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## Fenton woman faces felonious driving

► Police respond to unusual 911 call Saturday afternoon

By Sharon Stone

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A 47-year-old Fenton woman could face a variety of charges related to

a driving incident on Saturday once Fenton police receive a toxicology report back from state police.

Lt. Jason Slater said police responded to an unusual call at 3:18 p.m. that involved a 1993 Chevy Lumina, driven by the 47-year-old Fenton woman, pushing a Chevy Traverse down North LeRoy Street. A

34-year-old Fenton Township woman was driving the Traverse and she had two female passengers, 12 and 16.

From the preliminary investigation, police learned that the Fenton Township woman driving the Traverse was in the business parking lot at Dauner and LeRoy. While in the lot, their

See **WOMAN** on 9

### Summary

► Last Saturday afternoon, Fenton police responded to an unusual 911 call advising them that an unknown woman driving a Lumina was intentionally bumping and pushing a Chevy Traverse on North LeRoy Street.

## Today's sophisticated, super-safe playgrounds



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

At Holly Elementary, kids swarm the three-story structure during recess Monday. This equipment was purchased with a \$37,000 grant and built by volunteers overseen by playground experts. Here, Nick Hunter climbs while Brandon Brown clings to the structure. See story on page 3

## Community Center work to begin this spring

► Nearly \$2 million project will feature studio classrooms, elevator, restrooms

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — Before ground can truly be broken for the 5,400-square-foot renovation to the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, Fenton City Council unanimously voted to allow city manager Lynn Markland to execute the documents to get the process started with local builder Rhoades & Johnson.

The \$1.9 million project will be financed by a \$1 million bond held by See **CENTER** on 7

## 1,800 lose power after car takes out Owen Road utility pole

On Monday, March 24, 1,800 homes and businesses lost power in the Owen and Bennett Lake roads area in Fenton Township after a car struck a guy wire late in the afternoon on Owen Road, snapping the top of a utility pole off, leading to the loss of power at two substations.

Consumers Energy spokesperson Debra Dodd said by 10:30 p.m., 1,000 had their power restored. The remaining 800 customers had theirs restored by 5 a.m. Tuesday. According to Dodd's report, the crash was caused from an on-road confrontation between vehicles.

Police are still investigating the incident.

## 11-year-old Linden dancer appearing on TV's 'Dance Moms'

By Sally Rummel

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At age 11, Ava Cota has already achieved a level of dance accomplishments that most young girls have only dreamed of.

Having appeared on Lifetime Channel's Dance Moms reality TV show this past season, Ava competed against 1,000

other dancers to win one of 20 coveted positions in episodes seven and 10. Dance Moms stars Abby Lee Miller in a drama-filled reality show about dance competitions "behind the scenes."

The daughter of Rick and Jeanette Cota of Argentine Township, Ava is professionally trained through the Broadway See **DANCES** on 5



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Ava Cota, 11, performs to the song "Halo" on Thursday, in a tribute to Linden Middle School teacher Andy Kargel.



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## Police & Fire report

### BRICK THROWN AT SHOP

On March 19, Fenton police received a report of a business in the 100 block of South LeRoy Street with a broken front display window. Because it was a two-paned window, just the outside pane was broken. It appeared that the suspect used a paver-type brick to throw at the window. The business owner provided the name of a possible suspect. The case remains under investigation.

### WRISTLET SNATCHED AT RESTAURANT

On March 18, a 40-year-old Marysville woman told Fenton police that her Coach wristlet had been stolen while she was at a sandwich restaurant on North LeRoy Street at about 1 p.m. She told police that as she threw away her garbage, someone took her wristlet containing cash and credit cards. Police could not locate any witnesses but they are waiting to see if the suspect tries to use any of the stolen credit cards.

See **POLICE** on 6



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Emma Manis plays with a chunk of ice while playing on the playground at Central Elementary in Linden on Monday. The school's equipment is newer, coated metal and plastic, and caters to different grade levels. Playgrounds can be inspected by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and are laid out, and built to exacting standards designed with safety in mind.

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Brandon Brown erupts from a slide at Holly Elementary on Monday. The playground complex was built over a four-year period.

## Creating success at recess

►What it takes to build and fund today's state-of-the-art, super safe playgrounds

By Tim Jagielo

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**Linden**— At Central Elementary, the fifth-graders don't use the playground equipment as much, as they prefer to play soccer on the finally cleared field. That is until the field is taken over by mud.

When the whistles are blown on Monday, the play structures are again occupied by the kindergarten, and first-grade classes.

The playground is ubiquitous to childhood—but  
See **PLAYGROUNDS** on 8



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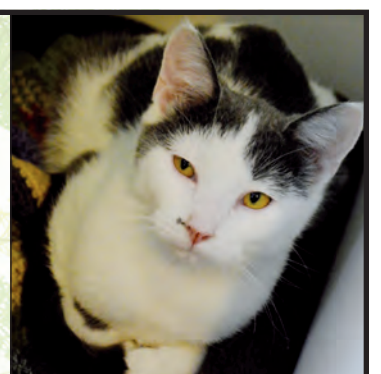
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## FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****Don't ban 'bossy,' own it**

Sometimes a clever catchphrase can work too well. Backlash against the name of Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg's 'Ban Bossy' campaign threatens to overwhelm its girl-empowering message.

At least Sandberg knows how to get people talking. A year ago, she popularized 'Lean in' with a best-selling advice book — 'Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead.'

Now she's unveiled Ban Bossy, a campaign that enlists powerful women to beat back the negative thinking that squelches budding take-charge attitudes in girls.

'When a little boy asserts himself, he's called a 'leader,' said the BanBossy.com website. 'Yet when a little girl does the same, she risks being branded 'bossy.'

So do bossy boys, of course. Yet, I do not deny that women of all ages tend to be tagged with this particular B-word more often than men are. Overbearing males more often tend to be called 'jerks' or perhaps some part of the male anatomy.

The New Yorker's Margaret Talbot helpfully suggests 'reclaiming' bossy in the way activists have reframed such pejoratives as 'queer' and 'slut' into labels of defiant pride. 'Nerd' and 'geek,' she notes, have become words that lots of people are happy to identify with.

Fair enough. But never underestimate the power of self-defeating attitudes to steer lower-income youngsters away from promising success paths. Ban Bossy's message is aimed not only at kids, many of whom will never visit its website, but also at the adults who teach and influence them.

It's a message too important to be aimed at girls alone. Raising a son during the past two decades has taught me that many girls should be more comfortably assertive but also that more than a few boys should be less obnoxiously bossy.

Our modern conceptions of manhood and masculinity need to make room for the nurturing dad, for example, who blends work and home life in the way that more often falls on the shoulders of working moms. It's OK for moms and dads to take turns being the boss — without being bossy.

**TO THE IDIOT** complaining about no salt in Genesee, do some research. Salt does not activate below 20 degrees, so salting the roads is futile. Blaming them versus yourself for Mother Nature, and not knowing how to drive, is simply ridiculous.

**I KNOW I'M** only one person, but there is power in numbers. My beef is the traffic timing on Owen Road is horrible. I've stopped going down Owen Road as much as possible. This means I'm shopping in other places. Businesses need to pay attention.

**FACT-OF-LIFE**, some people are smarter than others, some are more ambitious and work harder than others. There will always be those who have less or more than others no matter how much money you throw at it or how much you take from others. Just accept it!

**RUSSIA'S PUTIN IS** not intimidated by our president's empty threats and flimsy sanctions. Back to the Cold War era that I grew up in. The difference is, I'm not sure that it won't turn into a hot war down the road. Obama is a man of many words. Period.

**THESE RECENT EVENTS** concerning Russia and Ukraine have really shown the incompetence of the current president and his staff. Soon Iran, Syria and China will thumb their noses at him and he will do nothing about it. His lack of abilities and leadership reflects poorly on all of us.

**MY SON CAME** home and told me about all of the new orange cards and

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fancy signs posted at his school regarding the bond that they are trying to pass. They obviously have plenty of taxpayer money to waste already?

**I WATCHED THE** CPAC convention on TV. I was amazed to see representatives in congress and the senate say that nothing will get done until corruption in Washington ends. Don't they know they write the laws and have the power to end corruption. I am beginning to see a pattern.

**WHEN ARE YOU** people going to understand? Saddam Hussein was a modern day Hitler. He was attacking other oil-rich countries and capturing them. I am quite sure that every President would do the same thing by saving those countries from a Dictator like Saddam. Case Point, Putin Issue.

**NEW JERSEY AND** Texas, both Republican states, led by Presidential wannabees won't let Tesla Motors sell their cars directly to consumers because the dealership lobby has bought the votes to stop Tesla. This is a great example of Republican Capitalism, aka cronyism and corruption. Say one thing do another, Republicans.

**A REAGAN DOUBTER** wanted to know the 15 dictatorships that fell due to Reagan's policies. The Soviet Union consisted of 15 countries. This doesn't include East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania and Czechoslovakia, which also fell. This makes 20 dictatorships. Again, no American lives were sacrificed.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated  
**columnist****Humiliation nation(s)**

What is it about Western leaders from Neville Chamberlain to George W. Bush who want to find good in men of bad character?

Acting as if he were endowed by special insight bestowed upon no one else, President George W. Bush declared in 2001 that he had looked Vladimir Putin in the eye and 'was able to get a sense of his soul.'

In a 2010 interview with talk radio host Hugh Hewitt, Bush, who was promoting his book 'Decision Points,' was asked about his ability to see into the souls of men. The former president explained, 'The reason why I said that is because I remembered him talking movingly about his mother and the cross that she gave him that she said she had blessed in Jerusalem.'

What Bush should have asked Putin is whether he shared his mother's faith and if so, what difference that had made on his thinking?

Putin and his cronies are now openly mocking the United States. Under President Obama, we are becoming a humiliation nation. Meaningless 'sanctions' are laughed at in Moscow. And the problem with sanctions is that Russia has options, too, like cutting off gas and oil supplies to Europe and making trouble in other former Soviet republics. Recently, Russian news anchor Dmitry Kiselyov took to the Rossiya 1 news channel to declare that Russia is the only country capable of turning the United States into 'radioactive ashes.' A picture of a mushroom cloud was projected on the screen behind him.

Understanding one's adversary is sometimes more important than defeating him, especially if one wishes to avoid armed conflict. The fall of the Berlin Wall was the symbolic collapse of the Soviet Union and occupied Eastern Europe. Putin clearly believes Russia was humiliated after the collapse. But humiliation can cut two ways.

Putin has promised not to annex any territory beyond Crimea. We'll see if he keeps that promise.

Meanwhile, it would be nice if President Obama led on this matter instead of making the United States the laughing-stock of the world's dictators and to our detriment, perhaps some of our allies.

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**What is your weather forecast for this summer?****streettalk**

"I think it will be colder at the beginning, but warm up and be a nice summer."

— Jen Czop, Fenton



"So so. Temperatures have been very changeable and you never know what to expect."

— John Hice, Linden



"I think it will be temperate. I am looking forward to going up north this summer."

— Shelia Sundrla, Linden



"Cold because the winter has been. Summer will be miserable."

— Mike Charder, Fenton



"I hope it is nice and warm. This winter was brutally cold."

— Linda Hansen, Linden



"Average because it usually is. I am going to spend my time gardening."

— Richard Morzek, Holly





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | AMY MAYHEW

During Leadership Day, Superintendent Dave Nuss talks about the tremendous success of Holly Elementary School's "Leader in Me" program.

## Elementary hosts Leadership Day

►Parent: 'You set an amazing example to what we should be doing every day'

By Amy Mayhew

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**Holly** — For the second straight year, students, parents and staff members of Holly Elementary School demonstrated the perks of being a part of the "Leader in Me" program — a program that uses the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" to generate better student academic achievement, fewer discipline problems and an increased engagement among teachers and parents.

In 2012, Holly Elementary became one of 60 schools in the U.S. and one of two "Lighthouse" schools in Michigan to participate in the program. Students, staff and parents celebrated the success of the program by hosting Leadership Day on March 13.

Superintendent Dave Nuss shared thoughts about the two-year journey from his perspective.

"What if somebody came to you from your teaching staff and asked, 'What if we could bring a program that would really fire up your kids? Your kids are going to respect each other, they're going to hold the door open for each other, they're not going to fight as much, they're not going to argue as much, they're going to work together, and start using words like 'put first things first,'" he said. "You'd say — nice idea, but it's not going to work."

But it does work, Nuss said, adding that the motivation and commitment of the staff, students and parents has made all the difference.

In his first year serving as Principal of Holly Elementary School, Ryan DeSana said he had spent four years working with the Leader in Me program at his former school, Beaumont Elementary School in Waterford.

"It was a seamless transition and just a great marriage of me coming in and helping pick up where (the staff) left off," DeSana said.

As the father of three young sons who attend Holly Elementary School, Holly Lanes owner, Brian Aubuchon said he has seen huge transformations in his children

See **LEADERSHIP** on 9

## DANCES

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DanceAcademy in Fenton, the studio her mother has owned for 10 years. "I'm her 'momager,'" quipped Jeanette, who travels with Ava to the dance competitions and conventions that fill most of their weekends. Ava is also a member of the Mob Squad, the Junior Detroit Pistons hip hop dance squad.

However, Ava's most memorable performance just might have been at Linden Middle School's Talent Show last Thursday night, where she performed an emotional dance solo, "Halo," dedicated to her late physical education teacher, Andrew Kargel.

Her performance took her from one side of the stage to the other and she was the only performer in the first half who didn't use words to communicate.

Linden Middle School Principal Julie Brown is not only impressed by Ava's dancing abilities and straight-A academic record, but also her stature as a "very grounded young woman,

who understands the value of family and friends."

A sixth-grader this year, Ava just recently enrolled in Linden schools' online program, so that she can keep up with many traveling dance commitments, while continuing her education at Linden.

Brown said she has difficulty watching Dance Moms, because she knows the Cota family personally, and knows that's not who they are or what they are about.

The Cotas' son, Devon, 16, is a student at Linden High School and is also very proud of his sister. "My dad and my brother are my biggest fans!" said Ava.

But for Ava, her appearance on this popular show opens up opportunities for her future aspirations as either an actor, a Rockette, or possibly on Broadway.

"The show has opened up so many doors for young dancers, no matter the drama," said Jeanette. "It has also opened my eyes to new ideas I bring back to my own studio, for example, now offering year-round dance."

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### Bruce Dorland

Dear Editor,  
It's not often that you have an opportunity to step back in time, but that is exactly what the people of the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant allowed our family to do on a very special day. For our dad's 84th birthday, he returned to the place where he served as fire chief for 25 years, and he was treated like royalty. We were invited to come in before the restaurant opened for business for a special tour. For an hour, he walked down memory lane. From the ledgers on the walls, the pictures of the firemen from the 1940s, the beautiful portraits of our current firemen, even the fire hose lights, and how they kept the feeling of the old fire hall — it was very obvious that the new owners truly respect the history of this very special building. We even got a sneak peek of the roof top dining area. Our entire family was then treated to a wonderful dinner, and the best service ever! We can't thank them enough for making this day truly special for our dad. A very special thank you to Brett, Brian and Mike, to the firemen who stopped by to wish dad a Happy Birthday, and to Will Axford for the wonderful Tri-County article. This was a day dad, and our family, will never forget.

*Thank you,  
the family of Bruce Dorland*

### POLICE

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**SAWS STOLEN**

On March 19, a 53-year-old Fenton man reported to Fenton police that sometime between Jan. 1 and March 19, someone stole his Stihl chainsaw and his DeWalt chop saw, which he had stored in his shed and trailer at his home in the 300 block of West Caroline Street. Total value is estimated at \$2,200. Police have no suspects.

### PARTY AT THE GRAVEL PIT

Just after midnight on Friday, March 21, Argentine Township police responded to the Genesee County gravel pit at Sheridan and Lahring roads to investigate a party complaint. Det. Doug Fulton said as police arrived, they observed a vehicle leaving the gravel pit. A traffic stop was initiated and the five male occupants of the vehicle checked out OK. The officer went into the gravel pit area and found an unoccupied car near a fire pit. Inside the car was alcohol, a black case containing marijuana, cash and a scale. The vehicle, registered to a Swartz Creek resident, was impounded. Fulton said police are waiting for the car owner to retrieve the car from their impound lot.



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### Pyramid schemes

I am confident that most people are familiar with the Egyptian pyramids.

With that assumption in mind, today's column is not about Egyptian pyramids, but rather a form of an illegal marketing or sales scheme where the people who are near, or at the top, of another type of pyramid can make a lot of money while those who are levels down from the top are left with little or nothing to show.

Pyramid schemes have been with us for many years and have taken on many forms.

Typically, the starting point is the selling of a product or services and not only paying an initial fee for the privilege of being a distributor and perhaps buying a product or service but also recruiting others to be distributors as well.

The promise is that the more people one recruits the more money that can be made. This is accomplished when the second wave of recruits make their payments and the first distributor receives compensation for these receipts. The recruiting process then repeats itself.

At some point, it becomes impossible for the lowest level recruits to recruit new members and as a result, they are left with nothing. This is why it is called a pyramid, as the top is small and the bottom large.

I can't describe all of the pyramid schemes that have been introduced into the marketplace here. However one type that has been in existence for some time is based on what is called the 'multilevel marketing' model (MLM). According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in MLM or network marketing, individuals sell products to the public — often by word of mouth and direct sales. Typically, distributors earn commissions not only for their own sales but also for sales to the public. This is normally a legal business plan. However, what is not legal are those plans, which base the money, made on the number of people recruited and sales to them. The FTC labels these as illegal pyramid schemes.

As a starting point for more information on this topic (including ways to spot an illegal pyramid), I would advise going to the FTC website.

### HOT LINE CONTINUED

**WHENEVER SOMEONE COMMENTS** using 'weasel' words, I automatically tune them out. Some examples: extreme, affordable, climate change, living wage. They are vague terms used by hucksters and repeated by gullible followers.

■■■■  
**I HAVE A** notebook, which shows every gasoline purchase I've made since I bought my 2005 Vibe. From March 2005 through the end of the Bush administration, the price was never below \$2 per gallon. The high point was in May 2007 when I paid \$3.45 per gallon.

■■■■  
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# Measles, whooping cough resurgence

►Health officials blame growing trend to reject vaccines

By William Axford

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Cases of whooping cough and measles are resurging in America, despite access to numerous vaccines to prevent both diseases. Health officials attribute the increased outbreaks of long dormant diseases to the anti-vaccination movement, where parents are refusing to vaccinate themselves and their children.

Genesee County Health Officer Mark Valacak said the anti-immunization movement is a danger to everyone, even if they are immunized.

"One of the basic concepts of immunizations is herd immunization — the higher the rate of immunization, the lower the rate of transmission of diseases," Valacak said. "We are seeing cases in Michigan because of international travel. People come back from areas that are poorly immunized and, if you have populations that are not properly vaccinated, you are at risk for getting these diseases."

The Council on Foreign Relations reports that since 2008, Michigan has had 600 cases of whooping cough and one case of measles. Nationwide, thousands of cases of whooping cough and measles

have increased since 2008, as well as incidents of mumps, polio and typhoid.

Opposition increased due to a fear that vaccinations cause autism in children, especially from outspoken advocates like Jenny McCarthy. However, numerous studies have disproven any link between vaccines and autism. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as the Journal of Pediatrics, have found zero cases where vaccination caused autism. Still, Pediatrics reports more than one in 10 parents chose not to vaccinate their children.

Valacak attributes the fear of vaccines to false information that continues to circulate on the Internet, despite being disproven years ago.

"A lot of people go to the Internet and there's a lot of misinformation out there," said Valacak, citing a falsified study where an English doctor was paid to link vaccines to autism. "Because this study is still on the Internet, people believe it."

Valacak added that some diseases, like small pox, could be completely eradicated if a population is immunized enough.

According to the CDC Morbidity and Mortality weekly reports, 1,336 people have died from diseases that could have been vaccinated from June 3, 2007 to Feb. 1, 2014. There have been 128,044 cases of preventable illness during the same time.

One common argument against vac-

**"...the higher the rate of immunization, the lower the rate of transmission of diseases."**

Mark Valacak

Genesee County health officer



Cases of mumps and measles are on the rise, as well as the number of people refusing to be vaccinated.

inations is despite most Americans being vaccinated, cases of diseases are still popping up all over the country. Valacak points to a student in the county who died due to the flu last winter and a case in Oakland County where a young infant died because the mother had whooping cough. Valacak said both deaths could have been prevented had the mother and student been vaccinated.

Valacak recommends researching vaccines through reputable sources such as CDC.gov, a doctor or even with a pharmacist, since some vaccination shots are available at pharmacies. For those who dislike shots, Valacak said nasal vaccines are available.

"Everybody should talk to their healthcare provider," Valacak said. "Vaccines don't stop with childhood. As adults we need to remember to get booster protection."

## CENTER

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the city and paid for by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), DDA monies totaling around \$300,000, and around \$600,000 in fundraising.

In reality, the city will need more funds for office equipment and interior furnishings.

The new space will include studio classrooms on two floors, a walkout lower level, an elevator to make the building Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, and an ADA compliant restroom.

Markland expects construction activity to begin in the next few weeks. "This was an important step," he said.



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The Community Center project renovation has been in the works since 2004, and is finally moving forward.

## A burning summer after a freezing winter?

►Farmers' Almanac predicts above average heat for this upcoming summer

By William Axford

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The Farmers' Almanac gets some bragging rights after this winter. Back in August, the almanac predicted this winter would be the "Days of Shivery" and that two-thirds of America would experience below average temperatures. The annual periodical

also predicted that many parts of the country would see a staggering amount of snow.

"Precipitation-wise, the Southern Plains, Midwest and Southeast will see above-normal conditions, while the rest of the country will average near normal," wrote Caleb Weatherbee, the official forecaster for the Farmers' Almanac. "But even if we are off by a day or two with the timing of copious wind, rain and snow, we wish to stress that this particular part of the winter season will be particularly volatile and especially turbulent."

From an ice storm that slammed most of Michigan Christmas week to record snowfall all through January, this past winter hit hard. And, if the almanac was on point in predicting this past winter, what do they expect for this upcoming spring and summer?

Back in February, Weatherbee predicted snowfall to last all the way through mid-April. Cold temperatures and fre-

quent showers are expected through early May. But the temperature should start warming up and feeling like summer by Memorial Day. While rain is expected for Northern and Midwest states, drought is predicted for southwestern states. For summer, the almanac predicts above average temperatures (extreme heat) and average precipitation in eastern states.

How predictions are made with the Farmers' Almanac is heavily guarded. According to the periodical's website, predictions are based on "sunspot activity, moon phases, tidal action and more. This carefully guarded formula has been passed along from calculator to calculator and has never been revealed."

The almanac's accuracy is debatable. The writers claim longtime readers estimate the almanac is 80 to 85 percent accurate. According to a 2012 article by National Public Radio (NPR), the almanac was way off in its predication of the winter of 2012 in terms of snow and temperature. But so too was the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where an official told NPR that long range weather predictions are difficult to make and often inaccurate.

It's doubtful that many Americans will complain about too much heat, especially after the winter we just had.



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Wyatt McIntosh prepares to slide at Central Elementary, while negotiating the rules of play with his friends.

**PLAYGROUNDS****Continued from Page 3**

they aren't free to the elementary schools that erect them, and each is different not only in appearance, but how they came to be at all. Equipment has also changed and evolved over the years.

At Holly Elementary, the playground was upgraded in a series of phases beginning in 2002, and ending in 2006. From the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, \$37,000 was used, in addition to funds raised by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Today, the playground is a mix of new and old, the outlying equipment wood and metal, and the central three-story structure of plastic and metal, built in 2006.

"That was the huge thing with the wooden play structures, we had splinters all the time," said Debbie Bartlett, administrative assistant. The new equipment is also Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, and safer.

"By offering more playground structures, you have the capability of serving more kids at one time," said Principal Ryan DeSana. The updated structures also attract families on evenings and weekends, especially in the summer.

DeSana is fine with the equipment being used in off-recess times, he would just like visitors to introduce themselves at the office.

Speaking of safety, Cindy Karas, playground aide for Central Elementary said that in guiding them to use the equipment, common-sense prevails. The most popular misuses of the playground is sliding face-first down the slide, and swinging sideways instead of straight on a swing.

She's also seen the evolution of the playground equipment in the 19 years she's been an aide. The equipment before was "terrible," because it was wooden, and kids got splinters. "When we got this new playground equipment, oh wow, it was the best thing ever," she said.

DeSana said that some equipment from his childhood — like the geodesic dome climber has been replaced by a series of handles and platforms allowing kids to traverse (climb sideways) instead of potentially falling from 5 feet up.

Karas said animal spring rockers used to cause bumped heads, or teeter totters would launch kids off as one would jump off the ride. These rides are modified today, or not as often in use.

At West Shore Elementary at Lake

Fenton Community Schools, the playground was upgraded through sinking fund dollars in 2010. Superintendent Wayne Wright said the goal was ADA and safety code compliance.

Principal Sonya Shaughnessy said the upgrades were a multifaceted community effort, by the playground committee, which was made up of parents, administrators and community members.

"Due to the combined efforts, West Shore offers a fun and safe playground that students and community members enjoy," said Shaughnessy via email. Different groups raised funds for different playground areas.

## WHO REGULATES PLAYGROUNDS?

Playground safety is overseen by the Department of Human Services (DHS), and is based on a 2010 State of Michigan publication. Playgrounds can be held to compliance by safety inspections, by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.

Everything from schools to parks to multiple family housing areas are under the scope of the DHS, which estimates that 200,000 injuries happen annually on playgrounds. Falling represented the largest chunk of injuries at 44 percent, followed by equipment failure at 23 percent.

Aside from funding, choosing a site and an appropriate layout could also be a challenge for schools — the DHS handbook has very specific guidelines to avoid conflicting activities, and mixing age-specific activities along with a myriad of other possible problems.

The surface material is even suggested by the handbook, which recommends treated wood chips over untreated, and not using grass, or asphalt.

Whether wood, metal or plastic, the handbook has design suggestions for each, to mitigate injury.

They even suggest, and give examples of grade-appropriate equipment. At Holly Elementary, there are several different play areas, some of which are placed with pre-school or kindergarten students in mind.

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## WOMAN

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vehicle was rear-ended by the Lumina. Instead of stopping, the woman driving the Lumina proceeded to push the Traverse with her car.

The Lumina pushed the Traverse onto Dauner and then onto northbound North LeRoy Street. The victim and witnesses reported that the Lumina kept pushing the Traverse and bumping it down the road. When the two vehicles approached the area of Petts Road, the woman driving the Lumina tried to pass the Traverse, however, as she did this, her Lumina struck a pickup truck.

When police made contact with the 47-year-old woman in the Lumina, she swore at them and became belligerent. Slater said she even tried to assault a police officer with her cane. The woman was taken into custody and transported to the hospital where she consented to a blood draw. She was not injured but she was held for psychological evaluation.

Slater said the actions of the 47-year-old appeared to be intentional, although, there was no connection between her and those in the Chevy Traverse. The driver of the Traverse sustained minor injuries. Her passengers who were calling 911 as they were being pushed down the road were not injured.

Slater said one witness tried to help by taking the keys out of the Lumina, but the driver swung her cane at her as well.

The Fenton woman could face charges related to assaulting a police officer, felonious driving, operating a vehicle while on drugs, and resisting and obstructing police. The case remains under investigation.

## LEADERSHIP

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as a result of the program. In a true show of support, Aubuchon presented members of the staff with a check for \$1,000. "This check is for Holly Elementary School — to help them because I know money is tight," he said. "It's amazing what you do, and the whole community should be behind you — you set an amazing example to what we should be doing every day."

Following a luncheon provided by Chartwells Food Service, the day concluded with classroom visits, student presentations, parent testimonials and a question and answer segment.

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## Champions on ice



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Congratulations to the Guardians! The men's 30 and over hockey club, made up of primarily Fenton and Lake Fenton High School alumni, won the Kensington Valley Ice House, Over 30 League Championship by a score of 5-2 over the Pylons. The team finished the year with a record of 17-8-1. The game winner came from an unassisted goal with 3:21 left in the first period from left-winger #14 Bill Holloway.

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# Linden Mills Days on track

►To get involved with summer festival, call city hall

By William Axford

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**Linden** — Plans are underway for this year's Mills Days, which is set for June 19 to 21. A carnival, car show, pancake breakfast and air show with Price's Airport are in the works for the summer festival. Organizers are aiming for a family oriented event, along with a '80s themed band for live entertainment.

Eliminated this year are Sunday activities, as well as live animals. A parade will also be excluded from this year's activities.

Last year, a live elephant was featured at the Union Block property, where fes-



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Last year children enjoy carnival rides during Linden Mills Days.

tival attendees could feed and ride her. Animal rights activists decried the use of the elephant as live entertainment, calling it animal cruelty.

City Manager Paul Zelenak said plans for busing from the airport to downtown Linden are also in the works. Councilor Ray Culbert commended the effort and the support from community members

for the event.

"In past years, we haven't seen the involvement like this year," Culbert said.

Plans for the Mills Days has not been finalized yet and organizers are expected to meet with city council at least once more before the summer. To get involved or find more information about the event, call Linden City Hall at (810) 735-7980.



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WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

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### House Bill 4118: **Require drug testing of welfare recipients**

To establish a one-year pilot program in at least three counties that would require drug testing of state welfare benefit recipients and applicants if an "empirical screening tool" indicates a reasonable suspicion of drug use. Benefits would be halted for six months if a person tests positive or refuses to take the test, with an exception for medical marijuana and prescription drugs. If a welfare recipient who is a parent tests positive, the child would still be eligible for assistance, and a "protective payee" would be designated to receive the parent's welfare money. The bill appropriates \$500,000 for the pilot program. Introduced by Rep. Jeff Farrington (R).

**Passed 25 to 11 in the Senate**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

✗ NO

### House Bill 5396: **Trim mandated barber college instruction hours**

To reduce from 250 to 225 the number of hours of classroom study, demonstrations, and recitations that a licensed barber college must offer, and reduce from 1,750 to 1,575 hours the amount of required "practical barber training" it must provide. Introduced by Rep. Andrea LaFontaine (R).

**Passed 103 to 7 in the House**  
State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

✗ YES

### House Bill 4295: **Add additional spending to current school budget**

To appropriate extra money for various school-related purposes, including a \$51.7 million federal "early learning challenge grant" the state applied for and received. Among other things, this will pay for government programs that promote "physical, social, and emotional health... for high-needs children from birth to kindergarten entry," in ways that are "culturally, linguistically, and developmentally appropriate." The money can also be used to train the employees who perform these activities, and figure out how and what to measure in assessing them. The bill would also appropriate \$5 million more for transition costs related to dissolving the fiscally-failed Buena Vista and Inkster school districts; \$2 million for a year-round school pilot program; \$2 million for class size reduction; \$3.9 million for contracts to provide students "information technology education opportunities; and more. Finally, it makes adjustments to the current school aid budget to reflect lower than expected student counts. Introduced by Rep. Joseph Haveman (R).

**Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County).

✗ YES





## SPORTS TRIVIA

### BASEBALL

**Q** Who is the only MLB player to hit at least 60 home runs in three different seasons?

**A** No, it isn't Mark McGuire or Barry Bonds. It was Sammy Sosa who hit 66 in 1998, 63 in 1999 and 64 in 2001. Oddly, he didn't lead the National League in home runs in any of these seasons.

### DAVID'S DABBLINGS

There's something about opening day for baseball as opposed to any other sport season.

People don't act like it's a holiday when the NHL or NBA begins their season. Even football doesn't compare to baseball. For many years the NFL opening week coincided with Labor Day weekend, so it almost got swallowed up by parties. And, frequently opening games in college football means playing weaker schools for the big boys, making them rather boring.

But for baseball, it's completely different. My dad wasn't a big sports fan when I was growing up, but I could get him to purchase opening day tickets for many Tiger seasons so I could miss a day of school and go to Tiger Stadium. People do take days off of work to watch or attend the game.

Baseball is lucky that it's season symbolizes the end of winter. That certainly helps. But while football may be our national past time now, baseball still wins the battle for best sports opening day — by a long shot.

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## How about those Tigers?

►Here's one man's thoughts about the 2014 version of the team

By David Troppens

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It was a great era for Detroit Tigers' baseball. After being one of baseball's worst organizations in the 1990s and early 2000s, the Tigers made the playoffs four of eight seasons under manager Jim Leyland. He also guided them to the postseason the last three years.

But while the Tigers made it to the World Series twice during Leyland's era, the squad never completed the ultimate task — being World Champions.

Now, a new era begins with rookie manager Brad Ausmus leading the troops. But there's more than a manager change. Power hitters like Prince Fielder and Jhonny Peralta are gone. And with their departure and their replacements, the thought is the Tigers will manufacture more runs "the traditional way" by advancing runners extra bases and stringing more hits along. Will it work? I'll make my guesses here.

### The Good

Here are three strengths entering the 2014 Detroit Tigers' season.

1. Miguel Cabrera
2. Starting pitching rotation
3. Back end of bullpen

**Note:** A healthy Cabrera gives the Tigers the most feared hitter in baseball. And he's healthy right now. It's hard to look at his numbers from last year and

remember he was hurt for a good chunk of the year. I'd take those numbers this year right now. No team has a potentially better first three in their rotation than Justin Verlander, Max Scherzer and Anibal Sanchez. With the addition of Joe Nathan and his career 341 saves, the Tigers have their first stud closer in a very long time. Even if he's 39 years old.

### The Concerns

Here are four concerns entering the 2014 Detroit Tigers' season.

1. Lack of power, particularly a left-handed bat
2. Bullpen depth
3. Left field
4. Injury concerns

**Note:** Most were happy when Prince Fielder was traded away. I was one of them, but with his departure, the Tigers lost their primary resource of power on the left side of the plate. Jhonny Peralta's loss also hurts the power. After Miguel Cabrera, no one is a given to hit 20 home runs. Joe Nathan was a nice pick up, but there is quite the hodge-podge behind him in the pen. And one of last year's best bullpen arms, Drew Smyly, is in the starting rotation. Left field remains a complete mystery. There's a chance about 25 people will play there for the Tigers, and none will be a solid selection. Finally, injuries are already a concern. Justin Verlander had surgery. Cabrera was injured last year. Anibal Sanchez is having issues. Jose Iglesias and Andy Dirks are also out for long periods of time. And this is only spring training. Yikes!

### Other stuff & prediction

#### 1. Is Brad Ausmus ready?

The honest answer for everyone should be, who knows? No one knows. Hiring a first-time manager seems a strange move for a team looking to win now. If the Tigers struggle out of the gate it will be interesting to see how Ausmus reacts.

#### 2. Power vs. manufactured runs

This has been a problem for the Tigers the last couple of years, not being able to get "extra" runs through basepath speed or being able to do the "little things" at the plate to get that one run when you need it most. The Tigers have less power, but are they really that much more athletic to suggest they can make up that loss of run production in other areas? We'll find out I guess.

#### SEASON PREDICTION

The AL Central is getting better, and I see injuries being a bit of a concern. I am guessing around 86 wins. Winning the division that number of victories could be tough.



A healthy Miguel Cabrera will go a long way to leading the Tigers to a fourth straight American League Central Division title in 2014. Cabrera hit .348 with 44 home runs in 2013.

### New Faces

**Joe Nathan:** The Tigers wanted to get a reliable closer and Nathan satisfies that need.

**Ian Kinsler:** He's expected to add punch to second base, but some think his career may be on the decline already.

**Brad Ausmus:** Many should remember Ausmus as a Tigers catcher in 1999 and 2000, playing a key role in the closing of Tiger Stadium ceremonies. Now at 41, he's managing his first baseball team. Is he ready? We'll find out soon.

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# Fenton's Eicher headed to Northern Illinois

►Two-time individual state champion is pleased he gave wrestling a shot

By David Troppens

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Austin Eicher wasn't even sure if he wanted to give wrestling a try.

But he did, and he isn't regretting it today.

After capping his career by earning consecutive individual state titles, the Hartland senior and Fenton resident has grown to love the sport of wrestling. And now, he's headed to the next level.

Eicher has signed to wrestle at Northern Illinois University in the fall.

"I was looking at Central (Michigan), Eastern (Michigan), Ohio University, Michigan State and NIU, of course," Eicher said. "I really liked the coaches at NIU and I liked the team. I liked pretty much everything they had to offer."

Eicher offers the Huskies quite a bit in return. Eicher is a four-time state placer, posting efforts of fourth, second and two firsts during his prep career. He captured his first state title by defeating his teammate and Fenton Township resident, Jacob Gorial, in the 130-pound finals. This year, he capped his prep career by winning a state title by defeating Grandville's Collin Tomkins by a 4-2 decision in the 135-pound title match. He earned it despite suffering a cartilage injury in his rib cage the previous week in the tournament. He capped his career with 205 career victories.

"It's definitely not my best memory, but me wrestling my wrestling partner in the finals was pretty weird," Eicher said about his junior state title match with Gorial. "It's definitely something I won't forget. We've known each other since we were on the Powerhouse team when we were little. ... Our coaches just sat there watching the match."

Eicher's career started with the Powerhouse wrestling club. During those days, Eicher was given some encouragement to get positive results.

"At first I wasn't sure if I wanted to do it, but my dad was a huge wrestling fan and it wasn't really a choice. He told me either wrestling or ballet," Eicher said. "So I went to wrestling and it started there. We started one of the best clubs in the state, Powerhouse, and it snowballed from there. Wrestling became my passion."

"Every time I won, my Dad gave me something for motivation. My first tournament, my Dad gave me a new video game. And from there I'd get some sort of gift if I won a tournament."

At the time he was in the Fenton school district, but he transferred to Hartland before his freshman year.

"I was minutes down the road from one of the top wrestling teams in the state," Eicher said. "(Hartland coach Todd) Cheney does a great job. He's a great coach. It was just a great atmosphere. Great coaches, great kids and really positive parents."

His tournament wins have earned him the ultimate in gifts, a chance to wrestle at Northern Illinois.

"I've always wanted to wrestle in college," Eicher said. "In the sixth grade I kind of started to burn out from wrestling, so I took a year off. The next year I got injured so I didn't wrestle. In eighth

## The Eicher file

Fenton resident and Hartland High School senior is headed to Northern Illinois University to continue his wrestling career. Here's a quick look at his career at Hartland. Records are based on www.mhsaa.com.

### Freshman season

Posted a 60-4 record, taking fourth at state at 112 pounds.

### Sophomore season

Recorded a 50-7 record, collecting a second-place effort at state at 119 pounds.

### Junior season

Eicher captured his first state title, getting it at 130 pounds. He finished 52-1 overall.

### Senior season

Posts a 39-1 record at 135 pounds. He also captured his second state title.

grade I got back into it and I wanted to wrestle in college."

Northern Illinois is somewhat becoming the school of choice for Michigan wrestlers. Six Michigan wrestlers already attend NIU, including Holly's Mason Cleaver and Shawn Scott. Scott recently placed third at the Mid-American Conference in only his sophomore season.

"That was a big reason, too (why I selected Northern Illinois)," Eicher said. "The head coach is from Chelsea, so he has a ton of Michigan ties. It seems half of the team is from Michigan."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Hartland senior and Fenton resident Austin Eicher (above) receives the bracket sheet and his first-place medal from Hartland varsity wrestling coach Todd Cheney at the state wrestling meet. Eicher is headed to Division I Northern Illinois University to continue his wrestling career in the fall. Eicher ended his career earning two state championships, a state runner-up finish and a fourth-place state effort.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Hartland senior and Fenton resident Austin Eicher (above) competes in his state championship match at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Eicher won the match. He's headed to Northern Illinois University to wrestle in the fall.

Eicher will probably redshirt his freshman year, but he hopes to make the lineup sooner than later.

"I'll have to adjust to the whole new college style," Eicher said.

"I definitely feel I can compete with most of the wrestlers in the country."

"I know it's going to be stressful and a lot of work. This is basically my job. I'm being asked to do the best I can."

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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WednesdayJumble

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

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NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



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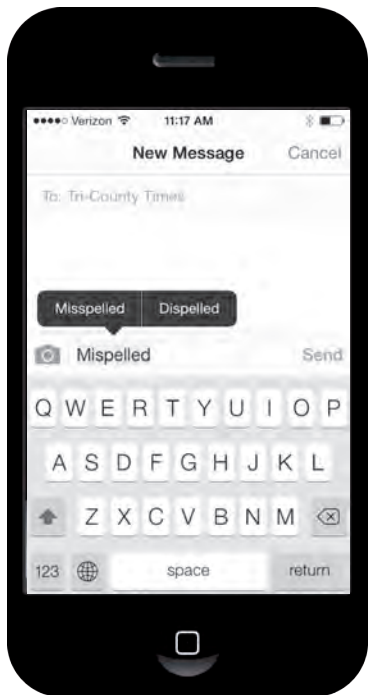
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The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.

KING FEATURES

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Longtime TV host Griffin
- 5 Lion or tiger
- 8 Wound cover
- 12 Lotion additive
- 13 Caustic solution
- 14 Dorothy's dog
- 15 Violent protest
- 16 Always, in verse
- 17 Soldiers collectively
- 18 Connected series
- 20 Incursion
- 22 Finds by chance
- 26 Actor Lorenzo
- 29 Chart format
- 30 Cistern
- 31 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 32 Corral
- 33 Long story
- 34 Hostel
- 35 Skillet
- 36 Choir member
- 37 Region of Northern Ireland
- 40 Repast
- 41 Gripped

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- 52 Finished
- 53 Compassion
- 54 "CSI" evidence
- 55 Relax
- 5 Pristine
- 6 Nay canceler
- 7 Lay of the land
- 8 Flight
- 9 Fine-grain component
- 10 \$ dispenser
- 11 Tarzan's son
- 19 Greek consonants
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- 23 Shell out
- 24 Starch-yielding palm
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- 43 Former partners
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- 46 Mainlander's memento
- 48 Sister

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## Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

### Martha Anne Philburn

1947-2014

Martha Anne Philburn - age 66, long time resident of Fenton, passed away peacefully on Thursday,



March 20, 2014 from complications due to stroke. Funeral service will be 3 PM Friday,

March 28, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 West Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation will be 2-8 PM Thursday at the funeral home and 1 PM until time of service on Friday. Interment at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery, Fowlerville. Martha was born July 14, 1947 in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of Richard and Martha (Matthews) Minder. She was a 1965 graduate of Byron High School. She centered her life on taking care of her family and enriching their lives with her kind, generous spirit. Martha is survived by her husband, Gary H. Philburn; children, Christina Philburn-Gillespie, Christopher Philburn, and Paula Philburn. Martha took immense delight in her nine grandchildren: Brianna Gillespie, Elisha Philburn-Bagy, Evan Philburn, Aria Gillespie-Smith, Tessa Gillespie, Katarenia Bindscheatel, Ahlora Bindscheatel, Abigail Bindscheatel, and Alex Jacob Kee. She was blessed with three great-grandchildren: Landon Philburn, Charles Bagy, and Hunter Smith. Martha is also survived by two brothers and four sisters: Richard Minder, Michael Minder, Wendy Addis, Diane Grate, Sandy Peters, and Pam Minder. She was preceded in death by her parents. A special thanks to the Catalina Care Center in Tucson, Arizona; Malory and the staff were helpful, caring and professional. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Patricia June (Wallace) Allen

1935-2014

Patricia June (Wallace) Allen - age 78, of Fenton, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014. Funeral



services will be held 1 PM Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at Sharp Funeral

Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Josh McDonald officiating. Burial immediately following in Evergreen Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation was held at the funeral home Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM and will be held Wednesday from 12 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may make contributions to Heritage Baptist Church or the Salvation Army. Patricia was born April 23, 1935 in Flint, the daughter of Murrel K. and Allie (Vinson) Vaughn. She married Edward O. "Neal" Allen June 3, 1990 and he preceded her in death March 4, 2000. She was a member of Heritage Baptist Church and was formerly a member of Torrey Road Baptist Church and Lincoln Park Baptist Church. Surviving are: 5 children, Debbie and husband Mike Sharp, Charles and wife Jan Wallace, Julie Krieg, Zana Wandschneider, and Scott and wife Keanna Wallace; grandchildren, Lisa Savage, David Savage, Shaina Taff, Adrienne Galbraith, Ryan Krieg, Billy Krieg, Gregory Wandschneider, Nicole Wandschneider, Scottie Wallace, Michael Wallace, and Tony Wallace; 11 great-grandchildren, Erika Moore, Toney Watkins, Donnie Watkins, William (Bueche) Krieg, Lil David Savage, Kienan Krieg, Lyrland Krieg, Gage Galbraith, Cooper Krieg, Riley Krieg, and Harper Taff; 3 great-grandchildren, Ashton Moore, Rilynn Moore, and Maddon Moore; special cousins, Doris, Ellen, and Carol Ann; and special people, William Krieg and Cristina Wallace. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother, Fred Hacker; and son-in-law, Gary Wandschneider. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



### Shane Canfield Helsene

1987-2014

Shane Canfield Helsene - age 26, passed away Sunday, March 23, 2014. Funeral services will be



held 1 PM Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000

Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Pastor Martin Shouse officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Friday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM. Those desiring may make contributions to Livingston County Humane Society. Shane was born November 10, 1987 in Detroit, the son of David and Debra (Canfield) Helsene. He was a 2006 graduate of Fenton High School. He had lived in Fenton most of his life. Shane was employed by M & J Excavating in Holly. Surviving are: his mother, Debra Helsene of Fenton; brother, Justin Helsene; aunt, Hope Mastrianni of Florida; uncles, Wesley and wife Kaye Canfield of New York and Robert Helsene of New Jersey; girlfriend of over 5 years, Hillary Krall, and family; and several cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, David Helsene. Online tributes may be posted on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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### Ron Peter

1937-2014

Ron Peter - age 76, of Sun City Center, FL, formerly of Quincy, died on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 in the Hospice House of Sun City Center, FL. He was born on May 2, 1937 in Quincy, a son of Andrew and Leona (Wand) Peter. He married



Sharlene Taylor on June 10, 1967 in Holly, MI. She survives. Ron served in the U.S. Navy Reserves. He was a graduate of Quincy College. He was of the Catholic faith. He spent his career primarily in education, including CYO Director; teacher and coach at Quincy Notre Dame, Quincy College, Marion High School, University of La Crosse, WI, Aquinas High School in La Crosse, WI, Eastern Connecticut State University and Trinity College in Hartford, CT. He was golf coach at Liberty High School. While in Quincy, Ron was also the owner and operator of the "Sport Shack" and was a board member of Adams County Board District 5. He served as sheriff of Windham City, Windham, CT. Ron was a member of the Elks, American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Bogie Busters (Champion). Ron was the instigator of the Happy Hackers out-for-a-Sunday drive Golf League in Quincy and in Ft. Meyers, FL; the Sunday Couples Bowling League in Quincy; and the infamous annual Hog Fry established in 1967 at 39 Hickory Grove in Quincy. In addi-

tion to his wife, Sharlene, he is survived by four children: Cynthia Bender of League City, TX, Brian Peter of Tucson, AZ and his significant other Jackie Fitz, Holly Cruz and her husband Orlando of Windham, CT and Gale Lanning and her husband Derek of Winona, MN. seven grandchildren:

Brett, Brandon (Kellie), Brittani, Shane, Joshua, Sheala and Ethan; one great-grandchild: Brantley; four brothers: Denny (Mary Lou) Peter, Charles (Jane) Peter, Dale (Faye) Peter and Mike "George" (Deb Chadd) Peter; one sister: Arlene Brocksmith. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and brothers and sisters-in-law. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Gerald Brocksmith, his in-laws, Wilbur and Devota Taylor, a brother-in-law, Bill Taylor and his wife, Jackie Taylor and a sister-in-law, Yvonne (Taylor) Ross. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 10 AM in the Quincy University Chapel by Fr. James Wheeler, OFM. Interment in St. Brigid Cemetery in Liberty with military honors conducted by the Illinois National Guard Burial Detail. Visitation was held on Monday evening from 4-7 PM in the Duker & Haugh Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Sharlene and Ron Peter Scholarship Fund at Quincy University. The Duker & Haugh Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. **www.dukerandhaugh.com.**

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