GM sales high despite recall

▶ Surprise! Used Cobalts, HHRs seeing demand from buyers

By William Axford
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General Motor’s ongoing 1.3-million-vehicle recall hasn’t stopped consumers from buying used Cobalts, Acendas and other vehicles with faulty parts. Autodata reports sales are 4.1 percent higher than they were a year ago, selling more vehicles than Ford but less than Chrysler.

The Big Three have all seen increases in sales this spring.

At local dealerships, some customers see the recall as an opportunity to upgrade or trade out their vehicle.

“I think people still know that GM stands behind their product, they know they make a good car,” said Glen Salim, used car sales manager at Vic Caneve Chevrolet in Fenton. “There’s pent up demand. People are waiting for a better economy.”

Adding to the recall of 2.6 million vehicles in February for ignition issues, GM is currently updating nearly 4 million

See RECALL on 5

11,000 square feet of fun

Trey Lakes of Mt. Morris Township takes a photo of nephew A.J. Cox, 4, as he calls in a fire at the First Children’s Museum on Tuesday. Lakes likes the museum because it “lets him expand his imagination.” The 11,000-square-foot facility has more than 40 hands-on activities, and was swarming on Tuesday with 100 kids and their families for the “$2 Tuesday” deal.

See more kid-friendly destinations on page 3

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Need money for college?

▶ April 29 event could help college-bound students find scholarships

Many parents and students worry about finding ways to pay for college.

An upcoming scholarship event hosted by Fenton School Board Trustee Drew Shapiro will provide harassment to help families find potential scholarship funds.

See SCHOLARSHIP on 6

Fenton runners heading to Boston Marathon

▶ Safety increased for country’s most prestigious race

By William Axford
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Two Fenton runners will test their endurance in one of the toughest marathons in America. Rochelle Jones and Kathleen McGowan have been training for months, running up to 60 miles a week in order to prepare for the 26-mile course, which winds through historic
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The lobby of the Michigan Theater in downtown Ann Arbor is decorated and bustling during the Ann Arbor Film Festival held in late March. The festival took place over four days, showing around 200 movies, with a staggering variety of length and subject matter.

By Tim Jagielski
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Ann Arbor — Most films at the Ann Arbor Film Festival (AAFF) were unpredictable, layered and condensed visually — or vacant and sparse with footage dwelling on open windows in high contrast black-and-white film footage. The films are a far cry from movies one is used to seeing in a traditional theater.

The crowd is different too — they are artsy and decidedly hip, taking the medium seriously as an art form.

The next festival isn’t until 2015 — but there are plenty of opportunities coming to take a look at film as an art form. If you catch this in time, you can see “Blackfish,” Wednesday night, at the Fenton Film Series (FFS) held at the Community and Cultural Center in Fenton.

The movies are free, and will run in all but the summer months. In March, the movie was “Honor Flight,” and February, “Much Ado About Nothing.” Past movies included “The Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind,” “Beer Wars,” and “Standing in the Shadow of Motown.”

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board member John Strayer runs the FFS, and also attends the AAFF regularly, along with the Traverse City Film Festival.

Strayer is unashamedly excited about the AAFF.

See FILM on 10
Colbert’s irony and Twitter don’t mix

After more than a generation of people who can’t read their diploma when they get out of school.

The KEYSTONE PIPELINE doesn’t have to go all the way to Nebraska to get to a refinery. These people want it down there so they can sell it to the highest bidder. I’d be willing to bet very well be out of this country.

THINK THE right-lightly’s scared of letting the gays get married because they might do it better than straight people, who have a 50 percent divorce rate.

DEAR MISINFORMED VOTER: If Canada didn’t want to ship this oil overseas, why are they sending it all the way down to an international port like Louisiana? They’d just put it on a boat and ship it out of that country.

MAYBE YOU THINK Ronald Reagan doesn’t have Alzheimer’s until after he was out of office, but how long do they think they hid that from us? It doesn’t have to be right. Besides, Nancy was running the office with horoscopes and Quia boards.

TO THE PERSON who thinks global warming isn’t a bad thing because it makes more CO2: when you start being able to breathe CO2? You’ll have to start breathing H2O because there’s going to be a lot less to breathe.

Better start reading a science book.

JOBGERS: Get the many beautiful parks in the area. There are enough road hazards as it is.

OPEN UP THE White House to the homeless. Obama’s never there.

THE REASON why everyone in Fenton drives through a tired and doesn’t do the speed limit is because if you do the speed limit, you get stuck at every red light.

I CAN’T VOTE for the Fenton School Bond but if I could, I’d vote ‘hell no’ after that stunt John Gleason pulled. Apparently, he has nothing better to do at the Clerk’s Office after I stood in line for two hours. Pathetic.

KUDOS TO DAVE: Troprens for the article on elk hunting, really enjoyed it.

I’M PROUD OF Michelle Obama touring the world with her family. Let’s be honest, she’s gotta get something out of being married to Barack.

IF YOU DO some research and find the information that was stripped from schools, you’ll find out that every one of our forefathers were priests and ministers. It’s sad that we have a generation of people who can’t read their diploma when they get out of school.

DOES ANYBODY KNOW how to get a hold of someone to get rid of these construction signs on Thompson Road? They’ve been done since November but they’re still up there.

WE LIVE AT (local) apartent and we lost power this week and last week. I went and brought groceries with my last $100 and I lost all of it. Thanks a lot, people.

This can be filed under ‘it is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than open your mouth and removing all doubt.’

I found anyone real what Noah was about?

I’M WONDERING WHY a director of the YMCA is angry about Fenton Township having a park, when the YMCA is a 501c3 and lives off grants, tips and taxable funds?

THERE ARE NO police out here on Hickory Ridge Road. Oakland County sheriffs told me to call the state police. It’s a racetrack out here! We need enforcement!

I SEE OUR dynamic leader on TV almost every day talking, and talking. If only we could figure out what he is saying.

CHRISTIANITY IS THE opiate of the masses. Feel good about yourself, judge everyone else and cry persecution when laws don’t fit your beliefs. Narcissism at its highest.

OUR TAX-AND-spend Democrats are trying to increase federal pay by 3.3 percent. This course of will be paid for by hardworking Americans, like you and me.

THANK GOD FOR the King. He tells us how it is. If you think he’s racist or misinformed, you need to take a civics class. He speaks the truth about America and if you don’t like it, you can leave.

DID YOU KNOW that out of the top 15 political donors in America, 14 of them are unions and they always support liberal Democrats?

IF THE KING goes to get to Heaven, I’d rather go to Hell. It’s bad enough to read his racist, entitled drivel every week. I’d have to kill myself over all if I heard it for all of eternity.

I KNOW I’m old and out of the times, but I keep seeing this term on TV called hip-hop. My uncle had a bad hip, and hopped when he walked. Does that make him a hip hopper?

See HOT LINE throughout Times.

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

Much ado about Noah

It wasn’t so long ago that conserva
tive puritans believed Hollywood to be evil and some preachers instructed their congregations not to go to movies lest they be tempted beyond their ability to resist. Now Christians are debating film content. That’s progress of a sort.

The main complaint from critics of the film ‘Noah,’ which opened last Friday with an impressive opening day take of an estimated $44 million in ticket sales, is that it doesn’t accurately reflect the rather slim biblical account in Genesis. Here’s some breaking news for the critics: Noah didn’t speak English, as Russell Crowe does in the film, so right there we have a departure from biblical accuracy. One should not turn to Hol
day for theological truth.

In his book ‘Hollywood vs. America,’ critic Michael Medved refers to the film industry as ‘The Poison Factory,’ not the ‘dream factory’ it likes to call itself. But there are also many independent films being made today that act as antitheses to that nostrum if people seek them out, buy tickets and spread the word.

‘Heaven is for Real’ is one such film. Based on the best-selling book by Todd Burpo, the movie was directed by Ran
dall Cronk and stars an evangelical Christian who also directed ‘Secretariat’ and wrote the screenplay for ‘Braveheart’ and ‘Pearl Harbor.

As for the storyline (the real one), what we know from Genesis is that God considered Noah a ‘righteous man.’ For that reason Noah and his family (and the animals) would be spared so they could repopulate the Earth after the flood.

After decades in which Hollywood mostly ignored or stereotyped faith, Christians should be happy they have gotten the film industry’s attention. Suc
cessful films like ‘The Passion of the Christ,’ ‘The Bible’ and ‘Son of God’ prove that such stories ‘sell.’ Instead of nitpicking over ‘Noah,’ the Christian community should not only be cheering, but buying tickets to encourage more such movies.

Besides, after some see ‘Noah,’ they might want to visit the ‘original cast.’ The next time a rainbow appears might be the right occasion to begin a discussion.

FROM THE LEFT

Clarence Page
Nationally syndicated columnist

FROM THE RIGHT

Gal Thomas
Nationally syndicated columnist

Will they find Flight 370?

“No. I think it crashed in the water.”

“No. I believe it was diverted somewhere.”

“No. I don’t think so. I think it was an acciden
tal incident.”

— Gene Wright Fenton
— Jim Martin Fenton
— Gary Hayden Fenton Township
— Cathy Randall Linden
— Mark Berends Fenton
— Barb McFarland Traverse City
MARATHON
Continued from Front Page
New England towns and ends in Boston.
Like other runners, fans and spectators, the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings looms in the minds of Jones and McGowan but it isn’t enough to keep them from competing.
“I’m not nervous about it because of the way they changed everything. The runners will be really protected,” said McGowan, who has been running for more than 20 years. This year will be her first time running the marathon. “The whole community will be out there supporting and cheering the runners.”
Last year, two bombs exploded near the finish line, killing three people and injuring more than 200, according to The Boston Herald. Runners who were unable to finish the race last year due to the attacks have gained automatic entry into this year’s race.
Jones said some of the security measures this year include banning bags and other gear on the course and keeping runners in an ‘athletes’ village’ before the run. According to the Boston Athletics Association (BAA), clear gear bags will be issued to runners and items like backpacks, glass containers and vests with any sort of pocket will be prohibited.
In order to qualify for the Boston Marathon, runners must complete other marathons in a designated amount of time based on age and gender. Jones and McGowan qualified for the race after completing the Bay Shore Marathon held in Traverse City. Both runners will tell you running any marathon is tough and that the Boston Marathon is the ultimate test of marathon runners.
“There’s something special about it. It’s not a distance everybody can do,” Jones said. “Only 10 percent of runners can qualify for the marathon. Part of running it is for the prestige.”
The BAA reports 26,839 people entered the race last year and that 75.4 percent of the runners finished. Most runners were between the ages of 18 to 39 however, there were participants older than 80 who ran last year. The marathon also had runners who were visually impaired and participated in a wheelchair.
Jones ran in the Boston Marathon in 2010, finishing in three hours, 55 minutes. Jones is hoping to beat her time by at least 10 minutes this year. Regardless, the membership director of the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce knows she and McGowan will enjoy the challenging course.
“No matter what’s happening, everybody gathers together. There’s camaraderie between runners, everyone wants to be there for you,” Jones said. “People in the races are cheering each other on. They get so excited and so emotional.”

There’s a camaraderie between runners. It’s a different world. Rochelle Jones 2014 Boston Marathon participant

A quick rundown of the Boston Marathon
• The first Boston Marathon was held in 1897, after the marathon was reinstated in the 1896 Olympics in Athens
• It is the oldest continuously running marathon in the world.
• Fastest male runner in 2013: Lelisa Desisa of Ethiopia, 2:10:22
• Fastest female runner in 2013: Rita Jeptoo of Kenya, 2:26:25
• Runners from 96 different countries participated in 2013
Source: Boston Athletics Association
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reported nearly $1 million in extra revenue from the sale of permits.
Fenton City Council first banned Sunday morning liquor sales in 2010. So did Linden, but in October 2013, the city of Linden reconsidered its ban on liquor sales, being prompted by local businesses.

Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn has heard both sides of the argument, and wants to take a careful, educated approach. “It’s obviously a hot-button issue (for people),” she said.

Councilman Scott Grossmeyer and Jacob spoke in favor of lifting the ban, and Councilman Les Bland spoke against it, arguing that alcohol could be bought before or after the window when sales are prohibited.

Grossmeyer and Jacob argue that those shopping for alcohol for either a tailgate party or a camping trip or whatever have to shop in surrounding communities, and therefore aren’t spending money in Fenton.

“I don’t care about what anybody around us is doing,” said Bland, who said as a Christian, he could not support allowing businesses to buy a license for earlier alcohol sales.

The council did not make a decision on the matter, except that a public hearing was needed, as was some fact-finding by the council.

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The free event will be held at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center on Tuesday, April 29 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

The purpose of the event is to inform college-bound students and their parents on how to successfully apply for scholarships. The discussion will be led by Vanessa Ferguson, who works as an instructor at Mott Community College. Her scholarships, which she was awarded in high school and college, paid for three college degrees including two master’s degrees.

In today’s dollars, the scholarships and fellowships she was awarded would be valued at more than $105,000.

At the event, Ferguson will share her story and educate attendees on strategies to help prepare for researching scholarships. “Most families wait too long to begin searching for scholarships. It is important for students to start planning for college early in their high school career,” said Ferguson.

“Students don’t necessarily need to know what college they plan to attend since a lot of scholarships are awarded from organizations outside educational institutions,” explained Ferguson. “These awards can be used at any college or university that a student ends up attending.”

A college financial-aid professional, with more than 10 years experience in the field, will also talk about the common mistakes parents make when filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Drew Shapiro said he is sponsoring the event because of talks he has had with Fenton parents. “Paying for college is a big concern of parents,” said Shapiro.

The Fenton Community & Cultural Center is located at 150 South LeRoy St., in Fenton. Anyone interested in learning more information can visit Shapiro’s page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shapirodm, by email at Talk2Drew-Shapiro@gmail.com or by phone at 810-730-9285.

“I wanted to have this event so area students can best prepare themselves to apply for scholarships.”

Drew Shapiro
Fenton Board of Education trustee

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Automobile recalls and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

The subject of automobile recalls and safety has been in the news in recent days with the announcement of a recall for certain 2003-2011 General Motors vehicles with ignition switches that may move out of the run position, turning off the engine or causing the air bags not to deploy in the event of a crash.

I obtained the above summary of this particular recall from the web site of a federal agency called the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or NHTSA for short.

When one hears of automobile recalls such as this, NHTSA is normally involved and the logical question becomes just who are they?

To answer this question we will go back to the mid 1960s when cars generally didn’t have such items as seat belts, shoulder harnesses, air bags, safety bumpers and other vehicle safety features that virtually all new cars have today.

Public awareness of the need for automobile safety grew during this period for a number of reasons including a 1966 report by the National Academy of Sciences, which found that in 1965 there were some 32 million accidental injuries, which killed 107,000 people. Of these deaths, 49,000 were due to motor vehicle accidents. Additionally Ralph Nader’s 1965 book “Unsafe at Any Speed” brought attention to the issues involving vehicle safety.

As a result of this public awareness and other factors, federal legislation was introduced in the 1960s, which eventually led to the Highway Safety Act of 1966, which created NHTSA. This agency succeeded the National Highway Safety Bureau, which was formed pursuant to the Highway Safety Act of 1966.

NHTSA does many things. Its website tells us its these include being responsible for reducing deaths, injuries and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes. This is accomplished by setting and enforcing safety performance standards for motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment and through grants to state and local governments, to enable them to conduct effective local highway safety programs.

The official NHTSA website has a very extensive compilation of what they do and I would recommend it for further information on this topic.

FRONT LICENSE PLATE says Whiskey Princess: ‘Yeah, if I were a cop, I’d zero in on that.

TO THE PERSON who doesn’t know what a recall is or how to react to one: ‘A recall is like this in a can. You go ahead and let your dogs roam around, good luck.

IF YOU FOCUS on just the negative, what else is there? Show me something positive and I’ll focus on it.

I FAITHFULLY COMPLIED with my doctor’s request to eat less red meat. Guess what? My cholesterol went up. The body’s natural response to make more cholesterol.
Two men complete mosaic project for local church

By Sally Rummel

It didn’t take four years nor did they have to lie on their backs to create an artistic masterpiece, but Stan Smith and Dick Wilson did feel a kinship with Michelangelo when they finally finished a large mosaic picture this week for their church.

It’s a project these Linden men began more than two years ago for Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton Township, following a huge expansion project.

“We already had completed a very simple mosaic in the kitchen, and wanted a more-religious-themed mosaic to face out toward the fellowship hall,” said Smith, 85, a retired art teacher.

This mosaic “masterpiece” will be presented to the congregation on Easter Sunday, April 20, and will be hung up after that to be gazed at and completely finished.

Wilson, 69, a retired dental technician, had the idea of creating this mosaic to tell a Bible story. He used a children’s Bible photo as the template, and then let their artistic imaginations soar when selecting colors as they went along in the project.

“We’re leaving it up to everyone who sees it to come up with their own interpretation of the picture,” he said. Smith added that he hopes the mosaic art will give everyone who sees it something to think about.

These two friends spent at least three hours a week over a two-year period, painstakingly cutting thousands of colored tiles into tiny pieces, then gluing them onto a board in an artistic design of color. They spent so much time together in a small room off the fellowship hall that they dubbed the space, “the Sistine Chapel.”

“It became a lot more complex than we thought,” admitted Wilson, who holds a bachelor’s degree in art education. “You can only work about three hours at a time because the pieces are so fine and small that you can’t focus anymore after that.”

While they both enjoyed working on the mosaic, they’re glad to see the project coming to an end. “There’s a lot of blood, sweat and tears in this mosaic,” said Wilson.

Fenton’s own ‘Sistine Chapel’

There’s a lot of blood, sweat and tears in this mosaic.

—Dick Wilson

Dick Wilson (left) and Stan Smith pose for a photo a few minutes after finishing their mural, which so far is unnamed. Before them is a small table holding tools, glue and bits of colored tile.
MUSEUMS
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Gardens Conservatory. The butterflies are most active on sunny warm days, and will be more restful and photo-friendly on cloudy, cooler days.
Cost: There is no additional charge to see the butterflies beyond the regular admission cost of Dow Gardens: Adults $5, kids 6-17 $1 and kids 5 and under free.
• Frogs! A Chorus of Color at the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art
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Cost: Adults $9, kids 4-14 $6, kids 3 and under free. You can pre-purchase your admission to Frogs! online at http://www.mcfa.org.

Summary
• If you and your family choose to stay in town rather than head south for spring break this week, the Times has rounded up some fun activities that your kids will enjoy.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
I WAS LISTENING to the farm report one day and I heard that it’s cheaper to raise turkeys instead of chickens and cows. If that’s true, farming has more to do with money than our health.

DETOUR TIGER MIGUEL Cabrera signed a $248 million deal for eight years. Where are the 99 percenters protesting this rich man who does nothing but hit a ball? Couldn’t ticket prices come down if his salary wasn’t so high?

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY! WHY didn’t the Fenton school district buy new computers they say are needed for the students, but instead replaced perfectly good fencing around two baseball fields? Now they want us to vote for another bond issue? Priorities?

PLATOON 4011 OSCAR Co. Gradu ation was April 4 at Parris Island, S.C. Cimbrey is on her way home. She is a 2013 graduate of Fenton High School.
You are amazing!

FENTON SCHOOLS wouldn’t need a millage if they wouldn’t for the unions. The money saved would be more than adequate.

Day Trip #3 – Kensington MetroPark in Milford
• Spring has officially sprung at Kensington, with birds and frogs chirping, wildflowers blooming and baby animals being born. “We’ve got spring fever,” said Farm Manager Debbie Cavallaro. “All of our babies are out and about. We’ve got a litter of 4-day-old piglets, baby lambs jumping about, baby goats, etc. Our lower barn area is like a maternity ward!”
The Farm is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and the Nature Center is open Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
This weekend boasts hayrides from 12 to 4 p.m., along the Huron River, at a cost of $5 for adults, $3 for kids and 2 and under free. Special events are held on weekends. For example, this Saturday, April 12, visitors will find Tot Time: Spring along, Sing along, all about the amphibians that come alive in the spring, plus Wee Wild Yoga and a Civil War Encampment.
If the weather’s warm enough, enjoy a picnic lunch, take a walk on a nature trail and enjoy being out in over 4,000 acres of wooded wonderland.
Cost: Free with daily $7 car admission into the MetroPark or $30 annual pass. Special programs are $5.

Here’s a fun to-do list of other places to visit this spring with your family:

The Detroit Zoo, open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults 15-61 $14, kids 2-14 $10, under 2 free.
Lansing’s Impression 5 Science Center, open Tuesday-Saturday 10 to 5 p.m., Sunday 12 to 5 p.m. Adults and kids $7, under one year free.
Flint Children’s Museum, near Keatinge University, open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 12 to 4 p.m. Adults and kids $6, under 1 free.
Sloan Museum in Flint: Special exhibit “Space: A Journey to our Future,” now through May 4. Adults $9, kids 3-11 $6, 2 and under free.
Greenfield Village in Dearborn opens for the season on April 15. Adults $24, kids 5-12 $17.50, 4 and under free.
Ann Arbor Hands-on Children’s Museum, over 250 interactive exhibits. Adults and kids $11, 23 months and younger free. $5 admission on Thursdays after 5 p.m.
CELEBRATE THE EASTER miracle!

The people of St. Rita in Holly invite you to worship this Easter

- Saturday, April 12 Palm Sunday Mass Vigil, 4pm
- Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday Mass, 8am, 10am, 12noon & 6pm
- Thursday, April 17 Mass of the Last Supper, 7pm
- Friday, April 18 Stations of the Cross/Passion Veneration of the cross, 12-3pm
- Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil, 8pm

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Beat the Joy of Easter at Tyrone

"and by His wounds we are healed..." Isaiah 53:5

- Thursday, April 17th - Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00PM
- Saturday, April 19th - Egg Hunt for Kids ages 0-10 years at 10:00AM

Easter Sunday

- April 20th - Christian Education at 9:00AM
- Easter Worship Service at 10:15AM

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Thursday, April 17, 2014
7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Friday, April 18, 2014
12:00 Noon: Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7:00pm: Good Friday Passion Meditation featuring Youth
Sunday, April 20, 2014
7:00AM & 9:00AM Traditional services with Communion
11:00AM Contemporary service with Communion
After the screenings, audience members can ask questions about select films by the filmmakers themselves.

**FILM**

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strayer — not necessarily movies, but art
films and documentaries. “I think they’re
better movies,” he said.

If you compare these movies to what
you can normally catch at the box office to food,
films at the AAFF and FFS are more like your
leafy green vegetables, or exotic foreign fare,
than your regular comfort food.

To Strayer, that can
be a good thing. “It’s
an art form I really appreciate when it’s
done well. I think it can be exceptionally
powerful when it’s done well,” he said,
and that through these films, one can learn
something completely new. “It gives you
a completely different perspective.”

Strayer strives to bring movies you
can’t see anywhere else to Fenton. The
FFS is funded through the DDA and local
businesses provide the food. The cost is $700 for
a limited license to screen a movie.

Aside from the FFS,
there are several other film festivals coming up,
see sidebar for those.

The Flint Institute
of Art (FIA), 15 minutes
away, has the Friends
of Modern Art (FOMA) Film Series also,
held Thursdays through Sundays, at 7:30
p.m. Showings are 2 p.m. on Sundays.
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sculpture installation. For more information,
go to flintarts.org/films. The next
film is this weekend, “A Touch of Sin,” a
Chinese-Tarantino-esque violent action
film.

**MORE ON THE ANN ARBOR FILM FESTIVAL**

The AAFF is the largest and longest
running in North America, with 180
films from 20 countries, representing the
best and premier forum for experimental
film making. Andy Warhol and George
Lucas even had early works featured at the
festival.

Seats aren’t fee or cheap — $9 buys
a ticket to one session, which has around
10 short films of varying length. Many
were shot on 16mm film, some were shot
digitally and transferred.

**HOT LINE CONTINUED**

**WHEN I STOPPED at a gas sta-
tion on Oxen Road tonight to fill up,
I thought someone was playing the
radio. Whoever was singing, you
 sounded wonderful! You could go pro!

**THESE ARE THE top 10 states and how they voted in the 2012 Presiden-
tial election that take more Federal
money than they pay in taxes. New
Mexico-D, Mississippi-R, Alaska-R,
Louisiana-R, W. Virginia-R, N. Dakota-
R, Alabama-R, S. Dakota-R, Virginia-
R, Kentucky-R. This has nothing to do
with per capita, just simple addition.

**THE REASON NEW Mexico voted
Democrat was every illegal alien got a
free driver’s license and all were encour-
aged to sign up Democrat for voting.**

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**Michigan Votes.org is a non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center
for Public Policy. It provides concise, non-partisan, plain English descriptions of
every bill and vote in the Michigan
House and Senate.**

**The House and Senate are on a two-
week spring break. Therefore, this report
contains several recently introduced bills of interest. This report was released on
Friday, April 4.**

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**Dear Web Wizard,**

I am searching for every story written on a particular subject that occurred in the area and I was hoping I could find this on your website. Do you archive your stories and if so, how would I access them?

— History Researcher

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**Dear History Researcher,**

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timestimes.com and use our advanced
search bar located on the top right of
our website. Here, you can type in
any keyword and you will be di-
rected to our archives. Once you cre-
ate an account, you will have access to all of our archives. Good luck with your search. If you need any further assistance, you can come into our office and search through our bound
books, each containing three months of
printed newspapers.

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t insurance agent and the
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**MICHIGAN VOTES**

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON THIS WEEK

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**Senate Bill 682: Impose additional charter school restrictions, man-
date smoking ban**

Introduced by Sen. Hoorn-Yung Hop-
good (D), to impose property taxes on charter schools; prohibit charter
firms from managing charter schools; prohibit charter school authorizing bodies from authorizing any new schools unless the students in the schools
they have already chartered outperform conventional schools in the same school district by at least 1 percent; and more. Referred to committee, no
further action at this time.

**Senate Bill 688: Authorize “patient centered” Medicaid alternative**

Introduced by Sen. Bruce Caswell (R), to create a “patient centered” alterna-
tive to the Medicaid medical welfare program that would include low-
cost “disease-oriented care” services between individuals and a physician
for routine and preventative health-
care services, high-deductible type
insurance plans, “health savings ac-
counts” and more. Also, to ask federal
permission to allow employers subject to the federal healthcare law (Obam-
acare) “employer mandate” to provide
high-deductible insurance policies to
workers as an alternative to paying the
mandate’s penalties. Referred to com-
mittee, no further action at this time.

**Senate Bill 706: Restore ban on nude entertainment in liquor
license law**

Introduced by Sen. Rick Jones (R), to
ban fully nude performers at “top-
less” bars, or the display of explicit
pornography at bars. This relates to a
2007 federal appeals court ruling that
struck down Michigan’s previous law
banning fully nude performers in bars,
having it was a violation of the First
Amendment. Referred to committee,
no further action at this time.

**Senate Bill 727: Give new school employees 401(k), not pensions**

Introduced by Sen. Mark Jansen (R), to
close the current “defined benefit”
pension system to new school em-
ployees, and instead provide 401(k) benefits. Employees could contribute up
to 5 percent of salary to their ac-
count, and the local school district
would have to contribute an amount
equal to 80 percent of the paid in,
referred to committee, no further action at this time.

**Senate Bill 732: Ban employers asking about employee contracep-
tive use**

Introduced by Sen. Jim Ananich (D), to
prohibit employers from asking
employees or job applicants about
their use or nonuse of contraceptives.
Referred to committee, no further ac-
tion at this time.
LF’s Donoho is No. 1 on our list

Determined senior goes from non-placer last season to a state champion this year

By David Troppens
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When Andy Donoho was a sophomore, he didn’t think much about winning individual state wrestling championships.

In fact, the Swartz Creek transfer to Lake Fenton High School wasn’t even wrestling.

“When I was a freshman my brother was on the team and I had a couple of seniors take care of me,” Donoho said. “When he graduated I wasn’t as interested my sophomore year.”

But when he transferred to Lake Fenton, that changed. He returned to wrestling and by the end of his senior season he became the Division 3 171-pound state champion. He also earned another honor. He’s now our 2014 Tri-County Wrestler of the Year.

Lake Fenton wrestling coach Vance Corcoran remembers when he first met Donoho.

“He was a great kid, well-spoken and a nice-mannered kid,” Corcoran said. “(Assistant coach Steve) Stockroth started working with him. At the time I didn’t have any idea how good of a wrestler he was. He didn’t wrestle that year at Swartz Creek so I didn’t know a whole lot about him.”

Corcoran quickly began to realize how good of a wrestler Donoho could be. Despite missing his sophomore year, Donoho bounced back his junior season by posting a 48-14 record, eventually qualifying for the state meet at 171 pounds.

“To be honest, I didn’t know what to expect my junior year,” Donoho said. “I spent all of my sophomore and junior years in the weight room. I wasn’t expecting a ton, but I knew I could compete in districts and in regionals.”

His first state venture wasn’t awful, but it also didn’t get him on the podium either, finishing the tourney 1-2.

“It was my first time at state, so it was kind of new to me,” Donoho said. “Going back was definitely an advantage. It’s an advantage to be able to come back as often as you can for the experience. “But I wasn’t terrible. I had a really close first-round match, losing by two or three points. Then I won and lost my final match. It wasn’t terrible, but OK. I was upset a couple of days, but for the most part I was ecstatic just to make it to the state meet for the first time.”

It was a good start, and then came the offseason. Corcoran said Donoho’s work ethic took over, making him a much better wrestler.

“He’s determined,” Corcoran said. “He lost to some kids he shouldn’t have his junior year and he got tired of that and started to turn that corner. He worked super hard, and whatever he needed to do, he was going to do it.”

And Donoho did exactly that. He began the season ranked in the state at 171, but was forced to wrestle most of the season at 189 to help the squad. It resulted in some early bumps. But even with some of the losses, Corcoran could see that Donoho was improving.

“He should’ve been at 171 and the only kids that were beating him were the best of the best at 189,” Corcoran said. “I could tell he was going to be scary when he wrestled 171. He manhandled those kids. Wrestling those big kids helped him out for when he went back to his natural weight.”

At individual districts, Donoho won a district title. At regionals, he exploded to the finals, but lost to Dundee’s Jacob Gorial.

See DONOHO on 12
Hockey pair compete at nationals

By David Troppens
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When the Kensington Valley Ravens were created in 2009-10, the girls hockey squad probably didn’t realize just how good they could be.

They found out last weekend.

The squad, which included two Fenton residents, qualified for the 1A U National Championships held in New York last weekend. Fenton residents and Hartland Middle School at Ore Creek students Amber Danules, 13, and Brandi Wilson, 13, competed for the squad which won the state championship, qualifying for the trip to New York.

“It was exciting,” Wilson said. “I was so excited being there, I couldn’t believe it.”

“It was very over-the-top,” Danules said. “They had the games online so our (families) could watch from home. It was an exciting time.”

The squad was among the best teams in the state of Michigan at their age level. The Ravens finished the season with an overall record of 32-11-5, scoring 180 goals and allowing just 83. Ranked 13th in the nation, the Ravens qualified for the national tournament by winning the state title in a double-overtime contest, defeating a team from Ann Arbor 3-2. That allowed the squad, which plays out of Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton, to earn a spot in the tournament.

“It was nerve-wracking,” Danules said. “Finally, when Gillian (Molzon) scored on a breakaway, I turned to one of my linemates and smiled. It was an awesome moment. It was tiring. It was a knock down, drag down game.”

Once at the national event, the results weren’t as kind to the Ravens, who were among the youngest teams at the tournament. They lost all four of their games, but were able to advance to the quarterfinals based on goal differential in their opening three games. Once in the quarterfinals, the squad lost to a team from Pittsburgh 6-2.

Wilson scored two goals during the tournament while Danules had an assist.

“Even though we didn’t win nationals it was cool to be No. 1 in the state,” Wilson said. “Even if we didn’t win, we still had a great time. We learned so much for next year. We learned how we need to compete when we get to nationals. We are one of the youngest teams, so we expect to be battling with them again next year.”

“I learned we have to stay positive,” Danules said. “Half of the game is mental and you have to be (mentally) strong. You have to go crazy when you are on the ice, but when you are on the bench you need to stay calm.”

DONOHO
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Tye Thompson in the finals by a 7-3 decision. He entered the state meet expecting to place, and one website projected him in the final match, but not many were expecting Donoho to capture a state title.

“I know not to read too much into predictions and ratings, but I saw michigangrappler had me in the finals but picked me to lose,” Donoho said. “It was understandable because I lost (to Thompson) at regionals and he was ranked ahead of me, so I understood that. But it started bugging me and being picked second gave me a little more drive.”

Facing Thompson again, the results were a bit different, with Donoho earning a 4-2 decision victory. Donoho got an early escape to start the second and raised his lead to 3-0 with a take down in the final four seconds of the period. That take down ended up determining the match, as Thompson never tied or led in the third period.

“He never stops,” Corcoran said. “There were so many big moments (at the state meet). He had big take downs against Jared Roehl in the semifinals and then there was that take down in the finals. He caught that kid in the final seconds.”

“(The best memory) was having my hand raised at the end,” Donoho said. “But I also remember the coaches after I won, how they were jumping up and going crazy. I don’t remember many details of the match, but when I watched it two to three days after the fact, it was like a match I’ve never seen before.”

But it did, and Donoho ended his career as a state champion.

“It was, by far, the best moment of my life,” Donoho said.

And it was the moment that earned Donoho our 2014 Tri-County Wrestler of the Year award.

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2013-14 All Tri-County Wrestling Team

Most Valuable Wrestler
Comment
171) Andy Donoho
Lake Fenton
52-7 State champion
He spent most of the season wrestling 189 pound wrestlers for the Lake Fenton Blue Devils, and had a fine season. So when Donoho finally got a chance to wrestle people in his class, he dominated during the state tournament, eventually topping his prep career with an individual state championship.

The rest of the first team

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Note: This team is selected based on the wrestler that had the best performance in the individual state series. If there is no placers at a particular weight in the state series we select the highest placer at the league meets. Two “wild-card” spots can be given to wrestlers who competed at state but didn’t get their weight class position.
DEAR DR. ROACH: I’m wondering about the commercials regarding eating ice cream. The way they sound, it’s OK to eat it without fear of fat. I’m a male in his 70s, in fine health, and I am wondering if eating it is fine, but just once in a while. Thank you. — A.A.

ANSWER: Ice cream has more saturated fat and sugar than is good for you. People who want to be super-healthy don’t eat ice cream at all. However, I am a believer that it’s OK to indulge yourself once in a while in something that might not be the healthiest for you. Just make sure it’s something closer to once a month than it is to once a day.
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CITY OF FENTON
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THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fenton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on Thursday, April 24, 2014 for the purpose of considering a special land use request to allow The Laundry Room to operate a banquet facility at 115 W. Shiawassee, Tax ID #53-36-501-002. The property is located on the south side of Shiawassee, immediately east of The Laundry, between 5 Leroy Street and Adelaide Avenue, and is zoned CBO, Central Business District/PUD, Planned Unit Development, where banquet facilities are special land uses.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ZBA13-033 Scott Herzberg 1184 Butternut Ct Fenton: Requesting a maximum allowable sq. footage variance to add another attached garage. Property is located at 1184 Butternut Ct. Parcel 06-12-627-020

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