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“Oh no! President Obama predicted Michigan State to win the NCAA. Based on his monumental track record of failed predictions, you can be absolutely certain State is doomed.”



“Folks, do your research, get the facts, and make up your own mind about the bond for Fenton schools. Don't vote solely on the comments you see or read. Look at the Fenton website for all the details, call the school, etc. Remember, this is for our kids.”



“Hey, what say we drug test all those who are receiving free lunches that we are paying for.”

“Did you go on a vacation last year with your family? Shut the heck up already. Everyone deserves time off, especially the president.”

“Michigan allows the heaviest truckloads in the United States. If we lowered them to federal standards, we wouldn't have to reinforce our bridges.”



“If you focus on just the negative, even the pope would look bad. Try to see the big picture of the Obama presidency.”

“It appears Obamacare is just like Michigan's weather: if you don't like it, just wait a week and it'll change.”

“” HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“Officer, I'm not drunk! I was just dodging potholes.”



A parent's worst nightmare

► Local family rallies around 2-year-old with cancer in both eyes

By Sally Rummel

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Isabella “Bella” Ward is a precocious 2-year-old, knowing all of her shapes and colors and most of her letters and numbers. This is an amazing feat when you consider this Linden toddler has been mostly unable to see since she was diagnosed at 9 months old with bilateral retinoblastoma — cancer of both eyes.

Doctors at the Kellogg Eye Institute in Ann Arbor diagnosed Bella's rare cancer in 2012, and parents Scott and Andrea Starrs Ward transferred

her care to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, known worldwide for its retinoblastoma clinic.

“She's an amazing child and brings us so much joy!”

Andrea Ward
Mother of 2-year-old Bella

Bella's very aggressive treatment included chemotherapy in her left eye, leaving her with very limited vision, and the removal of her right eye at the age of 10 months. Following treatment and surgery, Bella was cancer-free in time for her first birthday on Oct. 10, 2012.

Scott and Andrea enjoyed every minute with Bella as she adjusted to her “new normal” and spent last

See FAMILY on 20A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO
Scott and Andrea Ward are pictured here with their daughter, Bella, on her second birthday.

City seeks to demolish seminary

► Crumbling landmark structure an ‘imminent danger’ to public

By William Axford

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The seminary on High Street in Fenton is crumbling and city officials are hoping to have it completely demolished in the near future. Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Hissong is expecting the 10,000-square-foot, 146-year-old building to revert to Genesee County by March 31, due to delinquent taxes.

The front eastern wall of the stone goliath has completely collapsed, leaving a portion of the dilapidated

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

The seminary, built in 1868, may not make it to 147 years old. Fenton City Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Hissong said he is seeking to demolish the seminary on High Street, as the building is deteriorating and classified as an imminent danger.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

The streetscape project would replace all of the city streets, curbs and sidewalks, and include planters, trash receptacles and benches in the downtown areas.

Streetscape project not likely to begin in 2014

► Federal government shutdown, MDOT to blame for stalled \$4.8 million project

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — If the feds don't get their act together by May, the city will be sitting on the streetscape project for another year.

This \$4.8 million project would encompass LeRoy Street between

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\$1 million per year needed for local roads?

► Fenton City Council could ask voters for 3 mills in November

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Out of Fenton's 67 miles of roads, 45 miles are local streets, and out of those, it is estimated that 25 miles are in poor condition.

Dan Czarnecki, Department of Public Works (DPW) director has a plan for Fenton's local roads this summer, in which he'll spend \$700,000 in hard-saved capital

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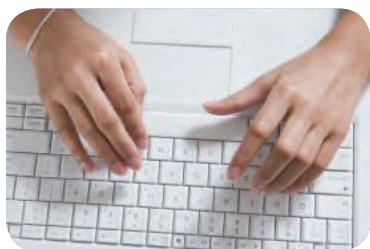
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This 106 West Shiawassee Avenue building in Dibbleville is believed to be the oldest structure within the city of Fenton. The building has seen numerous transformations since its construction in 1837.

The oldest buildings in Fenton, Linden and Holly

► Oldest building in tri-county area is 177 years old

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Rex Todd Rogers' business operates within the walls of where the city of Fenton began. The 106 West Shiawassee Ave. location is believed to be the oldest existing building in Fenton. Built in 1837, the structure was a hotel owned by Judge Daniel LeRoy and William Fenton

where travelers on the trail between Pontiac and Flint could stop and rest.

The LeRoy Hotel existed before the city's oldest business district Dibbleville, which historian Ken Seger said was completed in the 1860s.

The hotel has seen its fair share of changes since Judge LeRoy operated it. For one, the building originally faced East Shiawassee Street but was shifted to face west after the street was closed. Historical records state that the existing

See OLDEST BUILDINGS on 8A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

This 303 John Street building is the oldest home in Holly. Like many other houses, it has been renovated and updated, so much so that it cannot be placed on the state historical register.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Sharp Funeral Homes' building in Linden is a combination of two of the oldest homes within the city. The standing structure is attributed as the oldest building in Linden.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | AMY MAYHEW
Holly's depot is one example of the many historical structures that make the tri-county area architecturally unique.

What it takes to be on Michigan's Historic Registry

► Owners responsible for submitting forms, pictures, documentation, maps and more

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Michigan has more than 1,000 national register listings, including diverse historic properties like houses, commercial and residential areas, farms, factory complexes, cemeteries, parks, monuments, ships and even shipwreck sites.

Before even looking at all the paperwork involved, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recommends that property owners first visit the SHPO's national register website to complete a "preliminary questionnaire." Visit www.michigan.gov/nrhp online, and go to the paragraph entitled, "Is My Property Eligible for Listing in the Register?" From there, click on the "National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire," and a copy will be mailed directly to you.

Eventually, the SHPO hopes to streamline this process to an electronic format. But in the meantime, potential listees are asked to complete the ques-

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Random royal thoughts

■ **Don't you just hate it** when you laugh so hard tears run down your leg?

■ **Truth be told**, we will never know what happened to flight 370 — never. Fire on board? Jihad by the flight captain? Oxygen failure ala Payne Stewart? Simple mechanical failure? I'm waiting to hear what the Reverend Jesse Jackson has to say about it — I'm sure he'll provide some clarity.

■ **Definition of a spider web:** A thing you walk into that suddenly turns you into a karate master.

■ **Whenever someone** tells you that they are willing to meet you halfway, they are generally a poor judge of distance.



■ **The Act of God** designation on insurance policies really means that you are uninsured for the accidents that are most likely to happen to you.

■ **The biggest** divide in America is not between Republicans and Democrats, it's between stupid, lazy people and hardworking, tax-paying people.

■ **Worst movie** of the young year? The silly and sophomoric slop of a film 'Noah.' An embarrassment to even the clowns in Hollyweird.

■ **Beware of a half-truth**, you may have gotten hold of the wrong half.

■ **If you have use** a T-shirt to declare something about your masculinity or femininity ('Sexy Mama' or 'Smokin

Hot Grandpa'), it's likely that you're actually trying to convince yourself.

■ **I refuse to believe** that there is one person in the world that gets in the shower and then turns the water on.

■ **It has been my experience** in life

that women drivers in general operate in just two modes: they are either accelerating or braking — there is no in-between.

■ **I agree with Thomas Sowell** who said that

Wal-Mart has done more for poor people than any 10 liberals, at least nine of whom are almost guaranteed to hate Wal-Mart.

■ **Did you know that** although you can block unwanted phone calls from solicitors, automated phone calls from politicians are exempt. Could there possibly be a better example of the self-serving nature of the fools we

elect to Congress?

■ **The biggest thieves**, and the most unaccountable thieves, are invariably federal government employees. It's an arena where justification, performance measurement and accountability for actions does not exist.

■ **If you believe** in equal rights, then what do 'women's rights,' 'gay rights,' etc., mean? That doesn't make any sense.

■ **3.4 million citizens** have fled the dictatorial climate of NYC, with most fleeing to Florida. The latest idiocy is to

charge shoppers a 10 cents tax on every plastic shopping bag in hopes of forcing them to bring their own reusable bag. NYC is dying under Democratic nanny leadership.

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HOW LONG ARE we going to let the oil industry steal us blind? How does a 'potential' crisis in Crimea affect oil prices?

■ ■ ■
ISN'T HUMAN NATURE amazing? We worry about football players having mental problems due to concussions but boxing is a popular sport where the idea is to knock the opponent unconscious by hitting them with such force that it results in a concussion.

■ ■ ■
CONSERVATIVES ARE AGAINST abortion but also against welfare, food stamps and housing assistance, which makes it possible for the babies born to poor parents to live. Most are also against government funded contraception and/or sex education for teens. It's like being against hunger but also being against food.

■ ■ ■
CNN HAS ANNOUNCED they are changing their name from CNN (Cable News Network) to MANN (Malaysian Airliner News Network) so their name better reflects their around-the-clock content.

■ ■ ■
COMRADE GAS, NIXON tried price controls and they didn't work. The industries involved can change grades, cuts or whatever, to get around prices. The President can allow drilling on federal

land to increase oil production to lower per barrel costs. This fool doesn't care.

■ ■ ■
WHERE IS PETA, 'People Enjoying Tasty Animals'? They would love a goose dinner. That would solve the Canada geese problem. Heck, send them to Lake Fenton so they can rid the problem of mallard ducks there. People, these birds are nature as we are. Get a rake and clean up.

■ ■ ■
SADDENED BY JUDGE Friedman's rule against the vote of the people of Michigan. Why vote if Judges just have the power to overturn the will of the people?

■ ■ ■
PERHAPS THE ADOPTION laws need to be changed in Michigan so that there can be second-party adoptions. Then we wouldn't have to have our marriage laws changed.

■ ■ ■
TO OBAMACARE LOVERS, cancer clinics/centers of which there are 19, only four will be covered. Mayo Clinic is NOT one of them. Premiums will necessarily skyrocket in their opinion and lastly Medicare has been robbed and all older people will have basically Medicaid coverage. Where do I find my death panel?

■ ■ ■
I AM WRITING a new book called 'Deception.' It is about a school superintendent and his district spending money to try to convince the town's people to pass a bond that has already failed twice by telling them that now it won't cost them any more money.

■ ■ ■
HEY LINDEN LITTLE League President, did you know there was a draft workout scheduled last Sunday? That kind of craziness was a disservice to the kids.

■ ■ ■
I KEEP TWO things in mind before attempting to pass on any wisdom to the next generation: information is good, advice is bad; and, the change will continue, but in unknown directions. The most important thing to learn is how to make good decisions for your own best life.

■ ■ ■
THE REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED Michigan Senate approved Medicare Expansion, but voted down giving the bill immediate effect, which means that it won't go into effect until April 1. That delay will end up costing the state more than \$630 million in lost federal funds for the expansion.

■ ■ ■
HOW ABSURD OF the writer to apply supposed 'liberal politics' to my disgust at the Times choice of 'Alcohol' as the lead word in Linden's tragic loss. 'Gift to our Community' would have been a better headline. The other aspect only needed to be a sub-story.

■ ■ ■
KEEP ASKING FOR money, school districts. The Michigan school district where my children went eliminated bus service last year. After the initial uproar, everyone has settled in and managed. There is only so much money, so make do with what you have.

■ ■ ■
WHETHER YOU ARE for marijuana or against it, you should pick up the book 'The Pot Book, A Complete Guide to Cannabis' edited By Julie Holland, M.D. It will teach you about what you thought you knew. It may even solve your gas price problem.

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.

Roads in Fenton

Dear Editor,
I have been researching the problems with the roads in Fenton and have discovered that little has been done to fix them. There are a countless number of potholes all over the roads, leading to damage to several cars that hit these holes. During the winter, the roads are always covered in snow or ice and it takes quite a bit of time for them to be cleared. Lastly, whenever Fenton receives heavy rainfall, the roads are known to flood. If road conditions are bad, people are less likely to drive on them, which affects local businesses. The city of Fenton always has problems when it comes to their roads whether it be icy, snow covered roads, flooding issues, or potholes all over the road. Therefore, more effort needs to be placed toward the roads in Fenton.

Sincerely,
Amanda Kennedy, Fenton

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Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What is your favorite bike riding memory?

streettalk



"I used to go to the Detroit Zoo to see the monkey show. I took my training wheels off because if monkeys could bike so could I."

— Marc Rideout, Flint



"The first time we got bikes was when my sister bought one. There were seven kids and we shared them."

— Janice Macksood
Lake Fenton



"I was 6 and I got my first bike from my grandma."

— Shelly Ashley
Linden



"When we rode our bikes to a place with an apple tree. We got to pick apples there for free."

— Pam Erickson
Temperance



"When my mother let me ride my bike to the mall for the first time with friends."

— Jean Tarrant
Fenton Township



"I used to ride by myself on the service drive by my house. It was a way to get away as a kid."

— Clarke Hagen
Fenton

New Michigan law for bicycle hand signal

►Simply extend right arm horizontally to signal right turn

By Sally Rummel
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It's just about the time of year when people will be hopping on bicycles for recreation and transportation.

You'll want to know the newest "rule of the road" so that the roads are safer for everyone. Gov. Rick Snyder signed legislation on Jan. 28 allowing bicyclists simply to extend their right arm horizontally to signal a right turn. The previous law, requiring bicyclists to raise their left arm at a 90-degree angle to signal a right turn, had been on the books since 1946.

“We have not ticketed a bicyclist, to the best of my knowledge.”

Rick Aro
Fenton police chief

House Bill 4866, sponsored by State Rep. Anthony Forlini, is now Public Act 1 of 2014.

Bicycle safety has never been a serious problem in the city of Fenton, with an average of 1.4 crashes a year involving a bicycle, according to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. Seven crashes have been reported since 2009, six of them the fault of the driver of the motor vehicle. Five of those involved a bicyclist crossing a private drive or roadway (in the crosswalk) when they were struck by the vehicle. "Typically, the driver is looking for other vehicles (cars and trucks) and doesn't notice the bike," said Aro.

Aro added that the most frequent violations he sees are bikes riding on the roadway against traffic and failing to signal when riding on the roadway.



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Instead of the left arm bent at a 90-degree angle, riders may simply extend their right arm to signal.



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BICYCLE 'Rules of the Road'

Bicyclists have all the same rights and responsibilities as the driver of any other vehicle and can be ticketed for violating Michigan traffic laws.

More than half of all urban car-bike crashes are caused by one or more of the following:

Cyclists:

- Cycling against the direction of traffic
- Failure to yield when required
- Running a stop sign or red light
- Cycling at night without required lighting
- Riding into a street at mid-block

Motorists:

- Failure to yield to a cyclist when required
- Unsafely passing a cyclist
- Right or left turn immediately in front of a cyclist
- Driving too fast for conditions
- Opening driver-side door into a cyclist's path

Use proper signals, intentionally and in plenty of time

- Signal left turns by extending your left arm straight out to the left.
- Signal right turns by extending your right arm straight out to the right (notice this is a new change in the law)
- Signal stopping or slowing by extending your left arm straight down with your palm facing rearward.

Road and lane placement

- Ride predictably, consistently and attentively.
- Stay to the right, but don't hug the curb.
- Ride in the right wheel track of motor vehicles. This places you within a motorist's field of vision, and allows you to move away from traffic to avoid obstacles, open car doors or crowding by another vehicle.
- Never ride more than two abreast.
- When stopping your bike for a rest or an emergency, move completely off the road.
- Make eye contact with drivers at intersections.

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THE TELEGRAPH

Tim Berners-Lee is the inventor of the Internet — the most powerful technological tool of the last century. His breakthrough came when he spotted the global potential of the networks used by the military and computer scientists as a way of communicating.

Happy Birthday! The World Wide Web turns 25

►Inventor unaware how revolutionary idea was

By William Axford

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In 1989, Tim Berners-Lee brainstormed a system where text, photos and videos could be shared between databases and computers. A quarter century later, Berners-Lee's invention, a little thing known as the World Wide Web has influenced nearly every aspect of life, from global economics to interpersonal communication.

The computer scientist had no idea that the Web would be used by so many people and that photos of kittens would be so popular online. For Berners-Lee, his invention is still somewhat a type of 'Wild West' where he doesn't know what to expect next.

"Yes, I more or less had it nailed down when it came to the growth curve," Berners-Lee said sarcastically in a Q & A on the website reddit.com, and followed up with, "no, of course not."

The invention of the Web marked a fundamental in human progress, much like the Industrial Revolution or The Renaissance. People who never meet face to face can become Facebook friends. 'Google it' has now become a common response to questions without a readily available answer. News is delivered nearly instantaneously and watching television shows no longer requires a television.

The Pew Research Center's publication "The World Wide Web turns 25" reports

nearly 90 percent of Americans have access to the Web, compared to 14 percent in 1995. Young adults born during the '90s (known as 'digital natives' since they've never had life without the Web) are more likely to use the Internet than older generations. The Internet ranked as the hardest piece of technology to give up, followed by cell phones, televisions and email. Overall, 90 percent of Web users saw the Internet as a good thing for society.

Barnes-Lee sees future complications with who monitors and controls the Web. Sites like Wikileaks and Edward Snowden revealing the National Security Agency spying via the Internet has made it harder for the inventor to envision how his invention will be shaped in the next 25 years. The Web for now remains neutral, lacking an all-inclusive enforcer who monitors it.

"I think some monitoring of the net by government agencies is going to be needed to fight crime," Barnes-Lee said. "We need to invent a new system of checks and balances with unprecedented power to be able to investigate and hold the agencies which do

so accountable to the public."

Overall, Barnes-Lee sees the Web as a tool and it's up to people to decide what its future will be.

"When you look at humanity you see the good and the bad, the wonderful and the awful. On balance, communication is good I think: much of the badness comes from misunderstanding."

DID YOU KNOW?

The Internet and the World Wide Web are not the same thing. The Internet is a massive interconnected network that reaches other networks. The Web provides the content by accessing websites. For comparison, if the Internet were a television set, the Web would be the cable provider. The Internet was created in the 1960s.

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structure is an amalgamation of multiple buildings. A meetinghouse built by William Fenton was added to the hotel and served as a barroom. Bricks from Remington's brickyard, then located at North Road and North LeRoy Street, were added to build a fireplace. Judge LeRoy's hotel changed hands as the decades passed and housed illegal poker from time to time.

Like the city of Fenton, the city of Linden's oldest building dates back to 1837 and is located at 209 East Broad Street. The building, owned and operated by Sharp Funeral Homes, is actually two combined homes, according to Linden historian David Kincaid. Part of

the construction belonged to the Bowles family, who were funeral directors, and the Burr family.

While Sharp's building is known to be one of the oldest in Linden, The Linden Hotel has the unique designation of being the longest continually operated business in Genesee County. The Linden Hotel was built in 1840 — and it was moved 45 degrees in 1942.

The oldest building in Holly most likely exists at 303 John St. George Kullis, who serves on the village council said the home built by Ira Algiers, the second person ever to come to Holly. Ira served in the Civil War and, according to Kullis, brought a child of a former slave back to Holly. The home originally was a log cabin but it has been updated as time went on.

Lifelong Holly resident appointed to council

►Council member Campbell questions village president's methods for nomination

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — Holly Village Council has yet another new member after members unanimously selected Suzanne Heiple to fill the vacancy left by former council member, Jesse Lambert. Lambert resigned last month after taking another job in Kentucky.

"We received three notices of interest or applications in addition to those that had already been on file," Village President Ryan Bladzick said. "In reviewing those and speaking to some of the candidates, I am advancing Suzanne Heiple as the nominee to fill the vacant seat."

A lifelong resident of Holly, Heiple has served on the Planning Commission and has been active in the community in multiple ways, Bladzick said. Councilman Chris Rankin supported Bladzick's motion.

Before voting, Councilwoman Jackie Campbell was concerned that all council members had not had the opportunity to review the nominees or bring forth other potential candidates for consideration.



Suzanne Heiple

"How do you expect council to do our job when we haven't had any applications to look at, too?" Campbell asked. "By going ahead and doing this up front now, you are stopping it before anything else can be done — you are not giving us equal opportunity."

In addition to Heiple's letter of interest, Bladzick said he had spoken to two other potentially interested individuals — Holly businessman, Tony Engelberg, and former village president Joe Hutchins.

Per the village's charter, attorney Michael Gildner said that the village president typically suggests the potential candidates over which council

members then vote.

"What's taken place tonight is really no different than a recommendation made by the president — the motion can be construed as a recommendation, except he's making the motion," Gildner said.

Opting to leave his nomination on the table, Bladzick called for a vote. In a vote of 5-0, council elected Heiple to fill the slot. Councilman George Kullis was excused from the meeting. Heiple's term will expire in November of this year.

"Thank you for the opportunity to let me serve," Heiple said. "It's an honor."

“How do you expect council to do our job when we haven't had any applications to look at, too?”

Jackie Campbell
Holly Village Council member

Local robotics team wins regional championship

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly and Brandon high schools' combined Truck Town Thunder Robotics team has yet another feather to add to its cap after winning the FIRST Robotics Great Lakes Bay Region District competition last weekend at H. H. Dow High School in Midland.

The team had a great showing, winning the event with alliance partners FIRST Team 288, the RobotDawgs, FIRST Team 4819, Flat Mountain Mechanics and FIRST Team 5166, Fabricators.

In addition to winning the overall competition, Truck Town Thunder was also awarded the Industrial Design Award and a Safety Hard Hat Award.

The team heads to Waterford's Mott High School this weekend, March 28-29,



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The 2014 Truck Town Thunder Robotics team is the winner of the FIRST Robotics Great Lakes Bay Region District competition, held last weekend at H. H. Dow High School in Midland.

for another competition. Those wishing to see the team in action are invited to attend and catch a glimpse of the 2014 FIRST Robotics Challenge, Aerial Assist.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

■■■
THE FENTON DDA approved the Cornerstone project and now the Community Center wants to build bigger. What happened to the quaint Fenton area that I moved to? It's gone. The DDA should be revamped big time.

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THE LEADER OF Communist North Korea has decreed that all men must get the same haircut. Women can choose from 15 government-approved haircuts. Obama has decreed that Americans can choose one of the government-approved healthcare programs. Their approach to government is very similar! That's scary!

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NOW THAT ONE of the oldest oil refineries in the country and in Michigan has dumped oil into Lake Michigan being processed from tar sands in Canada, I fully expect Republicans to reduce those

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BIDEN WANTS TO pass a bill on gay marriage. There's so many other things going on in the world and that's what he wants to do?

■■■
LIBERAL LOGIC MAKES me scratch my head. Most don't like guns and don't believe in God. Yet, if someone breaks into their car or house, the first thing they do is call someone with a gun and pray that they apprehend the culprit.

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Debate club uses words to teach, inspire

►College scholarships worth \$2,000 awarded to four area students

On Saturday, March 15, the Fenton Rotary Club hosted the 2014 Individual War of Words (IWOW) at the Lake Fenton High School Auditorium. Four local schools competed in this year's IWOW including Fenton AGS, Linden Middle School, Lake Fenton Middle School, and St. John in Fenton.

Placing first with a \$1,000 scholarship was Rachel Learman of St. John's, second place and a \$500 scholarship went to Jacob Keeley of St. John's, placing third with a \$250 scholarship was Jack Cetlinski of Lake Fenton Middle School and fourth place with a \$250 scholarship was Charlie Harrold of St. John's.



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Rachel Learman (left) took first place in the IWOW event. Second place went to Jacob Keeley (right), placing third was Jack Cetlinski (middle right) and fourth place was Charlie Harrold (middle left). Pictured with the debaters are State Rep. David Robertson (far right) and former state representative Ken Horn.

ROADS

Continued from Front Page

improvement funds on certain local roads, and use federal funds when he can to improve major roads.

Local roads are "arterial," or streets within subdivisions. Major roads either handle a lot of traffic, like LeRoy Street, or connect two bigger roads, like Poplar Street.

Silver Lake, Silver Parkway, Walnut and Adelaide streets are recent major street projects.

Federal funds are available regularly to fix major streets — but not local roads, and the \$700,000 Czarnecki will use is not a revolving fund — there won't be another \$700,000 next year. "We've been pretty aggressive in getting federal funds," said city manager Lynn Markland.

The DPW will only have enough funds to get through most of the first year, of the five-year prioritized road improvement plan. Markland said the worst local streets will be addressed this summer, but they won't have the funds to complete the rest of the five-year plan.

According to Markland, the city needs more like \$1 million each year to get the local streets up to speed.

He said the declining property tax revenues have put fixing these residential streets on the back burner for too long, and they are now at critical mass for repairs. "The longer you wait, the longer they continue to deteriorate," said Markland.

Aside from being rough on cars, the idea was also raised at the meeting that potential home buyers may shy away from a home



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Bloomington Street off Main Street in Fenton is in poor shape. Local streets like these are not supported by federal dollars.

with poor local roads.

At the regular city council meeting, Councilwoman Cheryl King brought up the issue of a millage, which the council discussed.

In 2009, voters rejected a 2 mill ballot question, which King blamed on poor communication with the voters. It was also during the height of the recession.

Markland said the city needs at least a 3-mill, capital improvement millage to do the necessary work.

The ballot question is still a ways off — the city council has to take it up officially. Residents will be voting on an \$11 million bond for Fenton schools in May.



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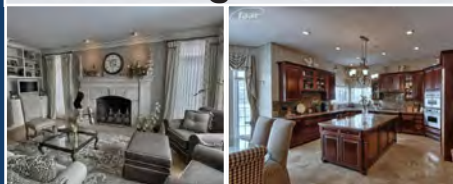
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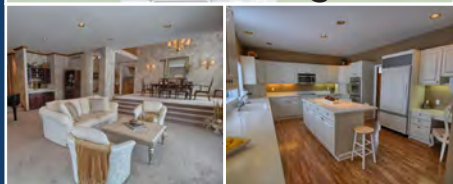
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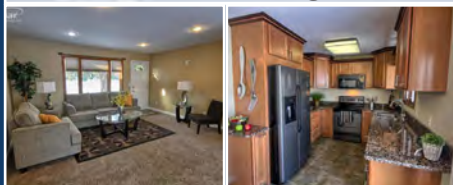
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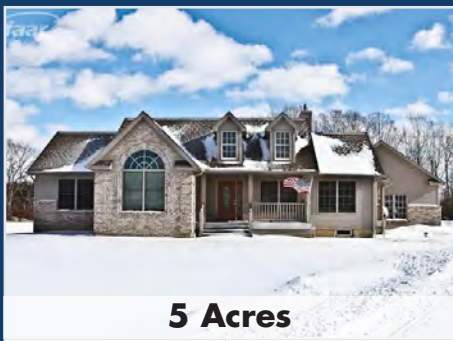
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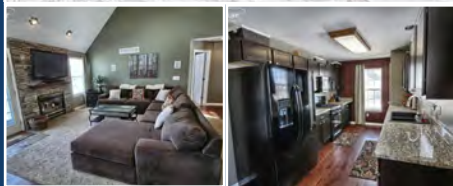
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Pat Starrs is a Realtor with the John Wentworth Group and both families have lived in and contributed to the local community their whole lives. To read more about Bella's story and follow updates or to make a donation please go to www.youcaring.com and search Believe in Bella. If you would like to send a card to Isabella, the address is P.O.Box 224, Linden MI, 48451.

LF basketball players give opponent shot of a lifetime

►Autistic Mt. Morris player makes basket — with blessing of entire eighth-grade team

By Sharon Stone

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Lake Fenton Middle School Principal Dan Ferguson is very proud of the eighth-grade boys basketball team. No, they didn't win a championship game or break any school records. Instead, they displayed sportsmanship and character that the school has been instilling in its students on a daily basis.

Lake Fenton and Mt. Morris school districts have had a long and competitive relationship when it comes to sports, and Lake Fenton Athletic Director Tony Simmons has even been athletic director at both school districts.

Character Education is part of Lake Fenton's curriculum and each day students focus part of their day on character building activities. Ferguson is convinced that these positive character traits have sunk in with his students — based on an unselfish play during a basketball game held in his school's gym a few weeks ago.

With just four points separating Lake Fenton and Mt. Morris' score, players on Lake Fenton's team switched to a new style of defense causing Ferguson to wonder what was happening. Through a plan orchestrated in advance by Lake Fenton's team, Trevon, an autistic player on Mt. Morris' team had the opportunity to make what turned out to be the most thrilling shot in his young basketball career.

Trevon missed some shots earlier in the



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Character Education at Lake Fenton Middle School has instilled a culture of unselfish sportsmanship. In a recent game, LF's eighth-grade team planned to allow a player with autism on the opposing team make a basket — for which the team thanked LF with letters of gratitude.

game and play continued. When Mt. Morris regained possession of the ball, Trevon once again set himself up to shoot a basket. Uncontested by the Lake Fenton players on the court, he shot the ball and to his team's excitement, the ball went in with only the sound of "swish."

As Lake Fenton players grabbed the rebound and headed to the other end of the court, Trevon and the entire Mt. Morris team celebrated his remarkable basket together. Ferguson said that at that point the score of the game was irrelevant. He was so proud that everyone in the gym was able to share in that special moment.

Lake Fenton's Elan Hagenstein was on

the court when Trevon made his basket. "I was really happy. For someone with his disability, he could play and be on the court," said Hagenstein. "I clapped. I felt really good about what we did."

Hagenstein's teammate, Cal Hunter was on the court, as well. "I was just glad that he had a chance to score. I was happy to be part of that and the chance for him to shine."

When the two teams met for their next game at Mt. Morris, Nick Carr, the Mt. Morris coach approached Muenzer after the game, thanked his team for what they had done their previous game and handed Muenzer an envelope. Muenzer said that during the game, players from Mt. Morris even came down to Lake Fenton's bench to thank his players for what they did. "That was very cool," said Muenzer.

To his surprise, when his wife and his sons opened the envelope on their drive home, Muenzer realized that Carr and his players had written letters thanking Lake Fenton's team. "I was driving, and we were all crying," said Muenzer.

"This was a great experience for my boys. I didn't realize what a big impact this had and I didn't know about the letters."

Muenzer said he and Carr talked before games and he learned about the player with autism and that Carr would put him in to play later in the game. Muenzer had told his team about Trevon before the game and said, "They told me, 'We got it coach. We know what to do,'" said Muenzer. "They knew the right thing to do and I was so proud of them."

“Your acts will not be forgotten. You guys, by far, have the most class.”

Nick Triplett
Mt. Morris
basketball player

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE MAN complaining about dogs in his trash — there's an invention called a trash can — get one. Harming an animal is against the law. Neighbors, be on the lookout!

THIS IS SOMETHING important to know. Apparently, if there is a yellow ribbon tied around a cat's collar, that means the cat is fearful and needs its space. Take caution if you notice this. I read this from a website that donates food to animal shelters. Good advice indeed!

BOND SUPPORTERS CRY, 'like a home, school districts have things that get worn out and have to be replaced or remodeled like doors, roofs, and buses.' When I need to replace a roof, doors, auto I can't go to my boss and say 'give me more money because I failed to budget.'

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I AM TIRED of all the morons out there that say 'all liberals' or 'all conservatives.' Folks, there are liberals who own guns as there are conservatives who believe in welfare programs. To think otherwise shows lack of intelligence.

THIS IS IN response to the person who wrote about the number of free lunches in the schools. Some of us who live in Fenton aren't rich, and work our butts off to provide for our kids and still struggle. So if they need free lunch then what's the problem?

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Annual Times Loof Lirpa contest

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By Sally Rummel
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If you tried to pull the tab, then you'll certainly be ready for any pranks from friends or family on April Fool's Day, Tuesday, April 1.

On April Fool's Day, everyone is given an excuse to play the fool. Whatever the trick, if the innocent victim falls for the joke, the prankster yells, "April Fool!"

While its true origins are uncertain, many see April Fool's Day as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons or the adoption of a new calendar back in ancient cultures, according to aprilfoolzone.com. Many different cultures had days of foolishness around the start of April, give or take a few weeks. Perhaps there's something about this time of year, with its fickle turn from winter to spring, that lends itself to lighthearted celebrations. However it began, it has been with us for centuries.

It's not only family and friends that have pulled a few pranks on each other. Huge businesses like Burger King and Taco Bell spent millions promoting fake new products back in the '90s, with BK's left-handed burger and the Taco Liberty Bell.

Even the Times rolled out its own April Fool's Day joke on April 1, 1987, with the story, "Star Athlete Arrives: Loof Lirpa enrolling at Fenton High." "Loof Lirpa" is April Fool, spelled backwards.

The story was that one of the best 16-year-old athletes in the world was going to enroll at Fenton High School, then had signed a pro contract with the Detroit Tigers when he turned 18. The April Fool's Day story then went on to say that Loof's fastball had been clocked at 125 mph, which made him the hardest-throwing

pitcher in baseball history.

Many people were fooled by the story and the Hot lines proved how much some wanted to believe it.

Just like the one mentioned above, most April Fool's pranks are meant in good fun, not to harm anyone. It is said that the cleverest April Fool's joke is the one where everyone laughs, especially the person upon whom the joke is played.

Lift to see if you're a winner!

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Five ways to pull a prank on April Fool's Day:

- 1) **Bottomed out** — take a box cereal or crackers, and cut out the entire bottom (remove plastic bag inside). Set the box on the shelf, and when someone pulls out the box, all the contents spill on the floor!
- 2) **Snare a pair** — Go into the closet and take one shoe from each pair. Hide them and laugh while they frantically search for the missing shoe!
- 3) **Door ambush** — Balance a small disposable cup of water on top of a partially opened door. Then wait for the splash!
- 4) **Goopy switch** — empty an inexpensive lotion bottle and replace it with mayo!
- 5) **Drippy drink** — use a pin to make a few small holes in a plastic, disposable cup. The holes should be near the top, just below the rim. Offer a drink to someone and watch while the liquid dribble out when they take a drink.

Source: aprilfoolzone.com

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BASEBALL

Q What MLB manager tried to catch a dropped baseball from a plane?

A On March 13, 1915 Brooklyn Dodgers' manager Wilbert Robinson tried to, but he ended up failing in the attempt because the members inside the plane forgot the baseball and dropped a grapefruit instead. The grapefruit hit his chest and exploded. Believing he was covered in his own blood, Robinson cries for help until he realizes it is grapefruit juice.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

During my youth I looked upon myself as a college basketball expert. I once predicted Cleveland State to the Sweet 16, and was the only one of about 100 entries to nail that prediction. In high school, I had a teacher who used my picks and split the winnings with me earned through my picks. We took second, twice. It seemed so easy doing brackets back then. I always knocked on winning those large pools and a few times got in the money. I figured it was only a matter of time before I won a real nice sum from taking first in an NCAA pool. Well, it never has happened. Some of it is my fault. I haven't filled in a bracket in at least 10 years, but that still leaves a void of decades when I never earned a first. So if your brackets are already destroyed, call me if you are having a pity party. I will attend if you listen to my sorrow stories as well.



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ALLYSSA COPLEY
Finished her Holly basketball career with 1,005 career points.

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Copley makes it a MVP three-peat

►Holly senior leads our girls hoops team again

By David Troppens
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It's hard for Allyssa Copley to think about her prep basketball career coming to an end.

"I'm kind of sad," Copley admitted. "We do an exit talk with our coaches and I did mine on Monday. We both said we had a good four years and we don't want it to end. When people say the four years goes fast, it really does."

Of course, when one looks at the career she had with the Holly Bronchos, it's easy to see why Copley will miss her time playing at the Horseshoe. She's on the small list of best girls basketball players to have ever played at Holly with capping with 1,005 career points and leading the team to a 20-0 perfect regular season. She's also leaving as the Tri-County's three-time Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

"She's an outstanding player, and she does more than score points," Holly varsity girls coach David Hall said. "She gets points, gets steals, gets assists, blocks shots and is a leader. And this year she was more of a leader. She's very positive and helps the other kids get better. She'll take the kids and give them little pointers. She's not doing it because she's a know-it-all, but because she wants to help the player and our team."

As Hall said, Copley does help the Bronchos in more ways than the usual player. Along with the 305 points she scored (averaging 13.2 points a contest), she also led the team with a 9.7 rebound average and 1.8 blocks a contest. She also had 2.8 steals and 3.8 assists a game. And, of course, Copley's 6-foot-1 frame serves as an intimidation tool against many opponents who think about attacking the basket. She was a Special Mention Class A All-State performer this winter, leading the Bronchos to their first Metro League title and first district crown since the fall of 1993. And, of course, there was that 20-0 regular-season re-

cord. The Bronchos proved to be unbeatable.

"It's like I still can't believe it," Copley said. "Going 20-0 is insane. But we worked hard every day. When you look back at every practice we had, we deserved it. We just worked really hard."

Copley has been a dominant force since her first year with the Holly varsity basketball program her freshman year, but she really started to blossom her sophomore season, earning Tri-County Player of the Year honors for the first time by averaging 12.9 points and 10.0 rebounds a contest. With the attention, Copley saw even more double- and triple-teaming her junior year than her sophomore slate. She still managed to score 11.1 points, grab 10.3 rebounds, block 3.0 shots and steal 3.3 passes a contest. She also averaged 2.1 assists.

And it was probably with her passing that Copley really enhanced her team this season. Frequently connecting with fellow senior Abby Lewandowski, Copley almost doubled her assist average this winter.

"She's just grown as a person and as a leader," Hall said. "I thought this year she did a great job of using her teammates, letting her teammates do things. She didn't try to do everything by herself. Once we started winning, she was OK with not scoring as much in some games."

See **COPLEY** on 17A



photo by Mark Bolen

ALL TRI-COUNTY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Player of the Year Allyssa Copley Class Senior • Team Holly Comment: For a third straight year, Copley is our Player of the Year. It was an easy choice. She helped lead the Bronchos to a Metro title, a district crown and a 20-0 regular season. She did it by scoring 305 points and averaging 9.7 rebounds, 3.8 assists, 2.8 steals and 1.8 blocks a contest. Note: The players on the team and the Player of the Year were selected by the sports staff.	Rest of first team Hannah Evo Kaitlyn Smith Sophia Sahouri Alyssa Logie Abby Lewandowski Taylor Smith Jordan Newman	Grade Senior Sophomore Senior Senior Senior Sophomore Senior	School Fenton Holly Lake Fenton Linden Holly Linden Lake Fenton
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"Bottom line, she wants to win and wants to help her team win."

Copley thought her mental strength was an area she improved this season.

"I kept my composure better than I have the last few years," Copley said. "That was a big thing I worked on this year and I felt I was more composed. I worked hard on my leadership role."

And now Copley prepares for her next venture on the basketball court. She'll be playing Division 1 women's basketball at Cleveland State. The last Holly girls player to play Division 1 hoops was Marva (Fuller) Hanks. She played for the Bronchos from 1981 until 1983, leading Holly to an undefeated 14-0 Metro season in 1983. Hanks eventually went to the University of Iowa.

"When I got down there I felt like I was already part of the team," Copley said. "They welcomed me in. They have great academics there. They have what I want to study and I really felt like there was a good connection with the coaches there. That was my really big thing. I wanted to be connected with the coaches."

With four dominating years at Holly, Copley's name has become more than a household one in the newspaper or the Internet. She's got some serious face recognition.

"It started last year. People would come up to me and say 'Great game yesterday' and I wouldn't know who it was," Copley said. "I play it off and say 'Yeah.' Once someone came to my mom in Walmart and (complimented Copley's play). But I really enjoy it when the little kids say stuff. When they say you play well it's a cool feeling."

It seems children have a soft spot in Copley's heart. She continues to work with Holly's youth in the sport. She also helps teach in a fifth-grade class during the week.

"When we went 20-0, the kids had a big sign saying 'Congratulations Allyssa,' and had pictures from the newspaper," Copley said. "I have it hanging in my room. I feel like we can impact the life of kids more than kids my age because we are set in our ways. We can point the younger kids down the road and help them."

It seems Copley is destined to always help someone in her future, whether it be on a basketball court or in other areas of life. Hall believes that to be the case. He recognizes Copley's great heart.

"Her legacy is not done, and it's not done here," Hall said. "And if she never plays college basketball her legacy isn't completed. She's a wonderful person and basketball won't be her biggest legacy. She'll be known more than as a Holly basketball player. She's going to make an impact as an adult, as a parent and as a grand parent. Her best years are ahead of her and basketball is just a small part of what she is."

That means her legacy is going to be considerably large because her basketball legacy will be long-lasting.

Owsley headed to World Games

►Linden student is only Michigan member on U.S. cheerleading squad

By David Troppens

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Madison Owsley recently found out one never knows when opportunity is going to strike.

The Linden student was competing in a cheer competition at the Birch Run Expo Center when she was spotted by Debra Downey, coach of the Team USA Cheerleading squad at the 2014 United World Games being held in Austria's 2008 EURO Stadium.

"I was involved at a cheer competition at the Birch Run Expo Center. A couple of weeks later I got an email from the coach saying she wanted me to try out for the team," Owsley said. "She told me it was late notice. I had three weeks to get all the routines down and send a video to her. A week later she told me I made the team."

Owsley, a member of Linden's varsity competitive cheer team, is the only Michigan participant on a squad of about 35 athletes on Team USA's cheer squad. About 1,000 tried out through videos.

"I was a little shocked I made it," Owsley said.

"It was a little nerve biting."

The United World Games is a European youth sporting event that attracts thousands of athletes from all around the world. Athletes come from more than 30 countries to compete for four days (starting on June 19) in many sports, including events like soccer, handball, field hockey and competitive cheer.

Owsley competes with the Davison-based SSGA Panthers in competitive cheer and also works out at Phoenix Gymnastics.

The squad will meet for about a week prior to the event to work on their 2-minute, 30-second routine they'll perform while at the games. The routine will include tumbling, stunting and dance. Of course, there's going to be some squad introductions as well since most of the teammates won't know each other prior to the event.

"It's going to be a little nerve racking," Owsley said. "I'll be working with people I don't know from different states. But I feel I'll get close to them and we'll do well."

Owsley has been cheering for about 14 years.

"I love meeting new people, trying different stuff, stunts and skills every day," Owsley said.

"I enjoy having fun in practice and doing what I can."

The family is hoping to get some sponsors for the expense of travelling to the competition. Owsley's mom, Collette, can be emailed at cowlsey65@live.com.

"I'm proud to represent the United States," Owsley said.

"I've been at SSGA and some of (the people) are like 'We have a professional cheerleader on the team.' They are excited about it. It makes me feel more important than just being a cheerleader on the mat for 2:30."



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Linden's Madison Owsley does a routine with one of her cheer squads during a recent competition. Owsley will be a part of the Team USA cheerleading squad at the 2014 United World Games being held in Austria.

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Fenton Vision Center

►Leads the way in local optometry

By Sally Rummel

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Keep your eyes on the Fenton Vision Center. They continue to be the leader in style, technology and medical advances in the practice of optometry in the tri-county area.

The Fenton Vision Center offices of Dr. Juan Alvarado, O.D., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry and Dr. Cynthia L. Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry, are located at 212 W. Silver Lake Rd., in the heart of downtown Fenton. "Our patients and staff love our location," said Alvarado. "We're in the cultural area of the city with shopping and coffee shops. We also have lots of convenient parking."

Their building includes a fashion optical boutique, spacious exam rooms, an on-site optical lab, a conference room for staff training and families of young patients – plus lots of large windows to enjoy the downtown area while waiting for appointments, etc.

Their offices offer not only the latest in technology, but also one of the largest inventories of frames in the tri-county area. Patients will appreciate their high fashion optical area designed after upscale optical boutiques in metro areas.

"Rather than having all of our frame selections out on a counter, they are narrowed down by design and kept in easy access optical drawers," said Alvarado. "Patients coming in to select frames can easily narrow down their frame choice with our new system."

Some of the most in-demand frames include styles by Oakley, Coach, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, Ed Hardy,



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

Fenton Vision Center's move to downtown Fenton last year has created a positive new energy within this local optometry practice.

Harley-Davidson, Juicy Couture and Aframes. There are frame styles to suit just about every taste and budget.

Fenton Vision Center is pleased to have on staff the services of licensed optician Cherie Campbell. "She has been with us for more than 13 years and brings her skill in dispensing glasses and contact lenses as a licensed optician to our patients," said Cupal. "It's rare for a practice to have a licensed professional in this area, and we are very happy that she's part of our team." The staff of Fenton Vision Center includes five employees, in addition

to the husband and wife optometry team of Cupal and Alvarado.

Together, they bring to their patients a high level of practice and specialization. "We're a full service optometry practice for all ages," said Alvarado. "We see patients under age 1 at no cost, so we can test their vision and eye development. Our patients then go through their senior years under our care, treating them for glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes-related vision issues and more."

Cupal's specialization in the diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma brings many patients from the Kellogg Eye Institute at University of Michigan for close monitoring at Fenton Vision Center. "We get referrals from the Kellogg Eye Institute at U-M Hospital to monitor the surgical success of patients who live in our area. We take this work very seriously." Cupal had practiced for five years at Bascom-Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida and five years at the Kellogg Eye Institute before coming home to the Fenton area to open the practice in 2001.

Fenton Vision Center is also proud to specialize in vision therapy and low vision, offering vision help to all ages. They're committed to providing the latest in technology so that vision impairment, eye injuries and diseases of the eye can be detected and treated early.

Their latest equipment is a new Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) machine, which helps the doctors see how well the eye is communicating with the brain — in patients as young as 6 months. "It's like an EKG or EEG for the eyes," said Alvarado.

Both Cupal and Alvarado are passionate about the importance of nutrition and eye health and are pleased to have been accepted as members of the Ocular Nutrition Society — a very strict group of doctors of optometry and ophthalmology that study nutrition as it relates to the eyes. "Your eyes tell a lot about your overall health," said Cupal.

For more information, call (810) 629-3070 or visit fentonvision.com.

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— Dr. Juan Alvarado, O.D., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry
Fenton Vision Center



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Husband and wife optometry team Dr. Juan Alvarado, O.D., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry and Dr. Cynthia L. Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.O., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry, bring a high level of practice and specialization to their patients.

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Council considers five Charter amendments

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Holly — Council members will have until May 13 to consider amending five Holly Charter amendments, per the recommendations of the Charter and Ordinance Review Committee.

Charter and Ordinance Review Committee Chairman, Chris Rankin explained the committee's recommendation during the March 25 Holly Village Council meeting.

Of the five proposed amendments, Rankin said the first, Section 4.1, would lower the eligibility age of council members from the current 21-year age requirement to 18. Additionally, Rankin said the committee recommended striking section 5.3, which requires that the village hold a regular March election in each numbered year, as well as section 6.4 which requires the village to establish a health officer.

"We are recommending that we delete the section that council is required to establish a health officer — we don't have

a need for a health officer," Rankin said. "And we're recommending that council delete the section which requires us to hold a regular election in March because we've been doing our regular elections — piggybacking off the November elections for several years now."



Chris Rankin

Rankin said the committee recommended amending section 6.5, which calls for two meetings per month, and instead pairing back to one meeting per month in November and December to allow for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Additionally, the committee recommended amending section 8.2, which requires department heads to submit itemized estimates of expenditures for the next fiscal year to the first Monday in March instead of April. By moving it up a month, Rankin said village officials will have more time to review the information before formally discussing the budget at the first meeting May.

Council will take the next 30 days to mull over the suggested amendments before voting on it at the May 13 meeting.

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By: Dr. Steven Sulfaro

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FAMILY

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year settling into a family routine, which involved monthly checkups at Sloan Kettering in New York. This young couple even began to contemplate their future with the birth of a second daughter, Sophia, on Dec. 11, 2013.

Both the Starrs and Ward families in Linden rejoiced with their children and new granddaughter, until Jan. 12 of this year when their world came crashing down on them once again. While getting ready for Bella's next checkup in New York, she woke up that Sunday morning unable to walk.

"We rushed her to C. S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, where we discovered that Bella's cancer had developed into a more rare version, called trilateral retinoblastoma," said Andrea.

With trilateral retinoblastoma, tumors are also seen in the pineal gland within the brain. In Bella's case, a large pineal tumor was found, as well as metastasis throughout the entire spinal cord.

The tumor in the spine grew to the point where it compressed her spinal cord in the thoracic region, affecting her sensory and motor nerves in her lower body."

Doctors are using radiation and chemotherapy to fight these tumors. She completed 19 days of radiation to the brain and spinal cord. After that, a very aggressive experimental chemotherapy protocol is being used with Bella.

Bella has completed the first of five rounds of chemotherapy and doctors are waiting for her white blood cell counts to improve to start the next round. The rounds are scheduled to be every three weeks, however there have been frequent delays due to the chemotherapy reducing the blood counts to such low levels. "We'll probably complete this protocol in late June or early July," said Scott.

Bella is currently paralyzed from the waist down. The combination of radiation, chemotherapy and lower limb paralysis have taken their toll, "but Bella is still fighting strong," said Andrea. "It's uncertain if she will regain any function. We are still holding onto hope and praying for a miracle."

These young parents are staying with Bella every moment she's in the hospital, typically while she's undergoing che-

motherapy, but also at other times when she's had to be hospitalized for low blood counts or because she didn't feel well enough to eat or drink.

"We stay right in the room with her and we don't leave her side," said Andrea. "Bella is a brave little warrior." Scott has been off work since January and has recently tried to start working when he can, as an Account Manager at Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy in Flint.

Sister Sophia, now 3 months old, comes to visit Bella every other day when she's in the hospital, providing much needed bonding time with her sister and parents. "Sophia is doing great, but it's difficult for us to have to be away from

her and missing the first few months of her life," admitted Andrea.

Meanwhile, back at home in Linden the Wards are staying with Andrea's parents, Pat and Suzanne Starrs, while they wait for their house to sell in Kalamazoo. Both sets of grandparents, including Scott's parents, Scott and Sue Ward of Linden, and

many aunts and uncles take turns caring daily for Sophia. Andrea's older sister, Maria, has quit her traveling job to be able to babysit her niece.

The most challenging part of this disease has been watching Bella go through all of this. "It's also difficult dealing with the uncertainty of the outcome," said Scott. Andrea and Scott have been vigilant with Sophia, who gets dilated eye exams every six weeks to make sure she is in the clear. They have all been genetically tested and Bella is the only one who carries the spontaneous mutation.



Bella kisses her newborn sister, Sophia, in this professional photo taken last December.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
VOTED ON THIS WEEK

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy provides a weekly report of how local elected officials in Michigan have voted and on what topics. This report was released Friday, March 21.

House Bill 5274: Preempt locals from restricting CO2 pipelines. To expand the law that gives the state Public Service Commission authority to regulate oil and gas pipelines so it also applies to pipelines carrying carbon dioxide used in hydrocarbon "enhanced recovery" operations. This law preempts local governments from restricting pipelines in their jurisdiction. This is related to House Bill 4885, which would cut the tax on oil and gas extracted using enhanced recovery. Introduced by Rep. Peter Pettalia (R).

Passed 25 to 13 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted:
☐ YES ☒ NO

House Bill 4885: Cut tax on oil and gas from "enhanced recovery." To reduce the "severance tax" or royalty paid to the state on oil and gas extracted from state land to 4 percent for hydrocarbons extracted using "enhanced recovery" technology, which injects carbon dioxide into wells to extract more product (this is different from hydraulic fracturing). Introduced by Rep. Aric Nesbitt (R).

Passed 25 to 13 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted:
☐ YES ☒ NO

House Bill 5255: Authorize eminent domain for oil well CO2 pipelines. To extend the state law authorizing eminent domain takings for gas, oil and other pipeline easements, so it also includes pipelines carrying carbon dioxide used to produce hydrocarbons in secondary or "enhanced recovery" operations. Introduced by Rep. Thomas Stallworth III (D).

Passed 25 to 13 in the Senate
Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County voted:
☐ YES ☒ NO

House Bill 4369: Codify "education achievement authority" for failed schools. To codify in statute the authority of a state "education achievement authority," which is an office tasked with reforming public schools whose performance is in the bottom 5 percent for two consecutive years. Not more than 50 schools could eventually be subject to this office's authority (phased in through June 2017), and their management could be transferred to a charter school or another conventional school district. Alternatively, the local intermediate school district could choose to take over a failed school's management. Introduced by Rep. Lisa Lyons (R).

Passed 56 to 54 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4593: Expand scrap metal regulatory regime. To expand a scrap metal dealer regulatory regime, among other things imposing restrictions on the form of payment a dealer could use to purchase "scrapped" catalytic converters, air conditioners and stripped copper wire from individuals. Payment in cash would be prohibited, and payments greater than \$25 would have to be sent by mail to the seller's address as indicated on valid form of identification. If the scrap metal industry creates a real time database of each purchase, some payment restrictions would be less stringent for dealers who use it. The bill would also require dealers to keep specified records of sellers, purchased items, and more. Introduced by Rep. Paul Muxlow (R).

Passed 98 to 12 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4001: Limit FOIA charges, increase FOIA scofflaw penalties. To limit the amount a government body may charge to fulfill a Freedom of Information Act open records request. Among other things, the bill would prohibit charging for the benefits of the employee who does the work, or for "overhead." The charge for standard size copies could not exceed 10 cents per page, periodically adjusted for inflation. FOIA requestors would have to be given an itemized list of the costs. The penalty for wrongfully denying a request would increase from \$500 to \$2,000 (and up to \$7,500 if this is "willful and intentional"), and \$1,000 for charging excessive fees. Introduced by Rep. Mike Shirkey (R).

Passed 77 to 8 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5380: Establish delegate selection process for balanced budget proposal. To provide a process for the choosing delegates to a possible "Article V" U.S. balanced budget amendment convention of the states, as called for by Senate Joint Resolution V. The bill authorizes the legislature to appoint delegates, as opposed to electing the, and prescribe the powers and duties of those delegates. Introduced by Rep. Ray Franz (R).

Passed 62 to 47 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Joint Resolution V, Call for U.S. balanced budget amendment convention. To submit an application to Congress calling for a "convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution," limited to proposing an amendment that prohibits the federal government from spending more in any fiscal year than it collects in tax and other revenue (balanced budget amendment). Legislatures representing two-thirds of the states must request this to get a convention, and three-quarters of the states must approve any amendment proposed by an "Article V" convention for it to become part of the constitution. The resolution names 17 states that have submitted applications. Introduced by Sen. Michael Green (R).

Passed 77 to 32 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:
☒ YES ☐ NO

Fenton wins Community Excellence Award



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fenton earned top honors as the Michigan Municipal League's Region 1 Community Excellence Award (CEA) winner at the League's 2014 Capital Conference in Lansing on March 18. The city won for its part in the restoration of the old fire hall into a restaurant. The city and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) worked with a nationally recognized restaurant group on the successful project. "It's fantastic for our community to win this award," said Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn. The Fenton project will now go on to compete against the other six regional winners for the statewide CEA title at the League's Annual Convention Oct. 14-17 in Marquette.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MAYOR OSBORN, YOUR library is used by 32 percent Fenton city residents, 26 percent Fenton Township residents and 12 percent Tyrone Township residents. That's 70 percent. Who are the other 30 percent? Also, Fenton Township residents already support the city of Linden's library through the millage.

WHY IS IT when some teenagers or young adults encourage friends to ignore all parental guidance and are willing to

lead them on a path of self destructive behavior are never around to help clean up the damage or God forbid, bury them?

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SEMINARY**Continued from Front Page**

building exposed. The city of Fenton has designated the area as an imminent danger, forbidding anyone to come near the deteriorating structure.

"I don't want to take it down but it's too far gone," Hissong said. "I've let Genesee County know if they get it, they'll have to take care of it right away. We don't want it to fall and hurt someone."

Hissong attributes much of the building's current condition to the owner, adding, "Further deterioration will wreck it beyond repair."

Penny Crane, who owns the seminary, said she has attempted to repair it since 1995. She believes Hissong and city officials have done everything they can to keep her from restoring the historic site.

"You cannot believe the fiasco it turned into," said Crane, whose home behind the seminary was condemned by the city after a basement fire this past winter. Crane lived in a mobile home on the property for part of the winter in hopes of still being able to renovate the seminary. Crane alleges she left Fenton because of harassment from Hissong.

"This has been terrible, I have no home,



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

Walls and floors of the Fenton seminary are deteriorating, prompting city officials to mark it as an imminent danger.

I have nothing," Crane said. "It's so dirty and sneaky how the city has played this out. I knew they were going to get me but I didn't know it would be this way."

The front eastern wall of the seminary collapsed Nov. 18 when high winds and stormy weather ripped through the area. Crane said along with the winds, the seminary's washed out foundation contributed to the walls falling. A month later, a corner of the seminary blew out, leading to further deterioration.

The past winter has been enough for Crane, who said she's giving up on restoring the seminary.

"I'll be dead and gone and two generations later, that building could still be there," Crane said. "You could rebuild it, you could get the community behind it. They could raise the money for it if they wanted to, but they want the land so they won't."

In addition to owing back taxes, Crane discovered the man she was paying for a land contract on the seminary doesn't have the deed to the property, further weakening her ability to defend the building.

Hissong estimates demolishing the seminary would cost around \$20,000 and is hoping a grant will cover the demolition.

Built in 1868, the seminary served as a school for Baptist ministers. By 1886 it became a retired home for Baptist priests and their wives. The mammoth structure was retrofitted into apartments between 1935 and 1945 and then as a learning center for kids in the late '40s. The stone giant served as a home for the elderly in the '50s before becoming uninhabited.



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The seminary, located on High Street in Fenton, has been closed to the public for years.

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STREETSCAPE

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Second and Elizabeth streets, completely replacing the street surface, curbs, drains, and sidewalks, and add new street furniture — benches, trash receptacles and bike racks, fundamentally altering downtown Fenton.

But at both the Fenton City Council and Downtown Development Authority meetings this week, assistant city manager Mike Burns reported the facts: the process to get the \$1.7 million in federal money for the streetscape project is stalled in process, and therefore, so is the project as a whole.

In 2013, the project was delayed because the city chose to wait for \$1.7 million in federal funds, which would pay for around 40 percent of the total \$4.8 million. Last year, “it made sense to do,” said Burns. “This is different.”

This year, Burns and City Manager Lynn Markland followed the instructions from The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), submitting their plans to Genesee County for an April construction start, late 2015.

The plan was submitted under a Transportation Improvement Plan, along with several other projects in the county, which Genesee County compiled, inspected, and sent on to MDOT as a whole.

Markland was told that the county sent the plans to MDOT on time, but MDOT sent the plans to the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) late. The FHA shut down with the rest of the federal government in October, causing the current delay.

The city could use its own funds and begin construction this spring, but this would extend the construction through two seasons, as the rest of project waits for funding. Two seasons is not something through which the city wants to drag businesses, and residents.

Today, the best case scenario is to start in early May, and be nearly finished by November, when the weather changes and asphalt plants shut down.

The streetscape project is among the Fenton Fire Hall, library and community center in DDA projects.

Markland said that projects like this are long lasting investments — even the trash receptacles are chosen carefully, and are expected to be part of the community for a long time.

Communities like Farmington and Rochester have done streetscape projects recently.

Markland hopes to hear from the FHA in the next couple weeks — this will decide if Fenton’s biggest project can get underway this year.

“We really don’t want to have the downtown area shut down for two construction seasons.”

Lynn Markland
Manager, city of Fenton

Car hauler fire



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

At 11 a.m. Thursday, Fenton Township Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire at the exit ramp from northbound U.S. 23 to Thompson Road. Reportedly, the brakes of a semi car hauler caught fire, and the fire spread to vehicles it was carrying. The fire department shut down northbound U.S. 23 at Silver Lake Road and motorists were forced to exit the highway. Fire departments from Fenton and Mundy Township assisted through mutual aid. **See video online.**

Social News

BIRTHS



Liliana and Luciano Pedrotti

Stephen and Rebecca Pedrotti Jr. of Linden are excited to announce the birth of their twins Liliana (Lily) Grace and Luciano (Leo) Mason. They were born August 31, 2013 at Genesys hospital at 12:29 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. They weighed 5lbs, and 5lbs, 8 ounces, and were 17 inches and 19 inches long respectively. Proud grandparents are Steve and Barb Pedrotti, Steve and Kathleen Atkinson and great-grandma Marcy Dennert.

Sean Michael Minnick

Sean Michael Minnick was born Jan. 14, 2014 at Hurley Medical Center weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and 19 inches long. Proud parents are Mike and Janell of Holly. He joins his big brother Duncan.



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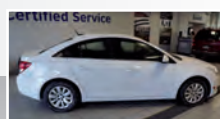
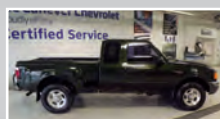
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SECTION B

Born to lead

► One Guide Dog Team costs \$37,000 to train and graduate

By Sally Rummel

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Kim Verhelle, 57, has been legally blind since birth, but that hasn't stopped her from being independent, having her own career, marriage and children.

Guiding her in the steps of life is Fenway, a 2-year-old black lab who's her Leader Dog and constant companion. "Having Fenway has made me much more independent," said Verhelle, of Tyrone Township. "I take him with me on the bus for appointments. We navigate downtown Fenton together. We'll be going on a plane for the first time this August, flying to Denver to meet my first grandchild."

Fenway is one of 200 dogs placed every year through the doors of Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills. This facility is one of the three largest of 10 Leader Dog organizations in the U.S. "We have people who come here from Canada, Spain, Mexico and Brazil to get

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Guide Dog mobility instructor Christie Bane (left) with Lincoln, waits with apprentice Rebbie Radke and Baxter in downtown Rochester Thursday morning. These dogs are only a few weeks from being full-fledged Leader Dogs. (Below) Kim Verhelle walks Fenway around a Fenton clinic parking lot waiting for her ride on Wednesday.

How much does it cost?

• It costs about \$37,000 to graduate a Guide Dog Team through training, on campus living, etc. Leader Dogs pays all the expenses, even airfare.

• 80 percent of funds — individual donations, corporate donors, grants.

• 20 percent of funds — from donations made by Lions Clubs.

"We make a donation every year at 'Big D Night' in November," said Melanie Hein of the Fenton Lions Club. "All the district clubs get together for a special evening at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills. We have tours, dinner, and we present them with a check."

Tips when meeting a visually impaired person and/or their Guide Dog:

- **Always interact** with the person and not the dog.
- **A person** who is blind wants to be treated the same as anyone else. Talk to him or her as you would talk to your friends.
- **Ask the** person before you give help; he or she may not need it.
- **A person** should never take hold of the Leader Dog or the harness. This can confuse the dog and may startle the person.
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Source: Leader Dogs for the Blind



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LEADER DOGS

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their dogs,” said Rachelle Kniffen, director of communications and marketing.

In order to qualify for a Leader Dog, a person must be legally blind, age 16 or older, physically able to work with and care for a dog, and not in a wheelchair.

“A person has to be able to walk beside their dog, and have good orientation and mobility skills,” said Kniffen. “They need to know how to get around well with a white cane. We offer a week-long program that can help people with orientation and mobility issues so that they may be able to qualify for a dog. We’re the only ones in the U.S. to have such a program.”

Most Leader Dogs are Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds. “We have our own breeding program here,” said Kniffen. “Right now, we have about 100 breeding stock dogs, who live with volunteers.”

“This is our seventh litter,” said Kristen Harmon of Rose Township, a breeding stock host home for Leader Dogs. “Our Lab, Raven, had a litter of puppies four weeks ago. Raven stays with us all the time, and when she’s in heat, she goes to Leader Dog for two weeks to be bred. We’ll keep the puppies ‘til they’re 6 weeks old, then take them to Leader Dog for vet checks. From there, they’ll live

“The average Leader Dog works for about eight years, then retires.”

Rachelle Kniffen
Leader Dogs for the Blind



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A Leader Dog-in-training navigates a Rochester sidewalk course with a trainer, and a client. Together, client and Leader Dog become a guide dog team.

with Leader Dog volunteer puppy-raising families for about a year.”

Puppy-raising families pay for their Future Leader Dog’s food and veterinary care (unless they live close enough to Leader Dogs in Rochester). “We provide a few toys and a leash,” said Kniffen. Families teach the basics of obedience, like “come,” “sit,”

Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills is celebrating its 75th year in 2014 with an Open House on Saturday, May 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.

“stay” and must be housebroken.

“We also like families to work with them on socializing skills, because Leader

Dogs are out in the public,” said Kniffen. Puppies wear a blue bandana with Future Leader Dog written on it. “Business owners aren’t required by the American Disabilities Act to let a Future Leader Dog into their place of business, but most are very accommodating.”

Once puppies are 12 to 14 months old, they return to Rochester Hills for a four-month on-campus training program. “They live here in our kennel and train with our instructors,” said Kniffen. After four months, they spend a month living on campus with the blind person they have been matched with, for training as a Guide Dog Team.

Then the duo faces the sighted world together, navigating travel, appointments, shopping, work, etc. Once they’re back home, the Leader Dog harness comes off, and he or she can be just a companion or pet.

“I’m also a proud member of the Fenton Lions Club.”

Kim Verhelle
Legally blind owner
of a Leader Dog

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I LOVED THE Hot line blaming President Obama for not using his executive power to fix the price of gas. At least a few people are starting to understand what capitalism is.

WHY DOESN'T THE Fenton school board wait until the August or November election for the bond? Voter turnout will likely be higher. Taxpayer dollars saved (from paying for multiple special elections) could be put toward buses and technology. Every little bit counts. Thanks!

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BP confirms Lake Michigan oil spill

►Officials won't know impact on drinking water for several days

By Amy Mayhew

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It's bad news for Lake Michigan after a BP refinery in Whiting, Ind., confirmed that an undetermined amount of crude oil spilled into the lake on Monday. A spokesperson for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management said the leak was repaired early Tuesday morning.

The source of drinking water to some 7 million people in and around the Chicago area, the effect of the spill won't be determined for several days.

Tuesday night, personnel from the Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Chicago and the Environmental Protection Agency determined that an area of about 5,000 square feet was covered in crude oil. A Coast Guard helicopter crew conducted an overflight of the scene and did not report any sheen or pockets of oil beyond the refinery.

BP spokesperson, Scott Dean said his company laid booms on the water in an attempt to keep the oil from spreading beyond a cove between the refinery's wastewater treatment plant and an Arcelor Mittal steel mill. Winds pushed the oil slick toward shore, while freezing temperatures caused some of the oil to harden into a waxy consistency, which makes it easier to collect, Dean said. Crews used vacuum trucks to suck

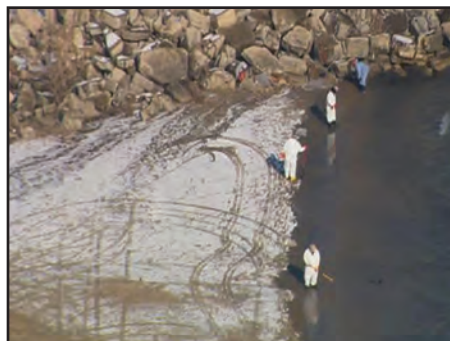
up any liquid oil that washed ashore.

The failure occurred in the refinery's biggest distillation unit — a unit that recently endured a \$4 billion renovation to handle more of the heavy Canadian oil brought in from Alberta. Dean said the unit has already resumed operations, and performs one of the first steps in refining crude oil into gas and other fuels. BP said a mixture of heavy and light oil somehow leaked into a sealed cooling system that circulates water between Lake Michigan and the refinery. Oil is never supposed to come in direct contact with the cooling water.

Sen. Carl Levin said in a statement Tuesday, "We are fortunate that the spill appears to have been quickly contained, but I will continue to monitor developments to ensure that the cleanup is rapid and complete."

"This incident underscores the importance of vigilance in protecting our Great Lakes from oil spills."

— Carl Levin
Senator for the State of Michigan



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Your upcoming utility bill should be in the mail to you this week. You may notice an increase in the overall bill, specifically in the Sewer County (SC) charge. This is due to an increase in the sanitary sewer fees the City has received from Genesee County.

In December the Genesee County Drain Commission Division of Water and Waste Services (GDCWWS) raised their Readiness to Serve charge from \$8.85 per quarter/per meter to \$18.30 per quarter/per REU. This charge is figured into the SC charge on the bill.

The GDCWWS also made a change in how they bill for that charge. In the past this Readiness to Serve charge was done on a per meter basis. Now the GDCWWS is charging this on a per residential equivalency unit (REU) basis. This change to the way they charge will have a slight effect on a single family residence.

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streettalk

Are you a cat or dog person?



"Dog. I have three of them although I do like cats too."

— Mike Stanley
Linden



"Dog because I have one. She is a lab mix."

— Jennifer Johnson
Linden



"I am a kitty person. My cat is amusing to watch. She makes us laugh."

— Joyce Langdon
Linden



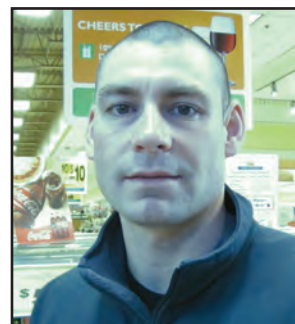
"Cat. They are less maintenance than dogs."

— Phil Sweeney
Fenton Township



"Dog. They have more personality than cats and cats are smelly."

— Michelle Gollan
Fenton Township

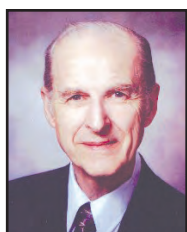


"Dogs because I grew up with them in my house."

— Grant Topik
Fenton

Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



Needed: a truce in the worship wars

What's the primary cause of dissension in churches today? New styles of worship. And this is especially true relating to music. At one time, orders of worship in most churches were marked by sameness: singing hymns, Bible readings, prayer, an offering, a sermon, sometimes followed by an altar call and a benediction.

Then the worship revolution arrived. This development, for the most part, rejected congregational singing not addressed to God. Songs or hymns about God or His work in our lives began to be spurned as not worshipful, giving birth to the writing and singing of praise choruses, many of which are truly great expressions of worship.

Why has this created a problem? While singing praise choruses exclusively and focusing on a fresh way to worship has brought new life to some churches, it had divided others into groups with conflicting tastes in music and built barriers between members, often according to age. Many churches once known for their growth, love and unity, have become divided and attendance has dwindled due to continuing

worship wars.

Have churches ever gone through changes in worship music before? Yes. At one time, congregations worshipped by singing Psalms. Moves to change this pattern met with opposition but were finally successful, ushering in an era of singing what we now call the great hymns of the faith.

Paul's call on music stressed the need of great variety and heartfelt singing. In his words, church music was to include Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs that enabled those in the congregations to make melody in their hearts to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19). He recommended blended church services that had no age barriers.

People who love one another can learn to appreciate a broader range of lyrics, beat and style. Focusing on the use of worship music recommended in the Bible should enable people of all ages to call a truce on preferences and be united in love.

As to the need of a truce on volume, consider the advice of two respected ministers of the past. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church, said, 'Sing lustily and of a good courage. Beware of singing as if you are half dead or half asleep but lift up your voice with strength.' And more than a century ago, the still highly regarded English minister, Charles Spurgeon, established the following parameters for music in his church that would end most worship wars today: 'No chorus is too loud, no orchestra too large, no Psalm to lofty for praising the Lord.'

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

HOT LINE CONTINUED

WILL SOMEONE PLEASE call or email Al Gore and have him fire up his carbon belching jet — and do a Global Warming Reset (like Hillary and Obama's Russian Reset). We need some warm weather folks — give him a call or email.

THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE will carry Canadian oil to the Gulf so it can be shipped to China. How does that profit America?

I WISH TO thank the three young people who saved me from my car. You are truly kind and gracious people.

IT'S GOING TO be fun to watch The Masters in two weeks. We all know Woods will be playing and his back will make a miraculous recovery. We'll see if his game comes back.

WE'RE LUCKY WE'RE such a great nation since we have a wimp for a president. He can't do a lot of things right but he sure seems to do a lot of things wrong.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES it make if they release Obama's college records? He's been president for six years and going to college isn't a requirement for presidency.

TO THE GUY who doesn't like college-educated crazies: just because you have your head in the sand doesn't mean you're right.

COMMON SENSE MAKES more sense than anything else. If you don't have any common sense, you don't have anything else.

I DEMAND TO know why we sugarcoat the word homosexual and call it 'gay,' 'lesbian' or 'same sex.' I think they know

that there's something wrong with it or they wouldn't sugarcoat it. It's sin.

SO NOW SOMEONE is blaming the poor roads not on the semis but the union's poorly constructed roads? I thought the UAW wanted heavier loads so they could be competitive.

I WAS JUST wondering if anyone noticed that the states with the best job growth are all run by Republican governors. Just wanted to point that out.

IF ANYONE HAS a car they want to get rid of, they can put it in one of these holes down on McCaslin Lake Road.

HERE'S WHAT THE city could do to make Fenton look a little nicer without costing us too much money: take the Christmas garlands down, it's almost April.

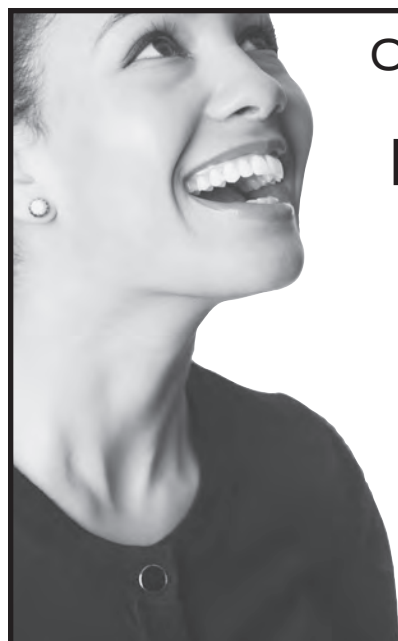
TO THE GOSSIPING neighbor who talks about me to the postal worker: stop it.

THIS IS TO the Hot liner who asked why so many affluent kids qualify for free lunches: it's part of Obama's plan to spread the government motherhood and anyone who wants to eat will have to vote for him and his liberal policies.

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VERLANDER'S OPENING DAY RECORD

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2009	W
2010	W
2011	W
2012	W
2013	W



Justin Verlander's

7th

consecutive
Opening Day start

Justin Verlander's seventh consecutive Opening Day start is also a fresh start. He talked in Spring Training about wanting to put his 2013 struggles behind him and make mechanical adjustments, helped in part by his health.

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MEMORABLE OPENING DAY PITCHERS



Jack Morris Most Opening Day starts for the Tigers

Armed with a fastball, a slider, and a forkball, Morris was a five-time All-Star, and played on four World Series Championship teams. While he gave up the most hits, most earned runs, and most home runs of any pitcher in the 1980s, he also started the most games, pitched the most innings, and had the most wins of any pitcher in that decade. Morris tied MLB record with 14 consecutive opening day starts, 11 of which were with the Detroit Tigers.



Jim Bunning Opening Day pitcher, later politician

Jim Bunning, who made four Opening Day starts (1958, 1959, 1961 and 1963) for the Tigers was later elected to the United States Senate. Bunning became the second pitcher to record 100 wins and 1,000 strikeouts in both the American and National Leagues. When Bunning retired, he had the second-highest total of career strikeouts in Major League history. He also threw no-hitters in both leagues, including a perfect game on Father's Day 1964.



Dennis McLain Opening Day pitcher, later felon

Dennis McLain, who made two Opening Day starts (1967 and 1969) for the Tigers, was later convicted of embezzlement. McLain won the American League Cy Young Award in 1968 and again in 1969, before being suspended at the beginning of the 1970 season on suspicion of gambling. His career in the majors officially ended in 1972. McLain served prison time for federal racketeering in the mid-80s, and again a decade later for money laundering.

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MEMORABLE OPENING DAY MOMENTS

April 25, 1901

First Opening Day: Greatest single game comeback in team, and baseball, history

Detroit trailed 13-4 entering the ninth inning. The remaining fans were about to witness the greatest comeback in team history. Detroit's offense combined with poor Milwaukee defense cut the lead to a single run. With two on and two out, Pop Dillon doubled off relief pitcher Bert Husting to win the game for the Tigers 14-13.

April 7, 1986

Earliest possible home run in an MLB season

Opening Day at Tiger Stadium, Dwight Evans hit a home run for the Boston Red Sox on the first pitch of the Opening Day game, for the earliest possible home run in an MLB season (in terms of innings and at bats, not dates). No player had ever homered on a season's first pitch before. That pitch was thrown by Detroit Tiger Jack Morris.

April 4, 2005

Three home runs on Opening Day

Dmitri Young of the Detroit Tigers hit three home runs in the home opener against the Kansas City Royals. Speaking of the Royals, George Bell of the Toronto Blue Jays was the first player in major league history to hit three home runs on Opening Day, he accomplished the feat against the Kansas City Royals in 1988.

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Home Opener Weather History

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Home Opener - March 31, 2014

Tiger's Opening Day Record

62 wins | 50 losses | 1 tie

Home Opener impact on Tiger's World Series appearance

The Tigers have played in the World Series 11 times, with wins in four of those: 1935, 1945, 1968 and 1984. The Tigers won five of those Opening Day games and lost the other six. The 1984 season was the only year the Detroit Tigers won the Home Opener and World Series.

Opening Day & World Series Record

Year	Opening Day	World Series
1907	W	L
1908	L	L
1909	W	L
1934	W	L
1935	L	W
1940	L	L
1945	L	W
1968	L	W
1984	W	W
2006	L	L
2012	W	L



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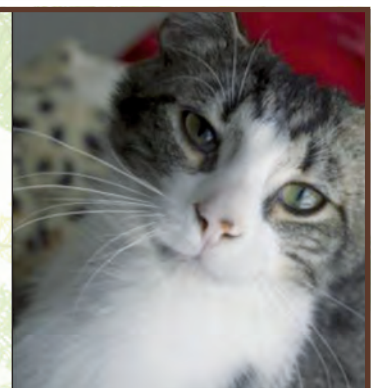
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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 19, 2014 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Approved: Consent Agenda.

No Action: NO HAZ Consortium.

No Action: Rose Hill Request to Change Name of Mud Lake.

Postponed: Tri-Party Program.

Approved: Holly Academy 5K Walk – Proposed Resolution 2014-02.

Approved: 2014 Dust Control Program.

Approved: Copier Lease.

Approved: Spring Clean Up for May 3, 2014.

Approved: Planning Commissioner Resignation.

Approved: Proposed Code of Ordinance Amendment – Chapter 32 Zoning, Article 32-32 Duties.

Postponed: Holly Area Youth Assistance.

Approved: Winter Services Appreciations – Proposed Resolution 2014-03.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

Dale M. Smith
Holly Township Supervisor

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Double doors open into a richly windowed two-story entry that leads into the hexagonal great room. The circular staircase directly ahead of the entry curves up to a vaulted loft that covers half of the great room and overlooks the other half. Hidden storage lines two loft walls.

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The Village of Holly is seeking a seasonal laborer to work May 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 for the Department of Public Works. Applicants must have the ability to work outside in adverse conditions and be able to lift 50 lbs. Experience with landscape equipment is desirable. A valid driver's license is required with a good driving record. Applicant must pass a drug screen and background check. Interested applicants may obtain an application at Village of Holly Offices, 202 S. Saginaw, Holly, MI 48442. Application deadline is April 30, 2014 or until positions are filled. E.O.E

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Week of March 31, 1973
As determined by Billboard



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2. Also Spach Zarathustra - Deodato
3. Neither One Of Us - Gladys Knight and the Pips
4. Love Train - O'Jays
5. Ain't No Woman - Four Tops
6. Break Up To Make Up - Stylistics
7. Last Song - Edward Bear
8. Daddy's Song - Anne Murray
9. Sing - Carpenters
10. The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia - Vicki Lawrence

KING FEATURES

SuperCrossword

ACROSS

DOWN

1	Symbol before a key signature	52	"... Mac — PC?"	104	"— for Cookie" ("Sesame Street" tune)	4	Publication that's quickly thumbed	44	Give a — (care)	86	Bancroft of "7 Women"
5	Neighbor of Kauai	53	Suffix with schnozz or Motor	105	Awakens	5	Add — (peripherals)	45	Suffix with east	87	Ollas, e.g.
9	Actress Fox	55	"Come again?"	106	Oom- —	6	Bus. rep sort	46	With 62-Down, rotten	89	Ida, neighbor
14	Produces a winter blanket?	56	Brief moment	108	Subjected to severe trials	7	Arrive at, as a solution	47	Dumbbell	92	Casino game
19	Arriving like fog	57	Past proper limits	113	Golf surprise	8	Not masked	49	Extent	94	Ottawa site
21	Prefix with anthropology	64	Ending for opal	114	"Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)	9	Stat of fuel efficiency	50	Handle the helm	96	Quito's land
22	Smith's tool	65	Bring forth	115	Co. offering a Buddy List	10	Gift for music	54	Timmy's TV dog	97	Autograph: Abbr.
23	Out of character	66	Union topic	116	"The Family Circus"	11	One peeking	57	Yogi of baseball	98	Suffix with child
25	Hard up	67	Lower exterior part of a ship's hull	117	Cartoonist Bil	12	Vowel string	58	Inflated head	99	Easter eats
26	Barks in pain	69	L'Oréal rival	120	Shah, e.g.	13	Amateur	59	Lemon-hued	100	"— tu" (Verdi aria)
27	Suffix with meteor	72	"Nothing —"	122	A bit ill	14	Italian Riviera city	60	Be snaky	101	Oktoberfest dances
28	Without face value, as stock	74	Finer in meaning	127	Shah, e.g.	15	Dayton-to-Toledo dir.	61	Sci-fi's Solo	103	Maestro Toscanini
30	Theologian's subj.	76	Taxing work	128	Hen's resting place	16	Way up there in years	62	See 46-Down	106	City of Light
31	Not up on current trends	77	Construction beams with 90-degree angles	129	Remove from a computer	17	Broader	63	Tapered off	107	Lexus rival
36	Take a whack	79	Buenos —, Argentina	130	Arranged for	18	In a foxy way	65	Prefix with diversity	109	"To be — ..."
37	States north of Nebraska	80	Gold, to Julio	131	Spanish for "others"	19	Declaration	68	"— a snap!"	110	Rat-a- —
40	Bauxite, e.g.	81	Loony	132	Challenge for a lab rat	20	Enlarged map details	69	Coagulates	111	Dull
41	Pizazz	85	Drink like Fido	133	"To be," to Tiberius	24	D.C. summer hrs.	70	Lash of Western films	112	Justice Kagan
43	Applying to all	88	S-X linkup			29	Pol Quayle	71	Exempt from regulations	117	Figuring-out shouts
48	Ones going a-courting	90	Woodsy, e.g.			32	Suffix with 58-Down	72	Municipal statute: Abbr.	118	"Little House on the Prairie" shopkeeper
51	Reassuring words after an accident	91	Have unpaid bills			33	"Woo- —!"	73	Banquet liquid holder	119	— Stanley Gardner
		92	Washoe County seat			34	Momentous time	75	Onion or lily	121	Otoscope-wielding doc
		93	"So long"			37	Speech spot	78	Help in crime	123	That, to Tito
		95	Irrelevant			38	Peak	79	Beats (up)	124	ACLU issues: Abbr.
		102	Its capital is Nuku'alofa			39	Ray of fast-food fame	82	Coal carrier	125	Oz musical, with "The"
						42	Punch noise	83	Lea lady?	126	Suffix with propyl
								84	Luau gifts		

ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD MARCH 25, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz, and Cam Gonzalez. Absent Trustee David Walker.
2. Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-10.
4. Discussed the fireworks ordinance.
5. Adjusted the 2013-2014 budget as presented.
6. Adopted the General Appropriation Measure Resolution #140308.
7. Approved the extension of the lawn and cemetery maintenance contract with Murph's Turf for three years.
8. Approved the request of the Supervisor to attend the MATS Spring Conference.
9. Awarded the road chloride contract to Chloride Solutions.
10. Authorized the Supervisor to obtain bids for Hartland Road (area #1) repairs.
11. Authorized payment to the SPARK/Economic Development Council for the third year contract.
12. Authorized the creation of a summer and winter newsletter.
13. Agreed to reject the advanced payment from the county for delinquent taxes.
14. Agreed to extend the due diligence and closing deadlines on the White Lake Rd. property for 60 days with an increased non-refundable deposit of \$18,600.
15. The Treasurer updated the board on the status of the Fenton Sand & Gravel land payments.
16. Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR FENTON AND HARTLAND SCHOOLS TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2014

All electors are hereby given notice that an Election will be held in voting Precincts 2, 3, and 4 of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Electors of the Hartland School District will be voting on the following proposal:

HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
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Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 East Highland Road, Howell, Michigan 48843, telephone: (810) 626-2100.

Electors of the Fenton School District will be voting on the following proposal:

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FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF
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Electors who wish to vote in the May Special Election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2014.

To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk's Office, or the Tyrone Township Clerk's Office. The Tyrone Township Clerk is available for the purpose of receiving registrations at the following location and times:

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William James LaRoy

1957-2014

William James LaRoy - of Baraga, MI, formerly of Fenton, MI, died on Friday, March 21, 2014. He was 56 years old. Bill was born November 3, 1957 in Detroit, son of Ray and Barbara LaRoy. He graduated from Fenton High School in 1976. He lived in the Fenton area for most of his life, and married Linda Kendrick on July 27, 2002. Bill valued the years he spent with his dad operating LaRoy's Seven Lakes Party Store in Holly. He recently retired from the State of Michigan after serving for many years as a corrections officer. He loved the great outdoors, and in 2006 Bill and Linda fulfilled a long-time dream when they moved to Baraga where Bill could hunt and fish to his heart's content. Bill is survived by his wife, Linda; brother Gary and wife Sue; sister Janine; step-daughter Mary Marie Crabb; parents-in-law Viola and Floyd Lidster; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and his beloved dog Gabby and cat Aggie Mae. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Barbara LaRoy; and step-mother Audrey LaRoy. Bill was a Gift of Life organ donor. Memorial contributions can be made to Copper Country Humane Society, 501 Nara Park Rd., Houghton, MI 49931. **Please share your thoughts with the family at www.jacobsonfuneralhome.com.**

Vivian F. Auten 1926-2014

Vivian F. Auten - age 87, of Holly, died Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Memorial services will be held at 2 PM Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at the Halsey United Methodist Church, with Pastor Hal Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Mrs. Auten was born in Holly on April 28, 1926 the daughter of Millard and Mary (Horton) Green. She was a member of the Halsey United Methodist Church for over 40 years and was a member of Topps of Fenton. Her family was the center of her life. She is survived by 3 children, Darlene Ostrom of Holly, Darrel Auten of Nadeau Twp., and Dale (Janice) Auten of Holly; 7 grandchildren, Jim Ostrom, Renee Ostrom, Bill Auten, Amy Mazurek, Andrea Hilton, Katie Auten, and Cody Auten; and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Lloyd "Jim" Auten, daughter Loretta Auten, sister Maxine Beardsley, and brother Ronald Weaver. Memorial donations may be made to the Halsey United Methodist Church or to Medical Team Hospice. **www.dryerfuneralhome-holly.com.**

Steve Creason Sr.,

Steve Creason Sr. - age 51, died March 26, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Helen Hubbard,

Helen Hubbard - age 96, died March 27, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Martin Carrill - age 93, died March 24, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Allen,

Patricia Allen - age 78, died March 22, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Dorothy A. White,

Dorothy A. White - age 86, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2014. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St John the Evangelist in Fenton at 12 PM April 5, 2014 in the chapel. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Frank J. White II. She is survived by six children, Frank White III, Newberry, MI, Patricia Clements, Plymouth, MI, Donna Williams, Alpena, MI, Michael White, Newaygo, MI, James White, Villages, FL, and Phil White, Midlothian, VA; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

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SUNDAY DEADLINES

Display Ads: 3 p.m. Wednesday
Line Ads: Noon Thursday
810-629-8194

Florence Jackson,

Florence Jackson - age 91, died March 22, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Amos Scrivener,

Amos Scrivener - age 83, died March 26, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Oberlin,

Patricia Oberlin - age 73, died March 22, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ronald Grove,

Ronald Grove - age 79, died March 22, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shane Helsene,

Shane Helsene - age 26, died March 23, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Shirley Funch,

Shirley Funch - age 84, died March 23, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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 was held 3 PM Friday, March 28, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 West Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation was held 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, Katarena 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.



Linda Owens,

Linda Owens - formerly of Fenton, passed away on March 21, 2014. She will be deeply missed by her daughter Tina (Anthony) Lopez; son Michael (Kathy) Owens; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sisters; brother; uncle; nieces; nephews; cousins.

Ted Schuler,

Ted Schuler - age 50, died March 25, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



CITY OF FENTON

BRUSH PICKUP

The City of Fenton Department of Public Works will be performing a city-wide brush pickup to clean up the roadsides. This work will begin April 1st and run until April 18th. Residents may place brush neatly in the right-of-way next to the street for pickup. Residents are asked to separate the larger branches and body wood from the smaller branches to help speed up the collection process. Please place all cut ends in the same direction towards the street. We will make a pass on each street. After April 18th residents will need to contact City Hall and make an appointment for brush pickup in accordance to the City's brush chipping program described below.

CITY OF FENTON

BRUSH CHIPPING PROGRAM

The City of Fenton has a residential brush chipping program that runs from the beginning of May through the end of September. This program allows residents to place their brush next to the street on Monday and the City will chip it and haul it away. **You must call into the City Hall to set up an appointment to have your brush chipped. Brush is not chipped unless an appointment is made.** The property owner must place the brush next to the street with the cut ends all in the same direction. We can chip materials up to 12-inches in diameter, with no limit on the length of the brush. You may schedule pickup per property per year. If you have any questions or to schedule a pickup, please call 629-2261.



Teach Siri how to pronounce someone’s name correctly

1. Press and hold down the **Home button** on your iPhone or iPad to activate Siri.
2. Say something that coaxes Siri to incorrectly say the name in question. For example, “What’s my name?” if your name is the one in question.
3. Now tell her she is saying it wrong, but make sure you use her pronunciation. So if your name is Ally and she always says your name as “A lie” you would say “That’s not how you pronounce A Lie.”
4. Siri should now ask you to tell her how to pronounce it. When asked, say the correct pronunciation.
5. Now Siri presents you with three options for the correct pronunciation. Listen to them and tap Select next to the correct one.

That’s all there is to it. Siri should now remember how to pronounce that particular name. In some cases, you don’t even have to coax her. If it’s a name she’s said wrong many times, just tell her she’s pronouncing it wrong and she should ask you to help her correct it.

The tip is provided by Handbook for iPhone Lite.



DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 13-year-old son went to band camp for five days. On day three, he had terrific stomach pain and started to vomit. The instructors were alarmed and took him to the local hospital, where doctors diagnosed appendicitis. We had to give phone permission for him to have an operation. Everything went fine, and he recovered quickly. My wife and I have a few questions. Could he have eaten something that caused appendicitis? What does not having an appendix do to people? No one in my wife’s or my family has had such an operation. We’re ignorant about all this. — G.G.

ANSWER: The appendix dangles from the first part of the colon in the lower-right side of the abdomen. It looks like a slender worm, and has an average length of 3 inches (8 cm). The function of the appendix isn’t clearly defined, but it might have a role in body immunity. Life without an appendix goes on as normally as life with one. The appendix has a hollow core, which is lined with lymphoid tissue, the same kind of tissue found in lymph nodes. Bacteria from the colon can invade the hollow core and cause the lymph tissue to swell. Swelling cuts off blood supply, and the appendix begins to disintegrate — appendicitis. Undigested food or hard fecal material also can block the appendix’s core and lead to the same situation. Nothing your son ate is likely the cause. All the other campers ate the same food as he, but he was the only one to develop this problem. The pain of appendicitis most often starts in the area of the navel (bellybutton) and works its way toward the lower-right corner of the abdomen. Temperature rises. Vomiting is common, and sometimes diarrhea is part of the picture. A doctor, by what he or she hears from the patient, along with the examination of the abdomen, usually can make the diagnosis. In confusing circumstances, an ultrasound is most helpful. Millions of people worldwide live without an appendix. They do quite well. So will your son.



Hair war hits this family hard

DEAR AMY: I hope your answer will settle a disagreement my mid-50s husband is having with me and our 15-year-old son, ‘Bart,’ regarding his choice to have long hair. Bart is a good student, plays a sport for the high school and is well liked on the team. While he’s not perfect, as far as teenagers go he’s an all-around good kid except, apparently, for his hair, according to my husband. Bart has hair just below his shoulders, and my husband has been on him (and me) repeatedly over the years to get his hair cut. I’m tired of the tension this causes and feel that if this is the biggest point of rebellion for a 15-year-old, who cares? Your thoughts? — Wife and Mom

DEAR MOM: I thought the lesson those of us who grew up in the ‘60s and ‘70s learned was that hair can be an important identifier for a teen, and that how a teen wears his/her hair truly should not matter to anyone else, even parents. I have a feeling your husband’s attitude can be traced back to how he was treated by his father. Urge him to be respectful and to pick his battles more carefully, because even if he ‘wins’ this one, he still loses.

DEAR AMY: How many times does one need to be excluded from a girls’ group before they should realize that they are just not ‘one of the girls’? I am in my mid-40s and have been friendly with a local group of ladies, consisting of neighbors and others. We have spent New Year’s Eves together, have attended the block party together, and see each other regularly in and around town. I thought we had bonded to a point that I was considered a friend. Yet, when I see them out all together attending a local function or having a girls’ night at a local bar, I feel left out. They are friendly to me when they see me, but never include me in the first place. What’s the deal? — Too Old for Cliques

DEAR TOO OLD: Groups like this often start with a nucleus of two friends who more or less make the plans and run the pack. These groups have a unique dynamic that cannot be easily pierced. Your exclusion is not necessarily about you, but more about the established social habits of the rest. One obvious suggestion is for you to make an effort to organize a group activity: Make the plans, contact the ‘girls’ and accept the attendant social responsibility and risk. If you try this and are still consigned to the fringes, then yes, you should accept it.



Sun-Dried Tomato and Basil Pasta with Chicken

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (9 oz.) package fresh fettuccine or linguine
- 3 tsp. olive oil, divided
- 1/4 c. sun-dried tomatoes or 2 T. dehydrated sprinkles + ¼ c. boiling water
- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large shallot, finely chopped
- 1/2 c. dry white wine
- 1/3 c. heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 c. fresh basil, chopped and divided
- 1/4 c. fresh parmesan cheese or shredded mozzarella cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Bring four quarts of water to a boil; add pasta and cook according to package directions, about 2 to 3 minutes; drain and toss with 1 tsp. oil.
2. If using dehydrated sun-dried tomato sprinkles, cover with ¼ c. boiling water and let soak for 5 minutes; drain and set aside.
3. Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 tsp. oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering; add chicken and shallots and cook for 5 minutes.
4. Reduce heat to medium and stir in wine and cream. Cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently, until sauce begins to thicken.
5. To the skillet, add the cooked pasta, sun-dried tomatoes, ¼ c. basil, the cheese, and ½ tsp. salt. Toss well until uniformly combined. Garnish with remaining basil and ¼ tsp. pepper.

Recipe from culinaryhill.com

NEW DVD RELEASES

DVDs and movies released this week



THE WOLF OF WALL STREET

Martin Scorsese directs the story of New York stockbroker Jordan Belfort. From the American dream to corporate greed, Belfort goes from penny stocks and righteousness to IPOs and a life of corruption in the late 80s. Excess success and affluence in his early twenties as founder of the brokerage firm Stratton Oakmont warranted Belfort the title “The Wolf of Wall Street.” R, 2 hr. 59 min.



DELIVERY MAN

From DreamWorks Pictures comes “Delivery Man”, the story of affable underachiever David Wozniak, whose mundane life is turned upside down when he finds out that he fathered 533 children through sperm donations he made twenty years earlier. In debt to the mob, rejected by his pregnant girl-

friend, things couldn’t look worse for David when he is hit with a lawsuit from 142 of the 533 twenty-some-things who want to know the identity of the donor. As David struggles to decide whether or not he should reveal his true identity, he embarks on a journey that leads him to discover not only his true self but the father he could become as well. PG-13, 1 hr. 43 min.

SundayJumble

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

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Answer key located in this edition

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