop a truly caring and trusting relationship between the patient and dentist to determine if the recommendation is truly in the best interest of the patient. Unfortunately, in today's rapidly changing health care environment, time is becoming more and more of a scarce commodity. Continued effects of the poor economy and pressures brought on by a continuing onslaught of negative insurance company changes place pressures on many dentists to seek ways to reduce time with patients. Many large dental clinics simply don't value the importance of taking the time to offer and provide the personalized care that most patients want and deserve. This leaves many patients feeling like just a "number" and wondering if what is recommended is really best for them. I believe that dentistry is my calling and as such I have a responsibility to strive to find the time to provide the individualized and personal care my patients need. If you are unsure of what to do I strongly recommend seeking a second opinion. Second opinions and consultations are always offered free of charge in my office because I feel that it is important to help patients know for sure what is best for them.

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Michigan's new base license goes into effect next month

► Will provide critical funding for habitat and conservation work

By Amy Mayhew

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Starting next month, Michigan's hunting, fishing and ORV license pricing structure will change. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reports the new system will simplify the process for buying licenses, while also reducing license types from more than 200 to just 43.

Among the most significant changes is that a base license will be required for all hunters.

The DNR maintains that the base license will provide critical funding for habitat and conservation work on both public and private lands. Additionally, it supports the work of conservation officers and field staff to ensure safe, and legal hunting practices are followed.

Whether you need it, the base license will include a small game license. By providing all hunters with a small game license, the DNR said it will "enhance and expand hunting opportunities, benefiting hunters of all species."

Base cost to the resident is \$11, while



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The new Michigan base license includes small game and is required for all other hunting licenses.

“With additional funding, we'll expand our efforts to do more for the hunters and wildlife by implementing the goals, objectives and strategies identified in the strategic plan.”

Russ Mason, DNR Wildlife Division chief

non-residents will pay \$151. Juniors will pay \$6 while seniors pay \$5.

Additional licenses must then be purchased for deer, bear, turkey, waterfowl, elk, fur harvesting, spring and fall turkey, and wolf. Prices vary from species-to-species.

DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason said, "We're committed to delivering the best hunting and trapping opportunities that we can afford with the license revenue that hunters and trappers provide to us."

With additional investment, the DNR said it will create world class hunting opportunities in Michigan by expanding big game hunting adventures, and bringing back quality pheasant hunting to Michigan. Additionally, the DNR promises that the extra monies will help to make Michigan regionally known for its great diversity of high-quality waterfowl hunting, and create outstanding grouse, woodcock, and turkey hunting. Finally, the fees will go toward expanding the challenge of small game hunting for squirrel, rabbit and hare, and will go to expand recreational shooting opportunities on both public and private lands.

For pricing information on the new structure for hunting, fishing and ORV licenses, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Catch OF THE WEEK



The Tri-County Times wants to give our readers the chance to show off the trophies they catch this season. If you have a fish worth showing off, snap a photo and bring it in or mail it to the Times office.



Brady James of Linden speared his first pike while fishing on Lobdell Lake with his father, Steve James. The pike was 32 inches long.

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Prepare for spring thaw at home to get ready for busy 2014 real estate season

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You're not the only one with "cabin fever" this year. People who are looking to buy or sell a home in 2014 are waiting for the snow to melt and a hint of warmth to get the real estate ball rolling.

This year's start of the busy spring buying and selling season will start strong in huge part because of pent up demand from the long cold and snowy winter. But there may be a few obstacles in the way before sellers can properly ready their homes for showings and before buyers are ready to make a move in the cold and snow.

"There are branches everywhere," said Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty in Fenton. "Some are buried under feet of snow, while others are still hanging down from trees. Homes will look ill-kept until the weather cooperates long enough for homeowners to get out there and get their yards ready for spring. The sooner you get your yard looking good, the easier it will be to make a dramatic presentation of your home. It's one of the best investments a homeowner can make."

Other winter calamities like ice dams, broken pipes, leaky roofs, etc. will make the winter clean up more challenging this year than usual. "There

will be a lot more work to do to get ready for spring showings," said John Tremaine of Real Living Real Estate in Fenton. "The volume of snow still on the ground may put people behind a bit, but there's going to be a huge pent up demand for buyers this spring. It's going to be a great year."

Whatever Mother Nature throws at us outdoors, homeowners can still freshen up their homes, neaten and tidy up their living spaces. "You can caulk and paint rooms into a nice, neutral color," said Welty. "Make sure door knobs are tight and door corners aren't banged up. These are small, but important maintenance issues that don't cost much, but will make a home look loved and cared for. Do a walk-through of each room in your home with your eyes open to what a potential buyer will see."

Ken Brant, of Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton tells people to spend these next few weeks readying their homes indoors by de-cluttering and de-personalizing their living spaces. "Make your home clean and fresh with a new coat of paint," said Brant. "Have your carpets cleaned. Get your indoors ready so that when the weather breaks, you can concentrate on the curb appeal of your home."

Pushing snow and ice away from



While winter limits what a homeowner can do with their yard, Realtors suggest focusing on inside details like carpet and paint.

your home's foundation will help keep basements from flooding and keeping snow off the driveway and walkways will make it easier for potential buyers to get from their car into your home.

One thing Welty has noticed that buyers are more concerned with after this winter is energy efficiency. "Because of the extreme nature of this weather, people are asking to see a 12-month history of the property's utility bill," he said. "It's a smart homeowner who will do what they can to make their home more energy efficient before putting their house on the market. It's a good selling point after the winter we've had."

"The market drives the price of any home, whether it's an historic home or a newer home. If a prospect feels it is priced right in today's market, there will be buyers out there."

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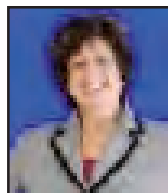
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GET THE FACTS

Before you sign on the dotted line, it is crucial that you understand your loan documents one page at a time.

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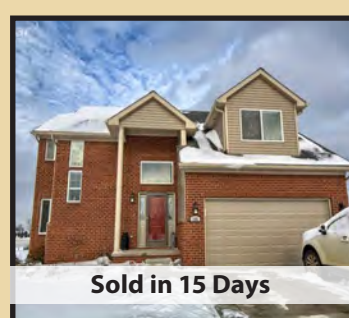
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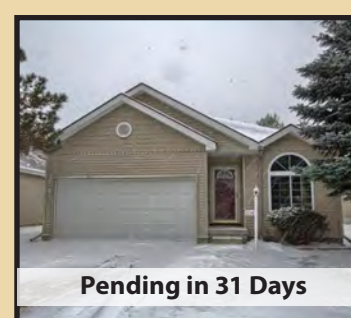
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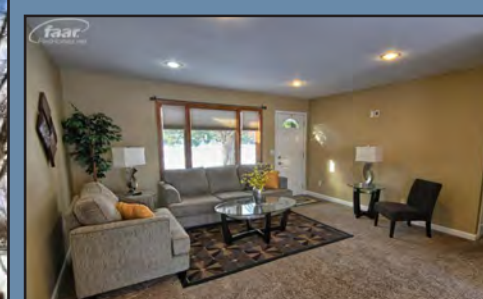
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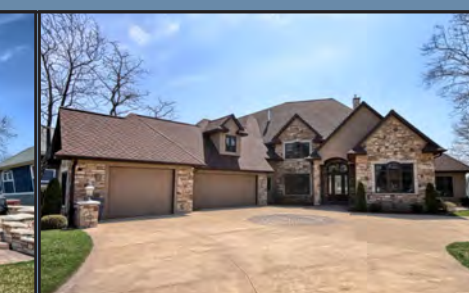
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Get a professional opinion

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HIRE A GOOD HOME INSPECTOR

Buying a home may be the biggest purchase of your life, so you want to ensure your investment is worthy of its price tag



Hiring a qualified home inspector can save you thousands of dollars with finding unseen repairs and hidden expenses not visible when you do your walk through of the property.

WHAT DO THEY FIND?

A home inspector goes under the house to check the plumbing and verifies that safety code measures meet with your county officials and city ordinances.

He or she will also check for faulty electrical wiring, look for proper insulation and ventilation, check the roof for any leakage or weakened surfaces in need of repair, ensure that the home's structural system is sound and built according to city codes, and inspect the interior and exterior of the property for damage.

CERTIFIED HOME INSPECTORS ONLY

A certified home inspector is a licensed professional that will evaluate a property without bias toward the seller or buyer. You may invest-

tigate the credentials of your proposed home inspection company through the American Society of Home Inspectors to ensure their license is current and there are no disciplinary actions taken against them.

THE COST

The cost of a certified inspection service will vary from one company to the next and should be in a reasonable price range for an average sized home. In most cases, they require payment up front, whether you opt to purchase the home.

If your desired property is lacking in the essential functions of the home, your home inspector may give you an estimate for the repairs and better equip you to make a decision if the property is worth the asking price.

If your home inspector has provided you with a clear and concise report, you may wish to keep that company on file and use their services again.

ARE THEY REQUIRED?

There is no law that says you must hire a home inspector before you purchase a property, but statistically you are financially safer if you do. Shelling out a few hundred dollars for your peace of mind is smart business sense for the big-ticket item you are about to buy.

The savvy home buyer knows the value of the home inspector's professional opinion and takes to heart all the sound advice he or she can get before signing on the dotted line.

HISTORIC HOME

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3. A Solid Foundation

The era when a historical home was built most likely pre-dates the age of careful foundation calculation. Be sure to hire an inspector to verify if the home can support a second floor and double check to find out if the upper level was an add-on. In addition, property located in earthquake zones or subject to floods may have suffered faults in the foundation.

4. Insulation

The insulation is an easy feature to fix, and you will probably have to upgrade or replace it when buying an older home. Before you buy, it is wise to get an estimate and decide if you can live with the upgrade costs.

5. Termite Damage

Termite inspection is a standard practice in the transfer of property today. However, older homes may not have had proper termite control treatments. Long-term damage can weaken the structure and foundation and cost you quite a bit to mend.

6. Outdated Fixtures

Homes built in and before the 1970s have a personality all their own. Built-in features, such as wet bars and cumbersome bookcases, can disrupt the flow of a room and limit your placement of furnishings. To save yourself some grief down the road, be sure to envision the living space as you would like to have it and do a calculation for the removal of built-in objects or closed-off walls.

7. Water Damage

Your dream home may have a few cracks in the walls or water stains on the ceiling. The cosmetic repairs are a snap to fix, but finding the source that created the dings can be a problem.

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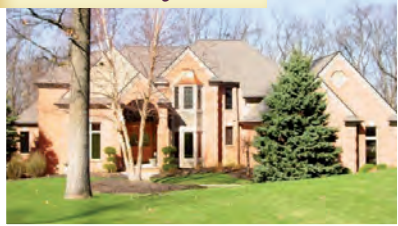


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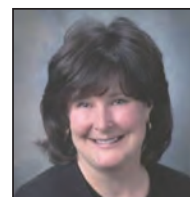
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NOTICE

CITY OF FENTON
BOARD OF REVIEW 2014

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

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

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

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

TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION RATIO'S		
CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Commercial	52.24%	0.9571
Industrial	51.71%	0.9669
Residential	46.17%	1.0830

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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:
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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.

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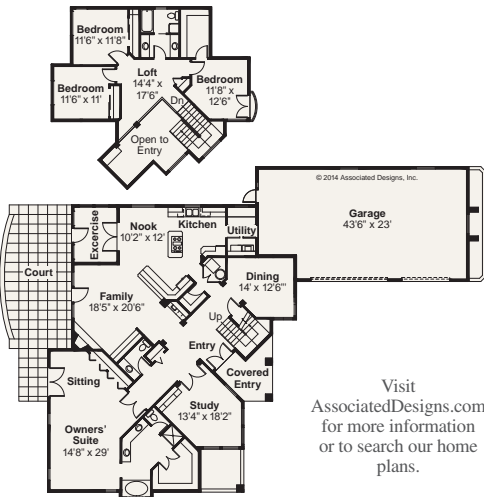
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 2. **Crimson And Clover** - Tommy James & the Shondells
 3. **Build Me Up Buttercup** - Foundations
 4. **Touch Me** - Doors
 5. **Proud Mary** - CCR
 6. **You Showed Me** - Turtles
 7. **This Magic Moment** - Jay & the Americans
 8. **Baby Baby Don't Cry** - Smokey Robinson & the Miracles
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 10. **Dizzy** - Tommy Roe

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1 Umpire's face wear
5 Consumer's antifraud gp.
8 Massive
15 Dating from
19 One of the Galápagos Islands
21 Kind of cable that conducts electrical signals
22 — monster (lizard)
23 Start of a riddle
25 Pol. middle-of-the-roads
26 Powerball, for example
27 "Evil Woman" rock gp.
28 Miss.-to-Mich. dir.
29 Dull-edged
30 Previous to
31 Riddle, part 2
36 Remove sodium chloride from
39 Villa d'—
40 Erie and Tahoe
41 Gold, in Spain
42 Keep attached
44 Most trifling

45 Prefix for "the same"
46 Riddle, part 3
49 Comedian
50 Swapped
52 With 6-Down, what a sad person sings
53 Robbins or Rice
54 Elongated fish
55 Thickhead
57 Inuit homes
59 Riddle, part 4
65 Hat fabric
66 "Gilligan's Island" star
67 Villain in 113-Across
68 Riddle, part 5
71 — frisé (small dog)
73 "Buy — regular price, get ..."
74 Mined matter
75 Give relief to
76 Past
77 Family name of old rulers of Florence
80 Bonny girl
82 Riddle, part 6
85 Suffix with percent
86 Rub with holy oil

88 Attaches with a pop
89 "Hold on a —!"
90 Put in a new cage
91 Contender
92 AOL notes
96 End of the riddle
100 Frat "I"
101 "— a break!"
102 Prone (to)
103 "— hoo!" ("Hey!")
104 Pick — (draw from the deck)
106 Lariat, e.g.
107 Riddle's answer
112 Greek strife goddess
113 Shakespeare play
114 Drive while car shopping
115 Part of YTD
116 Curly-coated dogs
117 "Gotcha!"
118 It borders Vietnam

DOWN

1 Whimpered like a baby
2 On the beach
3 Floods
4 "Boston Public" actor Nicky
5 Ghost's cry
6 See 52-Across
7 Part of some hammers
8 Polar
9 Unification Church member
10 Hawaii's — Loa
11 Did very well
12 Vardalos of films
13 "I've got a mule, her name is —"
14 Right-angled annex
15 Nimble
16 Small blood cavity in organ tissue
17 Language of medieval Scandinavia
18 Fare from McDonald's or Wendy's
20 Sgt., say
24 Makes out all right
29 Eateries
31 Old video game systems
32 Pkg. for a dozen eggs
33 Tightly packed fish
34 — out (barely earn)
35 Mix again
37 Hgt.
38 Caused
43 Verve
44 Hodgepodge
46 Rigid
47 "Gosh golly!"
48 Guy, informally
49 Splits anew
51 Top-floor storage area
54 Farthest from the start
56 Actor James Van — Beek
58 German king, 936-73
59 Higher-priced
60 Kabuki sash
61 "— seen enough"
62 Responses to groaners
63 Disco-era term meaning "galore"
64 "It hit me like a — bricks"
66 "Maude" star
69 — for (neglected)
70 Director Rob

71 Tendencies
72 Dialect
75 iPhone buy
77 Didn't ignite properly
78 Italian stage actress Duse
79 Dilapidated
81 Tempered with heat
82 What a cyclops has
83 Arctic regions
84 Genetic stuff
87 Pos., to neg.
88 Funny
91 ESPN sports analyst Dick
93 Roma's land
94 U.S.-Mexico border city
95 Washes with soapy water
97 Ed of Reagan's cabinet
98 Incantation
99 "There ought — law!"
104 Trial fig.
105 Lower-left PC key abbr.
107 Vertex
108 1999 Seattle protest subj.
109 "Well now!"
110 Hairstyles
111 —Kosh B'Gosh

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS

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

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D R U D G E ■ R O S I L Y
E E R I E R ■ I N S O L E
S A N E S T ■ C O Y L Y

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

2	1	7	8	4	3	9	6	5
5	3	8	9	6	1	7	2	4
6	4	9	2	5	7	1	3	8
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1	6	5	4	8	9	2	7	3
9	7	2	1	3	5	8	4	6
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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: IDIOT BERTH POLISH AMBUSH
Answer: When neighbors gossip over a fence, there's much to be said—ON BOTH SIDES

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: ARDOR RIVET FUNGUS EFFORT
Answer: What it takes for a deadbeat to keep afloat—A RAFT OF FRIENDS



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Fenton City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 17, 2014, at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 301 South Leroy Street, for the purpose of considering a request to amend the Whispering Pines Preliminary PUD Plan. The proposed amendment would allow for development of detached single-family residential units when only attached duplex units were approved on the original plan. The project is located on the east side of North Leroy Street, south of Granger Street.

The purpose of the public hearing is to describe the proposed project and receive public comment on the proposal. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

A copy of the PUD Amendment application is available for public inspection at Fenton City Hall, 301 South Leroy Street, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Written comments concerning the project may be submitted at the above address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

Comments and questions may be directed to the City of Fenton Zoning and Building Administrator, Brad Hissong, at 810-629-2261.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FENTON CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED DUE TO A DISABILITY

Renee Wilson
City Clerk

NOTICE TO ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

At a regular meeting of the Township of Argentine Board on February 24, 2014, the Board did adopt an amendment to the Argentine Township Zoning Ordinance No. 12, and the Sign Ordinance #36. The following is a summary of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Sign Ordinance. The entire ordinance is available for review at the Clerk's office, Township of Argentine, 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, MI 48451. These amendments shall become effective seven (7) days after publication.

Zoning Ordinance Article 17:

Section 17.13 – Fences. Describes types of fencing, size and requirements.
Section 17.18 – Wireless Communication Facilities and Services. States permitted uses as principal uses and special land uses.
Section 17.20 – Outdoor Wood Burning Boilers. Describes installation of outdoor wood-fired boilers or other types of fueled furnace and its requirements.

Sign Ordinance:

Section 1	Purpose and Scope
Section 2	Sign Standards/Zoning Districts
Section 3	Temporary Signs
Section 4	Electronic Message Signs
Section 5	Exemptions
Section 6	Enforcement/Nonconforming Signs
Section 7	Prohibited Signs
Section 8	Illumination
Section 9	Permits and Fees Section

Synopsis of Argentine Township Regular Board Meeting February 24, 2014

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Cole
Observed: A moment of silence in memory of Theodore (Ted) Putvay and Robert Bosch.
Present: Ciesielski, Hallman and Cole, Graves and Schmidt. Absent: none
Announced: Birth of new resident Maverick John Mowinski.
Approved: Minutes as printed of Regular Board Meeting January 27, 2014, minutes of January 27, 2014 Executive Board Session, and minutes of January 29, 2014 Election Commission Meeting.
Approved: Budget Amendments.
Approved: Payment of bills as presented.
Approved: Terminate employment of a firefighter for failure to meet call response requirements.
Issued: 1 Building Permit in the amount of \$250.00.
Approved: 90 day Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Navistarz with conditions of surety bond and agreement filed with court.
Awarded: Bid for demolition of 15276 Outer Dr. home to Neuwirth Construction.
Adopted: Fence, Sign, Wood burner, and Wireless ordinance updates.
Accepted: Resolution 2014-1 Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment.
Accepted: Proposal 5224 for a new computer for front counter.
Accepted: Proposal 5248 for Clerk's laptop.
Approved: Aquest Proposal for Services and Aquatic Plant Management Services contract.
Approved: 5-year contract extension with Emterra Environmental Services.
Adjourned @ 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves
Argentine Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE GROVELAND TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS MARCH 10, 2014

The Groveland Township Board will hold a public hearing at the regular Township Board of Trustees meeting on the proposed operating budget(s) for the Township, Building and Fire Department at the Township Hall, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, MI 48442 on March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the budget(s) is available for public inspection at the township office or by contacting the clerk.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied
To support the proposed budget(s) will be a
Subject of this public hearing (MCL 141.412)
1.00 Mill Township Operations
3.94 Mills Fire Department Operations**

The Groveland Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aid and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities upon six (6) days notice to the Clerk's office by writing or calling to the address and phone number listed in this notice.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA42 or 1995, MCL 211.24e (2) (3) by complying with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (MCL 141.436), MCL and Americans with Disabilities (ADA).

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP
2014 BOARD OF REVIEW
PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2014 Board of Review will be held at the Tyrone Township Hall, located at 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 Organizational Meeting 10:00 am
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 9:00 am -12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	PERSONAL
Tentative Ratio	43.14	49.64	47.13	46.03	49.99	50.00
Tentative Factor	1.159	1.0073	1.0609	1.0862	1.0002	1.00000

Final expected ratios are: Tentative Ratio 50%, Tentative Factor 1.00

Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

NOTICE OF MEETING
2014 BOARD OF REVIEW
CITY OF LINDEN

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 8:45 AM - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 9:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON
1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM
6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Meetings will be held at the Linden City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451, for the purpose of reviewing the City of Linden Assessment Rolls. The tentative equalization factors for the City of Linden are; Commercial 1.0070 (ratio 49.65%), Residential 1.0737 (ratio 46.57%), and Industrial 0.9775 (ratio 51.15%). To schedule a meeting with the Board of Review, you may submit your petition to the City Offices prior to the Board of Review. Petition forms are available at the City Hall and appointments should be made by 12:00 PM on Friday, March 14, 2014 by calling the City Offices at 735-7980. Written protests must be received by March 18, 2014 by 9 p.m.

Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

2014 BOARD OF REVIEW

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

Monday March 10, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Tuesday March 11, 2014 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 12, 2014 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*
Thursday March 13, 2014 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[* The Monday Board of Review session will be recessed for 1-hour meal breaks at approximately 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
Industrial	49.06	1.0191
Residential	46.86	1.0670

ROBERT E. KRUG, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Jacklyn Millard,
Jacklyn Millard - age 60,
died February 25, 2014.
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Loren Burton,
Loren Burton - age 63, died
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Alice Bierman,
Alice Bierman - age 88, died
February 26, 2014. Services
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Cecil McPherson,
Cecil McPherson - age 78,
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1954-2014
Larry J. Winchester - age
59, of Holly, passed away
peacefully at home on
February 25, 2014 after
a courageous battle with
cancer. He was born in
Holly on June 10, 1954, the
son of Stephen and Betty
(Wuelfing) Winchester. He
leaves to cherish his mem-
ory his wife Karin, a loving
family and many wonder-
ful friends. His family will
receive visitors on Sunday,
March 9, 2014 from 12-3
PM followed by a Memorial
Service at Dryer Funeral
Home in Holly. Memorial
contributions may be made
to St. Jude Children's
Hospital. Please share your
memories online at www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Thomas Matera,
Thomas Matera - age 66,
died February 17, 2014.
Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Dorothy M. Freed,
Dorothy M. Freed - age 84,
died February 23, 2014.
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Frances E. Kerestes,
Frances E. Kerestes - age
95, died February 23, 2014.
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Albert N. Clark,
Albert N. Clark - age 78,
died February 22, 2014.
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Dorothy Sly,
Dorothy Sly - age 86, died
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Patricia Scanlon,
Patricia Scanlon - age 32,
died February 22, 2014.
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Grace Taubitz,
Grace Taubitz - age 89, died
February 24, 2014. Services
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Mary Lendvoyi,
Mary Lendvoyi - age 103,
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Charlotte Hall,
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Evelyn St. John,
Evelyn St. John - age 85,
died February 26, 2014.
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Danny Lester,
Danny Lester - age 40, died
February 25, 2014. Services
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Alfred Gwillim Jr. PhD,
Alfred Gwillim Jr. PhD - age
97, died February 26, 2014.
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**Barbara Ann
(Grumley) Vincent**
1934-2014

Barbara Ann (Grumley)
Vincent - age 79, of Fen-
ton, died on February 27,
2014.



Accord-
ing to
Barbara's
wishes,
private
services
will be
held at a
later time.

Those
desiring may make con-
tributions to Hospice Ad-
vantage. Arrangements are
being handled by Sharp
Funeral Homes, Fenton
Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake
Road, Fenton. Barbara
was born on June 3, 1934
in Flint the daughter of
Nelson and Rose M. (Ade)
Grumley. She married Law-
rence Ivan Vincent on Sep-
tember 30, 1950 in Swartz
Creek; he preceded her
in death August 29, 2012.
Barbara retired from Holly
area schools in 1994 as
Supervisor of Transporta-
tion. She enjoyed camping,
traveling, and spending
time with her grandchild-
ren. Surviving are daugh-
ters, Karen Vincent, Julie
Parker (Richard), Lisa Ro-
eder (Tim), Laurie Ostrom
(Greg); son, Craig Vincent;
daughters-in-law, Robin
and Jan Vincent; brother,
Charles (Vicki) Grumley of
Traverse City; step-brother,
Keith Taylor; sisters-in law,
Nancy (Bud) Grumley,
Julia (John) Grumley; 15
grandchildren; several
great-grandchildren; and 1
great-great-granddaughter;
nieces, nephews and
cousins. Barbara was
preceded in death by
husband of 62 years,
Lawrence Vincent; sons,
Joseph and Christopher;
sisters, Madeline Patchett,
Shirley Holderbaum; broth-
ers, Lovell (Bud) Grum-
ley, John Grumley; and
great-granddaughter, Kiah
Parker. Tributes may be
shared on the obituaries
page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Winfred "Bill" Morgan,
Winfred "Bill" Morgan - age
79 died February 21, 2014.
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Gary Jensen,
Gary Jensen - age 64, died
February 23, 2014. Services
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Bobby Pritchard,
Bobby Pritchard - age 65,
died February 24, 2014.
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**Robert Carl "Bob"
Glover**

1941-2014
Robert Carl "Bob" Glover
- age 72, of Fenton, died
Sunday, February 23,



2014. An
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Memorial
Service
was held
6 PM
Thursday,
February
27, 2014
at Sharp

Funeral Homes, Fenton
Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake
Rd, Fenton, under the
auspices of Fenton Frater-
nal Order of Eagles Aerie
#2460, followed by sharing
by family and friends. Visi-
tation was held at the fu-
neral home Thursday from
2-7 PM. Those desiring
may make contributions
to the Robert C. Glover
Memorial Fund. Bob was
born September 24, 1941
in Flint, the son of Rex and
Jean (Firestien) Glover. He
grew up on Lake Fenton
and had resided in Fenton
his entire life. He attended
Lake Fenton School and
was a 1960 graduate of
Mandeville High School.
He married Barbara Klam-
ert May 27, 1987 in Fenton.
Bob retired in 1998 from
GM Metal Fab after 33
years of service. He was
a member of the Fenton
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Aerie #2460. He spent
his spare time building his
dream car, a 1957 Chev-
rolet. Surviving are: his
wife of 26 years, Barbara;
2 daughters, Dawn Glover
and Shea Glover both of
Fenton; granddaughter,
Alekin Glover; brother,
David Glover of Glen-
nie; sisters-in-law, Bonnie
and husband Jack Pray
of Fenton and Beth and
husband Gerald Hawkins
of Swartz Creek; brothers-
in-law, Richard and wife
Debbie Klamert of Georgia
and Roger and wife Kathy
Klamert of Clio; and sev-
eral nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death
by his parents. Online trib-
utes may be posted on the
obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Mary Benham,
Mary Benham - age 66, died
February 24, 2014. Services
provided by Sharp Funeral
Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sharon Forgie,
Sharon Forgie - age 67,
died February 24, 2014.
Services provided by Sharp
Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



**Joseph Raymond
Purzycki**

1927-2014
Joseph Raymond Purzycki
- age 86, of Fenton, died
Sunday, February 23, 2014.



Funeral
Mass was
celebrat-
ed 10 AM
Wednes-
day, Feb-
ruary 26,
2014 at
All Saints
Catholic

Church, G 4063 W. Pierson
Road, Flint. Fr. Anthony
Majchrowski celebrant.
Burial immediately followed
at New Calvary Catholic
Cemetery, Flint. Visitation
was held at Sharp Funeral
Homes, Fenton Chapel,
1000 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton
Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8
PM and at church Wednes-
day from 9 AM until the time
of Mass. Those desiring
may make contributions to
the American Cancer Soci-
ety. Mr. Purzycki was born
March 4, 1927 in Chicago,
IL, the son of Joseph J. and
Rose E. (Borczek) Purzycki.
He was a 1945 gradu-
ate of All Saints Catholic
High School. He was a
veteran of WWII serving
in the U.S. Navy. He had
resided in Fenton for the
past 47 years. Mr. Purzycki
was a master plumber and
owned and operated OK
Plumbing and Heating for
many years. He was a life
member of Fenton V.F.W.
Curtis Wolverton Post
#3243, American Legion
of Polish Veterans, and
Dom Polski. He enjoyed
golfing, hunting, fishing,
traveling, and his trip to the
casinos with his daughter's.
He was an outdoorsman
his entire life and was part
owner of Triple Ski Hunt
Club in Argentine Township.
Surviving are: 2 sons, Mi-
chael Purzycki and Martha
Jones of Fenton and Keith
Purzycki and wife Joanne
of Fenton; 5 grandchildren,
Karen Mroz and husband
Scott of Fenton, Erin
Purzycki of Auburn Hills,
Chad Purzycki of Fenton,
Jack Doehring of Los Ange-
les, CA, and Katie Doehring
of Washington D.C. He
was preceded in death by
his parents; 2 daughters,
Roseanna Purzycki and
Peggy Searight; brother,
Donald Purzycki. Online
tributes may be posted on
the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michael Zelenka,
Michael Zelenka - age 58,
died February 23, 2014.
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Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Debra York,
Debra York - age 51, died
February 20, 2014. Services
provided by Sharp Funeral
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Chicken Enchilada Skillet



Prep Time:

15 mins

Cook Time:

15 mins


Serves:

6

INGREDIENTS

Recipe from
<http://damndelicious.net/>

- 1 T. olive oil
- 3 boneless, skinless thin-sliced chicken breasts
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 6 corn tortillas, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 (14.5 oz.) can diced tomatoes with green chiles
- 1¼ cup red enchilada sauce
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 avocado, halved, seeded, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup tortilla strips
- 2 T. chopped fresh cilantro leaves

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat olive oil in a medium skillet over medium high heat.
2. Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper, to taste. Add to skillet and cook, flipping once, until cooked through, about 3-4 minutes per side. Let cool before dicing into bite-size pieces.
3. Add corn tortillas to the skillet, and cook, stirring often until golden brown and crisp, about 4 minutes. Stir in diced tomatoes, enchilada sauce, tomato sauce and chicken until well combined and heated through, about 2 minutes. Top with cheeses and cover until melted, about 2 minutes.
4. Serve immediately, garnished with avocado, tortilla strips and cilantro, if desired.



PAUL G. DONOHUE, M.D.
To your good health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the best way to get rid of tonsil stones? More importantly, what is the way to prevent tonsil stones? I never had them until a year or so ago. — S.M.

ANSWER: Tonsil stones, or tonsilloliths, are the not uncommon (one study reported them in 7 percent of young adults) but seldom discussed clusters of calcified material that lodge in the tonsils. Your tonsils, those oval-shaped swellings on the sides of the back of your throat, are important for the cells of the immune system. Tonsilloliths form in the crypts (deep valleys) of the tonsil, and sometimes are visible as white or yellow spots when looking in the mirror. They become bothersome if they are large enough to cause discomfort or difficulty swallowing, but often they are noticed because of their unpleasant odor. Tonsilloliths often spontaneously come out of the tonsils; they usually are described as waxy or hard, with a peculiar odor. Some authorities recommend removal using the tongue attachment of a Waterpik (or similar device), but I have had general success with saltwater gargles. Very large or recurrent tonsilloliths are an indication for a visit to the ENT doctor.



ASK
Amy
Amy Dickinson

Friend worries about racy FB profile pic

DEAR AMY: A friend and former co-worker of mine recently changed her Facebook profile picture to a full body shot of herself lying in bed, wearing a camisole and panties and staring seductively up into the camera. Although all the essential things are covered up, the tone is pretty obvious. I worry that she must be hurting on some level and correcting for it in an ultimately self-detrimental manner. It would almost certainly be condescending of me to say this to her; we're not terribly close anymore and haven't seen each other in months. Is there a tactful way I can address my concerns with her, or should I just trust she can take care of herself? — Not 'Liking' This

DEAR NOT LIKING: Facebook is by nature a public medium that invites reaction. I have seen people 'comment' about photos: 'I can't believe you posted this' or 'You should take this down.' To avoid embarrassing her you could do this through a private message: 'I worry about the racy photos you post because I think they could come back to haunt you in unintended ways.'

DEAR AMY: I'm dating a really great, selfless guy who has four kids, ranging from 13 to 18. I've met his kids, and they seem to like me. Although I think they're great kids, they really don't do anything to help their father (or me) in terms of household chores. They've never helped with the dishes, laundry, cleaning, mowing lawn — absolutely nothing! I don't feel it's my place to tell them to help out. My boyfriend agrees with me and regrets giving them a 'free ride,' but says that they can't change overnight. It's been a year, and not much has changed. I really love this man, but I can't see a future if I'm going to be playing Cinderella to these kids. — A

DEAR A: As their father's girlfriend, you cannot tell these kids to do chores. Nor should you be their Cinderella, though you can enlist them by saying, 'Guys, let's take care of these dishes together, it will get done faster.' This is a potential deal breaker for a successful long-term relationship, because today's 'selfless' dad is tomorrow's doormat. Your boyfriend needs to see that he is robbing his children of important life skills, not to mention the great feeling kids get from seeing that they are a vital, irreplaceable, useful and important part of the family team.

SundayJumble

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


ODARR

VIRTE

SUNGUF

FORFET

Looks like he's hit everyone here today



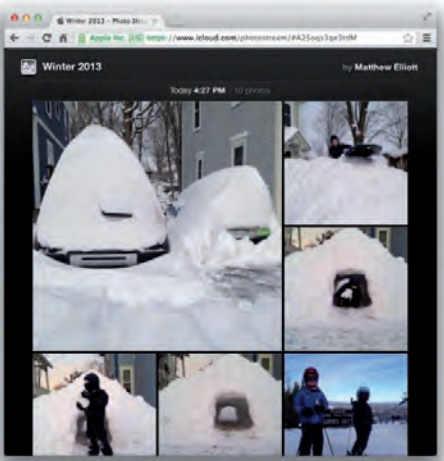
WHAT IT TAKES FOR A DEADBEAT TO KEEP AFLOAT.

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

Answer: A OF

Answer key located in this edition

iPhone
tip of the week



Publish photo streams as website

iOS lets you share your photo stream with your friends and family. What if you want to share your photos with everyone? The latest version of iOS allows you to publish a public photo stream so everyone can enjoy your photos.

In Photos app, pick any of your existing photo stream under the "Shared" tab. Select the People option in the bottom toolbar. You'll then see an option named "Public Website." Switch it to "ON". As you enable the option, you'll see a public URL generated under icloud.com.

Simply tap the "Share Link" button to share the link with your friends. Once they have the link, they can easily view your photo stream using any modern browser.

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



GRAVITY

Gravity stars Sandra Bullock and George Clooney in a heart-pounding thriller that pulls you into the infinite and unforgiving realm of deep space. Bullock plays Dr. Ryan Stone, a brilliant medical engineer on her first shuttle mission, with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalsky (Clooney). But on a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes. The shuttle is destroyed, leaving Stone and Kowalsky completely alone - tethered to nothing but each other and spiraling out into the blackness. The deafening silence tells them they have lost any link to Earth and any chance for rescue. As fear turns to panic, every gulp of air eats away at what little oxygen is left. But the only way home may be to go further out into the terrifying expanse of space. PG-13, 2 hr. 4 min.



THOR: THE DARK WORLD

Marvel's "Thor: The Dark World" continues the big-screen adventures of Thor, the Mighty Avenger, as he battles to save Earth and all the Nine Realms from a shadowy enemy that predates the universe itself. In the aftermath of Marvel's "Thor" and "Marvel's The Avengers," Thor fights to restore order across the cosmos...but an ancient race led by the vengeful Malekith returns to plunge the universe back into darkness. Faced with an enemy that even Odin and Asgard cannot withstand, Thor must embark on his most perilous and personal journey yet, one that will reunite him with Jane Foster and force him to sacrifice everything to save us all. PG-13, 1 hr. 52 min.

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