Violation of open fire rules could cost you up to $500

Grass fires keeping firefighters busy

By Sharon Stone • sstone@tcetimes.com; 810-433-6786
Anyone listening to a police scanner in the tri-county area over the past week or so has most likely heard numerous calls of open burn complaints and grass fires. The welcomed warmer weather, residents wanting to rid their yard of downed tree branches and twigs, dead grass and spring breezes can lead to uncontrollable grass fires.

See FIRE on 11A

Coming soon to your community

Abundance of new businesses opening this year in Fenton, Holly, Linden

By Sally Rummel
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If you’re noticing a lot more new business activity in Fenton, Linden and Holly, it’s not just your imagination. The tri-county area is “on the grow” with many new businesses having opened up shop in the last eight months or so, plus many more with building permits issued and plans in the making.

See BUSINESSES on 20A

Water main break pulls crews from post-winter cleanup

Fenton Water Department worker Al Maddox clears dirt from around a leaking water main pipe on Treatout Drive, with Kelly Fletcher (right) and Roy Baird of the Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW). Fletcher cleared 15 yards of dirt to make the 7-foot hole for access to a leaking pipe. This left around 300 residents without water for a few hours, and less time for potholes and brush clearing.

City closer to tearing down seminary

Ownership reverts to Genesee County

By William Axford • axford@tcetimes.com; 810-433-6792
The city of Fenton is one step closer in its pursuit of tearing down the seminary on High Street. Ownership of the 146-year-old building has reverted to Genesee County. On Wednesday, City Manager Lynn Markland and Zoning Administrator Brad Hissong said they would meet with county officials on Friday to decide the fate of the historic building.

Markland and Hissong expressed some regret that the seminary appears to be unsalvageable but hold that the building is a danger to the public as it now stands.

“It’s clearly unstable. You can pull some of the stones out with your hands,” Hissong said. “We can’t send anyone in there, it’s too dangerous. The only thing left is to get it down.”

See SEMINARY on 22A

What’s new for boating season

Wakeboarding, jet boats to rule local lakes this summer

By William Axford
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Boat season has arrived as the welcomed warmer temperatures have melted nearly any remaining ice on the numerous tri-county area lakes. While there are not too many new products out there that will rock the boat, there are some different innovations that will be available this year.

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BOY’S BMX BIKE STOLEN
On April 1, a 31-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that someone stole her son’s green 18-inch BMX bicycle from the driveway near their apartment in the 1000 block of North Road. She said they last saw the bike at 6:30 p.m. the previous evening.

WOMAN’S WALLET STOLEN
At 7:30 p.m. on April 2, Fenton police received a larceny report from a woman who had been shopping at a store in the 1200 block of North LeRoy Street. The woman said she had accidentally left her wallet, containing credit cards and cash on the counter after she paid for her merchandise. She realized her mistake in the parking lot, however when she returned to the store, her black Kate Spade wallet was gone.

MISTAKE OR FRAUD?
On Tuesday, April 8, a 51-year-old Fenton woman filed a fraud complaint with Fenton police. The woman said that she had her taxes professionally done and after her tax preparer submitted them, the IRS sent her a notice indicating that someone had already submitted tax forms with her Social Security Number. Lt. Jason Slater said the woman will have some paperwork to fill out and the IRS is investigating to determine if someone accidentally submitted a wrong number or if it was intentional.

Fate of this year’s fruit crops still unknown
Harsh winter, followed by late spring, could damage a variety of fruits
By William Axford

Spring’s late start has left open-field farmers unsure what to expect for this upcoming grow season. This past winter’s brutal temperatures and record snowfall may hamper the production of stone fruits like cherries, peaches and plums however, farmers are optimistic about this year’s apple crop. “Being a late spring like this, which we like, it’s still hard to tell how the crops will do,” said Charles Mueller, owner of Mueller’s Orchard in Fenton Township. “I usually spray a couple times by now so we don’t have a good idea yet.”

Apple production in Michigan has been volatile for the past two years. In 2012, many orchards didn’t open due to an early spring cold snap followed by a devastating summer long drought. Last year saw the return of apple production in masse.

Bob Tritten, district horticulture educator with the MSU Extension said the subzero temperatures in January and February may have injured fruit trees, hampering the overall amount of produce grown this year. Apples are more resilient, capable of surviving much colder temperatures. “Apples will tolerate a temperature of minus 30 degrees,” Tritten said. “Peaches, plums and cherries are all much more sensitive than apples. Peaches would be the most sensitive at minus 13 degrees and there were many farms reaching minus 20 this winter.”

Tritten estimates farmers will have a clearer idea of what to expect with their crops in the next three weeks. Should this past winter’s harsh weather and late spring hamper crop growth, Tritten said there would be a pretty good likelihood that prices will increase.

Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?
Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease.
Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness, burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease at www.flintveins.com

Clever cleaning tips
Use household items you have on hand for chemical-free, affordable cleaning
By Sally Rummel

If you thought that the Times was just for reading, you might miss one of the cleverest cleaning tips out there for your spring cleaning list.

Newspaper ink is a terrific polishing agent that requires no water or liquid, so just crumple a piece of newspaper and rub, to polish your faucets, windows and more — after you’ve read it all, of course.

For an extra clean window or mirror, use a simple solution of white vinegar, newspaper and a little “elbow grease,” according to cleaning experts at Good Housekeeping magazine. Mix two tablespoons of white vinegar with a gallon of water, and dispense into a used spray bottle. Squirt on the surface, then scrub with newspaper, not paper towels, which cause streaking.

If you don’t like the smell of vinegar, you can substitute straight lemon juice or club soda (don’t dilute either in water). Just rub on the surface with newspaper.
Intolerant of intolerance?

Like most people, I am a great fan of ice cream. Not just any ice cream though. I happen to like the ridiculously overpriced Ben and Jerry’s ice cream. Fortunately, I don’t eat ice cream very often, so the idea of paying $5 for roughly one serving of ice cream doesn’t ruin my day.

What does ruin my day though is the hypocritical behavior of many of the radical left who demand punishment of anyone who does not publicly agree with their concept of a new America.

Example: The board of directors of Mozilla, the company that brought us the widely used Firefox computer browser, forced the company’s CEO, Brendan Eich, to resign. Did Brendan Eich embezzle money? Uh...no. Did Brendan Eich sexually harass a female employee? Uh...no. Did Brendan Eich mismanage Mozilla? Uh...no. They are very profitable. Brendan Eich was fired because six years ago, in 2008, he donated $1,000 of his own money to the Proposition 8 campaign in California. Proposition 8 amended the California Constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman and was approved by the voters of California. Nonetheless, once Brendan Eich’s six-year-old private donation was made public, leftist organizations demanded that Eich declare that he now supports gay marriage. When Eich refused, gay rights and other leftist organizations called for a boycott of Firefox.

The Mozilla board, spineless but not fiscally reckless, caved immediately and forced Brendan Eich to resign.

Let’s get back to Ben and Jerry for a moment. I don’t know if Ben and Jerry have any personal political or social agendas. More importantly, I don’t care. I believe that products should speak for themselves. If the ice cream is good, despite whatever opposition I may or may not have regarding the political views of the makers of that ice cream, I will still purchase it. Ben and Jerry have the same rights to free speech as any other American citizen.

The same philosophy is certainly not true for many on the left though. They believe it is morally correct to publicly destroy individuals or businesses that dare to disagree with them. The reaction is especially vitriolic on the issue of same-sex marriage. In their world, you must publicly endorse all aspects of their social agenda. If not, you become the enemy, as was the case with Eich, and you just happen to see the world differently.

Let’s recap. If you, as a businesswoman or man, don’t agree to publicly endorse the often divisive agenda of the left, they will attempt to punish you by destroying you and/or your business by any means possible.

In other words, they are intolerant of anything they view as intolerance. That is hypocrisy in its purest form.

Behavior such as this is counter to everything America was founded on. It worries me and it should worry you — no matter which side of the political fence you reside on.

Eich’s story was just a small example of the suppression of people's ideas and the restrictions of the Internet. The Bureaucracy is the new big brother. The time is now to fight back with free enterprise. If you are not content with the status quo, then you must take action. If you are angry about the destruction of America, then you must take action.

There exists a drive to Restore Michigan. It is the only way to stop this destruction of the American way. The time is now to act before it is too late. The time is now to make a difference. The time is now to fight back against the Bureaucracy. The time is now to make a change. The time is now to Restore Michigan.
Popular event raises funds for Fenton schools

By Sharon Stone

Some lucky poker player will have bragging rights when a street in downtown Fenton is named after them for an entire year. They will also win $1,000 while supporting the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation (FAPSEF).

FAPSEF hosts this event to raise funds for the school district’s teachers and students in the fields of arts, academics and athletics.

If this sounds like a worthwhile evening of entertainment, you will want to register to play in the 2014 Colonel Fenton’s Texas Hold ‘em Poker Tournament. The event takes place Thursday, April 24 at the Fenton Hotel. It will have the same format as last year.

The expected 100 participants’ entry fee is $100, which includes one spectator admission. Spectators without a player will pay $10 cover charge, which includes food and appetizers. A cash bar is available.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for registration and dining. The first round starts at 6:30 p.m.

The grand prize is $1,000, dinner for four at the Fenton Hotel and a “World Series of Poker” themed bracelet donated by Medawar Jewelers. Organizer Jeff Irvin said two years ago, Medawar owner Ronny Medawar attended the event as a spectator and wanted to offer a bracelet as a prize for the winner similar to the poker events on TV.

This poker tournament is run by a group of at more than 20 volunteers either associated with the school district or members of FAPSEF. Irvin said everyone at the Foundation is grateful for Nick Sorise and his staff at the Fenton Hotel for putting on the event every year.

Planning of this year's event was more complicated because charity events such as this are now overseen by the Michigan Gaming Board, the same government unit responsible for the casinos in Michigan. Licenses were approved and organizers are finalizing preparations for another big event.

Tickets are available at the Fenton schools’ administrative office, the Fenton Hotel or from any FAPSEF board member. For more information, go to www.fapsef.org.

Story behind the poker tourney

The event will be stylized after the original poker game held in 1875, when legend has it that William Fenton won the poker game, supposedly seven-card stud, and the town was given his name. Robert LeRoy lost, and had the main street named after him.

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Hundreds of volunteers to repair area low-income homes

Roofs, ramps, bathrooms all part of annual fix-up

It’s that time of year again. Hundreds of volunteers will rally around seven homes in local neighborhoods belonging to low-income or handicap seniors, as homes and lives are transformed during the annual Christmas in Action workday.

These homes are in need of repairs ranging from roofs and bathrooms, to lighting, walkways, ramps, and general maintenance like painting and some yard work.

Each home has a different need and is assessed prior to the annual workday which is Saturday, April 26 this year.

Volunteers are needed in all areas ranging from skilled trades such as plumbers, electricians, masons, carpenters, roofers, and general handymen.

Groups are welcome, and needed to come out and serve a meal, or help with yard cleanup. If interested, find the volunteer application online at www.TriCountyCIA.org.

This year’s volunteer meeting is Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m., held at Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park Club House in Linden. Inquiries can be made at (810) 714-3986.

All efforts are a direct result of the partnerships shared with local businesses, civic groups, churches, and schools.

Donations of bottled water, snacks, and sodas are accepted. Gift cards to building supply and hardware stores, and construction-sized dumpsters are also part of the on-going wish list.

A little more on the organization

Tri-County Christmas In Action (CIA) is organized by a board of directors and a team of supporters all living in this community. The Fenton, Linden, Argentine and Tyrone Township Chapter is overseen by president Bruce Reeves, vice president Kelly Williams, treasurer Jacquie Ochs and secretary Amy Scott. This chapter has been building momentum for seven years now, and growing.

The organization is a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization and began in 1997. Back then it was known as “Christmas In April.”

To volunteer

Attend the volunteers’ meeting on April 17, 6 p.m., at Shiawassee Shores Retirement Park Club House at 1515 West Rolston Road, Linden. You can also call (810) 714-3986. The workday is Saturday, April 26, with sites in Geneseo, Livings ton and Oakland Counties.

BOATING

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available at White’s Landing, located at 3460 West Silver Lake Rd. in Fenton Township. Newer pontoons also come with rear loungers and bar seats rather than standard bench seats.

Wake surfing continues to be popular and manufacturers are making waves.

“We have boats coming out where you can literally surf behind the boat without a rope,” said Jeff Nichols, owner of Aqua Sports Marine, located at 1335 West Thompson Rd. in Fenton Township.

“A majority of the boats we are selling people are using them for wake boarding. We also have boats with ballast systems that fill up and drain in 90 seconds. It makes for quicker transitions of waves from side to side. The new ballast system allows for 2,400 pounds of water.

Nichols adds that after returning from a few boat shows, he’s noticed that his prices have stabilized while some other dealers continue to increase in price. He attributes this to the manufacturer limiting boat production to about 400 models per year and the lack of advertising. “The boats sell themselves,” Nichols said.

At Skipper Buds, located at 14016 North Fenton Road in Fenton Township, Scarab jet boats are the newest models competing with Yamaha jet boats. Finance Manager Doug Lynch said Scarab is manufactured by the same company that creates Four Winns jet boats. The jet boats are 19 feet long, have 250 horsepower and come with a full wake board tower.

“We’ve also got a whole new lineup of Crest pontoons,” Lynch said. “They’re made in Owosso and we have a full lineup here for people to look at.”
Five myths about arthritis

▶ Here’s what is true about arthritis, and what’s not

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Many people have it, but there’s still a lot of misinformation and myths surrounding arthritis.

Since about one in six Americans will have to cope with arthritis during their lifetimes, it’s an important story to tell. Before you read much further, however, look at the sidebar with this story about the difference between two different kinds of arthritis — osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. While they share some common symptoms, their causes and area of affliction are quite different.

Myth — It’s an “old person’s disease”

People are getting osteoarthritis at younger and younger ages, beginning with an onset of symptoms at an average age of 45.

Experts suggest that it may be because Americans are heavier than they used to be, and obesity is strongly associated with arthritis. Also, injuries to joints during sports can lead to joint pain down the road. Ongoing inflammation increases cartilage destruction in the joint.

If you’ve had joint injury, such as a torn meniscus in the knee, there’s a good chance you’ll eventually develop arthritis in that same joint. Work with a physical therapist to strengthen the muscles and tendons that surround the joint before symptoms start.

Myth — Running causes arthritis

In fact, runners are less likely to develop osteoarthritis and are less likely to need a hip replacement than walkers. That’s because their longer strides and fewer steps cause less impact. However, if you have an arthritic knee already, you should consult with your doctor before starting a running program. It may increase the progression in an already-damaged joint.

Myth — don’t move when you’re hurting

True, you don’t want to overload it when a joint is inflamed, but gentle movements like swimming, yoga, lifting weights, tai chi are good for keeping joints mobile.

Flushing out inflammatory chemicals and improving the flow of oxygen and nutrients to damaged tissues.

Myth — a little extra weight is okay

Even being a few pounds overweight is a problem for osteoarthritis, because people tend to exercise less when they’re overweight, leading to less joint mobility and more pain.

Every 10 pounds you add above the waist generates an extra 70 to 100 pounds of pressure on the knees when you walk. Just reducing your weight by 11 pounds can reduce the risk of developing arthritis symptoms by more than 50 percent.

Myth — you can’t stop it

Arthritis is persistent, but not difficult to treat. The American College of Rheumatology advises patients with knee and/or hip arthritis to start with acetaminophen (Tylenol). Other doctors suggest taking a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug such as aspirin, ibuprofen or naproxen to reduce pain as well as inflammation. To reduce stomach irritation, take an anti-ulcer medication like cimetidine (Tagamet). Of course it’s important to talk with your doctor to see what medications will work best for you.

Osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis... what’s the difference?

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FIRE
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In an attempt to prevent grass fires and uncontrolled fires, area chiefs remind residents of the rules for burning and recreational fire pits and that there are penalties for violations.

Fenton City

The city of Fenton does not issue burn permits. Fenton Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff said the only burning allowed in the city is “recreational fires” or simply a campfire and no permit is required. “This means the fire is constantly attended and is for recreational purpose only,” said Cairnduff. The recreational fire must be relatively small in size (3-feet wide by 2-feet high) and natural wood only, no construction type materials. They must also be certain distance from structures.

At no time are leaves, brush, or grass allowed to be burned in the City. For details, go to www.cityoffenton.org.

Tyron Township

Any burning in Tyron Township requires the resident to have a permit issued by the Township, said Cairnduff, whose fire department provides coverage to Tyron Township. Residents are reminded that the Township offices are closed on Fridays and the fire department cannot issue the permits.

Cairnduff said residents also are reminded if they burn without a permit or violate any portion of the rules of the permit and the fire department is dispatched to that location they may be responsible for all costs associated with the fire department’s response. For details, go to www.tyronetownship.us.

Fenton Township

Fenton Township Fire Chief Ryan Volz said campfire smoke allows 3-by-3-foot campfires, however, residents are prohibited from burning leaves, building materials, plastics or garbage. “When they have a campfire, if the smoke bothers a neighbor or passerby, they will get a warning,” said Volz. “A second offense, we will issue a ticket.”

As a precaution, Volz said it’s always good to make sure the smoke extinguisher device on hand also. “Don’t burn on dry windy days and never leave a fire unattended,” said Volz.

Linden

Residents of the city of Linden need a $10 burning permit, which is available by filling out an application at city hall. Once the application is filled out, the fire chief will inspect the resident’s pit, making sure it complies with the city’s requirements. The chief will leave a signed copy, good for one calendar year, with the resident. “Very rarely do I get complaints or have any issues,” said Fire Chief Brian Will. “Once the permit is in, it is our job to make sure there is no way the smoke will disrupt a neighbor and I have to go out and ask they put out the fire but all in it works well.”

Will said that because of January’s ice storm, there is an abundance of downed trees, limbs, which people will want to get rid of by burning. With the amount of dead grass underneath everywhere, he urges extreme caution. He added that it is illegal to burn leaves.

Holly Village

Burn permits can be obtained, at no charge, by visiting the Holly Police Department at 315 South Broad St., Holly.

Open burning is allowed by permit only, and shall be issued by the village of Holly subject to several rules:

• No burning within 50 feet of any structure.
• Authorized containers must be 15 feet from any structure.
• No burning on all-ale ways.
• No flammable liquids can be used to ignite the fire.
• Fire must be attended at all times by someone with the capabilities of extinguishing the fire.
• The size of the burn area cannot be larger than 3 feet in diameter.
• Burning violations may be subject to fines.

Fire at night will be permitted with special permission for the day the fire is desired.

Residents may burn untreated lumber and seasoned firewood, however, they are not allowed to burn mulch, grass clippings, paper, railroad ties, trash, creosote, building materials except untreated wood.

Online burn permit forms are available at www.hollyvillage.org.

Ann Arbor Township

Burn permit applications are available at the Argentine Township Fire Hall. Stop by Monday through Friday to fill out the application. For future use of burn permits, call (810) 735-4911 with the dates that you would like to perform a controlled burn.

Holly and Rose townships

County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Fire Chief Jeremy Lintz said residents need a no-cost burn permit from NOCFA to have an open burn on their property. A permit is required to kindle or maintain any outside (open) burning that is not in an authorized container, such as a portable firepit. Burn permits may not be issued on some days due to weather conditions or state moratoriums and they are only valid for the day you call and will only be issued between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

FINES FOR VIOLATIONS

In Fenton City, residents violating the city’s burn ordinance could face up to $500 in fines. In Tyron Township, those who violate burn permit rules or have no permit could be fined the cost of a fire run, which could be more than $1,300.

Lintz said these two townships do allow its residents to burn leaves, unlike other communities. In general, Lintz said, “If it’s natural and coming from the ground, it can be burned.” The burning of garbage is prohibited and fines could be imposed on violators.

Residents can access the entire list of burning rules for both townships at NOCFA’s website, www.nocfa.org.

Brian Druff, the city’s Recreation Director, reminds residents of the rules for burning and recreational fire pits and that there are penalties for violations.

Brian Druff also reminds residents that they can register for their campfire permits here: www.campfirepermits.com or by calling the City of Holly at (810) 629-9622.

Fenton Library

The Fenton Library is hosting a program called “Camping stairs for kids” on June 28 at 6 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Library at (810) 629-8151 or visit www.fentonlibrary.org.

Looking for a Summer Camp?

There’s a camp for every interest, including horses, at Camp Copneconic

Kids can ‘saddle up’ their horse-riding skills at all levels

By Sally Rummel

Whether your child/teen is an experienced equestrian or a novice around horses, there’s a camp at YMCA Camp Copneconic that will put him or her “in the saddle.”

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Age: Kids entering 5th-6th grade

Dates: June 23-27

• “Horsemasters Overnight Camp” is for experienced riders who can comfortably walk, ride and manage a horse with ease. “Instructors foster technique and instill confidence to practice advanced horsemanship,” said Dreffs. “Activities include Hunt-Seat lessons and extended horse time.”

Age: Kids entering 5th-10th grade

DAY CAMPS & OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Other ranch camps are held on dates throughout the summer. These camps include half days spent at the ranch and half days spent at traditional camp, with options to choose of riding, archery, games, horses, and more.

Time spent at the ranch will include trail riding (Western Saddle), lessons in the arena (English saddle) and barn lessons, where campers will learn how to care and feed their horse, tack their horse, etc.

DAY CAMPS

• “Boots-n-Saddles” is for novice riders who love horses and are interested in learning attract, horseback riding and trail-riding activities. The focus will be on ring strategies and equisitrian skills development.

Age: Kids entering 6th-8th grade

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

• “Circle C Ranch” campers will experience the daily responsibility of caring for their own horse through tacking, horseback riding lessons and trail rides. Ranchers will spend most of their week in the saddle, but will also have time to enjoy classic camp activities.

Age: Kids entering 4th-6th grades

• “Equestrian Camp” is designed for older campers who want to improve their equestrian skills. Lessons are geared toward show ring etiquette and will include horse health and anatomy, tack upkeep and adventurous trail rides. They’ll also be placed in riding skill groups for Hunt-Seat or Western lessons, while enjoying traditional camp activities every morning.

Age: Kids entering 7th-10th grades

Registration for all summer camps is now taking place. “For your best camping rates,” register before May 5,” said Dreffs. “You may register online at www.camp-copneconic.org or call the Camp Copneconic office at (810) 629-9622. Camp Copneconic is located at 10407 North Fenton Rd., Fenton, MI 48430.

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APPLE

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The Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) expects crops to experience winter damage as spring comes into bloom but that doesn’t mean the extra snow and ice didn’t have some benefits. Ken Nye, horticulture and forestry specialist for MFB said the snow has helped insulate the ground and will replenish reserves once the temperature increases. Ice covering Lake Michigan will help keep temperatures steady along Michigan’s shores.

“The last thing anyone wants is the kind of haywire spring we had in 2012,” Nye said in a MFB press release. “Fruit growers will take a long, slow warm-up over sudden temperature shifts any time. Nobody wants 2012 — ever.”

Wanda Spicer, owner of Spicer Orchards in Tyrone Township said snow is still on her orchard but that necessarily isn’t a bad thing. Apple trees are still dormant but don’t exhibit signs of winter damage.

Mueller said while the loss of any crops will negatively impact any farmer, most could get by with a strong apple season. According to the Michigan Apple Committee, Michigan ranks as the third highest-apple producing state, behind New York and Washington. Apples are estimated to add $700 to $900 million to the state’s economy.

“The majority of people around here, myself included, don’t have a big enough dependence on stone fruit to get a negative effect from them,” Mueller said. “Cider, doughnuts and fall activities are mainly based around the apple crop, which we need.”
Fenton's 1967 undefeated football team almost had its season cancelled due to a failed millage. However, the money was raised so the season could be played, earning Fenton its second straight perfect year.

'S67 team overcame foes, millage to finish perfect

**Squad earns spot in Fenton athletic HOF**

By David Troppens

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After an undefeated 1966 Fenton varsity football season, the 1967 team wanted to have a shot at repeating the feat the next fall. Cassidy said they almost didn't have the chance to even walk on the field.

It had nothing to do with the team. Fenton varsity football coach Ken Wegner's squad had 23 returning letterwinners from the previous season's squad. They also wanted a chance to capture their eighth straight Genesee County Class B League crown in their final season in the conference.

However, there was an Aug. 28 millage, and if it didn't pass, it threatened the squad's season. And when it didn't pass, practice was cancelled.

"I think we practiced the first day and then I think they cancelled the second or third day," said Ben Lewis, who played guard on both the 1966 and 1967 teams.

But, sparked by a private group of citizens, headed by Bob Ferguson, the program was saved when $16,000 was raised to support the athletic program.

"Can you imagine that it took only $16,000 to save the whole athletic program," Lewis commented.

That’s exactly what happened. The money was raised in about a week, the team missed one practice and went on to complete a second undefeated 9-0 season.

Now, 47 years later, the team's fights in the boardroom and on the field are back in people's minds as the 1967 team is inducted into Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation's 2014 Class of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Being inducted individually are athletes Barbara Barclay, David Hintz and Carol Price Rolik. There will be stories featuring those inductees in a future issue.

Cassidy headed to Oakland University

By David Troppens

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When it comes to swimming, when Brant Cassidy makes up his mind, he usually does it pretty fast.

When it comes to his events, he’s among the fastest the Fenton Tigers have ever seen inside their pool.

And when it came to finding a school to continue his career collegiately, the Fenton senior was pretty quick as well. The sprinter didn’t start looking for a college seriously until after the state swim meet. About three weeks later, he knew he was headed to Oakland University.

"That was my first choice," Cassidy said. "I’m really excited about it. It’s been only three weeks. I got down there, talked to them, scheduled a visit and committed. The way I was looking at it, I wanted to see what happened at Oakland. And if all went well there, I was going to commit."

Cassidy did just that. His high school coach, Brad Jones, thinks Cassidy made a good choice.

"It’s a great fit for Brant," Jones said. "He really wanted to go to D1 and be close to home. Oakland is a really competitive program."

When the season began, Cassidy wasn't on the radar as a possible D1 prospect. He had sold high school times. He posted a time of 22.51 seconds in the 50 freestyle and a time of 50.21 seconds in the 100 freestyle at the state meet his junior season, but they weren’t times that got him into the second day of the state meet. That meant he had to earn his stripes during his senior year.

Already among the Metro and county’s top performers, Cassidy upped his game during the winter season. He was the area’s top sprinter capturing league titles in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

He also broke the school record, with a time of 47.26 seconds in the 100 freestyle in the consolation finals. Both were considerable drops from his times just a year ago, and opened the doors to possibly heading to Oakland University.

*See CASSIDY on 17A*
I remember we had to do tackle practice at halftime of the Durand game because (coach Wegner) was upset with the way we played," Lewis said.

The team’s make-up

With many returning players back from the 1966 squad, the Tigers were expected to contend for the title again in 1967, but they did so in a different way than the year before. It was a more balanced team offensively, with four players scoring five or more touchdowns. Schupbach scored 11 TDs, followed by Huff with nine. Kakuska scored eight, while Rockman had five.

“The one thing is we had no great players. We had a lot of good players,” Lewis said. “The year before we had Don Madden. If you look at our scoring in 1967, we had a lot of guys who scored. We scored evenly. We were a balanced team.”

It was also a team with some guts. For example, Rockman broke his wrist during the summer and had it in a cast, except for one day a week. That was on Fridays when he tore it off so he could play football.

The defense was rock solid, never allowing more than 13 points a game, while posting three shutouts. The defense shut out Swartz Creek and Lakeville in back-to-back weeks near the end of the season.

Lewis was named All-State, while Huff, Kakuska, Rockman and Schupbach each earned County B League All-Star status. John Derry, Greg Colins and Ed Keenan were second-team players.

Coach Wegner was named The Detroit News Coach of the Year after earning the squad its second straight undefeated season.

The players loved their time with the team.

“I liked the fact that the whole team was into it,” said senior back Carl Sage. “Everyone would come from all over. Everyone would park all the way up and down Adelaide Street. It was such a great time. It was like Friday Night Lights, everyone watched us.”

“I played football because it felt good. I wanted to be part of the team,” said Lewis, who also has been inducted into the hall as an individual. “Everybody enjoyed the team. It seemed like it was the thing to do. Everyone played football.”

Many have played football at Fenton since, but there hasn’t been another team to cap the season with a perfect record. Two others finished the regular season at 9-0 (the 1984 and 1985 teams), but lost in the opening round of the playoffs.

“For some reason we always expected to win,” Lewis said. “We always found a way to win.”
2014 TRI-COUNTY GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEWS

Soccer squads look solid again this season

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Last year, the Fenton and Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer teams posted perfect conference seasons and captured district crowns.

The Tigers continued on to win a regional and advanced to the state semifinals before finally losing in that round at their home stadium. Meanwhile, Linden placed third and lost just four games the entire season.

The scary thing is this year’s girls soccer season looks to be as promising as last spring. Lake Fenton’s Jordan Newman is on the verge of breaking the career state record for goals, and the Blue Devils look as strong as ever. Fenton looks like a squad poised to defend its title while Linden and Holly are legitimate squads to contend for the Flint Metro League championship as well. And we probably should mention Flint Powers. While the program isn’t in our coverage area, there are some strong players on the Lady Chargers’ team from the tri-county area. And it’s likely Powers and Lake Fenton will run into each other during district action.

Indeed, we should see plenty of quality prep soccer action in these parts through early June. The first big game of the season is Wednesday when the Tigers host Linden at 6:45 p.m.

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Coach: Lenny Glasstatter
Graduated All T-C players: Sidney Scott

Returning All T-C players: Jordan Newman (Fwd), Miranda Quick (Mid), Kaitlyn Begley (Mid), Brenna Meicher (Def).

Summary: The Blue Devils appear loaded, starting with Jordan Newman. Barring injury, Newman will break the state record for goals in a career sometime this season. She’s among the greatest prep players to come out of the tri-county area in any sport. But she also has a ton of talent around her. Miranda Quick and Brenna Meicher are senior captains as well and were on our Tri-county squad last year. Helping at forward is senior Devil Alia Frederick. She’ll score her share of goals this year as well. Also watch out for senior Alexa Lantzon. At the midfield, Begley returns with Quick. Meicher and Meishbaum should patrol the left side, while Makenzie Kato will patrol the right. Look for freshmen Ashlyn Skidmore and Abbey Rhodes to make an impact as well. Defensively, Alyssa Krueger, Alex Isaac, Meicher and Alexi Cash will be vital players, as will Alexei Rose and Lauren Oppenheimer.

Coach Glasstatter says: “We are going to have a good time. They work hard. The girls and the coaches work harder this spring as far as conditioning and stuff. Except for Sidney Scott, everyone is back. We are a solid team.”

Projection: The Blue Devils undoubtedly should win the GAC and are a threat to go deep into the state tournament series. The problem is Powers is in the Devils’ district. It should be a great battle if it happens.

FENTON TIGERS

Coach: Matt Sullivan
Graduated All T-C players: Peyton Mavhinere, Tiffany Caems.

Returning All T-C players: Kaleigh Keyandwy (Def), Brianna Costigan (Mid/Fwd), Brennan Sullivan (Mid), Mackenzie Murphy (Def).

Summary: The Tigers went undefeated in league play and advanced to the state semifinals a year ago, and many of the players are back. Nine starters return, as do others who got ample playing time last year. The Tigers return all four defensive starters from last year — Kaleigh Keyandwy, Mackenzie Murphy, Hannah Ego and Cassidy Rourke. They will be helping protect two young keepers, freshmen Miranda Campbell and Abigail Quesnelle. The midfield is experienced, led by four others who were basically starters last year. Brennan Sullivan, Carly Granger and Brianna Costigan are the key players. Finally, on offense Chloee Fox players. But while those are some of the players people will recognize, you’ll see plenty of others in action. The Tigers aren’t as deep as last year but still have strong depth. Expect them to use it.

Coach Sullivan says: “The girls talk about every single day (to the state semifinals) and it’s my job to consistently remind them what got us there. That was our hard work and the way they treated each other. If they focus on getting back there, they are not going to cherish what we are doing every single day here.”

Projection: The Tigers remain a strong contender to defend their league crown. Can Fenton advance to the state semifinal again? There is talent, but it certainly will be a tough challenge.

LINDEN EAGLES

Coach: Kevin Fiebennitz
Graduated All T-C players: Samantha Thornton.

Returning All T-C players: Jessie Magaliski (Mid/Def), Sarah Ford (Mid/Fwd), Katie Wilkowski (Fwd/Mid).

Summary: The Eagles lost four games last season and three were against Fenton, who went to the state semifinals. This year’s team has a lot of the same faces, plus some talented new ones on the roster. Jessie Magaliski should be one of the league’s top scorers, and Katie Wilkowski made a huge impact last year as a freshman. Those two those to be key offensive players. Sarah Ford is a senior who will help in a lot of positions, while Grace Walterhouse should end up being the defensive anchor. Ashley Peck is another key defensive player. Feminmen Alia Frederick and Madeline Zayan are players to watch as well. Coach Fiebennitz says: “We can be in the top three for sure. ...Our biggest thing is we need to get better as the season goes. That’s all we can ask for from our girls. We are looking for competitors, having a little comp for our game. It will be a fun year. We’ll go through our bumps, but we should be good.”

Projection: The Eagles should be among the contenders this year. It doesn’t help them that they have Fenton so early in the season but don’t be shocked if Linden is at or near the top of the Metro standings when the season is over.

HOLLY BRONCHOS

Coach: Mike Steibel
Graduated All T-C players: None.

Returning All T-C players: Ann Felzer (Mid), Megan Kennedy (Mid), Summary: The Bronchos were a pretty young team a year ago, and remain young this season. The roster consists of three freshmen, five sophomores and six juniors. There are five seniors. The squad has two talented and experienced players with midfielders Kenneth and Felzer, and that’s probably going to be the strength of their team. Another player to watch out for is freshman Amy Scruggs, who coach Mike Steibel thinks could end up being one of the best in the league this year. Ninth-grader Kayden Shell is another offensive threat. Defensively, Madison Brack returns and will be the leader in the back. Other names to watch this year are Autumn Brenner and defender Hayley Hild. In net, senior Ellie Curtis is a captain.

Coach Steibel says: “I like the energy we have. The team is very cohesive and bonded. You can see a lot of energy out there. They love playing and love what they are doing out there. We have made a lot of improvement.”

Projection: Steibel thinks his squad can compete in the top three with Linden and Fenton. The team is young, but it is a team of promise. Finishing above .500 in the Metro could get the girls in the top three, so that seems like a realistic goal.
Eagles, Bronchos look like possible contenders in 2014

By David Troppens
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Quite often before a sports season begins, you’ll hear coaches talk about the parity of the league.

The top team could easily lose to the bottom team. If the season was played 10 times over, you’d have 10 different winners. Yadda, yadda, yadda. Everyone following sports has heard those type of comments a million times.

But if any league can claim true parity it is the Flint Metro League baseball season, particularly in 2013.

It was a crazy, yet outstanding, pennant race. There ended up being co-champions. The Clio Mustangs tied the Holly Bronchos, who captured their first league crown in 43 years. The championship teams finished with only 10-6 marks.

And, guess what? Any given day, anyone could beat anybody. The Linden Eagles looked poised to capture a league championship, but then the last-place Fenton Tigers dashed those hopes by sweeping a doubleheader. And about those last-place Tigers? How bad were they to finish in last? Actually, they weren’t that bad at all. Fenton finished just four games out of first, posting a reasonably respectable mark for a squad in the basement. The Tigers finished the Metro League season at 6-10.

The Metro is expecting much of the same this year.

“It’s going to be a tough league,” Linden varsity baseball coach Steve Buerkel said. “I think Clio is going to be tough. Fenton has Jamie Castiglione back and he might be the best returning pitcher in the league. I think Swartz Creek is going to be competitive and I think Holly will be tough. Lapeer East is always tough and I expect Brandon to be good as well. If we play like we can, I don’t see why we can’t be one of the top teams in the league at the end of the spring.

“But there are so many ways to win and lose and everyone is competitive. Look what happened last year. We had the league in our grasp and we had Fenton take two from us.”

“I think it will be competitive and I think Linden will be right there,” Holly coach Benny Jackson said. “Coming off our first Metro title in 43 years, we look to be in the mix again this year. … I think the Metro League will be very competitive again like it was last year.”

Lake Fenton doesn’t have to worry about the Metro’s parity. They have to find a way to beat seven-time defending GAC Red champs Goodrich. But the Blue Devils have plans on getting near the top of their conference as well.

HOLLY BRONCHOS

Coach: Benny Jackson
Graduated All T-C players: Brent Smiles, Justin Kenna
Returning All T-C players: Drew Eggleston (P), Joel Perry (P/OF)
Summary: The Bronchos captured a co-Metro title a year ago, earning the first crown in 43 years. This year it will take a bit more work, but there are some pieces to work with. Tom O’Connor and Chet Wyant return as well. Nine players graduated, but some nice talent remains, particularly on the mound.

Coach Jackson says: “We look to be in the mix again this year. The pitching staff is very strong. Our defense and hitting are getting better every day. … I think the Metro League will be very competitive again like it was last year.”

Projection: The Bronchos have some new faces that need to prove they belong. Holly has many pieces that remain as well. They should be among the Metro contenders again this year.

LINDEN EAGLES

Coach: Steve Buerkel
Graduated All T-C players: Bryce Benedict, Mitch Juhl, Trent Marks, Mitchell Ryan
Returning All T-C players: Austin Buerkel (OF/P)
Summary: The Eagles contend-ed for a Metro title last year but fell a bit short. And then they captured a district crown and a city title instead. A lot of players graduated, but the Eagles still look to have a team that can contend. Austin Buerkel is the top name returning.

The team should be able to hit. The senior class includes Jacob Kocich, Cam Cook (OF), Travis Rinks (inf), and Jacob Churches (3B/OF). The juniors are full of talent. Along with Buerkel, there’s Brady Sarkon, who will move from third to catcher; and Marshall Ryan. Several others will fill in. That list of players includes Jake Marshall, Travis Petts, Tim Sines, Trevor Bana-siak, Ben Baker, Hunter Jacobson and Kevin Bates.

Coach Buerkel says: “We lost four kids who are tough to replace, but we have some talented kids to fill those spots as well. I’m optimis tic we will do well this year.”

Projection: The Eagles are probably the favorites in the Metro race this spring. They should be able to hit. Finding depth on the pitcher’s mound will be the key.

LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Coach: Brad LaRowe
Graduated All T-C players: None. Returning All T-C players: Neil Allor (INF), Cody Alexander (OF)
Summary: The Blue Devils have 10 players returning with varsity experience, which should bode well. Neil Allor leads the list. The four-year starter provides a strong bat, good speed and veteran leadership. Cody Alexander returns for a third year and should compete for the starting catcher spot. Joe Boughner returns to third base and should provide some power. Robbie Alexander is a good candidate to play second or outfield. He played every game last year. Jared Smith was a starring outfielder last year and Tyler Smith returns to the outfield as well. Also look out for Logan Crisp, who gives the Blue Devils another pitcher and a strong outfielder.

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**Brunch Prices**

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- Mac & Cheese
- Breads & Muffins
- Lox, Bagels and Cream Cheese
- Link Sausage & Bacon
- Fresh Fruit & Dessert Table

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### Village of Holly

“Every week, we have businesses that are contacting us about moving into Holly,” said Andrew Potter, executive director of the Holly Downtown Development Authority. He began his duties Jan. 1, replacing Hope Ponsart. “Big box stores and franchises are beginning to look at the value of moving to Holly.”

Real Estate One Professionals, located at 4048 Grange Hall Rd., opened Jan. 5. Many other new projects have recently opened, or are in the final stages of planning, including:

- McDonald’s restaurant, purchased two years ago by Kirk and Marie Heath, tore down the old building and invested $1.5 million in a brand new, state-of-the-art McDonald’s.
- Marsh Auto Sales is now operating at 1533 North Holly Rd., the former Suski used cars location, just north of the McDonald’s.
- All-State Insurance has opened at 124 Saginaw St.
- The IGA store has been purchased by a national chain, to be announced in early May.
- Wilkinson Auto Repair has moved to 605 South Saginaw St., following the purchase of the building by owner Chris Wilkinson. His former location is now occupied by C.J. Motorsports, which has quadrupled the size of their business, which sells muscle/classic cars.
- Hair and Body Works opened six months ago at 113 North Saginaw St.
- Heads Up Salon opened a year ago at 304 South Broad St.

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SEMINARY
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Hissong added that the meeting between city and county officials will review any possible grants available for demolitions.

The seminary was significantly damaged when a corner of the building blew out last fall, followed by heavy winds and snow during winter. Hissong marked the building as an eminent danger, barring the public from examining the seminary up close.

Former owner Penny Crane spent years attempting to restore the 10,000-square-foot behemoth, clashing with city officials over permits and approval to work on it. The endeavor exhausted Crane, who has experienced eviction and near bankruptcy in her pursuit in resurrecting the High Street structure. Crane, who did not respond to the Times before press time, has alleged city officials have done all they can to prevent her from working on the seminary.

“It’s been a nightmare,” Crane told the Times during a March interview. “I can’t believe this is how the fat lady sings. I didn’t expect a fairy tale ending but gee whiz.”

Hissong said Crane let the building deteriorate beyond repair and failed to keep up on her taxes with the property. As far as the next owner, Hissong said the city or a private third party could purchase the property. Until then, city officials plan on erecting a fence around the building to keep explorers and looters away.

“People need to stay away from it because it’s dangerous,” Hissong said. “Its state of condition is bad.”

If demolished, Hissong is unsure what would become of the 2.5-acre property that rests below the seminary. The building itself is registered with National Historical Society. Whatever its fate, Markland and Hissong said the city will have to make a decision in the near future.

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Sam Alvarado of Holly is active in numerous veteran organizations and has made it his mission to help out fellow veterans. Alvarado spoke to the Times about his personal struggles following his military service and what he believes fellow veterans should know about adjusting to civilian life.

Can you tell us a little about your military service?

I was in Vietnam in ’67 and ’68 as a medic in the 1 BN 5th Infantry Reconnaissance Platoon, 25th Infantry Division. I was 19 and didn’t realize the type of unit I was in — we were sent out in small man teams to recon the enemy. The big battle I was in was the Tet Offensive.

What was life like after Vietnam?

I came home at 20 years old, got married and had a family. I worked as a skilled trade for General Motors. It was hard to adjust, it was hard to understand me. I kept a lot of stuff bottled up. I had a problem readjusting because I didn’t know how badly it affected me. My biggest awakening was being married to my present wife, Tina and being involved with other veterans.

What veteran organizations are you involved with?

I’m the commander of VA post 5587 in Holly. I also sit on the advisory council of the Great Lakes National Cemetery and am a veterans mentor at 51st district court in Waterford. I’m also a delegate for the state of Michigan order of the Purple Hearts. This is where I fit and where I understand.

How important is it for younger veterans to reach out and get help?

Very important, it could save them a lot of trouble. When we came home, nobody reached out to us as Vietnam veterans. When you hear all these problems veterans are experiencing today, we older veterans understand that. The biggest thing that amazes me is that all these guys are volunteers today. Back when I was in, a lot of them were drafted. Our goal in our VFW post is to open the door for other veterans to come in and share their experiences and in turn, we’ll share our experiences, our strength and our hope. We’ll take our experiences and lead other veterans in the right direction for VA benefits.

Why should veterans join the VFW?

There’s no shame in asking for help. I didn’t know how to ask for help when I came home. A lot of people think the VFW is just a place to go drink and tell war stories. That’s not true. The big thing about VFWs is we’ll sit there and listen. We’ll guide you through the VA system. A lot of guys will sit there and say “I don’t have any problems.” If we get together, they can see it’s helping each other just by getting together.

How did you become the post commander for the Holly VFW?

Two years ago our post was going to close. Bud Mendez, Don Winglemire and Ed Adams, they called us Vietnam Veterans and told us that our post was going to close and we took charge. It’s thriving now, it’s doing really well. We have fundraisers, family night, pig roasts — it’s happening.

Were there a lot of Vietnam vets at the post before they called you guys up?

No, we had issues… it was issues nationwide. The old guys they had a thriving VFW, the WWII and Korean veterans. The welcome we got back was not the best. But that’s history. Attitudes have changed.
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By Tim Jagielo

Mears — From atop the 10-story dune known as “test hill,” one can see beautiful blue Lake Michigan across the horizon, and gaze over 3,000 acres of rolling sand dunes.

You can also watch drivers and riders fail repeatedly at making it up the monster hill, the tallest in the ORV park, or watch them succeed, flying through the air, or landing spectacularly hard, leaving a few parts behind them.

The first week of April is opening weekend, at the only drivable, ride-able dunes in Michigan — Silver Lake State Park, in Mears located an hour north of Grand Rapids on Lake Michigan.

Of the 3,000 acres, 450 is a state-designated ORV “scramble” area, allowing vehicles to drive over and on the dunes.

It’s an experience that can be equal parts racing and driving excitement, obstacle course challenge, and relaxing site-seeing. You can even park a few meters from Lake Michigan and go swimming.

Full disclosure: Silver Lake State Park is one of my favorite places. My family is all ‘Jeepers,’ but you don’t have to be a serious off-roader, or even own an ATV to enjoy it as a couple, individual or family.

See STATE PARK on 8B

‘ORV’
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ORV stands for Off-Road Vehicle, and is a designation for trails maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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(Above) Anyone planning to ride on state-designated ORV trails must buy the two tags, which cost $36. The extra cost is supposed to add more trails to the recreation system, and also increase maintenance of the trails.

(Right) Most vehicles take a crack at “test hill,” but not all make it up. The dunes can be considered a 3,000-acre sandbox, most of which is for exploring, hiking or relaxing in.
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### 10 U.S. corporations that pay some of the highest taxes

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- Income tax expense: $31 billion
- Net income: $45 billion
- Effective tax rate: 39%

**Apple**
- Income tax expense: $14.2 billion
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- Effective tax rate: 25%

**JPMorgan Chase**
- Income tax expense: $8.1 billion
- Net income: $22.9 billion
- Effective tax rate: 26%

**Walmart**
- Income tax expense: $8 billion
- Net income: $17 billion
- Effective tax rate: 31%

**Comcast**
- Income tax expense: $3.7 billion
- Net income: $6.2 billion
- Effective tax rate: 52%

**Procter & Gamble**
- Income tax expense: $3.6 billion
- Net income: $12.9 billion
- Effective tax rate: 25.5%

**Walt Disney**
- Income tax expense: $3 billion
- Net income: $6.2 billion
- Effective tax rate: 32.7%

**The Home Depot**
- Income tax expense: $2.7 billion
- Net income: $4.5 billion
- Effective tax rate: 37.2%

**McDonald’s**
- Income tax expense: $2.6 billion
- Net income: $5.5 billion
- Effective tax rate: 32.4%

**Google**
- Income tax expense: $2.6 billion
- Net income: $10.7 billion
- Effective tax rate: 19.4%

(Source: forbes.com)

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### A girlfriend

The owner of several rental properties hired his live-in girlfriend to manage them. Her duties included finding furniture, overseeing repairs and running his home. The Tax Court let him deduct $2.500 of the $9,000 he paid her. The disallowed portion was for non-deductible personal services.

### Body oil

A pro bodybuilder used body oil to make his muscles glisten in the lights during his competitions. The Tax Court ruled that he could deduct the cost of the oil as a business expense. Lest it be seen as a softie, though, the court nixed deductions for buffalo meat and special vitamin supplements to enhance strength and muscle development.

### Moving the family pet

If you are changing jobs and meet a couple of tests, you can deduct your moving expenses — including the cost of moving your dog, cat or other pet from your old residence to your new home. Your pet — be it a Pekingese or a python — is treated the same as your other personal effects.

### Babysitting fees

Fees paid to a sitter to enable a mother to get out of the house and do volunteer work for a charity are deductible as charitable contributions even though the money didn’t go directly to the charity, according to the Tax Court. The court expressly rejected a contrary IRS revenue ruling.

### Breast augmentation

In an effort to get more tips, a stripper with the stage name “Chesty Love” decided to get breast implants to make her a size 56-FF. A female Tax Court judge allowed Chesty to write off the cost of her operation, equating her new, um, assets to a stage prop. Alas, the operation proved to be a problem for Chesty. She later tripped and ruptured one of her implants.

### Pet food

A couple who owned a junkyard were allowed to write off the cost of cat food they set out to attract wild cats. The feral felines did more than just eat. They also took care of snakes and rats on the property, making the place safer for customers. When the case reached the Tax Court, IRS lawyers conceded that the cost was deductible.

### Free Beer

In a novel promotion, a gas station owner gave his customers free beer in lieu of trading stamps. Proving that sometimes beer and gasoline do mix, the Tax Court allowed the write-off as a business expense.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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I AM A conservative, compassionate person. I would like to point out Obamacare is a huge catastrophe. It’s going to hurt millions of middle class Americans.

I STILL DON’T get all these Mormon shows with all these wives. If one man takes five wives, what are the four lonely bachelors supposed to do?

HOW LONG DID it take for our biased media to admit that it was a hate crime? Switch the races around and it would have been immediate.

ALL OF THE bags of recovered trash along U.S. 23 are encouraging but what a shame nothing is done to discourage the litter in the first place. At least, signs should be posted indicating that litter bugs will be fined.

DECISIONS BY THE U.S. Supreme Court on important issues always seem to be 5 to 4. They can’t all agree on what’s right and what’s wrong. The majority rules but it makes me wonder if their decisions are based on right and wrong or are they strictly political.

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TO THE PERSON who feels that righty-tighties are scared of gay people getting married perhaps you should look in the mirror before you speak. You called them ‘the’ gays, which sounds rather prejudicial.

I am a proud righty-tighty and I refer to them simply as ‘gay people.’

WHY IS IT that Republicans keep trying to revise history? It is a fact that the once southern Democrats became what is the modern day Republican Party over the division of civil rights. Pre civil rights (Johnson) southern Democrats were Republicans. It’s slimy to say otherwise.
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Why Palm Sunday became a time for tears
Passover was near and thousands were gathering at Jerusalem for this important occasion. Jesus and His disciples were among them and as they descended from the Mount of Olives the crowd broke into shouts of praise, crying: ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’

This enthusiastic welcome must have taken the disciples by surprise. On a previous visit to Jerusalem, there had been an attempt on their Lord’s life; now He was being welcomed warmly with His arrival being called the fulfillment of Zechariah’s ancient prophecy: ‘Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your King is coming to you. He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey’ (Zechariah 9:9).

To celebrate their acceptance of their king, the people placed palm branches along the road before Him; hence the reason for calling it Palm Sunday. In remembering the triumph of that day, however, we’re prone to forget its tears. When Jesus neared Jerusalem, He began to weep because He knew difficult times were ahead. Jerusalem would ultimately be under siege by Roman soldiers; its citizens enduring untold suffering. The city would be leveled and the temple destroyed. In a few days, the mood of the crowd would change; their chants of praise would become calls for crucifixion.

Why then was Jesus so concerned about them? Why these tears? Centuries earlier, Isaiah had written that the promised redeemer would be a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53:3), a prophecy that was fulfilled again and again as our Lord ministered to the poor, the sick, the dying. Now, though the fickle crowd would soon turn against Him, Jesus grieved over their coming calamities and wept for them, being more concerned with their imminent suffering than His own.

Why are we not more like Him? In his book, ‘Dark Threads the Weaver Needs,’ Herbert Lockyer says, ‘At the head of the procession of the world’s sufferers is a thorn-crowned man,’ adding the reason most of us don’t measure up to His compassion for others is because we’re too busy looking in a mirror to look out the window. ‘In a mirror,’ Lockyer writes, ‘you see only yourself, but through a window you do not see yourself but others.’

Our Lord was ever concerned about the pain, poverty and suffering of others. His first prayer from the cross was for the forgiveness of His tormentors. And even in that place of humiliation and suffering, He took time to minister to a repentant dying thief, assuring him of heaven.

Are you so occupied with your own problems that you lack compassion for others? Are you unlike your Lord in caring for the poor, the suffering, the discouraged and despairing? Remember Palm Sunday’s tears.

And replace your mirror with a window.
Creating a healthier you

5 STEPS TO LOSING 5 POUNDS

Are pumpkin pies and other holiday goodies showing up as extra pounds on the scale?

Here are five steps that will send those five extra pounds packing in a matter of days.

WALK EVERY DAY
If you want those holiday pounds to take a hike, put on your walking shoes. Walk in the morning before you go to work. The early burst of energy will set your metabolism to burn hotter all day.
If you have a full hour for lunch, use at least half of it for a great walk. It will burn calories and energize you for the afternoon.

CRUNCH
Crunchy veggies make a great low calorie snack. Carrots, celery and pepper strips are tasty, healthy and low in calories.
A few crunchy whole-grain crackers are OK, but be sure to read the nutrition facts and purchase a lowfat variety.

DRINK WATER
Drink eight glasses of pure water each day. When the body isn’t hydrated it protects itself by storing water. You probably had a pound or two of stored water long before those holiday pounds came on board.
When you start drinking sufficient water, that stored water weight you are carrying will drop off, too. As an added plus, water is wonderful for the complexion.

EAT OFTEN
Five to six small meals a day will keep your blood sugar from fluctuating. Your body will more easily absorb the nutrients it needs and give the metabolism a boost as well.
Food breakdown, digestion and absorption burn calories. The act of eating is healthy. Make sure what you eat is also healthy.

GET SLEEP
Studies show that women who sleep five hours or less gain significantly more weight than those who get between seven and eight hours of sleep.
Go to bed a little earlier and do not fall asleep watching television. Sleep study specialists have discovered people who fall asleep while watching television do not sleep soundly.
Adopting healthy eating habits, along with a healthy lifestyle, will help you lose weight and prevent it from returning. Eat plenty of raw fruits and vegetables. Drink water in place of sugary sodas and juices.
Make walking and other exercise part of a daily regimen and get plenty of rest. These five steps will help you restore and maintain your desired weight after any indulgent holiday or celebration.
Women do overweight but short thighs is the secret to slimmer with shapelier thighs — use targeted exercises and diets. If you prefer working out at the gym using exercise equipment, the best thigh-trimming exercises involve the use of resistance machines. These equipment will not only help you lose excess fat in your thighs, but also make your thigh muscles become stronger and more toned.

Target Your Legs for Great Results

Secrets to Slimmer Thighs

The thighs are among the most common problem areas among overweight people, especially women.

Even women who aren’t overweight complain that their thighs are too big or too fat. Unfortunately, there’s no shortcut to losing weight in the thighs, or any other part of the body for that matter.

However, there are some very effective exercises, diets and weight-loss programs that can help you lose weight all over your body and eventually help you get the slim thighs you want.

At Home

One of the best ways to achieve slimmer thighs is to perform certain exercises regularly.

Workouts that target the thighs specifically include leg lifts, squats and lunges. These are very simple exercises that don’t require any expensive equipment and that you can do at home. In their desire to lose thigh fat as fast as possible, some people strain their muscles by working out too hard or too long. But this isn’t the proper way to do these exercises.

The secret is to start with short but frequent routines. You can gradually increase the duration as your thigh muscles get stronger.

At the Gym

If you prefer working out at the gym using exercise equipment, the best thigh-trimming exercises involve the use of resistance machines. These equipment will not only help you lose excess fat in your thighs, but also make your thigh muscles become stronger and more toned.

While thigh-targeted exercises do work very well, experts recommend that you alternate these with a cardiovascular workout. The combination of resistance training and cardio training will improve the physical condition of all the other parts of your body.

Just remember that there’s no overnight solution to overweight thighs. But if you have discipline and determination, and if you follow the right weight loss plan, you can have slimmer and shapelier thighs before you know it.

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**Exercise Tip**

**Inner Thigh Attitude Pulse**

Stand on your left leg and lift your right leg a few inches off the ground, bending at the knee. Now turn your knee out to the side. Bring right heel toward the ceiling and bring leg across the front of your body so that your right knee is past your left leg. Lower right leg toward the floor and lift it up as high as you can, keeping heel up. That’s one rep. Repeat this movement 15 times on your right side, then 15 times on your left.

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**EAT RIGHT WITHOUT OVERSPENDING**

People today are finding ways to cut down on all sorts of expenses, including the basic ones like housing, clothing and food. At first, the idea of reducing your food budget may seem unthinkable, but with a little bit of practice and a lot of planning it will become easier as you go along.

Here are some suggestions on how you can keep up with your daily food requirements without having to go over budget.

1. **Create a grocery list and stick to it.**
   Take the time to list all the food items you absolutely need and leave out the ones you can live without.
   Once you’re at the grocery store, stick to buying only the items on your list and avoid making impulsive purchases.

2. **Compare prices.**
   Just because you are used to a certain product does not mean you can’t look around for more practical options.
   Keep in mind that branded products usually cost more than lesser known items, but the quality is sometimes just the same.
   Also, if a product can be stored for a while without spoiling, you can save a lot by buying it in bulk.

3. **Recycle coffee grounds.**
   The average coffee grounds can give you a rich flavor even after two or three uses. In order to maximize the taste of recycled coffee grounds, use a permanent filter on your coffee maker instead of disposable paper ones.
   You should also keep the coffee grounds in the fridge in between uses.

4. **Keep restaurant dinners to a minimum.**
   It’s perfectly fine to enjoy a fancy dinner every once in a while, but as much as possible, try to cook your own meals at home.
   If you are on the road and have to eat out a lot, you may want to try local hangouts instead of dining at five-star restaurants all the time.

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**Make your own hummus**

Today, you can even find ready-made versions in your grocery store’s refrigerator section. If you’re a fan of the garlicky chickpea dip, you should know that hummus is not only inexpensive to make, it only takes a few minutes to prepare.

If you have a food processor, making hummus is as easy as dropping in the ingredients and giving them a whirl. The result is a thick, zesty hummus that’s far tastier than store-bought, and you can customize it to your own tastes.

What’s even better is that homemade hummus is better for you. Without all the oil, preservatives and sodium of the in-a-tub variety, hummus is low in fat, low in calories, and packed with fiber.

Served with baked pita chips, it makes a healthful snack, or hummus can be spread on bread with cucumbers or sprouts for a filling lunch.

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**DIP RECIPE**

1 can chickpeas, drained
2 tbsp. olive oil
Juice of 1/2 fresh lemon
1/4 cup sesame tahini
1 or 2 whole garlic cloves

**DIRECTIONS:** Combine in food processor and process until smooth. If hummus is too thick, thin with a little water until desired thickness. Sesame tahini has a consistency much like peanut butter and is available in the ethnic food section of almost any large grocery store, or at Middle Eastern markets. One jar will last you a long time, and it stays fresh for a year or more.
Getting physical activity at work

If your job’s a sedentary one — one that you sit for long periods of time to carry out — you may think that it’s impossible to get any physical exercise while at work.

That’s not strictly true, though. There are ways in which you can be physically active at work, provided you have the motivation. The following tips will help you get regular bursts of exercise throughout the day, benefiting both your physical and mental health.

TAKE A HIKE

Take the stairs instead of the elevator whenever you can. Start off slowly. Don’t make your first trip via the staircase that involves having to walk up eight flights of stairs. Increase the number of stairs you walk up over time. After a few months this will become a habit and you will rarely even consider about taking the elevator.

GET AWAY FROM THE DESK

Volunteer to run errands around the workplace. If someone in your department wants something delivered to a colleague three floors down, then volunteer to take it. Don’t think that your position and status in the company mean that you can’t volunteer for such a task. Leading by example is the best way to lead. You’ll gain respect as well as improved fitness levels!

A LUNCH BREAK

See if any colleagues want to join you for a lunchtime walk. Walking for 30 minutes outside in the fresh air will provide you with your recommended daily quota of exercise, and leave you feeling re-energized for the afternoon ahead.

Remember to take regular breaks from your workspace throughout the day. One trick to ensure you do is to drink plenty of water. At least then you’ll have to walk to the washroom every so often.

CHANGE HOW YOU MEET

One easy way to burn extra calories at work is to change how you meet with people. Instead of doing sit-down meetings all the time, switch to “walk-and-talk” meetings when you’ve got to have short exchanges with coworkers. And instead of picking up the phone or sending another email, get up and see the person face-to-face. It’s healthier and could be a good career move as you communicate better in person.

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, APRIL 13th 2-4 pm
6571 Prairie Dunes, Grand Blanc
2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Grand Reserve by Del Web.

Eastford PLAN 30-925
Decorative shutters, multipaned windows and front gables put a welcoming face on the Eastford. Slender posts and stone veneer wainscoting add to the exterior appeal of this midsize ranch-style home.

Entering via the covered porch, you step into a vaulted entry that leads directly to the spacious vaulted great room at the rear. But not before passing a wide opening on the left, and a hallway to the right.

The left opening accesses a room that could be a den or a parlor, and links up with the kitchen through a pocket door. The hallway on the right takes you to a wing of private spaces: a bedroom, two bathrooms, and what could be a third bedroom, study or home office.

Natural light washes into the great room and dining room through windows that fill most of the rear wall. The dining room windows slide open, providing easy access to a covered patio, which could be screened. A fireplace is nestled into the right corner of the great room.
NOTICE ROSE TOWNSHIP
2014 ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP DAYS
Rose Township will hold its annual Roadside Clean-Up for residents and property owners on the following date:
Saturday May 17, 2014
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Residents and township organizations are encouraged to participate in the clean-up of the roadways.
Dumpsters will be located in the Rose Township Park located on the northwest corner of Milford Road and West Rose Center Road. Refuse to be disposed of must be transported to the dumpsters. THERE IS NO ROADSIDE PICK UP! No commercial dumping will be allowed.
Constable Emile Bair will be on duty to verify residence and/or property ownership. Fire department personnel will be there to assist with loading materials into the dumpsters. Propane tanks will be accepted. No barrels, gas or fuel oil tanks, stumps, brush or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or cat litter. Each household will be permitted four (4) car tires; additional tires will be accepted at a price of $4.00 per tire and $25.00 per tire for tractor or large truck tires.
Burning permits will allow the burning of leaves and brush are available by telephone at (248) 634-2620.
Bags for cleaning roadways will be available at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI.

NOTICE FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
CITY OF LINDEN
Anyone wishing to salvage flowers, wreaths, etc. from Fairview Cemetery should do so by Sunday, April 27, 2014. After that date, they will be removed and disposed of by the sexton of the cemetery.
HOUSE FOR RENT
3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1,520 sq. ft., L/A/C, new appliances, 2 car garage, large fenced yard. Linden Schools. $1,300 month. 505-690-9263.

LINDEN NICE
2 BEDROOM

LAKE WINDS PLAZA
2 separate retail/office units available. New carpet, just painted. 1 unit is 1,340 sq. ft. 2nd unit is 1,080 sq. ft. Great parking! Get the Best rate in town! No NNN, brokers protected. Call 248-884-8167.

BRAND NEW HOMES.

HOMES FOR RENT
LAKE FENTON
Two bedrooms. Close to LINDEN - ONE AND EOE.
810-629-4957. Lake Fenton boat slips. Call 810-629-8600, ask for Jeff or Michelle.

PUBLIC AUCION
due to unpaid rent at Fenton Storage, 1159 N. Leroy St., 810-714-3707 on April 25, 2014 at 9:30a.m. or later. Russell Manzer, #A203-L; Jerry Austin, #602. All units contain miscellaneous items.

NOTICE OF ERROR
It is the responsibility of the advertiser to check the correctness of each insertion of an advertisement. The Tri-County Times will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion and for only that portion that may have been rendered valueless by an error.

ALL ADVERTISEMENTS PUBLISHED in the Tri-County Times are subject to approval before publication. We reserve the right to edit, refuse or cancel any ad at any time.

ALL SCRAP STEEL FOR CASH. Scrap and vehicles accepted! Certified scales. Will pay $5 over scale price with this ad. We buy batteries, radiators, etc. Call for pricing. Also we carry a full range of new and used auto parts. Bridge Lake Auto, 9406 Dover Hwy., Clinton, 248-625-5050. Monday-Friday, 8:30p.m., Saturday, 9-2p.m. www.bridgelakeautoparts.com. See us on facebook.

I NEED YOUR
scrap metal, washers, dryers, water heaters, furnaces, aluminum, copper piping, etc. Please call 810-730-5910.

ALL SCRAP METALS
picked up including appliances. We buy scrap cars/tractors, farm equipment/ motor homes, auto and farm batteries. 810-730-7514, 810-449-0045.

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ONE MONTH FREE
Call for terms/dates.
On site laundry, central air, pool, parking, walkers, etc.

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CRESTVIEW
APARTMENTS
810-629-7653.

Toro Groundsmaster
325D mower, 25hp., diesel, 72” cutting deck. Good shape. $2.500. Call 240-249-5751.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the May 6, 2014 Special School Election will be conducted on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall, 10408 Center Road, Fenton, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate to electors that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with law.

Keith L. Kremer,
Tyrone Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2014-2015 BUDGET
CITY OF LINDEN

The Linden City Council will hold a public hearing on the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year proposed budget Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. as part of their regular meeting agenda in Council Chambers, 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at City Hall, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan during regular business hours Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (closed between 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for lunch) and from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk

HOLLY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL SPRING-UP

LOCATION:
North Oakland County Fire Authority Headquarters
5051 Grange Hall Rd.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014
8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Clean-up days are provided for Holly Township residents to remove refuse from their properties. Residents are also encouraged to participate in the clean-up of Township roads. Dumpsters and/or Garbage Trucks will be located in the parking lot. You must bring refuse to the dumpster and/or truck. THERE WILL BE NO ROADSIDE PICKUP. NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING AND NO ON-SITE SHOVELING ALLOWED. You must be in line by 4 p.m. Someone will be present to verify residency and/or property owners.

All barrels and fuel oil tanks must be open-ended. No stumps, brush, leaves or concrete will be accepted. Paint cans must be empty or filled with sand or kitty litter. There is a $2.00 per item charge for regular tires and a $5.00 per item charge for tractor tires. All appliances will be taken. Please click here for acceptable recycling material guidelines.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Dale Smith, Holly Township Supervisor from 2:00 pm - 4:00 p.m. at (248) 634-9031 Ext. 304.
For the second straight season, the Fenton varsity football team had to win its final game in the SAA football playoffs. The Tigers overcame an early 7-0 deficit by scoring three TDs in the second quarter, earning a 38-13 home win.

The Tigers took possession at a Creek punt snap went wild. On Creek's second play from scrimmage after the Fenton TD, a seven-yard TD run. Kenny Almores we've brought up are like family. “We have great chemistry on this team,” senior Chad Schupbach said.

Ryan set up the next score. Start-on a tackle of Creek QB Mitchell Georgakopoulos with 6:21 left in the half. A caused fumble by Schupbach with 4:41 left in the third quarter, and the rout was officially on.

A 38-yard run by Georgakopoulos and the rout was officially on. A seven-yard TD run from Alvin Jones with 7:18 remaining, and the rout was officially on. A seven-yard TD run from Alvin Jones with 7:18 remaining, and the rout was officially on.
Yvonne Marie Keitz December 25, 1943 - April 10, 2014 - age 70 passed away from cancer. Daughter of Hank and Velma Spen- cer. Married 50 years to her loving husband, Thomas H. Keitz, who resides in Linden, MI, is survived by her brother, Gary Spen- cer, her children, Robert Spencer, Head Keitz, Anna Shelton, Thomas Keitz Jr, Shane Keitz and Aimee Keitz. She had 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Think of her as living in the hearts of those who she touched for nothing loved is ever lost, and she is loved so very much. Online tributes may be shared on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Phyllis Rose (VanWagoner) Sutton 1938-2014 Phyllis Rose (VanWagoner) Sutton - age 76. Beloved mother and grandmother went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on April 9, 2014, after a short illness. She was born to Phyletus and Lillian VanWagoner on March 2, 1938 and raised by her four children, Mike and Cindy Sutton, Phil and Leisa Sutton, LeLant and Scott S覆neen and Melody and Erin Raby. She had 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She grew up in Holly, Michigan. She made friends easily and was a friend and grandma to anyone who needed one. She was a Loving, Caring and Giving Soul who longed to please her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was surrounded by her family at the time of her death. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. We Love You, Mom, Grandma and Friend. Per her request there will be no people held. If you would like to make a donation, in her honor, a donation can be made to the Charity of your choice or the American Cancer Society.


Pauline (Grabowski) Barcus 1919-2014 Pauline (Grabowski) Barcus - age 94, died April 4, 2014. Funeral services were held 12 Noon Monday, April 7, 2014 at the Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Visitation was from 10 AM until the time of the funeral. Private burial. In lieu of flowers, donations may make contributions to the Methodist Children’s Home Society, 26645 West M-16 Rd., Redford, MI 48240-9888 (www.mch.org). She was preceded in death by her husband, Elwood “Bill” Barcus; granddaughter, Susan (James) McEwan; granddaughter, Erin McEwan, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William “Bill” Barcus, grand- daughter, Kathleen McEwan; and her brothers and sisters. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.


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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials


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INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups shredded chicken breast
- 1/4 cup Greek yogurt
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 baguette, cut into 3-4 equal pieces, toasted, for serving
- 2 cups arugula, for serving
- 2 Roma tomatoes, thinly sliced, for serving
- 8 oz. mozzarella, sliced

For the basil pesto:

- 3/4 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 3 T. pine nuts
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/3 cup olive oil

DIRECTIONS

1. To make the pesto, combine basil, garlic, pine nuts and Parmesan in the bowl of a food processor; season with salt and pepper, to taste. With the motor running, add olive oil in a slow stream until emulsified; set aside.

2. In a large bowl, combine chicken, 1/2 cup pesto, Greek yogurt, salt and pepper, to taste.

3. Serve sandwiches on baguette with arugula, tomatoes, mozzarella and chicken pesto mixture.

Recipe from damndelicious.net

Lightened up with Greek yogurt, this hearty sandwich is one of the quickest, most tastiest meals you'll ever have!

SHOPPING ADDICT BUILDS MOUNTAIN OF MERCHANDISE

DEAR DR. ROACH: My family and I took a seven-day cruise more than six weeks ago. I still feel as though I am on the ship — all day, it feels like I am walking on a swinging bridge. I did not even notice the movement while on the ship, nor did I get sick. I did not take any motion-sickness medicine while on the cruise. No one else in my family is having this problem. I am a 50-year-old female. Is there any treatment for this? What kind of doctor would I see? How long would you expect this to last? — T.S.

ANSWER: You have the classic symptoms of disembarkment syndrome, also called mal de debarquement. Whereas most people getting off a boat or ship will have the sensation of moving for a few hours, in people with this syndrome, the symptoms may continue for months or even years. It seems to be more likely in women, and may have an association with migraine headache. Interestingly, going back on a boat can make it better in the short term, but worse later. One treatment is clonazepam, which provides some short-term relief. Standard treatments for vertigo usually do not help. Fortunately, most cases do get better after some weeks or months, but 18 percent still have symptoms even a year later. An expert in balance problems, often an ENT doctor, would be most likely to be familiar with this condition.

DEAR AMY: My wife is a shopaholic. She is constantly buying clothes, purses, shoes, gifts for people and things we don’t need. She has a job that pays really well, but she has not saved anything. I try to confront her about her spending, but it is too tough. I don’t make as much as she does. Her family and friends treat her shopping addiction like a joke, and they encourage her by going on weekend shopping trips together. They also take advantage of her by purchasing stuff from her for almost nothing. What can I do? — Worried Husband

DEAR WORRIED: Shopping addiction is a real and serious affliction, and it doesn’t matter if you can basically afford to blow your money; the behavior is what’s important, and based on your description, your wife is out of control. Also, like many addicts, she is surrounded by enablers, users and people who basically benefit in various ways from her addiction. Your wife needs professional help, but she won’t seek help if she doesn’t acknowledge the problem. You should focus on trying to protect yourself from the realities of this. Untangle your finances in case your wife spends herself into a mountain of debt (she may have already done this, despite her high income). You should not resell this stuff, or rent a storage locker, etc. for her hoardings. You should urge her to recognize this as a problem and seek help.

DEAR DEAR: My boyfriend and I are divorced professionals in our 40s. We don’t live together, and we have kept our finances separate. Although sometimes I pay when we go out, he has always been generous. Last weekend, he has always been generous. Last weekend, we spent the weekend together. Twice during the weekend, I noticed money missing from my wallet. On Saturday, I noticed $20 missing. On Sunday evening, I withdrew more money out of my bank account to pay some bills. On Monday morning, I saw $100 was gone from my wallet. I haven’t said anything to him, and I don’t know how to talk to him about it. What do you think I should do? — Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: You are simply going to have to confront him about this. Losing $20 can be written off as a cleneral cost of kind. But having $120 lifted from under your nose over the course of two days puts this in another category. After you hear an explanation, you are going to have to decide whether to accept it (you should be very skeptical). If so, you should proceed cautiously. At the very least, you need to hold tight to your wallet.

DEAR AMY: How do I fight back? — T.S.

ANSWER: I think you should jump in and flail around until you get some kind of answer. You are simply going to have to confront him about this. Losing $20 can be written off as a cleneral cost of kind. But having $120 lifted from under your nose over the course of two days puts this in another category. After you hear an explanation, you are going to have to decide whether to accept it (you should be very skeptical). If so, you should proceed cautiously. At the very least, you need to hold tight to your wallet.

Delete multiple emails all at once

When you need to delete multiple emails, tap the “Edit” in Inbox view and select those emails you want to remove, then tap the “Trash” button. iPhone will delete them all at once.

Similarly, you can use the “Move” button to move multiple emails to other folder or use the “Mark” button to flag them.

NEW DVD RELEASES

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG

The second in a trilogy of films adapting the enduringly popular masterpiece The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien, The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug continues the adventure of the title character Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) and his friends with the Wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen) and thirteen Dwarves, led by Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) on an epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor.

PG-13, 2 hr. 41 min.

OSAGE COUNTY

August: Osage County tells the dark, hilarious and deeply touching story of the strong-willed women of the Weston family, whose lives have diverged until a family crisis brings them back to the Midwest house they grew up in, and to the dysfunctional woman who raised them. Letts’ play made its Broadway debut in December 2007 after premiering at Chicago’s legendary Steppenwolf Theatre earlier that year. It continued with a successful international run. R, 2 hr. 1 min.

GRUDGE MATCH

Robert De Niro and Sylvester Stallone star as old boxing rivals who come out of retirement for one final match. On their first encounter in decades, their long-festering feud erupts into an unintentionally hilarious melee that instantly goes viral. The sudden social media frenzy transforms their local grudge match into a must-see HBO event. Now, if they can just survive the training, they may actually live to fight again. PG-13, 1 hr. 53 min.
Experience the

JOY OF MOTION

Learn how you can stop suffering from joint pain and start embracing the joy of motion again.

Join Dr. Seann Willson, Hurley Orthopaedic Surgeon, for a friendly conversation about the latest surgical and non-surgical treatments for hip and knee pain. Get your questions answered and find out if joint replacement surgery is right for you.

F R E E E V E N T

Wed, April 30 at 6:00 pm

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, off Hill Rd

Presenter: Dr. Seann Willson,
Hurley Orthopaedic Surgeon, Ortho Michigan

Call 888.611.4462 to register for this FREE no-obligation Joint Replacement Seminar.

hurleymc.com/jointcenter
STATE PARK
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Most vehicles with all-wheel drive can
at least tour the dunes, if not take on gentle
or even steeper hills. It’s common to see
the family SUV with dune flag touring the
dunes, or riding a rental together. You can
eventually drive your own car to the park, you can rent a Jeep, dune
buggy or ATV, or simply take a dune tour. In the summer, the same park also has
camping and non-ORV access.
If you don’t show up just to drive or ride in the sand, there’s enough opportunities to
make a weekend trip completely worthwhile. Trails to walk, swimming, fishing, hunting
and not to mention neighboring Ludington and Pentwater are also major draws. A
local visitor’s bureau said that more than 1 million visit the park each year.
If you plan to drive your own
To drive your own vehicle onto any
Michigan state trail, including Silver
Lake State Park, you need the Michigan
park pass on your license plate, and the
two green ORV stickers, all amounting
to almost $50.
Dune flags for the front of your vehicle are also required here — lots of local shops
can sell, and install them for less than $50.
ORV stickers can be bought at most
sporting goods stores, and at stores near
the trail themselves. No matter where, the
cost is the same, and they are valid from
March to March, and give access to 3,700
square miles of land.
As of March, the ORV stickers were
split into two — a $26 basic ORV sticker,
and a $10 trail sticker, amounting to a $20
increase over previous years. Like your
license plate tags, they change color each
year. For 2014, they are lime green.
For the extra cost, visitors are supposed
to get benefits including an extra
300 miles of land to ride, and better trail
maintenance.
Silver Lake State Park is one of only
five “scramble” areas in Michigan. The
others include two state forests, one na-
tional forest and the Mounds in Genesee
Township. Either requires this group of
tags. There are 200,000 registered ORV
owners in the state, according to the State
of Michigan website.
Although not cheap, anyone coming in
from out of state has to pay all the same fees — at least Michiganders can get more
for the money.
Audrey Bush (wearing helmet) and Tony Barlow help secure a dirt bike near the base
of “test hill” on Saturday. Concerning the $36 in tags required to enter ORV areas, she
didn’t think that if you want to ride, “The group of 20-somethings from
Marne agree that the fees are worth it.

Optimal, Overall Health begins with a Healthy Smile!

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HOT LINE CONTINUED
WHEN YOU WATCH the news and hear
‘A congressman in California was con-
victed of corruption today,’ with no mention
of his party affiliation, that’s how you know
they are a Democrat.

I WILL DEFINITELY be going to St. John’s
to vote in the millage election. It doesn’t
matter which way I’m voting, only that I am
voting.

YES IT WOULD be really nice if dog own-
ers would pick up after their mess. Now, if
you had a house, you would do that. But
it’s worse if you have to pick up their dog-
doo and cigarettes.

I’VE ALWAYS COMPARED art to light-
ing cigars with $20 bills. If Detroit can get
money for that art, then take it and run.

YAY GLOBAL WARMING is here.

OJ MURDERED HIS girlfriend and was
given a free pass because of his race.
Bet you that the ‘blade runner’ goes to jail
though.

AS WE PEEL back the layers of what
happened in Benghazi, we now know that
Mike Morell at the CIA and James Clapper
lied to the American public, in addition to
Hillary Clinton and President Obama, cov-
ering up the facts to what really happened.

I WAS TALKING to one of the top special-
ists at a prominent hospital yesterday.

He made the statement that Obamacare
is ruining medicine, and ruining doctors’
practices. With increased regulations, and
decreased reimbursements, and de-
creased revenue, many doctors aren’t go-
ing to take Obamacare, or take Medicare.

AS I READ the news every day, I am re-
minded what Ann Coulter said — ‘There’s
a lot of bad Republicans, but there are no
good Democrats.’

NOW WHEN IS that woman in Lansing
gonna quit whining about her Obamacare
insurance? Half of it’s a lie anyway. Man,
I’m sick of that commercial.

QUESTION OF THE week: why is it so
hard to stop for a stop sign?

IF NANCY REAGAN ran the White House
with a horoscope and a Ouija Board, then
she ran it better than the man with a pen
and a phone. Also, where is Al Sharpton
and Jesse Jackson, when the white man
got beat up in Detroit?

THIS RECALL GM is going to be ridiculous.
They took money from taxpayers and this
is what they do to us? There should be
criminal charges filed.

WITH ALL THE empty and half-started
buildings, Fenton looks like a war zone.

WORKING IN HEALTH care for many
years, I’ve seen lots hurt more people
than they’ve helped. The same can be
said for Obamacare.