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Stop using the term 'free' when talking about the lunches provided to



children from low-income households. They aren't free. They are funded

by those of us who pay income taxes. I support this program but referring to it as 'free' is offensive to those of us who fund it.

6 Don't freezers deserve a light as well?"

11 There are four

things that come in boxes to use in defense of liberty: soap, ballot, jury, and ammo. Please use in that order."

LThe Fenton Fire-

hall, the new community center, the Cornerstone



building this is all wonderful stuff, but will someone tell me where all

these people are supposed to park?'







Genesee County Clerk John Gleason helps Fenton High School student council members to get eligible students a voter registration application. Most of the 50 or so eligible stopped by to fill out the application. Gleason registered any Genesee County residents.

FHS voter registration blitz

▶ May bond election drives first-time voter surge

...this is Civics

participate unless

101. You can't

you register. 77

John Gleason

Clerk, Genesee County

By Tim Jagielo

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intersection of two hallways, Genesee County should be doing," she said.

Clerk John Gleason is flagging students down. "Hey fella, you 18 yet?" he said.

Many aren't, but those who are, or will be by the May 6 bond election, had the opportunity to apply for their first voter registration card, at a booth set up by the Fenton High School Student Council. If they applied at the booth, they

will likely be eligible to vote on the bond request. Principal Mark Suchowski had guessed around Spearheading the hour-long event was Ellie

Cowger, who got the idea from Assistant Principal Laura Lemke. Cowger sees voting as an important **Fenton** — Just past the main office at the civic duty. "It's just something that all Americans

> She used the help of two other student council members who themselves aren't old enough to register to vote. "It's nice to know what I'll have to do," said Julia Teatro, 16. Rashard Ingram, also 16, helped at the booth.

Out of 296 in Fenton's senior class, the session yielded 55 applicants, according to Cowger.

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Monthly tornado alarm testing begins Saturday

▶ Residents urged to be aware of sirens, have plan in event of real tornado

By Sharon Stone

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The tornado that ripped through the tri-county area, especially Fenton Township last May is likely on the minds of many local residents as the tornado season is once again upon us.

About 50 homes in Fenton Township were affected by that tornado, which occurred on Tuesday, May 28, 2013. Most of the damage was near Jennings Road. The National Weather Service classified the tornado as an F2, where winds are faster than 100 miles per hour.

Another F2 tornado occurred on Aug. 24, 2007. The 150 mph winds downed hundreds of trees, ripped apart roofs and houses. On Oct. 24 of that same year, a tornado hit Davisburg Elementary School in the Holly

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO June 2013, Kyle Ramey of Grand Blanc Township assists his work crew in clearing fallen trees in Fenton Township following a tornado.

Holly mourns loss of Bruce Dryer

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — It's a sad week in Holly as the community comes to grips with the sudden loss of Bruce Dryer, patriarch of the Dryer family, and former owner of Dryer Funeral Home.



Dryer passed away suddenly on Monday, March 31. He was 85.

Born in Coldwater on Aug. 28, 1928, he was the son of Paul and Harriette (Lind) Dryer. He was a graduate of Holly High School where he was

Bruce Dryer

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Were you born and raised in Michigan?

If so, you're among the 3 out of 4 residents 44 At one who are natives and have stayed here

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If you live in Michigan, it's likely you were born here and have stayed here. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 76.7 percent of our state's current residents were born and raised here. That puts Michigan in the top three of all U.S. states and the District of Columbia, in having the most residents living in the state in which they were born.

Michigan follows closely behind Pennsylvania with 77.2 percent "home grown" residents and Louisiana at first with 79.4

The percentages were gathered by the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, which asks more detailed questions beyond just counting every single person in the U.S. every 10 years. In this survey, the question is asked, "Do you

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time we thought moving for Joe's job, but we decided to stay here. Family's very important to **us.** 77

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Police&Fire report

BRAMBLEWOODCLUBHOUSE USED FOR FIRE TRAINING

The North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) conducted a live burn training exercise Saturday, March 29 at Bramblewood Golf Course in Holly Township. NOCFA Chief Jeremy Lintz said the new owners of the property gave NOCFA permission to train by conducting a controlled burn of the club house.

RESTAURANT WINDOW BROKEN

Fenton police received a malicious destruction of property complaint from a fast-food restaurant on Owen Road on March 28. A hole was found in a window on the side of the building and employees believe damage occurred between March 24 and 26. Estimate of damage is \$525.

STOLEN INFO USED TO OPEN CELL PHONE ACCOUNT

On March 28, a 21-year-old Fenton man filed an ID theft complaint with Fenton police. The man said someone used his Social Security Number to open up to cell phone accounts with a local cell phone business. He

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Last minute

▶Good prices can be found if you've got flexible schedule

By Sally Rummel

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With Spring Break upon us, many people are thinking about trips they are either taking or wish they were. Warm climates continue to attract winter-weary families, enjoying cruises and all-inclusives for the best value and ease of planning.

March and April are the most popular months for cruising, followed closely by December, according to Randy Church, of Travel Brokers, with an office in Fenton. Top cruise destinations are the Eastern Caribbean

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Seven-day cruises leaving out of ports in Florida to the Caribbean are popular with tri-county area couples and families seeking warm-weather destinations. In addition to exotic ports of call, guests are treated to delicious food and an array of on-board entertainment.

> **A**Right now, there are unbelievable deals for flying out of Lansing to all-inclusive resorts in Puerto Vallarta and **Punta Cana for mid-April. They won't last** long. 77

Randy Church, of Travel Brokers



Many veterans in the dark about available services

▶ State striving to improve communication with vets

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The 2010 Census reports Michigan has 704,000 veterans and many of them don't utilize the services available to them. Last June, Gov. Rick Snyder created a new veteran outreach cabinet at the state level in hopes of improving the lives of veterans.

Suzanne Thelen of the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency said progress is being made but state officials still have their work cut out for them when it comes to connecting with veterans.

"We're advancing claims a lot faster and creating a onestop resource for veterans," Thelen said. "Michigan was ranked very low at utilization levels a few years ago and still ranks pretty low, frankly."

In Thelen's experience, stigmas and

misinformation keep most veterans from seeking help. Some believe their benefits

have a time limit and others have had negative experiences at veteran affairs

hospitals.

Part of the urgency to get veterans to reach out involves new illnesses that are being discovered. Thelen said 50 new diseases potentially linked with war experience have been discovered in the last three years alone.

"If you've served in the U.S. military you are eligible for

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U.S. military you are eligible for benefits." — Suzanne Thelen Spokesperson with Michiga eteran Affairs Agency

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'Uncoupling' words from harsh reality

'Conscious uncoupling.' Is that even a

The odd coupling of those two words has put an unusual bright spotlight on the announcement that Oscar-winning actor Gwyneth Paltrow and her husband, Chris Martin of the rock band Coldplay, are pulling the plug on their marriage.

Even odder is their plea for privacy. 'We have always conducted our relationship privately,' says the announcement on Goop. com, Paltrow's website, 'and we hope that as we consciously uncouple we will be able to continue in the same manner.'

'Privately?' Nice try. The couple's painfully euphemistic 'conscious uncoupling' after 10 years of marriage and two children ignited worldwide headlines — and ridicule.

Below her announcement, Paltrow's website offers a lengthy essay on the concept by doctors Dr. Habib Sadeghi, who has written earlier for Goop, and his wife, Dr. Sherry Sami. 'There are no bad guys, just two people,' they say, 'it's about people as individuals, not just the relationship.'

The doctors also cite rising divorce rates to contend that, 'human beings haven't been able to fully adapt to our skyrocketing life expectancy. Our biology and psychology aren't set up to be with one person for four, five or six decades.'

The 'conscious uncoupling' conundrum caught my eye as a new front in a culture war that stretches far beyond Hollywood. The institution of marriage has become a central and contentious issue in debates of all sorts in recent decades, especially its decline in families with children.

Although out-of-wedlock births have soared sharply, most famously but not only among African-Americans, census data reveal that the decline of marriage is linked less to race than to differences in income and education.

Paltrow and Martin are at the other end of that debate. They're rich and married and, by their own accounts, they put in a good try before they decided to call it quits.

With that, they suggest what should be the core concern in the marriage debate: taking care of the kids. In that task, as a fellow parent, I wish Paltrow and Martin the best. To raise children, both parents need to work together. Call it 'conscientious coupling.'

INSURANCE EX-ECUTIVES SAID

Obamacare subscribers are likely to see increases in their premiums as high as 300 percent by the end of this year. This should be called the 'Unaffordable Care Act.'

I GOTTA SAY Michelle Obama knows how to debark from a plane. Too bad her husband doesn't.

SO OBAMA, WHO is

not affected, said 'sure, you may have to change your doctor and hospital.' Apparently, it's no big

ПП IT'S A REAL shame Jav Leno retired. Obama could have taken over, since he's such a joke.

THANK YOU MR. Perkins and Mr. Wright for making my day in the square on Monday, you're awesome.

TO THE ELDERLY man who let his dog relieve itself at Loose Center: if you can't clean up after your pet, you don't deserve to have one.

JUST SAW ON TV where Russia said they could turn us into ashes. There'd be no one left in Russia if they tried

RONALD REAGAN DID not display signs of Alzheimer until 1994, six years after he was out of office. It is absurd to think Nancy ran the country. Even if she did, she did a better job than our current president.

THE PERSON WHO thinks gas prices under George W. Bush didn't get over \$2 a gallon has a faulty memory. I remember prices well over \$4 a gallon when I was driving to Dearborn every

IF ISSUING AN executive order makes you a dictator, then I guess George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan are dictators, too. They've issued more executive orders than Obama has.

CHRISTIANS HAVE NO business celebrating St. Patrick's Day. All we're teaching our kids is that one day you can grow up and get drunk.

LIBERALS ARE LIKE cigarettes: they stink, cling to everything and the only ones who are offended by them are the ones who don't smoke. Wake up America.

IF WE'RE NOT going to be able to use landlines, who's going to print a phonebook with all the cell phone numbers? I'm not very happy about losing my landline.

YOU DON'T HAVE to

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stop at the three-way stop in Fenton. The police were sitting right at the driveway and didn't stop whoever went right through the light.

I WISH LINDEN would put a cone over the sewer at their light in

I'M ON MEDICARE, we pay for our supplemental healthcare. Now, we're going to pay more taxes on our healthcare.

Isn't that just precious?

THREE CHEERS FOR my snowplow guy. With the winter we had, he was up all night making sure my driveway was plowed. Thanks a lot Brian.

IF THEY WOULD put better material in the road, they would last longer. My dad always told me it's expensive to go cheap.

ONE THING RONALD Reagan did was keep me from voting Republican since 1976.

THE BEST HOT line ever was the person who apologized for voting for Obama. It takes a great deal of courage to admit you made such a colossal mistake.

I SUPPOSE SOME new drivers could be automatically charged with assault with a deadly weapon or at least attempted manslaughter. Remember the car length, per 10 miles per hour, spacing rule? Most of these tarts and dweeps like to run at 15 over with a half a length gap. Wowee!

SUGGESTED TO NHTSA and MDOT that additional tags be purchased for vehicles weighing more than 3,000 pounds (covering road and bridge repairs), and, for operators with prescribed narcotics. Another for those with less than 20,000 trouble-free miles. Mandatory vehicle labeling would be part of the new 'L'-Tax.'

TO THE ACA authority who gets his info from MSNBC, they say 5 million have signed up but don't know if they have paid yet. Also, 6 to 7 million have lost insurance and of your 5 million how many already had it? Don't know? They do - but won't tell you. Why?

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FROM THE RIGHT **Cal Thomas** Nationally syndicated

Fred Phelps: Satan's Servant

My parents taught me never to speak ill of the dead, but in the case of Fred Phelps, who died last week at the age of 84, I think they would have made an exception.

The man, who will be referred to in this column without the modifier 'reverend,' because there was nothing reverent about him, defined the word 'odious.' He and some of his family members constituted the entire membership of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas. Phelps and some members of his family (though not all) picketed military funerals with signs that read, 'God hates fags,' 'God hates Jews,' and 'thank God for dead soldiers.' Phelps was an equal opportunity bigot.

The father of one dead service member went to court seeking to outlaw picketing outside churches where military funerals were held. He lost because the behavior was regarded as free speech protected by the First Amendment.

Some years ago, I was the object of Phelps' wrath. I was the speaker at the Kansas Prayer Breakfast. I mentioned my surprise at pickets outside a prayer breakfast to then-Governor Kathleen Sibelius, who was seated next to me. She told me not to take it seriously because 'they picket everybody.'

Phelps claimed to be serving God with his diatribes against people he claimed were God's enemies. Real Baptist preachers will tell you it is Satan who hates and God who loves.

Phelps' should cause everyone to examine their own words and behavior toward people whose beliefs, lifestyle choices and faith might differ from theirs. Hate never converted anyone to another way of thinking. Hate does, however, give permission to some to behave in evil ways.

Acts 13:10 contains a verse that is applicable in Phelps' case. Paul, the Apostle, is speaking about a man named Elymas, who he judges to be a fraud: 'You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?'

Substitute the name Fred Phelps for Elymas and the description fits.

street talk

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

How often have you moved?



"Four times since I got married. I've been married for 43 years."

—Sue McCullough



"Eight or nine times. The last time we moved from a house we were renting one on Lake Fenton.'

—Diane Gillman



"I haven't moved in 35 years. My wife doesn't want to leave and I like that we don't have neighbors.'

– Albert Smith Fenton Township



"About 10 times. The last time we moved was because our family was growing. We needed a bigger house."

Greg Zeffero, Fenton



"Five times. I wouldn't mind moving again to a place with fewer rules and regulations.'

- Lori Thome Fenton



"Seven times. I like where I am now. It's a nice community with no maintenance.'

Mary Ann Moore Linden

DDA to ask for 10 extra years of DDA

►Since 1993, \$7 million spent on capital improvements

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — The Fenton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) irked some residents with the teal "Welcome" signs, and impressed some with the raising of the Cornerstone building.

According to the city website, \$7 million has been spent on capital improvement projects since its inception in 1993, and \$1.8 million has been spent on acquiring

We're only 16 years from shutting down and we've got some projects to do."

— Craig Schmidt Fenton DDA Chairman land. The DDA has already fundamentally altered the landscape of the city — and it's not nearly done yet.

In any municipality, a DDA isn't a permanent entity. It is built to "sunset" at

a certain point, at which time funding for its projects and debts will also end. In this case, the DDA is to end in 2030. Ideally, the DDA's portion of the city master plan should be completed, and all debts paid.

Executive Director Mike Burns, however, has broached the topic of extending the life of the DDA for that reason — projects won't be complete, and all debts won't be paid, by 2030.

"There are several projects left to do. With upcoming debt service and recent investments, not all will be complete by 2030," he said at the DDA meeting last week. He said that revenues and fund balance were higher in the past, but will be lower in the future because of the recent investments in downtown.

The DDA's work is easy to see — the steel structure of the Cornerstone building being erected at the corner of LeRoy Street and Silver Lake Road and the bustling Fenton Fire Hall restaurant are recent examples. The DDA also re-opened downtown to through traffic in the '90s, and built a new fire hall and Department of Public Works garage, water plant and parking lots.

The DDA is an appointed board, administratively headed by Burns. On the board are Mayor Sue Osborn, City Manager Lynn Markland and citizens representing the library and several businesses in and around downtown Fenton, and President Craig Schmidt.



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The Cornerstone building is a project partially financed by the Fenton DDA. Other past projects include a new fire hall and water plant.

While a DDA can be funded through a few different means, Fenton is funded through a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) plan, which must be extended to fund the DDA.

A TIF plan captures taxes from the state and county, and earmarks them for downtown improvement projects, based on the value of properties inside the DDA district when it was established.

At the meeting, the DDA voted unanimously to request a TIF plan extension, which needs city council approval, and a public hearing in May.

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

In Michigan, DDAs are established under the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Created by the DDA Act of 1976, the aim of these organizations is simple — develop downtown areas within a city, village or township with funds captured by a millage, bond, special assessment, or tax increment financing (TIF) plan. These came about to give downtowns a leg up against shopping malls.



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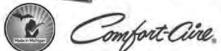




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World War II veteran parachuted from flaming B-26 over Germany

► Seventy years later, local man talks about Christmas Day 1944 bailout

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Tech Sgt. Robert Conlen, radio operator, was just 20 years old when his Martin B-26 Marauder bomber went up in flames during an aerial bombing attack over Bitburg, Germany on Christmas Day in 1944.

On Tuesday, April 1, he celebrated

It was a difficult war. The ground troops who invaded Europe – they were the heroes." — Robert Conlen World War II veteran

his 90th birthday with family and friends at the Fenton Hotel.

Recalling that memorable Christmas Day, he said his pilot gave the bailout order and Conlen parachuted to safety from the escape

hatch in the nose of the plane, landing just behind Allied lines on the Third Army front.

That was the first time Conlen "cheated death" during his two-and-a-half years of service in World War II, in which he completed missions with the "Annihilators," the original Ninth Air Force B-26 group.

These are quiet memories for Conlen, who never discussed the war years with his family, which includes his wife, Audrey, eight children, 16 grandchil-



Sgt. Robert B. Conlen

dren and nine greatgrandchildren. The couple married 47 years ago after each lost a spouse at an early age.

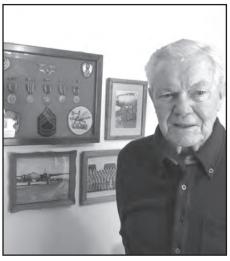
"We never discussed the war," said Conlen, who proudly displays some World War II photos and memo-

rabilia in the office of the couple's retirement home in Shiawassee Shores in Linden. "It was a difficult war. The ground troops who invaded Europe — they were the heroes."

Before moving there a year ago, they lived in Fenton for 35 years. During that time, Conlen worked for Fisher Body for more than three decades, and became a Fenton business owner from 1978 to 1987, when he and Audry owned and operated the A&W restaurant.

Conlen, a 1942 graduate of Flint Technical High School, was one of 10 of his first cousins to have fought in the war, with all surviving except for one. As a member of the 486th Bomb Squadron and 322nd Bombardment Group, Conlen kept in touch with his war comrades, especially his captain, before he died last year. "He and I were the last ones of the group," said Conlen. "Now it's just me."

He's fighting his own battles now, recovering from the treatment of lung cancer, but otherwise, enjoying his life and his family.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SALLY RUMMEL Robert Conlen, 90, keeps World War II photos and memorabilia in his Linden home.

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Short-barreled rifles now legal in Michigan

▶'Sawed-off' shotguns still illegal

Short-barreled rifles and shotguns are now legal to own in Michigan.

Gov. Rick Snyder's recent signing of Senate Bill 610 into Public Act 61 of 2014 aligns Michigan with 41 other states that allow the sale or purchase of short-barreled firearms.

State Sen. Mike Green (R–Maryville) sponsored the legislation and said its signage, "will bring the state in line

Summary

► Gov. Rick Snyder recently signed a

bill into law lifting

the ban on short-

barreled firearms.

with 41 others that already permit ownership of this popular type of firearm."

"Until today, law-abiding residents in Michigan were

prevented from owning an entire class of firearms for lawful purposes," Green said in a press release. "They will now be able to enjoy the same firearm rights and privileges afforded to their fellow citizens across the nation."

To be considered "short barreled," a firearm's barrel must be less than 16 inches or if the firearm is 26 inches or less overall in length. Due to the smaller length, short-barreled firearms will be treated as and subject to pistol laws.

The law prohibits owners from modifying their existing rifles and shotguns into short-barreled firearms. Those caught manufacturing, transferring or possessing a short-barreled firearm without proper licenses may face up to five years in jail and up to \$2,500 in fines.

Green said people interested in purchasing and owning short-barreled firearms will be subject to "an extensive federal application process that includes a thorough background check, fingerprinting, approval by local law enforcement and a payment of a \$200 fee."

A short-barreled firearm must also be registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

Manufacturing or selling "sawed off" shotguns hasn't been a major issue for authorities according to the Senate Fiscal Agency, which found 69 incidents of illegal short-barreled firearms in Michigan during 2012.

Chris Cox, executive director of the National Rifle Association's (NRA) Institute for Legislative Action, praised the legislation for expanding the rights of gun owners.

"Gun bans don't work and serve only to harm law-abiding gun owners," Cox said in a press release. "Victories such as these are critical to ensuring we maintain our right to keep and bear arms."



Statutes of limitations and statutes of repose

In the law when a wrong has been committed by one person or entity against another, the aggrieved party may have the right to file a civil action for damages or other relief

Such a lawsuit must be filed before the expiration of what is called the statute of limitations. I believe most people are familiar with the term.

An example of this in Michigan would be when one is injured in an automobile accident due to the fault of the other driver, the aggrieved party generally has three years from the date of the accident to file a lawsuit for negligence.

There are a number of other statutory limitations periods all of which are dependent on the type of claim and injury. Normally the date the statute of limitation begins running is either the date the injury or damage occurred or in cases of professional malpractice, the time that the person discontinues serving the plaintiff in a professional or pseudo-professional capacity.

I won't detail this whole area here. Suffice it to say there is an entire body of very complicated law on the subject.

I also believe that most people are not familiar with the related concept of a 'statute of repose.'

In legal terms a statute of repose is a different category of the statute of limitations, and means that no matter when an injury or damages occurred (subject to limited exceptions) if one does not file suit within an allotted time period after the occurrence of some event the claim no longer exists as opposed to being barred.

In Michigan, examples of statutes of repose are found in such areas as medical malpractice, legal malpractice, architect and engineers malpractice, and surveyors malpractice. For example, in a surveyor malpractice action, the statute of limitations is two years from discontinuation of service or six months from discovery whichever is later. The statute of repose is six years. So if a former client discovers malpractice six years and one day after the last day of service, the claim is gone.

The idea behind both statutes of limitations and statutes of repose is finality and a general recognition that if people wish to sue they must do so within a reasonable period of time.

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State lawmakers may legalize dispensaries, edible marijuana

▶Bills aim to expand Medical Marihuana Act

By William Axford

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Lawmakers in Michigan are attempting to re-open dispensaries and legalize medical marijuana use in edible form.

Both house bills 5104 and 4271 have passed through the House and are being deliberated in the Senate.

Dispensaries became illegal in early 2013 after the Michigan Supreme Court ruled the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMA) does not allow businesses to sell marijuana.

House Bill 5104 was prompted by State Rep. Eileen Kowall (R-White Lake Township) after hearing a constituent's story on how medical marijuana reduced their daughter's seizures. In order to keep consuming medical marijuana however, the young girl would have to smoke it rather than using oils or edibles.

"There was a court of appeals decision that limited the consumption of medical marijuana to leaves and flowers," said Kari Bearman, legislative director for Kowall. "The family told Rep. Kowall that they tried 40 different medications and none of them worked. They then turned to medical marijuana in oil form and it worked better with their daughter's seizures."

Since it's passing in 2008, the MMA has undergone numerous challenges in Michigan courts. Cases ranging from employment termination to edible marijuana and the legality of dispensaries have been heard in district courts, appeals court and the state supreme court. The cases have been so numerous that Michigan Supreme Court Justice Robert Young recently told the Grand Rapids Press, "I'm so sick of medical marijuana cases. (The MMA)'s no model of clarity. It's a mess."

In 2013, Well Greens of Holly — the last medical marijuana dispensary in Oakland County and the only existing one in the tri-county area — was shut down by authorities. Local municipalities except Holly Village, have used a moratorium for the past few years to avoid making a decision on whether to allow medical marijuana into their communities.

If both bills are passed, dispensaries would be subject to inspection by county

health departments. Workers making edible marijuana would have to follow existing laws regarding cleanliness, food processing, storage and packaging that restaurants must comply with. Marijuana would be available in edible, oil and other nonsmoking forms.

POLICE

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learned of the accounts when he received a bill for \$230. The man also learned that his personal information was obtained following a larceny from auto of a family member. The cell phone company and Fenton police are investigating to identify the suspect.

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At 2:45 a.m. on March 30, a Fenton police officer was conducting a traffic stop on northbound U.S. 23 near the northern border of the city. An assisting police officer noticed that a car traveling northbound was not moving over for the stopped patrol vehicles that had their overhead lights on despite no other vehicles in the area. The assisting police officer caught up with the car and made contact with the 29-year-old Flint woman who claimed she was unaware of the law that requires motorists to move over or slow down for stationary emergency vehicles. She was arrested and released with a court appearance ticket for April 28. Failing to move over or slow down is punishable by 90 days in jail and/or

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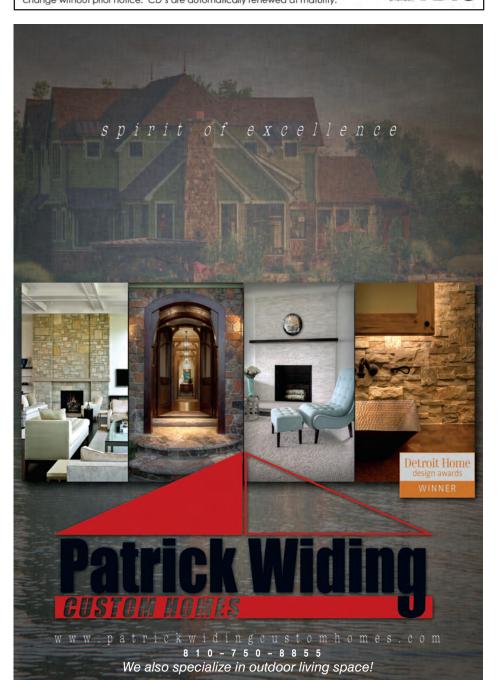


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DRYER

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credited with helping to write the school's fight song.

Dryer was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army, and was the former owner of Dryer Funeral Home where he continued to work until the day he died. He was a member of the Holly Presbyterian Church, Amel Schwartz Post 149 American Legion, the Holly Kiwanis Club, and was a lifelong member of the Holly Masonic Lodge. He was a former Holly Village Council member, where he also served in the capacity of village president.

Dryer was devoted to his faith, family, his profession, and the village of Holly.

He is survived by his wife Beth; four children, Lori (Chuck) Keefer of Holly. Gordon (Peggy) Dryer of Holly, Jane (Thom) Watkins of N.C., and Nancy (Michael) Deeb of Ann Arbor; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Paula, and his brother Keith Dryer.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 3 and Friday April 4 from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Dryer Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5 at the funeral home with Rev. Sharlyn Gates officiating. Military honors and burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Holly Presbyterian Church.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TOP CANCER NOT covered by Obama is covered. First, it is the insurance companies not covering. Second, it has been that way for many years. Plans have always only covered a selected number of plans. No change. Why blame Obamacare?

IS IT OK to call the police if I do not own a gun? The gun nut does not want me to call a socialist agency like the police department.

YOU DO KNOW that oil and natural gas lines from Russia and Europe go through Ukraine (Crimea)? Any interruption will cause problems and therefore price changes. Please learn more about world economics before you opine.

PLEASE GO RIGHT now and cut your power line. You are using fossil fuels to light and heat your home, and by your statement, you think this is wrong. I was dodging tar balls on the shore of Lake Erie before you were born.

DEAR LOW-INFORMATION voter, if Canada wanted to ship oil to China they just have to send it to Vancouver. We want to use the Keystone Pipeline to send it to the Gulf so that it can be refined and then sent to where the refined products can be used.

NOW YOU WANT to attribute the number of free school lunches to Obama. That is just absurd.

NO TAX HIKE on the school bond? Wishful thinking or deliberate deception? It is time for better financial management. The community deserves a responsible change with our tax dollars. No bond! Review and change. Other districts have.

CHANCES ARE IF you live in a state that gets more Federal dollars than they pay in, it's a Republican state. That same state will be loaded with people complaining about government handouts.

THE LAST THING any media, including this paper, wants is campaign finance reform. They make money from inspiring ignorance and leading the country into eternal gridlock by spouting opinions that people think are facts.

IF MARRIAGE IS so sacred then why aren't there laws against divorce or allowing people only one lifetime opportunity (bonus marriage if one spouse dies)? How about all the people separated that stay married on paper just for benefits. Isn't that insurance fraud?

CNN HAS JUMPED the shark. I had to switch the channel to CNN International to see what was going on with the Washington landslide. With Fox News, being right-wing drivel and MSNBC being left-wing drivel the only news channel left is the BBC. Pathetic!





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MICHIGAN

Continued from Front Page live in the state in which you were born?"

For Michigan residents Joe and Renea Jeffers of Tyrone Township, that would be an easy question to answer. Not only have they lived in Michigan their entire lives, but also in Fenton since they were both 5 years old. "Joe and I have lived in the same house for 27 years, just down the street from the home I grew up in," said Renae. "My parents built their home in 1968 and we built ours in 1985. Joe's parents live here, too. He was raised in Fenton, and his folks now live in Linden."

The survey shows that the Midwest does have more stability in keeping residents in their birth state than other sections of the country. Wisconsin, Illinois,



Ohio, Iowa and Missouri all have high rates of native residents, while western states of Washington, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, etc., have more transient populations. Utah, with its history of strong Mormon families, is an exception with a 62 percent stability rate.

If you have visited Florida recently and asked people who live down there where they were born, you likely won't get the answer, "Florida."

That's because Florida is number 50 on the list, beat out only by Nevada as the most transient state in the U.S. Only 33 percent of Florida's residents were actually born there, significantly more than Nevada's 22 percent. The third most transient state is Arizona at 34 percent, followed by Alaska at 38 percent.

You may be surprised to find out that California is made up of close to half-native Californians and half "transplants," at 54 percent.

With the average American moving approximately 12 times during their lifetime, it's obvious that in spite of the weather, most Michiganians are content to "stay put" in the state in which they were born.



WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

MichiganVotes.org, a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, provides concise, nonpartisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. These votes were released on Friday, March 28, 2014.

Senate Bill 862: Allow alcohol at Michigan Stadium international soccer game

To allow the sale of alcohol at the University of Michigan football stadium in Ann Arbor during a potential soccer game in August 2014 between the Manchester United and Real Madrid international soccer teams. Introduced by Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker (R)

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)



Senate Bill 786: Give tax breaks to aquaculture and hydroponics

To exempt aguaculture and hydroponics production facilities from property taxes. Senate Bill 787 would instead impose a new "specific" tax equal to 25 percent of the regular property tax. Introduced by Sen. Bruce Caswell (R)

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



Senate Bill 613: Permit keeping road kill

To allow a driver who kills or injures a game animal other than bird on the road to keep it, and give the driver first priority if more than one person wants it. The Department of Natural Resources would be required to issue a "salvage tag" if requested, which would be required to get the carcass stuffed or tanned by a taxidermist. The driver would have to keep a record of the circumstances until the game is consumed or discarded. Introduced by Sen. Darwin Booher (R)

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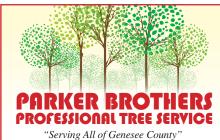
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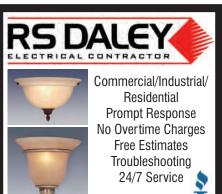








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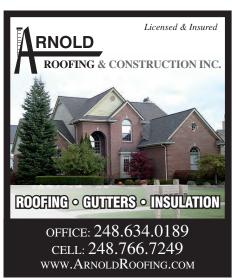
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Rashard Ingram passes out an application to Julia Teatro, next to Ellie Cowger, who orchestrated the application drive for voter registration Monday.

REGISTRATION **Continued from Front Page**

50 would be able to register.

The application drive began around 9:30 a.m., and once finished, Gleason took any applications from students living within Genesee County, with the intent to get them registered right away.

The table had around a dozen seats and several laptops for looking up information, placards on the school bond and of course paper copies of the voter registration application. Suchowski and his staff provided all of this at the request of Cowger and student council.

Gleason got involved when Cowger

called him late last week. "I'm glad she did, because this is Civics 101," he said. "You can't participate unless you register."

First in line to apply was Thomas McWilliams, 18, who cannot technically vote for the bond as a school of choice student, and Linden area resident. He's especially interested in the school bond, and sees registering to vote as another part of maturation.

"Up to now it's just been a theory," said Suchowski, on civic participation. "Now (students) can go out and make things happen."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO Devin Davis, 18, fills out his voter registration application Monday. He intends to vote in favor of Fenton schools' bond proposal.

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VETERANS

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benefits," Thelen said. "There isn't a statute of limitation. Sicknesses like cancer, respiratory diseases and diabetes are seen in veterans that have served during wars. If they find a link, you'll get 100 percent of your healthcare paid for."

Compared to World War II and Korean War veterans, Vietnam and Iraq veterans have had to face more social issues and tougher economies. State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) has seen services erode at the federal level since his service in the army. While the states can do more to improve contact with veterans, Graves points to politicians in Washington for failures to veteran services.

"The process is still incomplete. It takes a year or more to get your claim processed and many times they will deny your claim," Graves said. "It needs to be modernized. The federal government can't streamline things."

The Department of Veterans Affairs reports a record-breaking 1 million claims per year were filed in 2010, 2011 and 2012. For current pending claims, 32 percent of them are from first-time filers. The department is currently undergoing a comprehensive "transformation plan" with the aim of processing all claims by 2015.

Despite the difficulty at the federal level, Thelen encourages veterans to reach out to her office where veterans can receive help in paying bills, recovering foreclosed homes and addressing health issues. By keeping quiet, Thelen said the state has no way of knowing who's a veteran and what help they may need.

"Veterans have to identify themselves and contact us or a veteran service officer," Thelen said. "There's a lot of opportunities available for veterans that they're not aware of."

HOW TO GET HELP

Veterans interested in finding out what resources are available are encouraged to contact the state's veteran department by calling 1-800michvet or visiting michiganveterans.com.

In a pickle?



The hunt for Easter eggs begins



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I WILLIAM AXFORD

Kids ages 4 and younger gather plastic Easter eggs at Linden Elementary School on Saturday, March 29. The event, 'Eggciting Easter Fun,' also included a bunny hop fun run and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

TORNADO

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School District, causing \$600,000 worth

Tornado season has begun, and testing for the sirens will be conducted the first Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. Testing will continue until November. If residents hear the sirens outside of testing times, they should take them seriously and seek shelter.

Sirens within the city of Fenton are located at Owen Road in front of Target, on Silver Lake Road near the Shell gas station near U.S. 23, State Road Elementary School, by Dauner Road near Subway and one on Ellen Street near Ann Street.

In Holly, tornado sirens are located at the North and South end of the village. The siren within the township is located at Fish Lake Road and Grange Hall Road.

Tornado alarms within Fenton Township are present at the two fire department stations, located at Bowles Street near the township offices and at Owen Road.

In Argentine Township, a tornado siren is located at Glen Hatt and Silver Lake Road.

On July 2, 1997, a tornado touched down in Springfield Township near Holly, causing nearly \$2 million in damage. The tornado destroyed about 10 manufactured homes and damaged 30 others before moving onto Fowlerville in Livingston County,

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- Use your arms to protect your head and neck.
- If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

IF YOU ARE OUTDOORS **DURING A TORNADO:**

- Drivers should stop, exit their cars and seek shelter immediately.
- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building.
- Protect your head and neck with your arms.

and eventually Wayne County where \$90 million worth of damage was done.

The worst recorded tornado in the greater Flint area came June 8, 1953, where 116 people were killed and 844 injured while 340 homes were destroyed and 260 of them were damaged.

Given the history of tornadoes in the local area, testing the sirens once a month can offer some peace of mind.

The F scale rates a tornado from F0 to F5 with a F5 tornado having the fastest wind speeds and causing the most damage.

F0 Tornado

Have wind speeds between 40-72 mph

Causes light damage. Branches break off trees and pushes over smaller trees.

F1 Tornado

Have wind speeds between 73-112 mph

Causes moderate damage. Tiles break off roofs. Cars and trailers gets pushed

F2 Tornado

Have wind speeds between 113-157 mph

Causes considerable damage. Roofs are torn off. Big trees are toppled. Mobile homes are destroyed. Heavy cars are lifted and thrown.

F3 Tornado

Have wind speeds between 158-206 mph

Causes severe damage. Roofs torn off even on the most well constructed structures. Trains are overturned.

F4 Tornado

Have wind speeds between 207-260 mph

Causes catastrophic damage Well-constructed structures are leveled. Structures with weak foundations are blown away.

F5 Tornado

Have wind speeds between 261–318 mph

Causes total damage

Few if any structures are left standing. Cars become missiles flying in the air.

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(St. Thomas, St. Martin, Nassau, to name a few ports of call), Western Caribbean (Cozumel, Grand Cayman), the Mediterranean, Alaska and Hawaii.

While you can sometimes catch lastminute cruise deals from travel vendors trying to fill cabins, they're only a good deal if you don't have to book last-minute airfare to get there. "Otherwise, the money that you save from the cruise will be spent on expensive plane tickets," said Church. "But if you're able to drive to the port city or plan to be there anyway and decide to book a last-minute cruise, then you can catch a good deal."

For example, you can get a Norwegian Cruise Lines lowest price inside cabin to the Eastern Caribbean on April 5 for \$519 per person. If you go on May 17, the price is up just slightly to \$539. The price on June 7-14 for that same inside cabin is \$879. But the savings on the last-minute deals in April vanish if you have to purchase expensive air fares to the port city of Miami.

If you buy your plane tickets more than a month in advance, you'll pay in the low \$300s for a ticket from Detroit to Miami,

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explains Church. "If you buy air fare for this week or next, you'll be paying \$759 per ticket. Even an inexpensive cruise deal won't make up for that."

If you really want to get a good deal on travel, it pays to stay in close touch with a travel agent who knows about many deals before they're made available to the general public.

"Right now, there are unbelievable deals in mid-April for flying out of Capital City Airport in Lansing to such in-demand all-inclusive destinations as Puerto Vallarta in Mexico and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic," said Church. "You can actually enjoy a sevenday all-inclusive vacation for about \$889 per person, including air, hotel, food, drinks, etc."

However, these very low deals won't last long, and require flexibility to travel at the last minute, he added.

Why such great deals in mid-April from Lansing? Church believes it's because so many Spartan fans from the Lansing area traveled to the Rose Bowl in January, and that became their winter/spring vacation, leaving many all-inclusives with rooms to fill this spring. "It's kind of a one-time thing, but it's a great deal," said Church. "Other deals like that come along, too, when travel companies have extra inventory that they need to get rid of."

Whatever your dream trip, Church still advises people to plan early. "Start your planning process as far in advance as possible, at least six months ahead of your trip," said Church. "If you're planning a trip around the holidays, plan closer to a year in advance. We can still keep our eyes on any specials that might come along, but at least you'll have your best choice of cabins or rooms."

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- 2. Galveston, Tex.
- 3. Panama City Beach, Fla.
- 4. Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
- 5. Steamboat Springs, Colo.
- 6. Destin, Fla.
- 7. Hawaii
- 8. Orlando, Fla.
- 9. Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- 10. Miami Beach, Fla.

Source: USA Today

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MAKING FUN OF global warming is like making fun of mathematics. There's a reason five of the top 10 snowiest winters on record have occurred since 2000. Being willfully ignorant of science isn't funny—it's pathetic. Scientists who have spent their lives studying the climate know more than right-wing pundits do.

THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE will carry Canadian oil to the Gulf so it can be refined into gasoline, which will primarily be sold in the U.S., and some other products, which will be exported. In 2012, only about 9 percent of U.S. refined on-road motor fuel was exported. That trend will continue.

FENTON'S SCHOOL BOARD is having a special election for the bond because there's no hope for it to pass otherwise. Very few voters show up during special elections. Their supporters flood the polls and hope their yes votes outnumber the no votes. It's a dirty trick. Join me in voting no, again.

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BASKETBALL

Name the Indiana team that inspired the movie Hoosiers.

It was Milan High School, who defeated Muncie Central 32-30 in the state title game on March 20, 1954. The previous season the squad went to the state semifinals, but lost to South Bend Central.

SPORTS BRIEF

Lake Fenton soccer draws with Brandon Blackhawks, 0-0

The Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team made sure to get a contest in before spring break when the Blue Devils faced Brandon at Genesee Fieldhouse last week

The squads played a competitive match, earning a scoreless draw.

"We could've had three to four goals, but we just didn't," Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glasstetter said.

"We hit the crossbar and the posts three times."

The indoor environment created a different flavor to the contest.

"It was a different turf, plus the field was not quite as big," Glasstetter said

"But I thought we played well. Brandon is a good team."

Weather pending, the Blue Devils are scheduled to play non-league Swartz Creek today at Lake Fenton High School at 4:30 p.m.

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at quad.



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Tigers strike early, beat Swartz Creek 4-2

▶ Fenton looking to keep last season's good vibes alive for another year

By David Troppens

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Fenton — It's a team that doesn't want last season's feelings to end.

It's obvious why they would feel that way. Last season the Fenton varsity girls soccer team used its depth and its love for each other as keys toward a remarkable run to the Division 2 state semifinals.

And while there are some departed graduates, the squad returns a ton of the players that made last year's season a huge success.

On Monday, the Tigers played their first official game outdoors and showed that some of the elements that made last year a success, still remain as they defeated Swartz Creek 4-2 at Fenton High School.

"I feel like this year is the same because we have the same love for each other," said senior Kaleigh Keyandwy, who scored a goal and dished off an assist. "We are coming off strong right off the bat. It doesn't seem like we need a lot of improvement, even

though I know that we do. But I know this year is different because there are a lot of underclassmen. There's five to six seniors. I feel like we are going to do good this season."

"We all really love each other, work hard for each other and we are all want to play every second we can with each other," said Brennan Sullivan, who had a goal and an assist as well. "This team is a little different because it's a little more spazzy and energetic. That's definitely a good thing."

Monday's contest was the Tigers' second of the season. They opened with an indoor game last week with a 1-0 loss to a strong Detroit Country Day squad. However, it was the first time playing outdoors, and maybe it energized the offense. The Tigers dominated the first half, taking a 3-0 lead into the halftime break, with each goal having its impressive element to it.

The first goal came with 25:32 left in the half through tenacity. Keyandwy provided a header in the box for

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Fenton's Hannah Evo (right) battles for the ball against a Swartz Creek player during the Tigers' 4-2 victory against the Dragons on Monday.

Area diamond teams struggling with this season's late-winter weather conditions

By David Troppens

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The Linden baseball program couldn't take it any more

Trying to practice baseball in a gym is no fun. And with the snow and ice remaining on the baseball diamond, that wasn't going to change without action.

So what did the Eagles do? They tried to take matters into their own hands.

After an indoor practice, players from both squads charged on the field and spent the rest of the remaining daylight hours trying to shovel the snow off the field

"We had 3 to 4-foot drifts of snow behind home plate, and rock solid ice," Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel said. "We had 30 kids doing their hardest to get it off, but we were only able to make a dent."

The entire field wasn't covered. In fact, grass could be seen around the out-field and a decent amount of the infield. However, with blowing winds, what snow was on the field had collected convincingly between the pitcher's mound

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Fed up with the snowy conditions on their baseball diamond, the Linden baseball program spent some time removing snow off their field last week.





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Bronchos take third at first quad meet of season

► Senior doubles team wins a pair of matches during meet

By David Troppens

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If you can't fight the weather, why not play indoors?

That's what the Holly varsity girls tennis team did recently to host a quad with Marian, Allen Park and Clarkston.

Holly ended up taking third in the challenging matches, scoring eight points. Marian and Clarkston tied for first place with 19 points each at Genesys Athletic Club.

Holly's top performance was provided by their No. 4 doubles team of Chloe Reynolds and Katherine Skubik. The two seniors won two out of three matches. They began the tourney with an 8-1 pro-set victory against Allen Park's Selena Valdez and Natalie Schlesinger, lost a tight 8-5 semifinal match against Marian's Katie Champion and Marga Colisimo and then defeated Clarkston's Clarkston's Riley Budzinski and Emily Ross in their final match 8-3.

The defending Flint Metro League champions had all four of their singles flights win one match. Those singles players were junior Natalie Clink (No. 1), sophomore Haley Crimmins (No. 2), sophomore Jenna Pepper (No. 3) and sophomore Lily Kossak (No. 4).

Two other doubles flights also won



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO Holly's Natalie Clink returns a ball during a match last spring. Clink was one of four singles players to win a match in a recent Holly quad meet. The Bronchos placed third in the event.

a match. Those victories were posted by the No. 1 doubles squad of Sydney Renehan and Carley Postma and the No. 3 doubles squad of Shannon Torpey and Makenna Rooker. Skylar St. Croix and Abby Graff played at No. 3 doubles.

Weather pending, Holly hosted Brandon on Tuesday. The Bronchos are scheduled to compete in a Flint Metro league match at Swartz Creek on Thursday at 4 p.m.

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TIGERS

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a scoring chance, but the rebound went to teammate Miranda Campbell, who scored, making it a 1-0 Fenton lead.

Just 67 seconds later, the Tigers made it 2-0 on another nice shot. This time Campbell assisted Chloee Foor's goal, a shot from about 30 yards out.

The Tigers got their third goal with just five seconds in the half. Trying to hurry for a corner kick before the half ended, Keyandwy received Sullivan's cross on her leg and deflected it right into the net.

"With the corner kicks, I always try to time them," Keyandwy said. "Whenever Brennan sends it in, if it is super close to the goal I try to make sure I run in. On that one, I saw it was going over everybody's head, so I timed it. I just swung and got it."

The Tigers made it 4-0 just 1:55 into the second half on a rebound shot by Sullivan. Adams took the initial shot. It seemed that goal put the game away, but Creek remained pesky. The Dragons earned a penalty kick just 24 seconds into the half, but the shot hit the crossbar. There was a rebound header shot after the initial kick but it went wide as well.

Creek cut the gap to 4-1 with its first goal when Hunter Johnson scored with 31:38 remaining, and got its second goal with 6.8 seconds left from Casey Allessie, but it was a matter of too little, too late for the Dragons.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SCOTT SCHUPBACH Fenton's Allison Cialkoszewski (background) challenges Swartz Creek's Taylor Bowman for a ball in the Tigers' 4-2 win on Monday.

Keyandwy thinks this year's team can recapture some of last year's magic.

"I do feel pressure as a senior. I felt like we went so far last year and we are hoping to go even farther this year," Keyandwy said. "That's what I am pushing for as a team and I'm hoping everybody has the same mindset."

DIAMOND

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and the fence. Equipped with shovels and sleds, the program's players braved cold and windy conditions, chipping away at the blocks of ice and snow.

"From dugout to dugout the field was covered by 3-foot drifts at least," Buerkel said. "We managed to get half of it from

Of course, the Linden baseball program isn't the only one dealing with impossible field conditions. Many fields have suffered the same fate, forcing many practices to be held indoors, and forcing games to be postponed. With schools taking spring break next week, that means most won't have played a game, or practiced on their home field prior to break.

Linden's varsity softball coach Gordon Jamison has a young team, making it necessary to get on the softball field, but that's not happening any time soon.

"We went outside one day and hit flies in the parking lot," Jamison said. "With the frost in the ground, even when it warms up, the field is going to be goo on top. But everybody is in the same boat."

Fenton seems to be the exception to the rule. While the team has no games scheduled until after break, the program's field was being used for practice on Monday.

The chances of varsity baseball or softball prior to break are slim. Holly's programs have games scheduled for Thursday at Brandon. As of Tuesday afternoon, the games remained scheduled. The Bronchos have been working hard on their fields as well, but it looks like playing at Holly on Thursday won't be an option.

"We are still waiting word on games for Thursday," Holly coach Benny Jackson said. "We did some work on our field Sunday and will be doing a lot more this weekend as well as it is not ready to be played on yet."

The Linden baseball program hasn't improved its situation either, but the clearing did serve a purpose.

"It was a good camaraderie thing," Buerkel said. "And if nothing else we told the kids 20 years from now you'll remember doing this. And they thought I was probably right."

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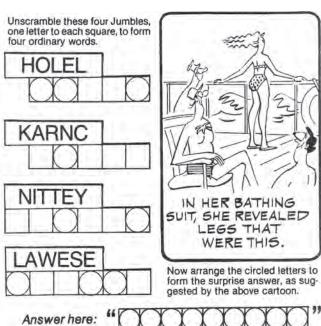
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WednesdayJumble





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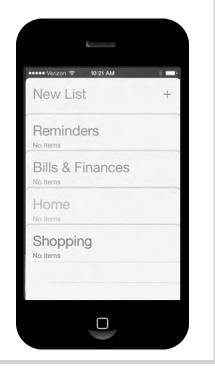
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Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Cole

Ciesielski, Hallman and Cole, and Graves. Absent: Schmidt. Present:

Observed: A moment of silence in memory of Amos Scrivener.

Approved: Minutes as printed of February 24, 2014. Approved: Budget Amendments.

Approved: Payment of bills as presented.

5 Building Permits that amount to \$2,005.00 Issued:

Accepted: Terms of the service contract with Shebar Videotronics.

Draft Ordinance from Planning Commission. Tabled: Approved: Extension of Emterra Contract from 2014 to 2020.

Approved: Expenditure of \$5,500.00 on professional services for Fire Hall renovations.

Approved: Supervisor and Clerk to sign GCRC Chloride Application Authorization Form.

Approved: Supervisor to sign Miss Dig membership form. Approved: Clerk to sign HAVA grant application.

Adjourned @ 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves Argentine Township Clerk

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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Kathy M. Penness

Kathy M. Penness age 53 of Fenton, passed away on March 29, 2014. Beloved wife of Dave.



Loving mother of Beth (Rafael) Moreno and Amy Penness. Dear grandma of Sofia.

Kathy also leaves seven siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews and loving friends. Kathy worked for Fenton Area Public Schools for over 16 years. Her funeral service will be on Wednesday, 10 AM at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton. Visitation for friends was held Tuesday 4-8 PM and Wednesday 9 AM until the time of service. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Highland. Contributions may be made to Kathy's family. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



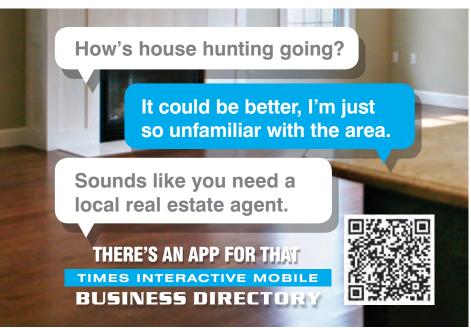
Bruce L. Dryer

Bruce L. Dryer - age 85 of Holly, died March 31, 2014. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Reverend Sharlyn Gates officiating. Visitation will be Thursday and Friday from 2-5 PM and 7-9 PM. Military honors and burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Memorial donation may be made to the Holly Presbyterian Church or Amel Schwartz Post #149 American Legion. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

Michael William Rowe

Michael William Rowe age 62, passed away on March 19th in Houston, Texas. He lived the life he always imagined on his boat near the Gulf of Mexico. He is preceded in death by his parents, James Rowe, Georgetta Rowe and his brother Patrick Rowe. He is survived by his siblings Wayne Rowe, Linda Connell, Jesse Rowe and Jeff Rowe, as well as by his two daughters Natalee Rowe and Alyson Mansfield. The family will be doing a memorial in his honor in Petoskey, Michigan this summer. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.





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