Superintendent wants to close the book on O’Doul’s incident

Near-beer being provided to fifth-graders by teacher makes news all across nation

By Sharon Stone
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After nearly a month of graphic scrutiny surrounding the controversial teacher/near-beer incident that occurred on March 6, Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden Community Schools hopes to put the whole incident to rest. While respectfully declining to identify the fifth-grade teacher at Hyatt Elementary School, Koledo did agree to provide some details. He said the students were working on a project on colonial times, from 1630 to 1770. During discussions, students learned that beer was common for drinking during that era, even for children, because most water in.
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NO ST. PADDY’S DAY ARRESTS
Lt. Jason Slater was pleased to report that Fenton police did not have any incidents related to St. Patrick’s Day celebrations. Slater said the officers were advised to be on the lookout for drunk drivers, however, they did not observe any violations.

GRANDMA ARRESTED FOR OWI
At 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, Linden police responded to a home on Silver Lake Road to investigate a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, the police officer spoke with a 15-year-old female who said that her 38-year-old mother, who had been drinking, was trying to leave in a car with the 15-year-old’s child. As the woman was trying to drive away, she struck two vehicles in the driveway as well as a tree. Police arrested the woman for operating while intoxicated.

TAMI KROMER FIELDS QUESTIONS FROM DAUGHTER LYDIA, 5, AS LILLIE, 11, PRACTICES FOR A PLAY BEHIND HER, AND SON RAY, 17, SETTLES IN. IN AN ORGANIZED MANNER, SHE’LL ADDRESS THEIR NEEDS WHILE ALSO GIVING THEM THE FREEDOM TO PLAN AND MAKE CHOICES.

BUSY MOM AIMS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By Sally Rummel
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› Timesaving tips from active, local ladies

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Did you know that the most popular meal in America is pizza? Americans spent $38 billion on pizza last year. The average American eats 46 slices of pizza each year. There are 41,362 subscribers to Pizza Today, the leading pizza industry magazine.

There’s lots more statistics, but my point is that we love pizza. We love pizza for two reasons: 1) Pizza is delicious. 2) Pizza is cheap.

For that, you can thank the Tri-County Times. Because without the Tri-County Times, pizza would cost about $15-$20. And not only would it cost 3-4 times as much, you wouldn’t have as many options (square, deep dish, flavored crust... etc.), it wouldn’t be as big and it wouldn’t taste quite as delicious.

Here’s why. About 50 years ago, there was only one pizzeria in Fenton. We’ll call it Donnie’s Pizzeria. Donnie made and sold delicious pizza, but it was somewhat expensive. It actually closed down in real dollars in 1964 than it does today. But then, an odd thing happened. Donnie’s Pizzeria opened in Fenton. Being the shy Italian fellow that he was, the first thing Donnie did was place an ad in the Times advertising that his pizzas were not only better than Donnie’s, but they were (gasp), cheaper.

Not surprisingly, that didn’t sit well with Donnie. ‘Brutto figlio di puttana bastardò,” he muttered under his breath as he called his Times advertising rep to place an ad that said, in large, bold type, that effective immediately his pizzas would not only cost the same as Donnie’s, but would also contain more ingredients.

‘Oh you pezzo di merda,’ Donnie mumbled softly as read the ad. ‘So you wanna play rough, eh?’ His next ad in the Times advertised the fact that he was increasing the size of his pizza, but (gasp), not the cost!

‘Infamita,’ screamed a furious Donnie as he read the ad, ‘I’ll show him.’ In a burst of marketing brilliance his next ad offered an even larger pizza than Dominics, with more ingredients, at the same price and offering (gasp) free delivery right to your door!

‘Che palle,’ said Donnie in awe as he read the ad on Saturday morning, ‘I must make an offer that cannot be refused.’ And that’s how the two-for-one pizza was born.

My point? The Times is not just a vehicle to deliver you the news. It’s also the engine that drives competition between retailers to provide us with the best value for our money. It’s the marketplace where every commercial entity in town meets weekly to vie for our business — to our benefit!

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I RESPONDED TO your question twice about how the Constitution legally allows the president to delay laws. The paper has chosen not to print those so that you and many others will continue to believe he is breaking the law or that this executive law is unconstitutionally used.

DOES ANYONE KNOW why so many of our high schoolers and middle schoolers qualify for State paid lunches? I thought we were an affluent community when compared to most others. Something stinks here, and it’s not the food.

HOW MEAN OF the Tri-County to use the word alcohol in the headline that reported the death of a beloved teacher. It was not necessary and only hurt his family. I will no longer read your newspaper.

WHOEVER SAID GAS prices under Bush never got over $2 is a bold-faced liar. Oil prices began to soar in 2003, and in the summer of 2008, oil hit $150 per barrel and the gas station in Holly got up as high as $4.30 a gallon.

GOOD QUOTE: ‘There are two ways to slide easily through life — to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking.’ Alfred Korzybski.

JUDGE YUILL FROM the 7th District Court recently restricted use of a park on Lake Fenton for hundreds to favor four. It was determined that the problems that occurred in the park from outsiders that didn’t have rights to it but thought he should punish ones that do!

IS ANYONE ELSE sick of the constant political, ridiculous bickering in the Hotlines? Free speech is great but we get it — we don’t all agree on everything. If the pro/anti-Obama, Bible, etc. topics are all we have to talk about, then I’m afraid we are missing out on the beauty of life.

A BIG ‘THANK YOU’ to the two good Samaritans who pulled my car from the snow last Wednesday on Silver Lake Road. I am a diastasis patient and was coming home from my treatment.

YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL. You are chosen. Your life is full of purpose. Someone believes in you! There is more to you than what meets the eye. Now walk it out. Philippians 4:13.

IF YOU HAVE the right to use the park on Margaret and Ruth drives in Fenton Township and haven’t been notified of the recent court hearing, your 14th amendment rights have been violated. Call Fenton Township and ask if you can allow this. The 300-foot rule is wrong. Notify everyone.

HEARD THE TIMES being criticized for using ‘alcohol’ in the headline about the teacher’s death. Typical liberal logic to want the news slanted to reflect their opinion, not the facts.

CLIMATE CHANGE? It has been changing for billions of years.

See HOT LINE throughout Times

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and brevity. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

Legalize marijuana

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Judge Mark McCabe’s Feb. 19 column. Not only should medical marijuana be made available to patients in need, but adult recreational use should be regulated. Drug policies modeled after alcohol prohibition have given rise to a youth-oriented black market. Illegal drug dealers don’t ID for age, but they do require minors immune to adult sentences. Attempts to limit the supply of illegal drugs while demand remains constant only increase the profitability of drug trafficking. For addictive drugs like heroin, a spike in street prices leads desperate addicts to increase criminal activity to feed desperate habits. The drug war fuels crime. Taxing and regulating marijuana, the most popular illicit drug, is a cost-effective alternative to never-ending drug war failure. As long as marijuana distribution is controlled by organized crime, consumers will continue to come into contact with hard drugs like amphetamine, cocaine and heroin. Marijuana prohibition is a gateway drug policy.

Sincerely,

Robert Sharpe, MPA Policy Analyst

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Downtown Fenton

Dear Editor,

Recently I have been researching local updates being made to the town of Fenton. The restaurants being added to Fenton are a plus to help improve the community, but why not add something other than restaurants. Fenton is one of many places that has a downtown atmosphere that is still in good shape. Updating the buildings downtown could improve local businesses and the residents of Fenton could enjoy themselves while taking a stroll through downtown. Adding these restaurants may gain attraction and bring jobs to the area, why not improve businesses Fenton already has to offer. This may bring a more home-like atmosphere to the residents who have lived in Fenton for quite some time. Improvements are a good way to build a community, but maybe we should take a different outlook on what needs to be improved.

Ainsley Stiff, Grand Blanc

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

Who will win the NCAA basketball tournament?

“Michigan, because they are the best team and have the best offense.” —Terry LaFalce

“Michigan, because they have the strongest coach.” —Rick Karnesky

“Michigan State. I think they deserve to win the most.” —Don Brice

“Calipari all the way. They are the biggest underdog.” —Bryan Gould

“MSU. They have the most talent and experience.” —Tom Swerk

“U of M. They are good at coming back late in the game.” —Pam Piskoti

— Brasil Pizzari
Summer school for all due to snow days

Schools allowed six ‘snow’ days, most used more than 10

By Tim Jagielo

As the record-challenging winter begins to wane, schools will begin to make plans on how to make up all those snow days.

As it stands, Lake Fenton Community Schools has taken 12 days for various reasons, but mostly the harsh weather. Fenton Area Public Schools has taken 10, Linden Community Schools has taken 11 and Holly Area Schools (HAS) cancelled 10 days.

As of now, the districts are planning to release their students for summer break on either June 11 or 12, but still have to make specific plans, which could extend classes another week into the summer.

In January, Fenton, Linden and Holly had used four ‘snow’ days, Lake Fenton used five.

Lake Fenton Superintendent Wayne Wright is hesitant to make final predictions on weather-related school closures just yet. “We may still have weather issues in March,” he said via email. As of today they have cancelled 11 days in three buildings and 12 days at the middle school.

Certain schools in his district were also affected by the tornado that hit Fenton Township the hardest last May.

They took a day in November as a power line was down on their buses. The middle school has an extra day because a bank of transformers was down and the building was without power.

The remaining 10 days were due to the unusually robust winter — snow, ice and extreme cold.

“As April 1, we will look to see how much time we must make up and decide how to make up the time,” he said. Lake Fenton’s last day for students according to the district calendar is June 11.

Fenton Superintendent Timothy Jalankan’s district has four days worth of instructional time to make up, and they are figuring out how it will be made up soon. Their last day for students is June 12, so far.

Linden Superintendent Ed Koleo said his district has five days to make up, but also won’t say anything official until the end of March.

Holly Superintendent Dave Nuss said his district has missed 10 days due to severe weather conditions. Rose Pioneer Elementary missed two extra days due to a broken water pipe. “At this point, it looks like we’ll be adding days to extend the school year,” he said.

By rules set by the Michigan Department of Education, schools are allowed six cancelled class days to meet the minimum 175 before they must be made up, or risk losing per-pupil funding.

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Good-bye geese

Goose round-up scheduled for June at Fenton millpond

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton — The Fenton City Council agreed Monday to pay up to $800 for the removal of geese from the millpond this June.

In previous years the goose population had polluted the grounds with feces and even become aggressive when goslings (baby geese) were present, according to Director of Public Works (DPW) Dan Czarnecki.

Last year, 65 geese, (13 adults and 52 goslings) were relocated — none were killed — improving the cleanliness of the grounds.

Councillwoman Cheryl King said there are fewer geese to remove this year, and wanted to remind residents not to feed them, because it adds to the problem.

“We would have to go out and clean our sidewalks two, three times each week, hose them down. It would track into city hall,” she said, before the round up started.

Czarnecki said he has received the application from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), which cost $200 and this program needed council approval.

The company rounding up the geese will be Goose Busters out of Holly. While none were euthanized, the resolution for the round-up does acknowledge that geese might be killed during the round-up.

Geese have also been a problem for Marl Lake residents in Fenton Township. The Fenton Township Board of Trustees has supported nest destruction programs in the past.

Summary
◆ The city of Fenton has granted approval to the Fenton DPW, to submit an application to relocate geese found at the millpond this June. The round-up should cost $800, and geese will likely not be harmed.

FirstMerit Bank to close 26 branches, including Torrey Road location

Three FirstMerit Bank branch on Torrey Road will close beginning April 4 as part of a plan by the Akron, Ohio-based company to close 26 branches and tighten its network.

Closures in Genesee County will include locations at 12770 South Saginaw Rd., in Grand Blanc on April 4, as well as two branches — 3023 Miller Rd., in Flint Township and 11203 Torrey Rd., in Fenton — set to close on June 6.

Rob Townsend, media relations officer for FirstMerit said of the closures, “We’re not leaving any markets. We are just making some adjustments to the branch networks,” and the branches will be consolidating with others no more than two miles away.

The plans were announced during a late January earnings call, said Townsend.

The closures were based on several factors, including traffic patterns, cost of operation and customer channel trends.

“As any bank does or any company with retail locations, we’re always looking at the branch network,” Townsend said. “We open and close branches as needed.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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March 24, 2014

Notice is hereby given to the general public that a public hearing will be held to take comments and gain input on the proposed improvements to Eagles Wooden Park located on West Broad Street just west of North Bridge Street in Linden. The City of Linden is applying for Federal grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to make the following improvements:

◆ Construct accessible restrooms and drinking fountain adjacent to the gravel parking lot at Eagles Wooden Park

The City of Linden is providing matching funds from its General Fund.

The public meeting will be held on March 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. This is the same time as the normal monthly Council meeting.

For more information, please contact Paul Zelenak, City Manager at (810) 735-7980.
Lynn M. Henry
City Clerk

News briefs

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Cities was contaminated by sewage. One of the students asked if they could bring some of alcoholic beer to school from home. The teacher said the student could, as long as there was no alcohol involved.

Koledo said the project was authentic to the era and very controlled in the classroom. Many of the students opted to sample a small taste of the O’Doul’s beer, which actually has an alcohol content of 0.5 percent. Students did not have to taste the beer if they chose not to.

“Our teacher is mortified that the beverage actually had a small amount of alcohol in it,” said Koledo. “She is embarrassed for all the attention it has brought and wants the students to know it was not their fault.” The school sent home a letter to the fifth-grade parents explaining what had happened.

When asked if the teacher faced any type of reprimand, Koledo said they never openly discuss staff discipline. “We have followed appropriate discipline steps in our process and have shared the situation district-wide to ensure this type of mistake is not repeated.” Koledo confirmed that if alcohol had been provided to a minor, the prosecutor’s office would have been brought in, but the school worked with the Linden Police Department and found out early in the investigation that Michigan law specifies that beverages must contain more than .5 percent alcohol to be considered an alcoholic beverage.

“This beverage, labeled a “non-alcoholic” beverage, contained less than 0.5 percent,” said Koledo. “However, there is another law that prohibits the sale of beverages to minors that contain more than .05 percent alcohol. Our situation clearly violated that law.

“However, in conversations with the Linden police chief (Scott Sutter), we learned that neither he, nor the city attorney, felt any charges were appropriate due to a lack of intent/malice.”

Koledo added, “We found out about this incident the evening it happened from a parent of a fifth-grader who was told by their child they heard some fifth-graders ‘drank beer at school today.’ We began to investigate immediately.”

The superintendent said that the following week they learned from another parent phone call that a student had taken a bottle home. “We found out there had been bottles given to three other students who took them home,” said Koledo. He added that they were also in contact with the police chief and school attorney for guidance on any potential legal concerns.

The Hyatt Elementary School principal called all parents with children were directly involved and she spoke to the entire fifth-grade class about the situation before the letter was sent home. The principal wanted to ensure students that there was no adult involvement and that no students were in trouble.

“We have not condoned the actions of those adults involved,” said Koledo. “Serving non-alcoholic beer in school should not happen. While totally inappropriate, what happened was an honest mistake by adults.”

Despite the story being picked up and shared on the Internet by the Associated Press and highlighted on dozens of TV newscasts, Koledo said parents from the class involved have been silent or extremely understated on the situation. “Once the entire fifth-grade had been spoken to and the letters sent home, neither the teacher, the principal, nor my office received a complaint,” he said.

Koledo said one parent did call in Tuesday morning to ask about the letter, and was not happy about the incident, but was not concerned with the resulting investigation or consequences.

“We thought the incident was clearly a mistake and had been handled. It was not until the story was published four days after the parent letters were sent home, that we began to receive complaints,” he said.

“The good news is that the damage has been minimal overall, and there’s been no evidence to suggest we’ve handled a difficult situation openly, honestly, thoroughly, with integrity and in such a manner as to safeguard the mistake being made again.”

“The teacher involved is a 20-plus year veteran with no history of anything like this and is well-respected by parents, peers, and students alike,” said Koledo.

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Eden is one of the 65 percent of American women with children who make up the labor force, according to the Pew Research Center. In addition, these women spend about six more hours a week doing household chores than their husbands, and an additional three more hours than their husbands taking care of their children’s needs.

Eden says she takes care of all the household responsibilities, from finances to laundry, shopping, cooking and cleaning, because her husband, Chris, has a side business, Play 1st Mobile Gaming, in addition to his full-time work as a robotics engineer.

Women who don’t work outside the home often have even more demanding schedules, because of the extra load they take on as nurturers, caregivers, even educators, often around the clock.

Kim Green and her husband, Ben of Rose Township have adopted 14 children in 14 years of their 17 years of marriage, many of them with special needs. “We adopted two knowing they would die,” said Kim, mentioning Selah, who died at age 55 days, born with no brain, and Josiah, who died at 10 months of age of a rare genetic disorder.

The remaining 12 children range from 8 months to 14 years of age, with each school-age child homeschooled by Kim. “Some of our kids have medical issues like cleft lip/palate, stroke, Down’s Syndrome, missing brain matter, etc.,” said Kim. “Some have therapy sessions we have to get to on a weekly basis.”

Meanwhile, Ben works full-time as a sales representative, then participates fully in family time when he gets home.

Her advice to other busy moms? “Schedule your day by using a routine,” said Kim. “Prioritize what is going to bring the most long-lasting fruit and focus on those things first.” She’s a firm believer that kids need some quiet time in their day and a consistent bedtime. That time at the end of the day is when Kim finds a little time for herself and for Ben.

“Discipline yourself to do the important things first, so you aren’t always playing ‘catch up’ at the end of the day,” Fenton mom Marie Todorovsky, 37, of Fenton has to play the role of “both parents” to their two youngest children, 6-year-old Jack and 8-year-old Sophia, while husband John tends to his 15-hour days seven days a week job as owner of Joe & Lewie’s Penalty Box in Fenton. They also have an older daughter, Katie.

“He runs the restaurant and I run the home,” said Marie, who has a busy schedule of her own as an active volunteer at State Road Elementary and serving on the Holly board of directors of Christmas in Action — a charitable organization that fixes up homes for seniors who qualify.

Kim and Ben Green’s family includes 12 adopted children, many of them with special needs.

“Everyone helps out in our family. All the kids have chores to do. I’m the mom, not the maid.”

Kim Green Adoptive mom to 14 in 14 years

Kim and Ben Green make dinner after a long day at work, while answering a math question from Chloe.

I list the six most important things I need to accomplish for the day. If I don’t finish the list, they go to the top of the list for the next day. It’s always worked for me.

Dee Burch Owner of Sweet D’s/Bella Rose Salon in Linden

Jennifer Eden makes dinner after a long day at work, while answering a math question from Chloe.

“That position keeps me busy most of the year, working on marketing, directing, home checks and helping seniors get qualified.”

She does most of this work from home, which allows her to do the majority of the day-to-day activities with the kids. Both kids are very active in sports, from swimming to cheerleading, roller skating, soccer and golf, and extra-curriculars like Brownies and Camp Copneconic.

“I spend a lot of time balancing everything so John doesn’t have to worry about it,” said Marie. “We have always tried to keep work separate from family. With his long hours at work, it makes the time we do have together important.”

TIMESAVING TIPS for busy women:

• Limit your checking of email/Facebook to morning, noon and night.
• Exercise for half the time, at a greater intensity.
• Run errands in stylish athletic gear so you can “sneak” exercise in by parking further away, taking steps instead of an elevator, etc.
• Watch TV smarter, by using a DVR and ditching the commercials and being very selective about what you watch.
• Use a hands-free headset to multitask while you’re on the phone.
• Keep drinking cups in a special place on the kitchen counter, so they can be re-used throughout the day, and then loaded into the dishwasher in the evening.
• Presort your family’s laundry into two meshed bags for each child, one for lights and one for darks, and then wash the entire bag. Have kids who are old enough then do all the folding and putting away.
• Have each child assigned to make a dinner every week. Each dinner must be a healthy choice and include vegetables.
• Have a sandwich/soup night for dinner once in awhile. Use whole grain bread, natural peanut butter and homemade jam for a healthy sandwich meal.
• Use a family calendar not just for events, but also for “to-do” items, bill due dates, kids’ homework assignment due dates, etc.
• Make breakfast the night before by putting fruit, yogurt, juice, protein powder in a blender container in the refrigerator, and then just blend it in the morning.
• Minimize trips to the kitchen garbage by placing a big bowl near your food prep area for all the discardable peels, etc. Then just make one trip to the garbage.

Source: Real Simple

I try to remember that our kids are only going to be young once. Doing special things and being involved in their school are the things you’ll all remember.

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family already includes five children — three biological and two who are adopted. Another adopted daughter, Clara, passed away last year at 8 months of age, from hydrocephaly (born without a brain).

“We brought her home to be with us,” said Tami. “Everyone deserves a family.”

With David employed as a fourth-grade teacher at Hartland Schools, the daily work of running this busy household is up to Tami, and she thrives in her role.

Tami is up well before 5 a.m., making sure her foster children are on the bus by 5:45 a.m., attending school over an hour away. Their oldest son, Ray, 17, a junior at Fenton High School, is out the door by 6 a.m., followed by 15-year-old Dean, 11-year-old Lillie, 7-year-old Josh, and 5-year-old Lydia, who’s in preschool.

Once her children are where they need to be, she spends quiet time with her Bible and journal, and gets her mind ready for the day. It takes a great deal of organization to run a household of five children, plus the many who revolve through their doors from foster care. “This is what we are called to do,” said Tami. “We’ve had about 10 foster care kids here since October.”

She runs a happy, but well-structured home for her family, providing guidelines and encouragement rather than strict rules. “I’m a systems person,” she admitted. “I love bins and boxes. Our kids all have chores to do, learning life skills while participating in our family.”

She and David also alternate days going to the gym, so they have the energy and health to keep up with their commitments.

As a one-income family, the Kromers still find time for fun and vacations, all carefully planned ahead in their budget.

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can be up and running by April 10, but it’s up to Mother Nature, not me.”

White said he’s opened his golf course as early as St. Patrick’s Day during warmer years. He has also opened his clubhouse to parties and functions during the winter while golfers patiently wait for the first day of play.

Other flooded holes are just the beginning of concerns for golf course owners. Dead tree limbs and other debris may be lurking below the snow and won’t emerge until temperatures rise. The condition of greens can’t be assessed until the snow is completely evaporated.

“There’s a few schools of thought that it could be bad because of the ice, but some say it could be fine because of the snow,” said Denis Husse, golf professional at Tyrone Hills Golf Course. “We haven’t done anything yet on the course because there’s been so much snow on it. There’s a lot of tree damage from the ice storm around Christmas time.”

With the beginning of the season may be rough going, Husse expects the course overall to be in good condition during the upcoming season. White said extra precautions like fungicides and barriers are laid down in the fall to help protect greens during the snow-filled months, which should minimize damages. Still, White admits this past winter was a true test of how effective protective measures on golf courses really are.

This past winter had record amounts of snow and subzero temperatures. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Flint area received 32.9 inches of snow in January compared to an average of 13.1 inches. Detroit had record levels of snow as well, receiving 39.1 inches instead of the average 12.5 inches.

Like any other weather related issue in Michigan, determining when to warm, Husse and White anticipate instead of the average 12.5 inches. Snowstorms in Michigan occurred in May during the 2004-05 and 2001-02 winter months.

Whenever the weather does begin to warm, Husse and White anticipate league play to get into full swing.

“Once we get the snow to go away, we’ll have plenty of people golfers ready to play,” White said.

Sen. Mike Nofs (R) Passed 105 to 3 in the House Rep. Joe Graves R-Arnette TW voted:
NO

House Bill 5282: Allow deadly force to defend nuclear plants. To facilitate allow an officer providing security at a nuclear generating plant to use deadly force if he or she “honestly and reasonably believes” it is necessary to prevent a person from breaking in with the intent to inflict injury or engage in sabotage or nuclear material. This would include immunity from lawsuits. Introduced by Rep. A. Pickett (R) Passed 102 to 6 in the House Rep. Joe Graves R-Arnette TW voted:
YES

House Bill 5327: Make government firearms ownership databases non-public information. To establish that state records and databases related to individual firearms ownership and permits are confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The bill authorizes law enforcement exceptions allowing access based on reasonable suspicion of a crime or threat, and a $500 civil fine for violations. Introduced by Rep. Bruce Rendon (R) Passed 82 to 27 in the House Rep. Joe Graves R-Arnette TW voted:
NO

Senate Bill 650: Exempt small brewers from mandate to use wholesale cartels. To allow very small commercial brewers (ones that produce fewer than 1,000 barrels per year) to sell directly to a retail merchant, rather than being mandated (like larger producers) to sell through one of the regional wholesale distribution monopolies that are protected by current liquor control regulations. Introduced by Sen. Mike Nofs (R) Passed 71 to 39 in the House Rep. Joe Graves R-Arnette TW voted:
YES

Senate Bill 636: Facilitate “land line” phone transition to cell or VOIP. To streamline regulations on “landline” telephone service providers to facilitate transitioning customers to a wireless (cell phone or VOIP) system, and allow phone companies to discontinue landline service after 2016. The bill authorizes appeal procedures requiring a state investigation for individual customers who believe no equivalent replacement service is available. Reportedly, the number of people who landlines has fallen from 7 million to fewer than 3 million, which makes it difficult for providers to cover the costs of maintaining the copper wire network without very large price increases. Introduced by Sen. Mike Nofs (R) Passed 71 to 39 in the House Rep. Joe Graves R-Arnette TW voted:
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Fenton bond proposal will not increase tax rate

It is true. The Fenton Area Public Schools May 6, bond proposal for $11 million will not increase the currently authorized millage rate.

How is this possible? There are two basic reasons the currently authorized millage rate will not increase.

First, interest rates are near historic lows. School districts with bond issues similar to Fenton’s are now borrowing at about 2.25 percent. Over the last 10 years, interest rates for similar bond proposals have been approximately 4.0 percent. At the current interest rate, Fenton Area Public Schools district residents will save about $1 million in interest costs if the May 6 bond proposal is approved by voters.

Second, property values in the school district have improved during the past few years. And they are projected to improve again in 2014!

Revenue from the sale of bonds is directly related to the value of property in the school district. Quite simply, higher property values generate more revenue for each mill levied.

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why he’s such an unpopular president.

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HELLO VOTERS. ON your way to vote for
the Fenton school bond proposal, will you
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and read Tri-County Sunday, March 16
Street Talk on page 4A?

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Daniels is our king of the court

Bronchos’ court superstar makes up for lost time with outstanding season

By David Treppens
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Jake Daniels loves the game of basketball. And he’s pretty good at the game as well.

So it wasn’t a shock when he made the varsity basketball team at Grand Blanc High School as a freshman when he was a student in the school district.

While with the Bobcats he scored as many as 19 points during his first prep season.

But because of his love for the game, the fact he transferred from Grand Blanc to Holly and was forced to miss his sophomore season due to transfer rules probably was a shock to some. And it probably was a bigger shock to Daniels’ natural desire to want to play basketball.

“That was probably the toughest thing I’ve ever had to do,” Daniels said. “But what I did was take advantage of the time and worked on my game. I took it as a time to grow, eat, grow and get stronger. I felt it paid off in the end. I came into this season with a goal that I had something to prove, and that’s what I did.”

That’s exactly what Daniels did from the first moment he stepped on the court as a Holly Broncho during his junior season. Daniels opened the season by scoring 25 points in an 85-36 victory at Kearnsley, and followed it with another 21-point effort in a 99-88 victory at Swartz Creek. Before December was over, Daniels had scored at least 21 points in each of Holly’s five victories.

And, basically, Daniels never stopped impressing, helping lead a young Bronchos’ team to a Flint Metro League title.

When it came to selecting the 2013-14 Tri-County Boys Basketball Player of the Year, Daniels was an obvious choice.

Daniels said the time off did what he thought it would.

“As far as recruitment, missing my sophomore year kind of hurt, but at the same time it didn’t because I didn’t miss a beat. I started strong and finished strong this year,” Daniels said. “I improved on everything me and my Dad (Jim Daniels) worked on. My Dad has been amazing for me. My Dad and Mom have always been there for me and have helped me with everything.”

Holly coach Lance Baylis was pleased Daniels made the decision.

“He came last January, in the middle of January and had to sit out his entire sophomore year,” Baylis said. “You don’t hear of players of his status sitting out their sophomore years like he did.

“And he’s the type of guy you want on your team. He’s the hardest working kid you’ll find. He plays offense. He plays defense. He never says a bad word about his teammates, about his coaches or his assistant coaches. He sticks to the to his convictions.

“He’s an extremely loyal guy.”

Daniels was a player that was never really stopped the entire season. The 6-foot-2 guard averaged 22.0 points a contest this year, scoring 54 percent of his shots. Only once did Daniels score under double-digits in a contest. He also dished at least one assist in 18 of the Bronchos’ 21 games. He helped with other facets of the game as well. He had 122 rebounds.

See DANIELS on 19A
Powers’ soccer stars poised for collegiate careers

By David Troppens
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Ally Haran doesn’t know exactly why.
She just knows she loves soccer.

Haran is an outstanding basketball player. The Linden resident helped lead her Flint Powers team to the Class B state semifinals, before the squad bowed out in a 46-36 loss to Eaton Rapids at the Breslin Center. She averaged 11.4 points, 5.8 assists and 4.9 rebounds a game, earning a spot on the Associated Press’ Class B All-State First Team.

She even played volleyball for a year and softball for two years as well.

But nothing keeps her attention like soccer. And that’s OK, because the senior is pretty good at it. Haran recently made her collegiate plans official by signing a National Letter of Intent to play Division I soccer at Wake Forest University. In reality, she’s known she’s going to be a Demon Deacon for a long time, verbally committing to Wake Forrest after her sophomore season. But now, she can sign officially.

“Honestly I don’t really know what I love about soccer,” Haran said. “I just know I love playing it and doing it. I love going to practice. I love the openness of the field. I love everything about it.”

As good as Haran is on the basketball court, she’s better on a soccer pitch. A defender, Haran was on Powers’ 2010 state championship squad as a freshman, and on the squad that went to the state title game her sophomore season. The defender earned All-State Dream Team honors both seasons.

During her sophomore season, she was part of a defense that allowed just 11 goals in 26 games. She also added 13 goals and four assists during that second prep varsity season.

During her junior season, Haran trained and competed exclusively with her travel squad, the Michigan Hawks, a program she’s played with since 2007. Haran is excited to advance to the collegiate level.

“It’s everything I’ve worked for over the years,” Haran said. “I’m ready to take that next step. It’s exciting. It’s a blessing to play a sport I love and to be able to get a good education at the same time.”

Haran’s final selections were between Wake Forest and Northwestern. However, Wake Forest won out.

“I enjoyed the team, the coaching staff and the campus,” Haran said. “I really like how small the campus was. And, of course, I wanted to play ACC soccer (Atlantic Coast Conference). They were a really close team and I liked the girls.”

Wake Forest finished the 2013 fall season with a 12-7-2 record overall and with a 5-6-2 ACC record. The squad advanced to the NCAA tournament, defeating Morehead State and Penn State before losing to Virginia in the third round. The Demon Deacons are traditional NCAA tournament participants.

Her work with the Hawks has prepared Haran for Division I soccer. Her squad does well in league action and is going to nationals this summer. However, she realizes it will be an adjustment.

“I feel I’ll never be completely ready,” Haran said. See COLLEGIATE on 19A

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Three tri-county athletes recently signed a National Letter of Intent to play athletics at their desired Division I school. They were (from left) Ally Haran, who is playing soccer at Wake Forest; Heather Rolls, who is playing soccer at Georgetown; and Trent Grimes, who is playing football at Central Michigan University. Grimes’ story was in a previous edition of the Tri-County Times.

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Holly resident Al Peel shot this elk, which qualified for a listing in the Boone and Crockett Records in Wyoming earlier this winter.

Boone and Crockett Records. Boone and Crockett is a hunter conservation organization founded in 1887 by Theodore Roosevelt.

Peel, 72, said the measure is made on both sides of the antlers. Once a measure is made, if it is large enough, it can be listed in the Boone and Crockett records.

To get his prize elk, Peel had to ride horseback into the woods for about 2 1/2 hours. On their travels, the elk was spotted. His guide gave him a 30-06 Remington rifle, and with his first shot Peel bagged the elk. He shot it near Buffalo.

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ROLLS
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ision 3 is state champion during the run. Rolls allowed one goal in the final four playoff games, earning a 1-0 victory against Hudsonville Unity Christian in the title game. She allowed six goals in 1,400 minutes of play during the season. During her sophomore season, the squad advanced to the state finals once again, defeating Notre Dame Prep 2-0 in the semifinals, but losing to Unity Christian 2-1. Rolls didn’t play with Powers her junior season, concentrating on her club season, but since the Hawks have already qualified for nationals this summer, she’s going to play with Powers during her senior year.

The Hawks will travel to Seattle in June for the tournament.

“I’m excited to be back,” Rolls said. “Last year they got to the state semifinals and I watched it on the sidelines. I was wishing I could be there.

“Travel is a lot faster, but it’s fun to play high school because if I didn’t play high school, no one would ever see me play soccer. We never really play in Michigan (with the Hawks).”

The Hoyas are getting themselves a well-decorated keeper. Rolls was a 2012 All-State First-Team selection.

Colgate and Cornell were Georgetown’s top competition when she verbally committed to be a Hoyas last April. It’s official now.

“I thought Georgetown was beautiful,” Rolls said.

“Everyone told me once you are there, you’ll know. Once I was there I was completely blown away. The girls are awesome. It’s everything I wanted, basically.”

Georgetown is excited to have Rolls.

“Heather is an excellent goalkeeper with good size, strong hands and great feet,” Georgetown coach Dave Nolan said.

“She has a tremendous work ethic and attitude and will push all our goalkeepers as she competes to play.”

Georgetown is a solid program, one that posted a strong 16-3-2 record last year, tying the school record for most wins in a season. The squad played in the NCAA tourney for the third time in four years, reaching the second round. The squad returns 20 lettermen from a team that scored 58 goals last year, and allowed just 15. The current starting keeper is Emma Newins, who is entering her redshirt junior season in the fall. Rolls understands it’s going to be an adjustment.

“He’s a great kid. We have a fantastic relationship and he’s so loyal,” Baylis said. “I couldn’t have a better relationship with a player. I don’t think I’ve ever yelled at Jake because he knows what I like and knows what I run. And he always takes responsibility. He takes orders and carries them out and never wavers. It’s not an 80 or 90 percent thing. It’s a 100 percent thing. He’s always ‘got you coach’ or ‘I’ll take care of it.’ It seems Daniels always does."

DANIELS
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Baylis knew the talent he had with Daniels, through their connections with AAU basketball, but even he was a tiny bit surprised how strong Daniels was.

“I knew he was good, but he’s just a focused guy and it showed,” Baylis said. “He rebounds, defends, passes up and scores. He’s not a selfish guy. He averaged 22 points a game by not being selfish. They all came in and helped with the framework of the offense and the game.”

As his statistics suggest, Dan-

iels is nearly impossible to de-

fend at the prep level. He scored at least 20 points in 16 of Holly’s 21 contests and did so because of his offensive diversity. Daniels can attack the hoop as effectively as anyone, as his 62.2 percent field goal percentage inside the arc would attest. If you stop him by fouling him, that’s not going to work either. Daniels hit on 85.7 percent of his free throws. Finally, he’s deadly from the outside, where he netted on 39-of-103 three-pointers.

“I would say creating my own shot is my strength, if I’m driving to the basket or pulling up,” Daniels said. “Being strong with the ball and making things happen (is another strength). I never get down on myself.

“If someone is too tight on me, I go pass them and get a layup. If they are too far back, I’ll hit the jump shot. Ever since I was little, my Dad had me doing everything, starting with defense and shooting. He always wanted me to be a complete player."

Ask Baylis about Daniels being a complete player, and he’ll agree. But he’ll take it farther than that and say he’s the complete package that he’s a quality person as well.

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“Lotta people had spotted it before but they never got that close to it,” Peel said.

“They called me first, I got it and my son didn’t get a second chance. Somehow, it didn’t phase me. I put a lead on it and went forward in weight. It was galavanting a bit, and I got it with my first shot. It was a 300-yard shot. A lot of people were surprised someone from Michigan came and got it with one shot.”

“Quite a few were shocked by his age,” Peel said. “They wondered how old I was because I was keeping up with them. My wife put me on a restrictive diet so I could lose some weight and that helped.”

Within 24 hours, Peel’s son also shot an elk of his own.

On the way home, the size of the elk was an issue. The antler rank was a 7-by-6 pointer. Peel has tried to get an elk license in Michigan, but was unsuccessful in being able to get one. So the trip marked his first elk hunt, ever.

On the way home, he got some offers for the elk he guessed was worth $20,000.

“Nobody really made their best offer,” Peel said.

“Couple of guys said they’d give $1,000 for it,” Peel said.

“We stopped for gas as some-

one else offered money for it.”

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Spring is ‘POTHOLE SEASON’

Washing your vehicle’s shocks or struts need to be replaced after encountering a pothole?

Warning signs to watch for:
• Your vehicle rolls or sways on turns
• The front-end dives when braking
• The rear-end squats when accelerating
• Your car bounces or slides sideways on a winding, rough road
• Your vehicle “bottoms out” or thumps on bumps
• The car sits lower in the front or rear
• You notice leaking, or signs of physical damage, such as rusting or dents
• There’s a loss of directional control during sudden stops

Source: The Car Council

Do your vehicle’s shocks or struts need to be replaced after encountering a pothole?
Choosing the right trailer hitch is a big decision — maybe not like rest-of-your-life big, but still, you’re pulling a lot on that hitch. Safety and durability are paramount, and the first step to selecting the perfect hitch is determining your truck’s towing capacity and total trailer weight. Check your manuals for this information and let it guide your decision.

**EXTRA IS OK**
As long as it still fits within your truck’s towing capacity, excess pulling power is recommended. Even if you plan to pull a small trailer for now, you may want to opt for a more capable hitch for any additional weight you may tow later on in life, such as a boat or camper.

Purchasing a heavier hitch option now can save you the money and time spent purchasing an additional one later.

**HITCH DESIGN**
Hitches come in many colors, designs and placement options, all factors that you should consider when making your final purchase decision. Once you determine how much weight you will be pulling, you can reach out to your dealer about choosing the right design for your hitch. He or she may have specific recommendations for your particular make and model.

Some hitches are designed to be placed prominently above the bumper, while others are made to hide underneath. No matter what color, design and placement you choose, make sure it meets your job requirements.

**INSTALLATION**
Hitch and truck manufacturers have simplified the installation process over the years. In fact, with just a few tools and a set of instructions, most truck owners can put in a new hitch with no professional help.

Obviously, for hitches that require specialized installation techniques, you may choose to consult with your dealer or local mechanic.

And if your truck came with a hitch already installed, you should check it against the owner’s manual to ensure that it is the right fit for your truck.

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**TERMS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU SHOP**

**GROSS TRAILER WEIGHT:**
The total weight of the trailer plus everything it’s holding. If you’re pulling a boat, include the weight of the boat in your calculations, don’t forget the weight in the fuel tank.

**TONGUE WEIGHT:**
The weight forced down on the hitch ball. The maximum tongue weight is usually about 10 percent of the maximum gross trailer weight.

**TRAILER HITCH CLASSES**

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Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic

**Q.** I have a 2004 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD truck. It loses 70% of its power when the gas level drops below 1/4 tank and the gas pump will shut off repeatedly until fuel level exceeds 1/4 tank then it pumps fine. What could be the problem? Larry

**A.** Larry, first off you will need to have a fuel pressure gauge hooked up to the vehicle while driving to make sure it is a fuel problem. You will see the fuel pressure drop when the vehicle acts up and you are under load. If this happens, you will also need a volt meter or lab scope. This is to make sure that you have a good 12 volts or higher on the positive side of the pump and 0 volts on the ground side of the pump. The reason for this is to confirm weather it is indeed a pump and not an electrical problem. It sounds like a bad fuel pump, but you should always test the electrical before replacing. Don’t forget to replace the fuel filter and strainer filter with the pump as well.

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10 tips for detailing your car like a pro

1. **Get rid of your vehicle’s winter grime inside and out**

   By Sally Rummel
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   Spring is the perfect time to thoroughly clean your vehicle, after a long winter of slappy floor mats and muddy tires. With a few simple instructions, you can detail your own vehicle like a pro, following these tips offered by MSN Auto:

   1. **Start with the wheels**
      Remove all the brake dust that has accumulated in the wheels. Once a month, rinse down the wheels and use a wash mitt, soap and some elbow grease to remove any caked-on brake dust. Use a separate wash mitt from the one you’ll use on the car’s body.
   2. **Shine up your tires**
      Spray on a tire cleaner, let it sit and finish to clear, nice satin finish, with no drips or streaking.
   3. **Use the two-bucket wash method**
      Fill one bucket with soap; the other with clean water. Every time you wash, rinse your mitt in clear water to keep debris from mixing with the clean wash soap. Use a hose to get as much foam in the soapy water as possible, because the foam suspends the dirt from your vehicle. Empty and refill the buckets at least twice on larger vehicles. Never wash your car in direct sunlight, always wash it in the shade to prevent water spots and streaking.
   4. **Use car cleaners, not dishwashing soap**
      Use proper cleaners to wash your car, because dishwashing soap will attack the wax and protective layer on your vehicle. Also, use the highest quality mitts available, not sponges from your kitchen, which are too abrasive for the job.
   5. **Always pre-soak your vehicle**
      Pre-soak your vehicle before washing to remove as much loose dirt as possible. Start from the top and work your way down. Frequently dip your mitt into the clear water as you wash. Rinse off the soap immediately, do not let it dry.

Wash your vehicle in sections so you can quickly wash away the soap in stages.

6. **Remove minor swirl marks**

   Apply polish to a proper cleaning applicator and hand polish away swirl marks in the paint. Apply even pressure and a circular, overlapping motion to remove swirls. Remove any scratches, scuffs or other imperfections in the paint with a high performance paint scratch remover.

   After applying polish, use a clean micro-fiber cloth to remove polish and wax. Make sure to remove any tags on the cloth to avoid scratching the surface.

7. **Treat your leather**

   Keep the leather smelling and looking new by using a leather cleaner applied with a soft bristle brush, or a 100 percent terrycloth. After, apply a leather care balm to hydrate and protect it. Leave it on for a few minutes and buff it to a dry finish. Repeat this process every month.

8. **Clean your headlights**

   As one of the most important safety features on a car, it’s vital that the headlights are not hazed and cloudy, especially for night vision. Use a do-it-yourself headlight restoration kit and follow directions. Afterward, polish and seal the headlights with a proper lens sealer to protect them.

9. **Get rid of pesky smells**

   Always clean up spills right away. Vacuum regularly, at least once a week. If odors are a big problem in your car’s interior, pay a professional to steam clean and ionize the air inside, or steam clean it yourself.

10. **Use high quality glass cleaner**

   The glass in your car is different from the glass in your home, and using household products on tinted windows, for example, will scratch and damage the actual film. Use high quality glass cleaner that’s streak-free, ammonia-free and won’t damage windows. Use micro-fiber cloths or a new paper folded in fourths and wipe away dirt from the windows. You’ll get a clean, streak-free shine every time.
Options for bedliners

Using the correct bedliner will not only protect the bed of your pickup truck, they will also protect items being hauled

The amount of money you are willing to shell out for truck bed protection should depend on how much you are planning to load up your vehicle – and with what kind of cargo.

Bedliner makers have created options for use ranging from occasional to daily, ensuring that everyone who needs one has an option that can work for them.

DROP-IN LINERS

Usually thick and created from durable plastic, drop-in liners are most often a one-size-fits-all option. Their rigidity makes them a perfect choice for heavy-duty hauling, as they can withstand substantial weight and scraping.

That dependability translates into confidence for many truck owners in knowing that their truck beds are well protected.

SPRAY-ON LINERS

Spray liners are made of a high-quality paint coating that can be customized to fit any size of truck bed. They are a good choice for older trucks that can sometimes be difficult to find matching liners for their beds.

Though some spray-on formulations are not as durable as a drop-in liner, spray-on options are popular because of the sleek look they give when new and their ability to stop moisture damage that can creep in underneath the drop-in liners.

Damage to your liner can usually be repaired by re-spraying, but be prepared. Spray-on liners are not the cheapest way to protect a bed.

CARPET LINERS

Carpet rugs work as great bedliners if you are hauling damageable goods that need a soft surface during transport. They are also an ideal option in tandem with a cover or bed cap.

This will help protect your carpeting from rain or other weather elements that can damage both your liner and your items. Carpet liners are generally less expensive than both a spray or drop-in liner, too.

POTHOLES

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If you do drive over a pothole, the Car Care Council recommends that you have a professional look over your vehicle, because your vehicle’s tires, chassis, suspension and rims can all be compromised after a serious encounter with a pothole.

Your vehicle’s shocks or struts are especially vulnerable to pothole damage. These struts act as a cushion to dampen the bouncing action of a car’s spring. The springs absorb the road bumps; without them, the vehicle would continually bounce and bound down the road, making driving extremely difficult.

Shocks and struts also control spring and suspension movement that keep the tires in contact with the road. A broken shock or strut could alter the steering and handling of a vehicle, affecting its steering, stability and braking.

If you’ve experienced a ‘teeth-jarring’ pothole, it’s important you have your front-end alignment checked.

— Dean Park
Director of Service Operations-Vic Canever Chevrolet

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Costs, benefits of raising student athletes

A close second to academics, sports at young age teach life lessons, bring families together

By Tim Jagielo
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Under the dome of the Genesee Field House, families of student athletes line the AstroTurf field as softballs snap into gloves and ping off bats. The game itself is run by parents of the student-athletes, from coaches to scorekeepers and volunteers.

Annette and Dave Cowger have four daughters, all of whom made sports a big part of their lives, even enough so that four girls “feels like 18 or 20,” said Annette.

For families with children involved with sports, an extra dimension of busyness and expense is added to the family.

The Cowgers’ youngest and last daughter in high school is Ellie, who is currently into her softball season, a Cowger family specialty. Each started with T-ball, and no sport was left unplayed — basketball, diving, gymnastics, volleyball, cheer, and even Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation flag football.

With just one student left in high school, and a slow week at that, they still they have practice for a few hours each day, a pitching and hitting lesson, “meet the team” day, scrimmages and Dave coaching as well.

Annette isn’t complaining, and she wouldn’t change anything, but at the height of sports in her family, she guesses as a couple, they dedicated 10-15 hours each week to sports related events. This includes coaching them, running around, going to games, doing things for the team, volunteering at games, working concessions.

Sometimes they’ll attend out-of-state games for Sammi, who plays at Ball State University, or at least watch online.

Logistics are already a challenge with children — as a stay-at-home mom, Annette was able to drive them around when needed, which of course tapered off as they were

I think the extra-curricular activities are important for kids.”

Annette Cowger, parent of four student athletes

Ellie Cowger (with helmet) takes hitting instructions from father and assistant coach Dave Cowger at a scrimmage Thursday afternoon. For families of student athletes, their lives become wrapped up in sports as parents finance athletics, and volunteer at events.

Memories of being a ‘hockey mom’

I’m sure there are many parents that have no desire to get caught up in the merry-go-round of travel sports for their kids. I can certainly understand their resistance especially because of the high costs and time commitment. It truly can be difficult to juggle everything.

My husband and I were two of millions of parents in this country who found themselves right in the middle of it though. It just happened. And for me, I wouldn’t have changed a thing. We never really added up what we spent on sports for our kids, but with two sons who were active in travel hockey, soccer, baseball and golf

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Untreated hearing loss tied to lower earning potential

Maximizing one’s ability to hear well should be part of any smart career strategy. Individual performance in an organization is found to be directly related to listening ability or perceived listening effectiveness. In fact, listening is one of the top-skills employers seek in entry-level employees and in those being promoted. People who both hear and listen well are also more likely to establish positive working relationships with bosses, clients, and colleagues.

An alarming new study by the Better Hearing Institute (BHI) reveals a direct correlation between unaddressed hearing loss and earnings. The national survey, entitled “The efficacy of hearing aids in achieving compensation equity in the workplace,” clearly demonstrates that hearing loss has a significant impact on people’s ability to earn a livelihood. The study underscores how critically important it is for workers to treat hearing loss early in order to maximize their job performance and earning potential.

According to Sergei Kochkin, PhD, author of the study: “The real tragedy in delaying hearing loss treatment is that when left unaddressed, hearing loss negatively affects individuals and their families for the rest of their lives in the form of lost wages, lost promotions, lost opportunities, lost retirement income, and unrealized dreams. But when people with even mild hearing loss use hearing aids, they improve their job performance, increase their earning potential, enhance their communication skills, improve their professional and interpersonal relationships, stave off depression, and improve their quality of life.”

Key Study Findings

- People with untreated hearing loss lose as much as $30,000 in income annually.
- Use of hearing aids was shown to reduce the risk of income loss by 90%–100% for those with milder hearing loss, and from 65%–77% for those with severe to moderate hearing loss.
- There is a strong relationship between the degree of hearing loss and unemployment for those who do not use hearing aids.

Why 22 million Americans delay trying a hearing device to solve their hearing problem

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Not Realizing the Importance of Hearing. Another reason for rejection of hearing aids is that people have forgotten how important hearing is to their quality of life. However, untreated hearing loss can lead to anxiety, stress, fatigue, withdrawal from family and friends, impaired memory, reduced alertness and personal safety, reduced job performance and earning power and diminished overall health.

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The links between hearing loss and dementia

Seniors who have untreated hearing loss may be at an increased risk for developing dementia, a loss of brain function that can affect memory, thinking, language, judgment and behavior. This is the finding of a study conducted by researchers from the Division of Otology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The study included 639 people whose hearing and cognitive abilities were tested over a period of time, starting in 1990 and concluding in 2008. Researchers found that study participants who had hearing loss at the beginning of the study were significantly more likely to develop dementia by the end of the study. How might hearing loss and dementia be connected? Investigators aren’t sure, but they think a common pathology may underlie both conditions, or possibly the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia.

The article concludes that, whatever the cause, these findings may offer a starting point for further research as to whether interventions, even as simple as hearing aids, could delay or prevent dementia by improving patients’ hearing.

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Little-known facts about domain names

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On March 15, 1985, Symbolics.com became the first officially registered domain.

Youtube.com was a Valentine’s Day baby. Youtube.com was registered as a domain name on February 14, 2005 (has it really been that long already?) it was a day of massive confusion for a company called Universal Tube & Rollform Equipment. The company’s domain, Utube.com, was overwhelmed by traffic and caused their servers to crash.

All “A” .com domains are taken. Oddly, all domain names with the letter A repeated in any succession from 1-63 are registered. (www.aaaaaaa.... x63 .com)

Google.com was supposed to be Googol.com. Google founders, Larry Page and Sean Anderson had intended to name their company “Googol,” the term for the number value 1 followed by 100 zeros. The two made a minor spelling error when they sat down to search if “googol” was available as a domain name. Google.com was registered and the rest is history.

All three-character domains are taken. There are more than 50,000 character combinations you could make for three-character domains and they are all registered.

1985

Beer.com, $7 million
Year: 1999
Buyer: Interbrew
Want to talk about making your money work for you? The URL beer.com was purchased in 1998 by Andrew Miller and Michael “Zappy” Zapolin for $80,000. The site was pitched as a destination for people to come and rate their favorite and not-so-favorite brews. A year later, however, a company called Interbrew stepped in and bought the domain for $7 million.

FB.com, $8.5 Million
Year: 2010
Buyer: Facebook
Facebook acquired the domain name from the American Farm Bureau Federation, which used fb.org as its primary domain. At its annual meeting in Atlanta, the non-profit revealed that it had earned a hefty $8.5 million on the sale of FB.com.

VacationRentals.com, $35 Million
Year: 2007
Buyer: HomeAway
The most expensive sale was the purchase of VacationRentals.com in 2007 for a cool $35m. Even more incredible than the price was the admission from new owner Brian Sharples, founder of HomeAway, that he had bought the domain to stop Expedia from getting it.

iCloud.com, $4.5 Million
Year: 2011
Buyer: Apple
Apple acquired icloud.com from Swedish based Xcerion in 2011. Xcerion provides their own cloud platform, but the offer was too good to resist. So many goldiggers are still waiting for Apple to buy their i-domains. Let’s see who is next. They had earlier purchased phone.com for seven figures.

Diamonds.com, $7.5 Million
Year: 2006
Buyer: Ice.com
Domain names are man’s best friend, especially if you are Odimo Inc., which sold their stock and inventory to Ice.com, the European jewelry retailer. The icing on the cake was their domain name Diamonds.com which went for $7.5 Million.

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Don’t get audited this tax season

▶ Avoid outlandish deductions and the IRS won’t knock on your door

By William Axford
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Tax season is in full swing and people are looking over and evaluating their deductions, hoping to get a big return this year. Hear the word “audit” and most people panic, assuming they owe the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) a sizeable amount of money or even face jail time.

Donna Peters, CPA with Faussey and Associates, said not all IRS audits are such causes for despair.

“There are several kinds of audits. Sometimes it’s informational where the IRS will send you an inquiry about a certain item,” Peters said.

Peters said some audits are caused when the IRS questions certain deductions. Factors like income, charitable deductions and mortgages can be factors in causing an audit. In Peters’ experience, documenting deductions and tax forms can be used to fend off audits and clear your name with the IRS.

Those who are self-employed are more likely to be audited Peters said, since there are more opportunities for deductions.

Travel, meals and entertainment deductions are some of the most common reasons the IRS may audit someone. Peters has had clients inquire about some outlandish deductions such as pets and home offices.

“These are the types of things people need to be careful of. The key is to keep backup and documentations of deductions.”

For those who are audited and have deductions denied by the IRS, Peters said most people end up paying extra taxes rather than face jail times or fines. Audits are fairly rare to begin with as the IRS audited 1.1 percent of 141 million tax returns in 2011.

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Margie Shard (center) speaks at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan as a check is presented for the organization’s backpack program.

Chassé owner to match auction proceeds — $8,423

▶ Annual event raises more than $56,000

By Sally Rummel
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This record amount was announced at a press conference for the event held Friday, March 14 at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint. It was also announced that Michael Lafioce of Chassé Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio matched proceeds of both the Silent and Live Auctions held at the event, contributing $8,423 to the event total.

More than 400 guests, plus vendors and volunteers, attended the formal event on March 6 at the Father Bush Parish Center at Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Blanc. The evening included DJ music by Cha’Chi from Liquid Entertainment, a fashion show, strolling dinner from area restaurants, a Silent Auction and Live Auction and more.

The goal for this year had been to raise more than $50,000 for the food bank’s Backpack Program, which provides nutritious meals and snacks for the weekend for kids who are “food insecure” in Genesee County.

“That means these kids don’t know where their next meal will be coming from,” said Margie Shard. Last year’s event raised $32,000 for the program. “These aren’t the kids who are just getting reduced meals at school; these are the kids who really don’t have any food at home. The problem is growing, especially this year with the harsh winter and some families having to decide between paying the extra heating costs and buying food.”

These extra funds will make it possible to benefit not only the Backpack Program during the school year, but also for the summer program.

“Next year, we’ve set our goal to raise more than $75,000,” said Shard.

Here’s how to donate to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan’s Backpack program:

Go to www.fbem.org/wwf-reg/

• $100 will sponsor a student with a weekend backpack each week during the school year.

• $150 will sponsor a student with backpack meals year-round, including summer.

• $300 sponsors two students year-round, including summer.

• $1,000 sponsors 10 kids for an entire school year.

• $1,500 sponsors 10 kids year-round, including summer.

Source: www.fbem.org

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“Around 15 hours. I run track and cross country.”

— Mackenzie Figueroa
senior

“Practices were two-and-a-half hours twice a week. Plus tournaments so 10 to 15 hours during bowling season.”

— Rachel Bellinger
senior

“I play tennis. I spend about 11-and-a-half hours a week between personal training and morning practices.”

— Carlin Heenan
junior

“For volleyball I spent 30 hours a week. During soccer season I spent 16.”

— Cassidy Rourke
senior

“I spend 10 hours a week plus meets for track. I like running because it’s a great social opportunity.”

— Jayson Wolf
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Margie Shard

Steven Sulfaro, DDS, appointed

ICD Deputy Regent

Dr. Steven Sulfaro, of Sulfaro Family Dentistry in Holly, has been appointed Deputy Regent for District IX of the International College of Dentists (ICD). This professional organization is the oldest and largest international honorary dental group. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and is granted in recognition of a dentist’s “outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind.” As Deputy Regent, Sulfaro will oversee the operation and organization of the International College within the state of Michigan. There are currently 177 Michigan dentists who are Fellows in the ICD. Sulfaro Family Dentistry is located at 607 North Saginaw St. in Holly, telephone (248) 634-4671.

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Caretel Inns of Linden

Open house Wednesday for new gym, two more Inns

By Sally Rummel

“Caretel Inns of Linden is on the grow, adding a new therapy gym and expanding its residential living space with two new Assisted Inns.

These new facilities will be open to the public for an Open House on Wednesday, March 26 from 2 to 7 p.m. The day’s events will include refreshments, entertainment, prize drawings and tours.

“It’s a big investment for Careteol in the city of Linden,” said General Manager Rodney Roberson. “This is Phase 2 of a three-phase project.”

The expansion includes the addition of Degas House Inn and Homer House Inn, plus additional common space, totaling 32 new assisted living units. “These rooms are larger, with more amenities,” said Roberson. “We have found there is an increased demand for larger living spaces in the assisted living market.”

Caretel Inns now has a total of 160 beds, including Turner Skilled Nursing/Short-Term Rehabilitation. Other Inns include Monet Inn (memory care) plus Assisted Living Inns Leighton and Van Gogh, and the new Degas House and Homer House Inns.

Residents of Caretel Inns will now enjoy a brand new 4,861-square-foot therapy gym, in addition to the Cottage therapy gym. “I’m not aware of any therapy gym in the area that offers more to its residents, from a circular track for walking, to cardio and strength equipment in the center of the track,” said Roberson. “This increased space will not only better accommodate existing therapy needs, but will allow for outpatient therapy.”

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We need more ‘salt of the earth’ people

‘They’re the salt of the earth,’ we often say of people we hold in high regard.

Why? What’s the origin of this complimentary comment? Our Lord called His disciples the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13) because salt preserves and purifies. He wanted them to know they were responsible for preserving certain values and exerting a purifying influence on others.

So are we? And none of these divine-ly ordered obligations can be fulfilled through non-involvement.

Most are familiar with the famous quote: ‘All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good people do nothing.’ Still, we’re too often silent about issues of decency, honesty and the value of life. Then we wonder why evil triumphs and standards fall.

Morality is especially in danger of being compromised when things are going well for us.

Cotton Mather, the influential 18th century Congregational minister and writer, said: ‘Religion brought forth prosperity and the daughter destroyed the mother.’ He believed the prosperity of his time was the result of qualities in people that had been born of faith: honesty, thrift, integrity, willingness to work and the discipline to defer gratification. But he feared the affluence that flowed from these valuable character-istics would undermine spiritual values and contribute to moral decline.

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During this precarious period of worldwide terrorism, falling morals and compromising convictions, we need more ‘salt of the earth’ people who, by their faith and prayers, can bring the protection and blessing of God to their nation (Proverbs 14:34).

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able to drive themselves. Often they could coordinate trips, when one daughter had a game in the same softball tournament, even if they weren’t on the same team.
“It can get expensive,” said Annette, to the tune of $200 to $700 for each athlete per season. Mind you, there are several seasons per year.
Equipment costs add up quickly, with $300 bats that only last a season or so, and cleats that wear out more quickly with pitching. She said the monies were partially budgeted, and to them the expense was just part of life. Overall, sports could cost an extra $8,000 each year.
“For us it’s an investment, it keeps them focused, out of trouble,” said Annette. They learned how to budget their time between sports and school, and they aren’t heavy TV viewers, or video game players. At the dinner table, 70 percent of conversation is of sports, whether high school, professional, or the NCAA.
For Annette and Dave, sports came naturally to them, and to their daughters. Always though, sports were a lower priority than academics.
To sports families, actual, practical life lessons are learned from the life balance academics and sports requires. Though busy and expensive, Cowger said they loved every bit of time they spent together, and even though vacations were even sports-based, they wouldn’t change anything.

HOCKEY MOM
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and a daughter who took years of dance and other school sports. I’m sure the amount would be staggering. Our vehicles also took a beating, but all that time spent driving to rinks, golf courses and baseball diamonds provided much-needed family time.
To help offset our hockey costs, we used to work concessions at DTE, the Palace and Meadowbrook. We did this through our hockey association and if we worked a few times a month, it paid for most of our hockey bills. It was difficult and sometimes dirty work, but we always made the best of it and had fun with other hockey parents. We also took part in as many team fundraisers as time allowed.
Looking back over those years, all of those hockey tournaments in Chicago, Toronto, Cleveland, and numerous held across Michigan and traveling as far as Cooperstown, N.Y. for a week filled with baseball gave our family memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. Some of our closest friends today are ones we met as our kids tried out for a team when they were 5 years old.
Our kids met and bonded with other kids with similar interests. As high school sports teams eventually won out over the travel scene, they continued to run into the same kids. There was that mutual appreciation for the sport and our kids grew up under the watchful eye of their demanding and passionate coaches as well as their supportive parents.
Our days of traveling across the Midwest are over since our youngest is now away at college, but I still long for those ‘simpler’ days. A smile comes across my face as I remember all of those special — funny, heartbreaking, and sometimes eyebrow raising — held memories that made our family what it has become. Feeling quite blessed.

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Christmas In Action workday is set for April 26.

OK, THE PRESIDENT
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I REALLY FEEL sorry for liberals. They have a mental issue what some writers call BDS (Bush Derangement Syndrome). Bush has been out of office for more than six years, yet he keeps getting the blame for Obama’s ineptitude. Bush is still consuming and occupying a liberal’s mind — rent-free.

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TIM JAGIELO
Paige Dean of the Fenton Girl’s softball team drops a bat after warm up Thursday. A bat can cost $300, and be replaced every other year. (Right) Ji Cleis is scorekeeper for the scrimmage, as her daughter Sabrina plays.
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Two team openings available. Established league plays at Coyote Preserve, Wednesdays, 4:15-5p.m. tee off time. Nine hole league, maximum 16 handicap preferred. League starts April 16th through September 10th, Call John at 810-577-6369.

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team member. Outgoing personality, flexible hours, part-time. Apply at Village Ace Hardware, Linden.

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needed for a fast paced business office. HR/payroll skills a plus. Email resumes to sj.ohney@yahoo.com.

HELP WANTED:
Looking for part-time sales associate at Fenton retail store. Weekends and evenings. Hourly wage plus commission. If interested, email your contact information to elkchaser2@hotmail.com.

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Auto repair shop is looking for a qualified mechanic. Must have certifications and own tools. We offer medical and disability insurance, holiday pay and paid vacations. If you are looking to make a move, inquiries are confidential! Please respond to plumbers@burtonmi.gov or Call 810-733-0990 or fax to 810-733-5285.

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ALL ADS END
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Sunday, March 23rd
1-3pm
2437 Davis Rd.
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Outstanding views of lake and all the activity without the bother of hustle at your lakefront. Summer sailboat regattas and friendly neighborhood. Added bonus of a .57 acre lot across the street with 4 car garage for cars and storage.
$358,000

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 23rd
1-3pm
15091 Restwood Dr.
Fenton
Ranch home on all sports. Burray Lake sitting on 3 lots! First floor laundry, newcountertops, new vanity in bath, new water softener, new service door in garage. Wood deck with hot tub. All appliances included.
$159,900

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 23rd
1-3pm
19004 Wilson St.
Fenton
Beautiful 2 bedroom condo. Fresh paint, new carpet. Tile, fp, greatroom, 2 skylights, 2nd floor laundry. All appliances stay! Close to town and lots of parking. E’s move in ready and waiting for you!
$113,900

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 23rd
1-3pm
1284 S. Marshall Rd.
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Sunday, March 23rd
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15076 Lindbergh Ct.
Linden
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$139,900

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 23rd
1-3pm
3396 Horrell Ct.
Fenton
2 Bed, 2 Bath home sits on a double lot on all sports crane lake. This home has an attached one car garage and a detached 2 car garage. All appliances included.
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OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 23rd
1-3pm
4946 Longmeadow St.
Fenton
Beautifully updated with solid pine doors, large family room addition and completely remodeled Kitchen. Living room has been remodeled to use as a den/4th bedroom.
$169,900

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 26th
1-3pm
9466 Longmeadow St.
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Large open floor plan with wrap around deck. Close to express way! It’s move in ready activity without the bother of hustle at your lakefront. Summer sailboat regattas and friendly neighborhood.
$390,000

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, March 23rd
1-3pm
12075 Gage Rd.
Fenton
This home has an attached one car garage and a detached 2 car garage. Garage and a detached 2 car garage. All appliances included.
$275,000

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WANTED

-For a full time bookkeeper. Must have knowledge of Quickbooks. Must be able to communicate well with co-workers. Must be able to work independently. Good organizational skills. Enjoyable work environment. Please send resume to tanya@americanmaintenance.biz.

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**Public Notice**

**Charter Township of Fenton Board Meeting Synopsis**

**March 17, 2014**

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

1. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
2. Approved the agenda as presented.
3. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $1,514,182.95.
4. Conducted a public hearing on a proposed Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application to help fund a public park.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-03 authorizing matching funds and the submission of a grant application for park development, to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.
6. Adopted Ordinance No. 761, an amendment to Ordinance No. 655, (Wild, Dangerous and Vicious Animals), to revise language regarding enforcement.
7. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add language regarding retaining walls.
8. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to add language allowing for the use of “Stalls” as a permitted use in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts.
9. Approved the 2014 Dust Control Agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission.
10. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

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**House Plan of the Week**

**Elk Lake PLAN 30-849**

Three handsome columns draw eyes to the Elk Lake’s front facade. This ranch-style home is well suited to the needs of a midsized family, or empty nesters looking to downsize from a larger home. The plan could be adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

In the entry, a row of coat hooks spans the wall above the porch, which is suitably large for removing outer garments. A second entrance on the side opens to the garage.

Windows wrap around three sides of the nook, creating a naturally bright environment for starting the day, sharing meals, or helping with homework. Potted plants will thrive in this bright space as well. More light washes into the kitchen through skylights.

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Shauna Sprague
BO42
(Misc. Household)
A Minimum Bid will be required.

Units will be open for inspection on Saturday 3/29/14 at 8:00am until time of sale.

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200 Elm St - Holly
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PUZZLE ANSWER KEYS
King Crossword. Wednesday Jumble. Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday’s issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

SUNDAY SUDOKU

Answer key located in this edition.

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SuperCrossword

1. Heart Of Gold — Neil Young
2. A Horse With No Name — America
3. The Lion Sleeps Tonight — Robert John
4. Without You — Nilsson
5. Everything I Own — Bredex
6. Mother And Child Reunion — Paul Simon
7. Presence And Few — Climax
8. The Way of Love — Cher
9. Puppy Love — Donny Osmond
10. Down By The Lazy River — The Commodores

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ANSWERS

KING CROSSWORD

Solution time: 25 mins.

WEDNESDAY SUDOKU

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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: BAKED AFOOT RADISH VERNIM Answer: What the sailor shouted when he saw the surfer—MAN “OVER BOARD”

SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: ABATE PIKER TURTLE LOCATE Answer: If you’re concerned about starting a rackets, start running when you hear this—TATTLE "TAIL"
TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

At their meeting of March 17, 2014 the Fenton Township Board took the following actions regarding proposed ordinance amendments:

1. Adopted Ordinance No. 761, an amendment to Wild, Dangerous and Vicious Animals Ordinance No. 655 to revise language regarding enforcement.
2. Conducted the first reading of a proposed amendment to Article 4 of Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to add language regarding retaining walls.
3. Conducted the first reading of a proposed amendment to Article 3 of Zoning Ordinance No. 594 to add the use “Halls” as a permitted use in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts.

The second reading of the two proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments will be conducted at the March 31, 2014 Fenton Township Board meeting.

Complete copies of the adopted and proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The proposed ordinances are also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

TYRONE TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 by the Tyrone Township Zoning Board of Appeals at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., to consider the following variance applications:

APPEAL NO. 1:
Ref. Tyrone Township Zoning Ordinance No. 36 – Section 20.01 (Table of Schedule of Regulations)

A variance request by Dennis and Kristine Lockwood for a 12.2-foot south side yard setback variance for the existing house on proposed “Parcel B”. Also a 12.2-foot north side yard setback variance and a 108.46-foot lot width variance for the existing house, located at 6357 Old US-23, (TAX CODE # 4704-32-200-003). The applicants are also requesting a 3.1-foot north side yard setback variance for an existing barn located on Tax Code # 4704-32-200-008.

Additional information, legal descriptions and location maps are available at the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Tyrone Township Clerk, at (810) 629-8631, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

GREGORY CARNES, CHAIRMAN
Tyrone Township Board of Appeals

HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 19, 2014
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth. Clerk Winchester Absent.
Approved: Consent Agenda.
Postponed: Rose Hill Request to Change Name of Mud Lake.
Approved: Interlocal Agreement for Ballot Layout and Programming.
Approved: Holly Area Youth Assistance.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk
Dale M. Smith
Holly Township Supervisor

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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
March 12, 2014

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

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snider
Approved: Agenda as submitted.
Approved: Consent Agenda as amended.
Tabled: Presentation of FY 2013 Audit of Township of Rose Financial Statements.
Tabled: Roger Rakowski, Rakowski Fireworks Display Permit Presentation.
Approved: Corrections to Professional Service Agreement for 2014 Grass Mowing.
Approved: RFP for the 2014 Grass Mowing.
Approved: Rose Township Spring Clean-Up Day is May 17, 2014 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Adjoined: By motion at 8:35 p.m.

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

FOYD LAMONT
“Montie” Greve
1926-2014

Floyd Lamont “Montie” Greve - age 87, of Holly, died Monday, March 17, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Visitation will be from 3-8 PM Sunday. Mr. Greve was born on May 29, 1926, the son of Edward and Ellen (Rose) Greve. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the US Army. He was retired from the GM Proving Grounds in Milford after 51 years of service and was a member of the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church. He had a heart of gold and was always available to help others. He is survived by 2 children, Lana (Kevin) Semenick of AZ and Charles (Brenda) Greve of FL, 3 step-children, Lori (Rova) Thorne of Holly, Linda Cansler of TX, and Bob (Tiffany) Potter of Grand Blanc. 2 grandchildren, Courtney (Brent) Schinbeckler of AZ and Danielle Semenick of CA; step-grandchildren, Kolby Cansler, Kolton Cansler, Stephanie (Andrew) Laughlin, Robert Potter, and Elena Potter; sister Donna (Chuck) Scalford of FL; and 2 brothers, David (Mary Lu) Greve of MD and Robert (Nancy) Greve of TN. He was preceded in death by his wife Karen Greve, brother Raymond and his wife Jean Greve, and step-son Ronald Potter. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Seventh Day Adventist Church, Holly Herons Pathfinders. www.dryerfuneralhomeholy.com.

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Foster kids are not safe with alcoholic mom

DEAR AMY: I am a 29-year-old guy in an impossible situation. My mother, who is a career drinker, is a sane and logical person when not intoxicated. But she turns into the spawn of Satan when drinking. She lives with her husband (not my father), who is a controlling, miserable, arrogant, racist person. She has foster children. What should I do — suffer sleepless nights as she screams, yells and rants in the next room? — Sleepless

DEAR SLEEPLESS: She is a good caregiver (when not intoxicated)? Not true. The kids are in grave danger, physically and emotionally. Call child protective services or the police and report your mother and her husband. Being arrested could be the only thing that forces her toward sobriety. Do not let your mother stay with you unless she has had successful addiction treatment. This safe harbor delays her confronting the horrible disease she has. I hope you are brave enough to call a halt to this madness.

DEAR AMY: I have been in a relationship with this guy for three years, and I am always debating if he is lying to me. He cheated on me with his ‘ex’ twice (no, sorry — three times) and I still keep taking him back. I always want to give this guy the benefit of the doubt because when we are together we are the best of friends. Recently he has been saying that he wants to marry me and he is building a house for us, but I have never seen anything in the ways of building plans, carpet samples or even paint chips. I always want to give this guy the benefit of the doubt. What do you thing I should do? — Crazy and Confused

DEAR CONFUSED: You asked this guy to prove something to me we can move on. Much to my dismay he has not proved a thing to me. What do you think I should do? — Crazy and Confused

Oven-Baked Salmon

PREP TIME: 5 mins
COOK TIME: 15 mins
SERVES: 4

INGREDIENTS
• 12 oz. salmon fillet, cut into 4 pieces
• Coarse-grained salt
• Freshly ground black pepper
• Toasted Almond Parsley Salsa, for serving
• Extra-virgin olive oil

DIRECTIONS
1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.
2. Season salmon with salt and pepper. Place salmon on a baking sheet and add a pinch of salt. Let sit for 30 minutes.
3. Roughly chop the capers, parsley and almonds. Season with salt and pepper. Place capers, parsley, almonds and seasonings into a blender. Add the vinegar over the shallots and add a pinch of salt. Blend. Add olive oil through the vinegar and blend. Let sit for 30 minutes.
4. Handle the salmon with a fork. Bake until salmon is cooked through, about 12 to 15 minutes. Serve with the Toasted Almond Parsley Salsa and squish, if desired.

Toasted Almond Parsley Salad:
• 1 shallot
• 1 T. red wine vinegar
• 2 T. capers, rinsed
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THIS WEEK'S OPEN HOUSES!

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LINDEN
13261 Linden Road
SPR朽WING RANCH. Open floor plan on this ranch setting on one acre with 1631 sq. ft. Master bed and bath, large kitchen with island open to living room. First floor laundry and two car garage with opener.
$94,900
Call Donna Fraederling 810-845-1971

HOLLY
447 Bluewater Drive
Cozy Lakefront home. Beautiful water views from every window. Everything has been updated since 2005 including kitchen, hardwood floors, paint, siding, septic, furnace, new addition & roof. Enjoy sunrise views over Buckhorn Lake on your stamped concrete patio. Home is lovingly maintained.
$175,000
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FENTON
107 S. Lennon Street
Updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home sits on a beautiful corner lot. 2 car garage has been completely re-sided and re-roofed, brand new dishwasher and water heater, new light fixtures and carpeting. Convenient first floor master, dining room, and full basement round out this great family home.
$144,900
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HOLLY
906 10th Street
Over 1400 sq. ft. of space in this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Comes complete with kitchen appliances and a fire lit living room. Also has a finished basement and a 1 car detached garage. Home is located in Mott Park. This is a Fannie Mae HomePath property. This property is approved for HomePath Renovation Mortgage Financing.
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Great buy! 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow on 5 rolling acres. Enjoy country living within 5 minutes of all major expressways. Beautiful rolling and wooded property. Updates include: boiler, vinyl windows, roof, vinyl siding, pergo in dining room, bathroom updates, carpet and tile.
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LINDEN
201 1st Street
Ranch home in the heart of Linden! Walk to the library, Mill Pond and downtown. HUGE finished basement w/gress window & half bathroom. Beautiful & private fenced yard with deck and shed. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Updated furnace, windows, and kitchen counters. Kitchen appliances included. Great location - close to everything!
$134,950
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FLINT
906 10th Street
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