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“Let's tell it like it is. It was a poor decision by the teacher. But at the end of the day there was no intent to harm on her part and no one was injured in any way. Time to move on. No harm, no foul.”

“Let me get this straight. The superintendent of a public school, financed by taxpayers, says the discipline of a teacher ‘is not something we discuss publicly.’ Who the hell is ‘we?’ The teacher works for, and is paid by, the taxpayers. As does the superintendent.”

“You can now visit the Grand Canyon right here in Fenton, just take North Oak Street from Main to Sixth, and look at all the canyons and hold on tight!”

“Can someone, anyone, tell me what church the Reverend Jesse Jackson is affiliated with? The answer is none. He is an irrelevant shakedown artist and race-hustler. Shameful.”

“If you own a dog, please get a dog tag in case he is lost. If you find a lost dog, call the Times. They will run a ‘lost pet’ classified for free.”

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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

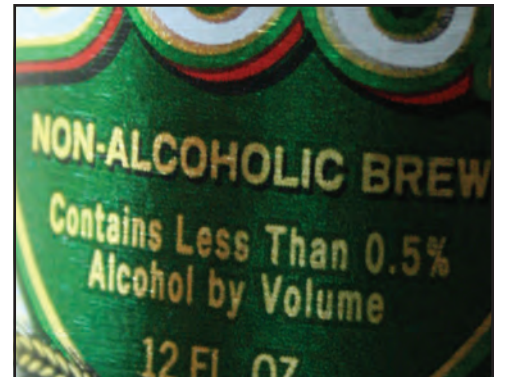
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After nearly a week of public scrutiny surrounding the controversial teacher/near-beer incident that occurred on March 6, Ed Koledo, superintendent of Linden Community Schools hopes to put the whole incident to rest.

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

See O'DOUL'S on 8A



‘Busiest building in town’

► But two-thirds of Fenton library users not city residents

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Before the doors of the Jack R. Winegraden opened at noon Thursday, patrons had already gathered outside, including Donna Thodoroff who shivered outside with her grandchildren.

Once it opened, the library remained busy, with all areas being utilized from the play area, to the books, DVDs and computers, making it easy to believe the slogan posted above the door: “The Busiest Building in Town.”

With up to 500 visiting daily, the Jack P. Winegraden Library draws patrons from several communities, with the majority of

See LIBRARY on 15A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The Children's Center in the lower level of the Jack R. Winegraden Library lets kids be kids, zipping around on scooters and playing games, while parents can relax and even pay bills. Ava Holmes, 3, of Fenton talks with dad Scott, while Sawyer Webb, 4 of Fenton scoots by.

Late start certain for area golf courses

► Persistent snow likely to push season back a few weeks

By William Axford

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The snow can't melt fast enough for golf club owners and players.

League play usually begins sometime between the end of March and the beginning of April but at this rate, the first swings of the season may not begin until the end of April.

“We'll most definitely be delayed in opening,” said Chris White, owner of Fenton Farms Golf Club in Fenton Township. “We'll be happy if we

See GOLF COURSES on 14A

“We'll be happy if we can be up and running by April 10.”

Chris White
Owner of Fenton
Farms Golf Club



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Tyrone Hills is mostly covered with snow, preventing grounds crew from getting the course ready for golfers.

Township revisiting plans for park despite concerns

By William Axford

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Fenton Twp. — The Fenton Township Board of Trustees voted to apply for a \$433,100 grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. If approved, the grant will be used to create a 34-acre park on Thompson Road, near Wiggins Road.

“There's a lot of competition for these grant funds,” said Tom Broecker, operations manager/deputy clerk.

See PARK on 16A



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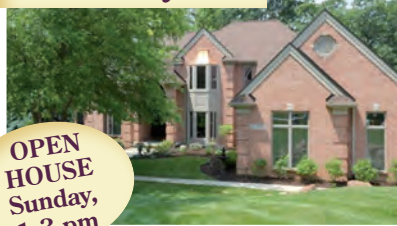
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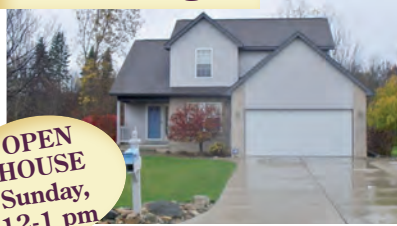
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Police & Fire report

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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO
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.

For today's busy woman...

...there's never enough time

► Timesaving tips from active, local ladies

By Sally Rummel

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Jennifer Eden of Tyrone Township is up every morning by 4:30 a.m. to exercise, trying to carve a little "me time" into her very busy day.

As a full-time administrative assistant for a trucking company, her workdays extend into nine hours plus a 45-minute commute each

way. Evenings are spent preparing dinner, helping 8-year-old daughter Chloe with homework and squeezing in piano lessons, Girl Scouts and coaching basketball. Every other weekend and for six weeks in the summer, she's also step-mom to Kyle, 17, and Matt, 15.

"I do sometimes feel overwhelmed," admitted Eden, 41. "But I find if I have a schedule and a plan, it goes much more smoothly."

See **BUSY WOMAN** on 10A

Busy mom aims to make a difference

► Faith, marriage and family
are the cornerstones of her life

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The phone may ring at midnight for Tami and David Kromer of Tyrone Township and they answer it quickly, knowing that they may be an answer to a prayer for some child needing a safe haven.

As emergency placement foster parents, the Kromers are prepared to take in children at a moment's notice, when Child Protective Services calls, needing a home for children in a crisis situation.

Last Tuesday, they received such a call, and those three children, ages 14, 10 and 9, the two youngest with special needs, are now part of the family, at least temporarily, settling into the busy routine of the Kromer household. Their

“Our goal isn't to be busy, but to make a difference in the world and to bring hope.”

Tami Kromer
Mother of five; emergency
foster mom to many

See **BUSY MOM** on 11A

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Of war and pizza

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 Times your 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 cost more in real dollars in 1964 than it does today. But then, an odd thing happened. Dominic's Pizza opened in Fenton. Being the sly Italian fellow that he was, the first thing Dominic 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 bastardo,' he muttered under his breath as he called his Times advertising rep to place an ad that said, in large, bold type, that effective im-



mediately his pizzas would not only cost the same as Dominic's, but would also contain more ingredients.

'Oh you pezzo di merda,' Dominic 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 Dominic 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!

The Times also promotes shopping local, where our dollars stay in our communities and come back to benefit us over and over again with premium schools and emergency services, steadily rising housing values, safe streets and good jobs.

The Times is the singular common denominator in our communities where we can all meet twice each week to discuss... well, anything. Where we can learn something we didn't know about someone we do know. Where we can stay connected to our community.

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Now, go enjoy that delicious — and inexpensive — pizza.

You're welcome.

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Hot lines

Submit at: tctimes.com, call 810-629-9221 or text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

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 uncommonly 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 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 YUILLE 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 were 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/religious bickering in the Hot lines? 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 dialysis 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. Phillipians 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 how they 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

Readers write

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. 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 recruit 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 methamphetamine, 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 re-searching 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 have 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?

streettalk



"Michigan, because they are the best team and have the best offense."

—Terry LaFalce
Holly



"Michigan, because they have the strongest coach."

—Rick Karnesky
Gaines



"Michigan State. I think they deserve to win the most."

—Don Brice
Byron



"Calipari all the way. They are the biggest underdog."

—Bryan Gould
Fenton



"MSU. They have the most talent and experience."

—Tom Siwek
Linden



"U of M. They are good at coming back late in the game."

—Pam Piskoti
Fenton

Summer school for all due to snow days

► Schools allowed six 'snow' days, most used more than 10

By Tim Jagielo

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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 had 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.

"After 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 Jalakanen'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 Koledo 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.

"I have been in education for many years and I do not ever remember weather like we had this winter."

Wayne Wright
Superintendent, Lake Fenton Community Schools

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Summary

► Because of the unusually cold and snowy winter, students in the tri-county area will expect to make up an average of five days into their summer break.

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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.

Councilwoman 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



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The geese on the millpond shouldn't get too comfortable — they'll be rounded up and relocated this summer.

our sidewalks two, three times each week, hosing them down. It would track into city hall,” she said, before the round ups started.

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.

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 ac-

knowledge 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.

News briefs

Construction crew hits underground Consumers line, knocks out power

Consumers Energy spokesperson Debra Dodd said repair crews worked throughout Tuesday night to restore power to numerous customers in the area of Silver Parkway in Fenton. Dodd said that at about 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, a construction crew not affiliated with Consumers Energy, bore down into the ground and struck one of their three-phase service lines, which knocked out power to hundreds of customers. She said some customers' power was restored by Tuesday evening, however, as many as 380 were still without power Wednesday afternoon. Power was restored by 2 p.m. Wednesday. Dodd said repair work has been difficult as the damage occurred underneath concrete in a commercial area.

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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 11293 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.”

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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.

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O'DOUL'S

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cities was contaminated by sewage. One of the students asked if they could bring some non-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 whose 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 the mistake was caused by adult decisions and 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 understanding of 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 come 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.

"Any indication that we attempted to cover this up or blow this off

is false. My responses to the press are always open and detailed on any situation, good or bad. That this happened to begin with is frustrating and this misconception has just made a challenging situation even more difficult for everyone involved."

Koledo believes that they have 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.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I STAND CORRECTED. George W. Bush was President from 2001 through 2008, gas prices reached over \$4.00 in the summer of 2008. No saving face here, I was wrong and the other Hot liner was right.

THREE CHEERS FOR our president: he's so dynamic, so strong, so confused. Well, I know the last one's right.

I'M A RETIRED guy living in the Tampa area. Thank God I still get the Tri-County Times because I wouldn't know what's going on since I don't believe any of our left leaders.

MESSAGE TO THE college educated global warmers: it always gets crazy with the weather this time of the year. It's spring and this is Michigan.

THERE REALLY IS no difference between

Republicans and Democrats. Neither one of them is trying to pull us back to God and until we do, we're going to fall.

THE INTERSTATES WEREN'T built for us anyway. They were built for the military so quit crying.

IT'S NOT THE semi-trucks tearing up roads, it's poorly constructed roads. Lowering truck rates will only increase transportation costs.

I UNDERSTAND IT'S been a really bad winter, however the condition of Vassar and Outer drives are deplorable. Will someone please tell the DPW to take a look?

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BUSY WOMAN

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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

"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

"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



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

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.



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Marie and John Todorovsky are pictured here with their children, Katie, Jack and Sophia.

TIMESAIVING 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 can by placing a big bowl near your food prep area for all the discarded 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."

Marie Todorovsky
Active volunteer; mother of three



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

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."

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BUSY MOM

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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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Tami Fromer works with son Ray, 17, on scheduling and prioritizing his projects on Wednesday.

“It’s easier to be a one-income family, because you know your financial boundaries,” she said. She also operates a home-based business, Simply Tami K, which provides an outlet for her creative expression, and is a hobby that not only pays for itself, but provides for a few extras.

Tami and her family are actively involved in their faith life at The Freedom Center in Fenton, where they run a ministry for orphan care. “We wrap ourselves around families who take in orphans from around the world,” said Tami. “This time it was our turn to have food, clothing and all our foster kids’ needs dropped off by church members, friends and family within 24 hours.”

Tami finds her biggest struggle in trying to be spontaneous in life. “I’m a lot of fun, just ask my friends, but everything I do has to be well planned in advance,” she said.

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GOLF COURSES

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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.

Snow and 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."

While 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 fungicidal 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 the snow will officially stop falling and completely melt isn't an exact science. 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 pent up golfers ready to play," White said.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

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

House Bill 5282: **Allow deadly force to defend nuclear plants.** To explicitly 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 harm, engage in radiological sabotage or steal nuclear material. This would include immunity from lawsuits. Introduced by Rep. Al Pscholka (R) **Passed 102 to 6 in the House** Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5092: **Define "brandishing" a firearm in statute.** To define "brandishing" a firearm as "to point, wave about, or display in a threatening manner with the intent to induce fear." Under current law "brandishing," is a misdemeanor or punishable by up to 90 days in jail. House Bill 5091 establishes that pointing a gun at someone to defend oneself or another is not "brandishing." Introduced by Rep. Brandon Dillon (D) **Passed 105 to 4 in the House** Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

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-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

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 land-line 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 with landlines has fallen from 7 million to fewer than 3 million, which makes it difficult for providers to cover the cost 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-Argentine Twp. voted: ☒ YES ☐ NO

Guest viewpoint

By Timothy Jalkanen,
Fenton Area Schools
Superintendent



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.

In 2010, property values in the school district had a negative 10.12 percent growth rate — this is another way of saying property values were down 10.12 percent.

In 2011, there was a negative 6.12 percent growth rate. In 2012, the growth rate was negative 1.14 percent, and last year the negative growth rate was 0.75 percent.

Current projections are that property values in the school district will continue to improve.

So, it is the combination of low interest rates and increasing property values that will enable school district voters to approve an \$11 million bond proposal with no increase in the current millage rate.

Complete information about the May 6 bond proposal is on the school district's website (www.fenton.k12.mi.us). Simply click on Bond Proposal Information.

Residents with questions are invited to click on Talk to us or to call Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen at (810) 591-4700.

LIBRARY

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them from the Tyrone and Fenton townships.

Fenton residents only comprise 32 percent of patrons. Fenton Township residents make up 26 percent, and Tyrone Township make up 12.

Because the greater amount of users come from outside the city, Fenton City Council discussed whether the tax contributions from those areas are enough support for the library that Fenton residents will indirectly pay to renovate.

"We're subsidizing the surrounding municipalities," said Mayor Sue Osborn at the March work session. Along with most of council, she expressed a desire for outside townships to help pay for these upgrades.

Extensive renovations are in the planning stages. Just commissioning the conceptual drawings is costing \$2,000 from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

With the upgrades, they would like to alleviate floor space issues, replace the carpet and consider electrical upgrades, or even expand the library into the open space at the rear of the building.

Also, if major renovations happen to the building, the stairs and restrooms would have to be brought up to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

The city and townships contribute to the overall budget with penal fine money, and Fenton Township contributes with millage funds also, but these extensive renovations would come from the DDA, which recently paid for exterior paint, landscaping and the mitigation of flooding in the library. In 2013, computers and Internet access were also improved. These smaller projects cost \$21,979.

Like many community libraries, Fenton also has a "Friends" group that fundraises for building needs.

The Fenton library is part of the Genesee District Library (GDL) system, sharing a general budget and materials with 18 other branches, or libraries.

David Conklin is director for the library system. He said the overall budget for the entire district is \$8.9 million, paid by two millages totaling .9981 mills. That averages about \$500,000 per branch.

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"I see it as a draw. It will bring people into our city. Isn't that what we need, for people to come in and spend their money?"

Chris Heron
Head librarian, Jack R.
Winegarden Library

He said that the GDL provides materials, programs and service. Fenton City provides the building, and the maintenance of the building.

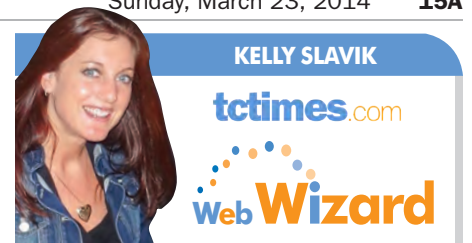
Chris Heron is head librarian. If she had her preference, she would like more space, especially quiet space for tutoring and studying, and parking.

Inside, the paint is chipping and falling, and the carpets are worn and held down with tape in some places.

Right now, no work is scheduled, and upgrades are in the planning stages. She said they make the most of their budget; and that when the recession hit, programs, hours and staff were cut, and they haven't recovered fully.

Although she would like to see improvements to the library, and respects the budgetary decisions council and the DDA have to make, she doesn't necessarily think out-of-town municipalities should be held to contribute more.

"These people are coming into the community of Fenton, and one of the places they come to is the library, but may visit Crust, etc., and spend money," she said. "We're kind of a special place to visit in the city."



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NORTH BRIDGE STREET should be called North Bridge Highway! The 25 mph speed limit is a joke since it's not enforced. All the speed demons know that and get away with it.

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

HAS THE LOOSE Center ever reconsidered having their carpooling time from 1 to 3:30 p.m.? It would get a lot more people involved.

TO THE PERSON who called in and told us we paid \$240 a year for road improvements: you're wrong! We get charged \$240 twice a year!

I THINK THE reason why our roads don't hold up over time is because the contractors use sub-standard materials. You ask why? It's because it keeps all the road workers employed. There will always be a job for them to do.

THE CITY DPWs will be going from snow removal and salt spreading to chuck hole repair. From the looks of our streets, it will be a job with long time security. Let's try to be patient as the municipalities do the best they can.

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NEAR BEER WASN'T consumed by children only in colonial times. As late as the 1950s, children in Belgium were drinking it, as my husband learned when visiting his relatives there. He was stationed in Germany during the Korean War, and received a weekend pass to go to Belgium.

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IT BOGGLES MY mind how a teacher would not know, or at least check to see if tasting 'non' alcoholic beer was OK. Maybe cider would have been a better choice. Time to review school rules.

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"We won't find out until December if we've been selected. If we are, we'll get an agreement about a year from now and then have two years to complete the project."

The 34-acre site went into foreclosure in 2010 and turning it into a park was proposed in 2012. Multiple soccer fields, baseball diamonds, a basketball court and a walking path are some of the ideas included in the proposed park's site development plan.

Fritz Cheek, who lives near the site of the proposed park, expressed concerns about infrastructure for roads and drainage for the park, which were not included in the plans. Some aspects of the park will be dependent upon community involvement and donation, which Cheek questioned if the township could gain enough support to build the park.



Robert Krug

"It sounds like you're putting the cart before the horse," Cheek said of the plan. "If you're here to just pass it, that's fine. But I'm telling you, there are concerns."

Township Clerk Robert Krug said infrastructure will be placed if park construction begins and that developments on the park were delayed so the site plans could be included in the township's five-year plan.

If approved for the grant, township officials would have to match 31 percent of the grant funds or \$133,100. Trustee Shaun Shumaker said the value of land could be used to meet the local match.

Cheek ended his comments by noting he wasn't opposed to the park but also doesn't want it to become a disaster once construction begins.

"I just want to make sure that when we start this thing there's adamant input from the township citizens and that we do it so it's a great facility," Cheek said.

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BOXING

Q Which boxing movie was inspired by a Muhammad Ali and Chuck Wepner bout?

A This one should've been easy. The answer is Rocky, of course. The movie won the 1976 Academy Award for best picture.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

Thursday was an outstanding beginning for the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

A bunch of upset-minded teams advanced, and many in thrilling fashion. In fact, the opening day of the tourney featured four overtime games. It marked the first time ever the tourney had four OT contests on the same day.

But as great as the NCAA tourney was, there was at least one game that surpassed any of the tourney contests in excitement, and that was the Red Wings' 5-4 overtime victory against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Tied at 4, and desperately needing two points to improve their playoff status, the Wings were forced to kill a five-minute major penalty with 3:46 left in regulation. They did just that earning at least a point for the game.

But then in the OT, the Wings killed off the rest of the penalty and then scored with .4 seconds left on a Daniel Alfredsson goal which deflected off a Pittsburgh player, giving the Wings the 5-4 victory.

Now that goal was the true definition of a buzzer-beater. Hard to beat that contest for excitement.



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Daniels is our king of the court

►Bronchos' court superstar makes up for lost time with outstanding season

By David Troppens

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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 Kearsley, 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."

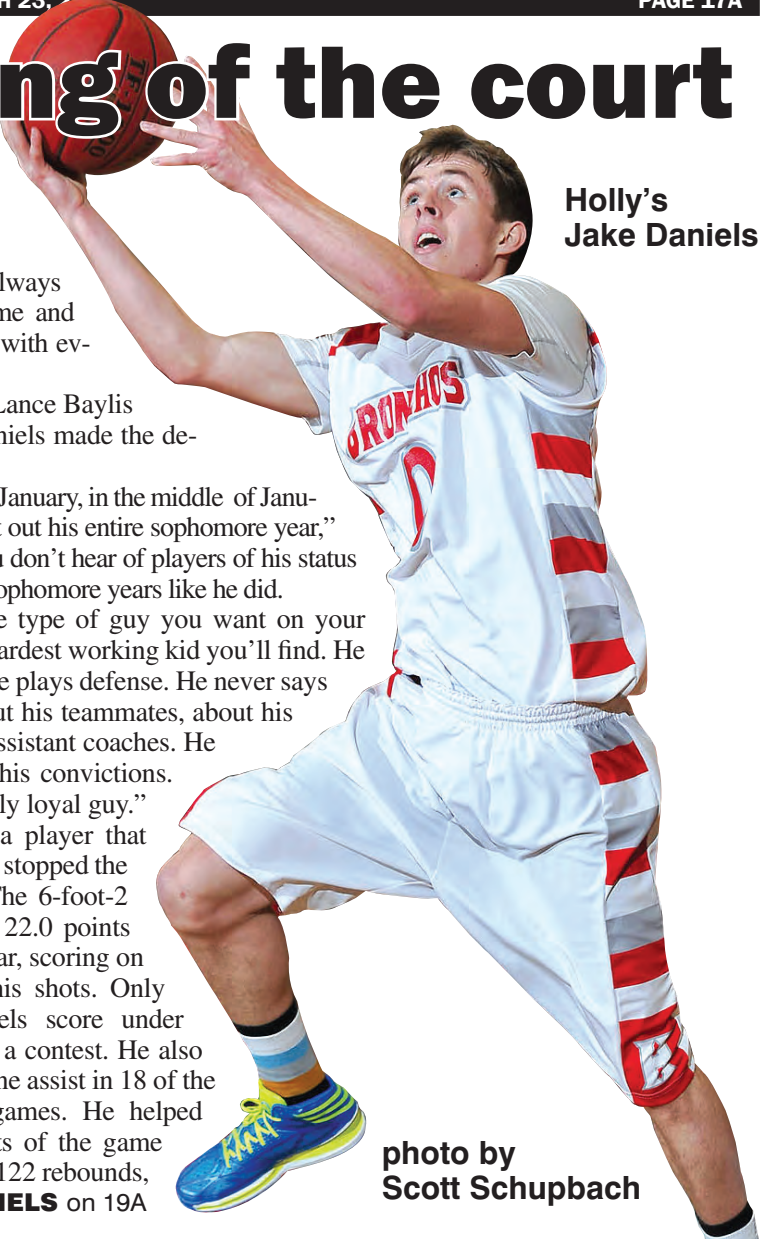
Holly coach Lance Baylis was pleased Daniels made the decision.

"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 on 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



Holly's Jake Daniels

photo by Scott Schupbach

ALL TRI-COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Player of the Year	Rest of first team	Grade	School
Jake Daniels	Kyle Woodruff	Sophomore	Holly
Class Junior • Team Holly Comment: After waiting a year to play for the Bronchos due to the transfer rules, Daniels proved he was well worth the wait by scoring 611 points and averaging 22 points a contest. He also had 39 assists and 42 steals, helping lead Holly to a Flint Metro League title. Note: The players on the team and the Player of the Year were selected by the sports staff.	James Claborn	Senior	Fenton
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Powers' soccer stars poised for collegiate careers

►Haran headed to Wake Forest

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 1 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 soc-

cer," 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,



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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.

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 Moorehead

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 D1 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.

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►Rolls selects Georgetown

By David Troppens

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Fenton resident and Powers Catholic senior Heather Rolls knew what would make her dream of becoming a Division 1 college soccer player come true.

It was going to take hard work.

And that work ethic has propelled her to satisfying her dream. Rolls will continue her soccer career at Georgetown University in the fall.

"It's a dream come true, of course," Rolls said.

"Ever since I was young, working every year, I was thinking how I can get better to get to this point. The day I signed was the epitome of all the hard work I've put into it."

Rolls plays keeper and has been playing at a high club level most of her career. She started playing with the Michigan Hawks in 2007 and has enjoyed fine success with the program.

She's also enjoyed good times when the senior played with the Powers program. As a freshman, she was the starting keeper for a squad that ended up becoming the Div-

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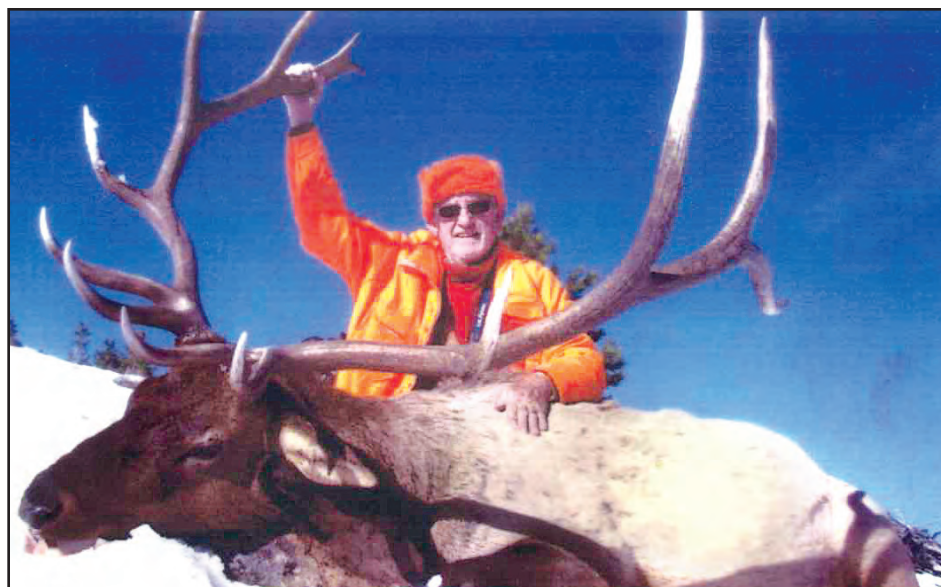
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Holly resident Al Peel shot this elk, which qualified for a listing in the Boone and Crockett Records in Wyoming earlier this winter.

Holly's Peel makes record books during first-ever elk hunt

By David Troppens

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Al Peel and his son, David Peel, talked about traveling to Wyoming for an elk hunt for a few years but never got to doing it.

"We tried to go a couple of years ago, but we kept putting it off," Al said. "But then my son said, 'Let's do it this year.'"

The pair made reservations, contacted a guide and went on their trip during late October. And now Peel, a Holly resident, is glad they did.

Peel shot an elk, which scored 361 6/8 inches, qualifying the animal for the

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 hunt, 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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DANIELS

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including 52 on the offensive glass and also averaged 2.0 steals a game.

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 and scores. He's not a selfish guy. He averaged 22 points a game by not being selfish. They all came within the framework of the offense and the game."

As his statistics suggest, Daniels is nearly impossible to defend 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 because he's a quality person as well.

"He's just 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 think. He's always 'I got you coach' or 'I'll take care of it.'"

It seems Daniels always does.

ROLLS

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ision 3 state champions. 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 tourney.

"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 Hoya 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 was everything I wanted, basically."

Georgetown is excited to have Rolls. "Heather is an excellent goalkeeper with good size, strong hands and great



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Powers senior and Fenton resident Heather Rolls is headed to Georgetown University to continue her soccer career as a goalkeeper at the collegiate level.

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 letterwinners 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.

"Of course the fitness testing makes everyone nervous," Rolls said.

"For the most part I'm ready for it. There's a lot of lifting weights. As a freshman, of course, you have acclimate to the bigger girls and everything."

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PEEL

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Wyoming, a northern part of the state.

"A lot of 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 as well.

"They were surprised I was so active," 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 has always been unable to get one. So the trip marked his first elk hunt, ever.

On the way home, he got some offers for the elk he guesses was seven feet long.

"A couple of guys said they'd give \$1,000 for it," Peel said. "We stopped for gas as someone else offered money for it."



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"When I get there it's going to be a complete surprise. I'm training this summer and I know it's going to be harder."

"Fitness is a big (thing to adjust to at the collegiate level). Just the shortness of the passes, knowing the field and knowing where the other players are. It's a smarter game."

Spring is 'POTHOLE SEASON'

► You can't avoid potholes, but you can minimize their damage to your vehicle

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If summer is "orange barrel" season, then certainly spring can be called the season of potholes. Early spring's extreme cold and warm temperature fluctuations have caused area roads to break up more so this year, so there's no shortage of potholes here in the tri-county area.

"We've already had more vehicle repairs due to potholes than we do during a typical spring," said Don Whitney, fixed operations director for Randy Wise Buick GMC in Fenton. "Some potholes are so huge, they're inevitable, but you can do your best to avoid damage to your vehicle."

Dan Shannon, of Shannon Auto Collision, suggests that drivers slow down and brake before hitting the pothole, to avoid as much damage as possible. "You have to hit a pothole just right," he said.

The most common problem after encountering a major pothole is ruining a wheel bearing, and that can be an expensive repair. Shannon estimates that it costs from \$300 up to about \$1,000, depending on the make and model of the vehicle. "The worst part is that you may not notice the wheel bearing right away, until you start hearing a growling noise. Then you know you have a problem."

Here are a few suggestions for driving

safely over potholes:

• **Have your tire pressure checked**

"Make sure your tire pressure is at the proper level," said Whitney. "Your vehicle will be less susceptible to tire and wheel damage."

• **Drive defensively**

"Be aware of your surroundings, so you can anticipate a pothole and slow down," advised Whitney.

• **Slow down**

The best advice for dealing with potholes is to avoid them, but sometimes your only recourse is to try to minimize the damage when you hit one. The faster your speed, the greater damage the pothole can do. Remember, you can't "fly" over a pothole by going fast.

• **Don't tailgate**

If the driver in front of you hits a pothole, you'll be in a much better defensive position if you're not riding their rear bumper.

• **Take advantage of tire and wheel warranties**

Whitney advises new car customers to get a tire and wheel warranty on their vehicle. "It will cover damage done by a pothole, and costs much less than replacement or repair."

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“Drive defensively and slow down to avoid damage from potholes.”

— Don Whitney
Fixed Operations Director
at Randy Wise Buick GMC



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Hitting potholes at higher speeds could require an alignment check afterward. This area of Caroline Street in Fenton is particularly bad.

Do 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
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- **There's a** loss of directional control during sudden stops

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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.

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

	GROSS TRAILER WEIGHT	TONGUE WEIGHT
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10 tips for detailing your car like a pro

► Get rid of your vehicle's winter grime inside and out

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Spring is the perfect time to thoroughly clean your vehicle, after a long winter of sloppy 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, scruffs 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 clean 100 percent terry cloth. Afterward, 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 newspaper 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.



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While some truck owners will opt for a drop-in bedliner for heavy-duty hauling, others might opt for a spray-on bedliner that is sleek looking for their new purchase.

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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.

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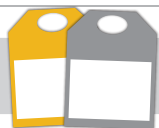
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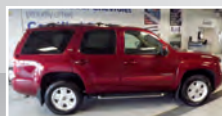


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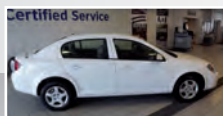
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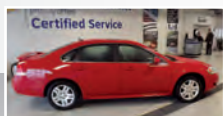
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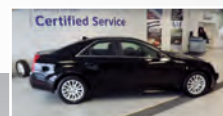
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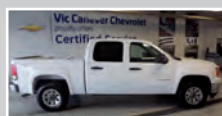
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Costs, benefits of raising student athletes

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

By Tim Jagielo

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Under the dom 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, 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

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

Annette Cowger
parent of four
student athletes



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

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.

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

See **STUDENT ATHLETES** on 7B

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.



Sharon Stone

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

Inadequate Information. Most people lose hearing gradually and may not realize they have significant loss. Your family and friends adapt by speaking to you more loudly and clearly.

Stigma and Cosmetics. Some people reject hearing aids because they are concerned of what others will think. This does not need to be a barrier to improving your hearing. With advances in technology your hearing solution can be nearly invisible to others. Once your quality of life is improved, cosmetics will be of less concern to you.

Not Realizing the Importance of Hearing. Another reason for re-

jection 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.

Cost. Your hearing solution will be based on your type of loss and lifestyle. Many factors go into your hearing aid purchase and will affect the price. Which type and style is best for you? What features do you need? What's included in the price? (Warranty, 30-day trial period, Free cleaning and adjustments). Your hearing health care provider should present to you clear and easily understood pricing options as well as financing options. Be sure to freely ask any questions that will help you make an informed decision.

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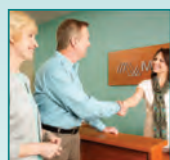
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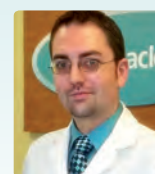
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On March 15, 1985, Symbolics.com became the **first officially registered domain**.

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.

aaaaaaaaaaaa

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)

Googol

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.

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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.



What did we do before Google?

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AltaVista.com, \$3.25 Million

Year: 1998

Buyer: Compaq

Remember AltaVista? Back in the '90s, before Google came through and crushed the game, AV was one of the 'Net's premier search engines. When Digital Equipment Corporate, the company that owned and operated AltaVista, was sold to Compaq, it was decided that AV would be an online portal. There was only one problem: Compaq didn't own the domain name. \$3.25 Million later, that was all worked out.

Israel.com, \$5.88 Million

Year: 2008

Buyer: N/A

The buyer of Israel.com opted to remain anonymous, but when the sale went down, it was the seller who became an overnight celebrity. The domain was owned by a then 46-year-old Jewish American named Joel Noel Friedman. A forward-thinking Friedman picked up the domain back in 1994 so that no one would misuse the name. He only decided to sell it in tribute of Israel's 60th anniversary, and didn't expect to make such a large profit.



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 iphone.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 Diamond.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 Fausey 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 fac-

tors 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.

“The key is to keep backup and documentations of deductions.”

Donna Peters

CPA with Fausey and Associates

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.

"Those 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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

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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The third annual Shard Financial "Women, Wine, Fashion & Finance" event surpassed its fundraising goal on March 6 by raising \$56,344 to benefit the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan's Backpack Program.

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 LaJoice 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:

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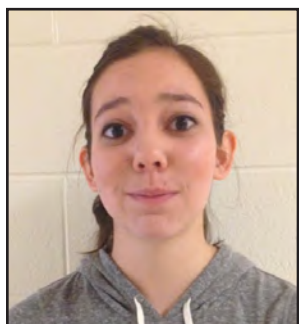
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— Mackenzie Figueroa
senior



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

— Rachel Bellinger
senior



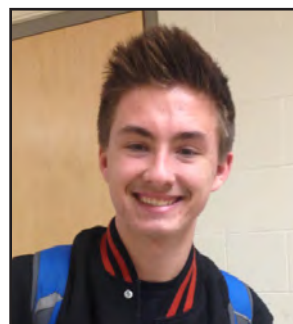
"I play tennis. I spend about 11-and-a-half hours a week between personal training and morning practices."

— Caitlin Heenan
junior



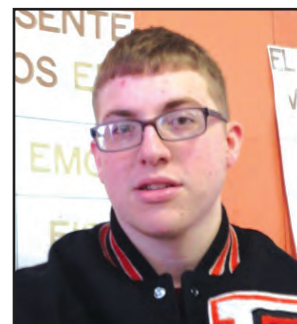
"For volleyball I spent 30 hours a week. During soccer season I spend 16."

— 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
sophomore



"During football season I spend 15 hours a week. I love football because I always watched it while growing up."

— Ross Person
senior

Business briefs

Two CRUST employees promoted

Two employees at CRUST, a baking company in Fenton have been announced by Holly Nachtigal. Tina Spencley has been promoted to Bread Kitchen Manager, supervising a



Tina Spencley



Shelly Bissonette

classically trained kitchen staff and daily production of more than 20 artisanal breads. She has been part of the CRUST team since the bakery opened in February 2012, first as an intern and later as Assistant Bread Baker. Prior to that, she was in the mortgage industry before pursuing her interest in artisan baking. Shelly Bissonette was recently promoted to Pastry Kitchen Manager, supervising the daily operation of the pastry kitchen, staff and production of handcrafted pies, cakes, Viennoiserie pastry and other baked goods. She is a graduate of the Baking & Pastries program at the Art Institute of Culinary Arts. A former banker, she is a lifelong resident of Fenton and has been with CRUST for two years.

Peabody Insurance announces new CIC designee

Teresa Taylor, an insurance agent at Peabody Insurance Agency in Holly, has earned her Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) designation. She recently completed a rigorous insurance



Teresa Taylor

education program sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors, including five CID institutes and comprehensive written exams on all major fields of insurance, insurance management and agency operations.

Taylor began her insurance career in 1989 with the Hunt-Smith Insurance Agency, joining Peabody Insurance Agency in September 2013. She specializes in personal lines and life insurance. She and her husband, David, have five children and five grandchildren. Peabody Insurance Agency is located at 611 North Saginaw St. in Holly, telephone (248) 634-7731.

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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



Steven Sulfaro

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.

Margie Shard, CFP of Shard Financial attends summit

Margie Shard, CFP, of Shard Financial Services in Fenton, attended Barron's Top Women Advisor Summit, hosted by Barron's magazine, Dec. 4-6 in Palm Beach, Fla. She was among



Margie Shard

74 of the Top 100 Women Financial Advisors in the U.S., in attendance, as ranked and published in Barron's June 3, 2013 issue. These top advisors are selected based on the volume of assets overseen by the advisors

and their teams, revenue generated for the firms and the quality of the advisor's practices. The invitation-only conference was designed to promote best practices and generate new ideas across the industry. Barron's is America's premier financial magazine, published by Dow Jones & Co. since 1921. Shard Financial Services is located at 1537 North LeRoy St., Fenton, telephone (810) 714-5566.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Caretel Inns of Linden General Manager Rodney Roberson shows the Caretel Park Main Street area in the new Assisted Inns addition. The trees and window boxes all change with the season.

Caretel Inns of Linden

►Open house Wednesday for new gym, two more Inns

By Sally Rummel

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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 Caretel 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."

Cartel Inns of Linden is located at 202 South Bridge St., telephone (810) 735-9400. For more information, visit www.cartelins.com

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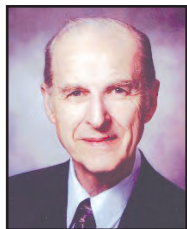
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Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



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 divinely 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 characteristics would undermine spiritual values and contribute to moral decline.

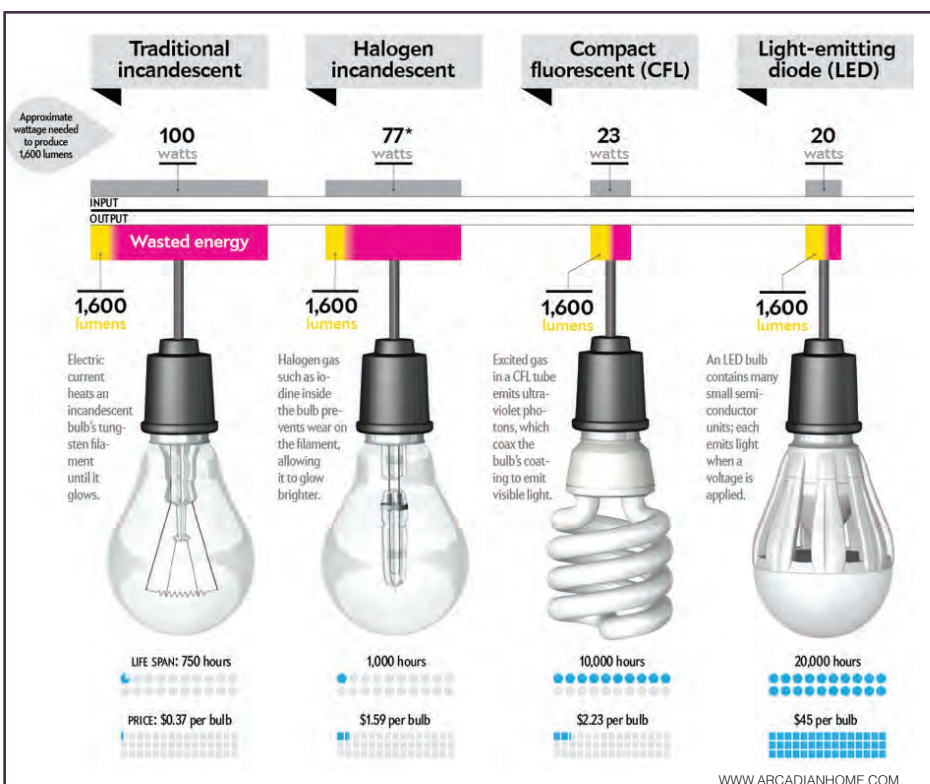
Mention 'salt of the earth' people and my thoughts are of a farmer named John. I was impressed by how straight John could plow. He lived like he plowed: straight as an arrow. A few in our community were surprised when John decided to quit farming and head for seminary to prepare for the ministry; not an easy undertaking for one with a family to support. Most, however, saw John's move from plowing to preaching as something to be expected.

Dr. Joseph Stowell once wrote approvingly of a man named Larry, a member of one of his former churches, who left a lasting impression on him. Stowell was moved by Larry walking the streets of Detroit, during the riots of the '60s, ministering to those who were injured. He's never forgotten what a friend of Larry said in trying to express his feelings about losing this good man: 'It hurts so much because the world has lost a righteous man, and that is no small thing.'

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).

And that's no small need.

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



Enlighten yourself on today's LED bulbs

► These energy-efficient bulbs are getting cheaper and more attractive

By Sally Rummel
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With spring hopefully around the corner, now's the time to begin replacing your Edison incandescents and not-so-universally-useful CFLs with today's mercury-free, energy-efficient LED bulbs. The great news is that there's an energy-efficient LED for just about every socket — from a candelabra to a globe.

Start swapping LEDs in challenging areas

This Old House magazine recommends that you begin to swap in LEDs in areas where lights are on the longest, like the garage and a porch area, or any spot where changing the bulb is a challenge. Typically lasting 15 years or longer, these swaps can result in huge energy savings. For example, a \$12 LED bulb that meets EPA's Energy Star requirements and is left on three hours a day will pay for itself in roughly two years.

Think of LEDs as an energy investment

To reduce the sticker-shock of more expensive LED bulbs, look for utility and other rebates, which could reduce that \$12 price to \$5, even right in the store. To find out about rebates, enter your zip code on the Special Offers and Rebates page at energystar.gov. Experts from This Old House recommend that you stick with Energy Star bulbs for their three-year guarantee and high performance standards. The price of LEDs has dropped rapidly. The LED bulb that replaces the old 60-watt incandescent bulb used to cost \$40 a

few years ago, and is now priced at \$10 or so today. Many LEDs can be found for less than \$5, and just think of the lower energy costs.

Learn the lingo

When shopping for bulbs, you've been accustomed to looking for watts as an indication of a bulb's brightness. Wattage is actually an indication of how much energy a bulb draws, not its brightness. When buying LEDs, lumens are the measurement of brightness and you can use a chart to show the watt-lumen conversion between incandescents and LEDs.

Mind the color

Incandescents provide a warm, yellowish hue, while LEDs come in a wide range of colors. The popular colors for home use are "warm white" or "soft white" and "bright white." Warm white and soft white will produce a yellow hue similar to incandescents. Bright white will produce a whiter light, closer to daylight and similar to the lighting in retail stores.

Can you dim LEDs?

If you want your LED to be dimmable, you'll need to find bulbs that are compatible with your dimming switch. There's even a hotline to help consumers: 877-DIM-LED8. Smartphones may be the ultimate solution; Philips already makes bulbs whose color and brightness are controlled by an app.

Are LEDs replaceable for any fixture?

Just match up your old bulb's bases with LED versions, comparing lumens (brightness levels). Be aware that some LED bulbs can't be used inside enclosed fixtures or capped recessed lights. Be sure to read the fine print. And always keep your receipts for convenient returns.

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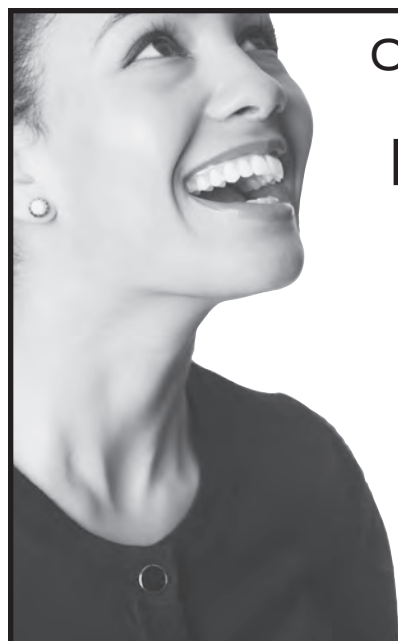
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STUDENT ATHLETES

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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.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES
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.



News briefs

Free home repairs

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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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GREAT LAKES NATIONAL VA Cemetery's headstone cleaning is April 26 at 9 a.m. — rain or shine. Please bring your own buckets and brushes. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP your headcount to pardoncarl@yahoo.com or (248) 318-2042. Thank you for your support!

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OK, THE PRESIDENT doesn't have anything to do with the gas prices. However, he has the power to put a price freeze on gas prices. That's a proven fact.

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 — memories that made our family what it has become. Feeling quite blessed.

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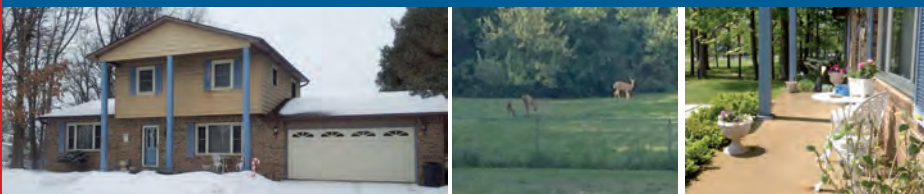


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The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday March 17, 2014 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

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 \$1,314,182.95.
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 the use "Halls" 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.

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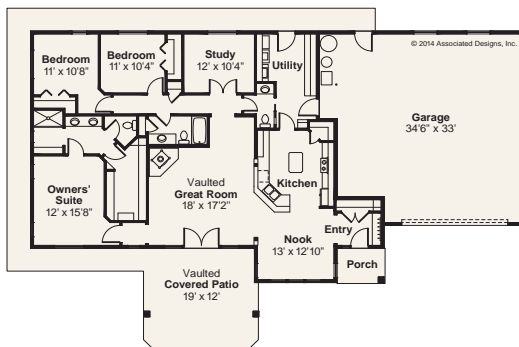
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A Look back at the TOP 10 SONGS

- Week of March 18, 1972
As determined by Billboard
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** - Bread
 6. **Mother And Child Reunion** - Paul Simon
 7. **Precious And Few** - Climax
 8. **The Way of Love** - Cher
 9. **Puppy Love** - Donny Osmond
 10. **Down By The Lazy River** - The Osmonds

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

- 1 See a therapist, say
- 8 Harvard's city
- 17 Sleeping site
- 20 Grave robber, e.g.
- 21 Outfitted and equipped
- 22 Summer, to Henri
- 23 Activity of a ghost in a flat?
- 25 Zenith competitor
- 26 Seating tier
- 27 Sci-fi space vehicles
- 28 Crooner
- 29 Ham-and- (average Joe)
- 31 Bigoted title
- 33 He played Mowgli in "Jungle Book"
- 35 — -Packard
- 37 Didn't just talk
- 40 Develop a potbelly faster than?
- 43 Somewhat
- 45 — Apple (Ocean Spray flavor)

DOWN

- 1 Bike "speed"
- 2 Large fair
- 3 Unfreeze
- 4 "Ben- —"
- 5 Rescue squad VIP
- 6 Monkey's kin
- 7 Factory-made home
- 8 Lynxes, e.g.
- 9 Herr's cry
- 10 1988 buyer of Motown
- 11 Whiskey type
- 12 Get used up
- 13 Bitty lead-in
- 14 Soft & —
- 15 — Xer
- 16 With a side foremost
- 17 Actress Candice
- 18 "And so on and so on": Abbr.
- 19 Scarcity
- 24 E flat, e.g.
- 30 Bonding stuff
- 31 Hellenic B's
- 32 Kitchen lure
- 33 Discovered black gold
- 34 Very little
- 35 Put a spell on
- 36 Olympics swords
- 37 Songwriters' org.

ACROSS

- 46 Daisy variety
- 47 Rivaling actress
- 50 Sets loose
- 51 "Big Blue" co.
- 54 Word of woe
- 55 Honda model
- 56 Varieties
- 57 Take a pic of
- 58 — -12 Conference
- 59 Filmy strand
- 60 Capital of Ukraine
- 62 "Pride — before ..."
- 63 Why NASA requires continual funding?
- 69 Torridly hot
- 70 DJ part
- 71 BBQ fare
- 72 The girl
- 74 Nickelodeon "explorer"
- 75 Using base 8
- 78 Poem of 17 syllables
- 80 Bohr's study
- 81 "— takers?"
- 82 Disguise
- 83 Cite baseball player
- 85 McCain mate Sarah

DOWN

- 86 Newscaster Huntley
- 87 Bern's land, in French
- 88 Doting too much on a goatish god?
- 94 More clever
- 95 Terrapins
- 96 Becomes sickly pale
- 97 Drink to
- 99 Nebraska's largest city
- 100 Always, to a sonneteer
- 101 "Now, where —?"
- 102 Syllable tripled on a dance floor
- 105 Quipping sort
- 106 Oz creator's cry when he first realized what family he was born into?
- 113 Prefix with system
- 114 Hester Prynne of "The Scarlet Letter," e.g.
- 115 "Laredo" co-star Brand
- 116 Germany's — Spiegel
- 117 Requirement
- 118 Keats' "Ode on a — Um"

ACROSS

- 80 At an angle
- 82 Dirty
- 83 Harry's last name
- 84 Figure (out)
- 85 Essence
- 86 Dickens or Darwin
- 88 In storage
- 89 Abrasive stone stuff
- 90 Keynote speaker, e.g.
- 91 Bird calls
- 92 Jazz's state
- 93 Snooping (around)
- 98 One seeing the sights?
- 100 Glamour or Vogue rival
- 101 Cautious (of)
- 102 Metropolis in Colombia
- 103 Island dance
- 104 "So right!" loc.
- 107 Lemon or lime drink
- 108 Jean- — Picard
- 109 Mystifying
- 110 Swift plane
- 111 NYC's Park, for one
- 112 Big name in ballpoints

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FENTON OAKWOOD CEMETERY

Anyone wishing to salvage flowers, wreaths, etc., that they have personally placed on graves in Oakwood Cemetery should do so by Tuesday, April 1, 2014. After that date, they will be removed and disposed of by the contractor.

Oakwood Cemetery Board
City of Fenton

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.

Postponed: 2014 Tri-Party Program.

Approved: Holly Area Youth Assistance.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

Dale M. Smith
Holly Township Supervisor

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 Zoning Board of Appeals

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The project/work includes Rose Township properties as listed and miscellaneous properties if requested.

Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street
Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street
Beebe Cemetery, Corner Fish Lake and Rose Center Road
Rose Center Cemetery, Milford Road
Brookins Cemetery, Fenton Road
Civic Park, Corner Milford and Rose Center Road
Dearborn Park, Corner of Milford and Davisburg Road

The plans and specifications are on file and may be examined and picked-up from the Clerk on or after **8:30 A.M. on Monday March 31, 2014** at the Township Office 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442.

Bidders must supply the telephone and fax number, street address, certificate of liability insurance and the name of the individual or firm whom Addenda, if any, can be directed.

Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

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Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2014

FOR ROSE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT #1

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

To the qualified electors of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT THE Township of Rose, 9080 Mason Street, Holly MI 48442 WILL BE OPEN:

**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014
FROM 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
LAST DAY TO REGISTER**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY/TOWNSHIP NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

THE MAY 6, 2014 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN VOTING PRECINCT #1 OF ROSE TOWNSHIP, 9080 MASON STREET, HOLLY, MICHIGAN 48442 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL.

Shall Fenton Area Public Schools, Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: remodeling, installing security measures for, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; purchasing school buses and band equipment; and developing and improving athletic fields and facilities, parking areas and sites?

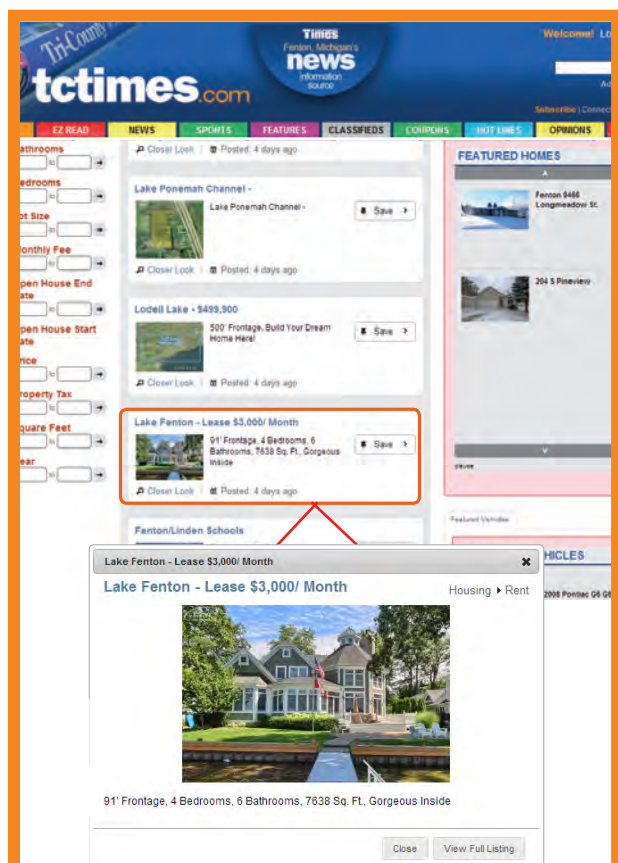
Full text of the proposal(s) may be obtained from:
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Dorothy Eleanor (Packard) Holbrook 1933-2014

Dorothy Eleanor (Packard) Holbrook - age 80, passed away March 15, 2014 at Regency Nursing Home of Grand Blanc. Dorothy was born in Flint on June 21, 1933



the daughter of the late Lloyd and Elizabeth Williams. She was a member of The First Baptist Church of Fenton and The Browns Chapel of Paragould. Dorothy was also a member of the American Business Women's Association during her career at Genesee Bank and NBD. She spent many hours gardening and was known for her beautiful flower beds. Dorothy leaves behind her husband, Ralph Holbrook; children, Cindi Packard (Dave Johnson), Roger (Lisa) Packard III, Jeff (Debbie) Packard, Becki (Rob) Shumaker, Scott (Char) Packard, and Charles (Michele) Packard; grandchildren, Colin, Fawn, Cameron, Roger IV, Robert II, Danielle, Rachel, Erik, Andrea, Krystina, Ellen, Kieran, Teague, and Kallan; brothers, Lloyd "Jim" Williams, Robert (Susan) Williams, and Ralph "Skip" Shaw. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Roger E. Packard Jr. and sister, Margaret Shaw. **Arrangements by Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc.**

Floyd Lamont "Montie" Greve

1926-2014
Floyd Lamont "Montie" Greve - age 87, of Holly, died Monday, March 17, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Monday, March 24, 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) Semenuk 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 Semenuk of CA; step-grandchildren, Kolby Cansler, Kolton Cansler, Stephanie (Andrew) Laughlin, Robert Potter, and Elena Potter; sister Donna (Chuck) Scofield of FL; and 2 brothers, David (Mary Lou) 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.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.**

Elaine Fischhaber,

Elaine Fischhaber - age 84, died March 15, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



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Victor Root,

Victor Root - age 59, died March 20, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



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Brittany Drouillard,

Brittany Drouillard - age 23, died March 14, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Bruce Shields,

Bruce Shields - age 64, died March 14, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Carolyn Hornung,

Carolyn Hornung - age 76, died March 16, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Dorothy Flewelling,

Dorothy Flewelling - age 69, died March 17, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Eleanor Messenger,

Eleanor Messenger - age 97, died March 16, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Erma Post,

Erma Post - age 92, died March 16, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Helen Moreno,

Helen Moreno - age 71, died March 16, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Joseph Hicks,

Joseph Hicks - age 54, died March 11, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



Wanda Tokarsky,
Wanda Tokarsky - age 96, died March 17, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. **www.sharp-funeralhomes.com.**



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-Snyder
Board Members Excused/Absent: Miller
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
Adjourned: By motion at 8:35 p.m.

Paul Gambka
Rose Township Supervisor

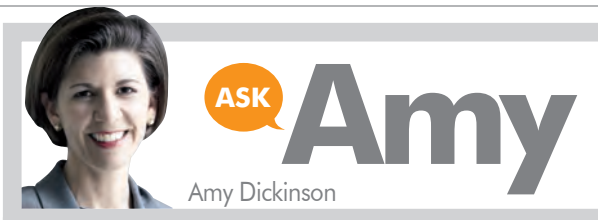
Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

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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

Cancel Done

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- birthday March 17

Month	Day	Year
January	15	2013
February	16	2014
March	17	----
April	18	
May	19	

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- ✓ Home ⓘ
- ✓ Work ⓘ

Other

- ✓ Birthdays

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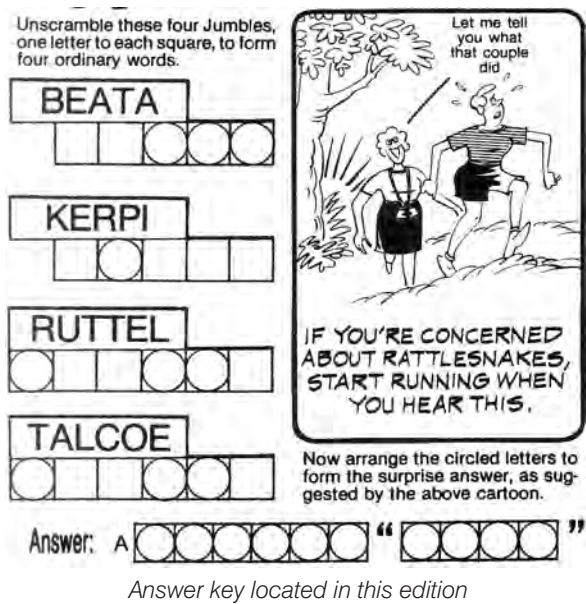
DEAR SLEEPLESS: ‘She is a good caregiver (when not intoxicated)?’ Not true. The kids are in grave danger, physically and emotionally. Call child protective services or the police and report your mother and her husband. Being arrested could be the only thing that forces her toward sobriety. Do not let 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 CONFUSED: You asked this guy to prove something to you, and he has. He has proved that he is a consistent liar and a cheat. What more proof do you require? At some point, a person's unwillingness to believe a clear and obvious proof starts making that person look pretty foolish. You've already passed that point. It's time for you to move on, and let the (paint) chips fall where they may.



DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have tinnitus. It sounds like roaring in my head. I take gabapentin for it. Do you know of anything else for it? — E.A.

SundayJumble



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

- 12 oz. salmon fillet, cut into 4 pieces
- Coarse-grained salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Toasted Almond Parsley Salsa, for serving
- Baked squash, for serving, optional

- 1 shallot
- 1 T. red wine vinegar
- Coarse grain salt
- 2 T. capers, rinsed
- 1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 cup toasted almonds
- Extra-virgin olive oil

1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F.
2. Season salmon with salt and pepper. Place salmon, skin side down, on a non-stick baking sheet or in a non-stick pan with an oven-proof handle. Bake until salmon is cooked through, about 12 to 15 minutes. Serve with the Toasted Almond Parsley Salsa and squash, if desired.

1. Mince the shallot and add to a small bowl. Pour the vinegar over the shallots and add a pinch of salt. Let sit for 30 minutes.
2. Roughly chop the capers, parsley and almonds and add to the shallots. Add the olive oil, tasting as you go. Mix again and adjust the seasonings.

Recipe from foodnetwork.com

DVDs and movies released this week



R, 2 hr. 9 min.

R, 1 hr. 42 min.

PG-13, 2 hr.

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THIS WEEK'S OPEN HOUSES!



SWARTZ CREEK

11203 Lennon Road

Come to the country to see this sprawling ranch. This 3 bedroom 2 bath home has over 1700 sq. ft. of living space including a fire lit family room, living room, and convenient first floor laundry. Home has neutral décor and all appliances stay. All this and more on over 1 acre.

\$125,000

Call Scott Duso 810-444-9557



LINDEN

13263 Linden Road
SPRAWLING 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 Fraidenburg 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

Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272



FENTON

107 S. Lemen Street

Updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home sits on a beautiful corner lot. 2 car garage has been completely re-sided and re-roofed, brand new dishwasher and water heater, new light fixtures and carpeting. Convenient first floor master, dining room, and full basement round out this great family home.

\$144,900

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



HOLLY

404 North Street

Great value in the village of Holly. Cute 3 bedroom ranch with partially finished walkout basement. Sit on your deck and watch Spring unfold. The central air will come in handy once the warmer temps hit!

\$69,900

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



LINDEN

710 Tickner

Ranch home in the heart of Linden! Walk to the library, Mill Pond and downtown. HUGE finished basement with egress 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

Call Ann Hernandez-Gabler 248-240-2272



FLINT

906 Marquette

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.

\$29,000

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



HOLLY

2400 Whistle Stop Lane

7.5 acre property. House your horse in the 4 stall barn while your family enjoys this 3500 sq. ft. contemporary ranch. Living room and family room with gas log fireplace, 4 bedroom 2.5 bath. Master bedroom also has gas log fireplace. Energy efficient exterior wood burning heating system. 3 car garage.

\$339,900

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



WIXOM

28282 Haas

Great buy! 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow on 5 rolling acres.

Enjoy country living within 5 minutes of all major expressways. Beautiful rolling and wooded property. Updates include: boiler, vinyl windows, roof, vinyl siding, pergo in dining room, bathroom updates, carpet and tile.

\$139,900

Call Patrik Welty 810-750-2300



FENTON

301 E. High Street

Beautiful Victorian in prime location near downtown Fenton! Currently used as a triplex but could easily be converted back to single family home, or let the rent from the upper 2 units pay the mortgage. 1st floor unit is 1375 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, dining room, laundry room & office area. Updated heating, plumbing, windows, siding & more. Includes a neat old carriage house!

\$174,900

Call Sheila Rhoades 810-348-7357



FENTON

117 N. Adelaide Street

Park sized lot, 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Grand older home in superior location in downtown Fenton. Offers beautiful woodwork, large rooms and nice high ceilings. 1st floor laundry, lots of storage and an enclosed front porch. Well insulated attached garage with heat and workshop.

\$169,900

Call Shelia Rhoades 810-348-7357



DURAND

106 S. Russell Street

Why rent when you could own your home? Fantastic Bungalow.

Large living room. Plenty of room for table in the kitchen. Two bedrooms, newer bath, deck off front of home.

\$21,900

Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481



BURTON

3118 S. Vassar

Updates Galore! This is the family home you have been looking for in Davison schools for under 100k! Open floor plan w/large mud/4 season room, attached garage w/workshop & tons of updates. Working above ground pool AND hot tub outside included! Recent updates include boiler, roof, windows, flooring through entryway & kitchen, full renovation of half bath along w/plumbing, water heater & interior paint. Home was energy-star rated in 2011 w/energy efficient features including attic & crawl-space insulation & vapor barrier. Priced to sell fast!

\$89,900

Call Kevin Usealman 810-965-6552



FENTON

508 N. Lemen Street

You must visit this home

to see the commitment to quality workmanship that the owner has put into the refurbishing of this home. Everything remodeled from the floor to the windows and everything in between. Hardwood floors in the living room and the 3 bedrooms, 3 season room, 1414 sq. ft., full basement has 9' ceiling which could add more living area when finished, 2 car garage and corner lot. New high efficiency furnace and double pane windows are some of the features.

\$134,900

Call Call Cam Gonzalez 810-348-4076



FENTON

15205 Charluene Drive

Clean and neat

2 bedroom home on quiet street. Many updates. Bathroom with grab bars. New fence on south side of property. Freshly painted throughout, new floor coverings. Large back yard with plenty of room for a garden.

\$86,900

Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481



HOLLY

405 Elm Street

Classic looking 3 bedroom

Dutch Colonial within walking distance of Historic Downtown. Fully updated kitchen in 2013 with granite counter tops, oak cabinets and hardwood flooring. New carpet in bedrooms and stairs, new water softener and roof in 2009.

\$87,900

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