DOVE LOVE, 11B

Dove pair takes up residence above downtown Holly business for second straight year

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66 Fenton High **School** got new fences



on the baseball and softball fields because the MHSAA requires that

the fences must be at least 8 feet tall, which the old fences were not.

66 One more time, the old Topps building is privately owned. The city can't simply tear it down and make it a parking lot."

11 The classless clods who leave gar-



bage at the curb in front of their home for months on end are a detriment to Fenton.

Wake up, pick it up, and smarten up.

L Every train that

goes by seems to have the same graffiti, drawn



by the same artist on all the box cars. This has been going on for years.

Are you telling me they can't catch one guy.'

66 Hey people. Here's an idea, bring your

bottles back more than twice a year so you are not tying up the return machines for hours.



There should be

a law that requires all women to have to drive a stick shift. It's the only thing that will keep them from texting while driving. Girls, you danger to society.





Grain elevator slated for restaurants and retail

►Owner says building is 'architecturally sound'

By William Axford

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Plans to outfit the Fenton granary into restaurants and venues for vendors are still in the works, albeit opening will take some time. Scott Adams, CEO of the Fenton Bean Company said this past winter's harsh weather has kept the

building from being open so far.

"The cold winter set us back. Everything's still progressing but there's no timeline yet," Adams said. "Right now we're doing routine maintenance and updating our blue prints and architectural plans."

See GRAIN ELEVATOR on 11A

Summary

The Fenton Bean Company, located at 234 North LeRoy Street, is making progress and aims to be open by fall. Restaurants, a catering service and venue for up to eight stores are planned.



Streetscape project delayed until 2015?

▶\$1.7 million in federal funds holding up process

By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com

Fenton — "Obligated" is the buzzword that's holding the streetscape project hostage until 2015.

At Tuesday's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting, Assistant City Manager Mike Burns and City Manager Lynn Markland laid out the current funding situation to the board.

The frustrating trend with the project has been explaining the latest delay to Fenton City Council or the DDA, and Tuesday the trend didn't change. The funding process with the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) will not See STREETSCAPE

Brush pick-up back on track



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Dan Wayne (left) and John Harkness of the Fenton DPW work with Larry Schelske (right) of Republic Services to clear piles of brush on South East Street Wednesday morning. See story on Page 3A

Easter Sunday draws double the normal church crowd



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO More parishioners than usual attend the 2014 Ash Wednesday service at St. John Catholic Church. Increased attendance is typical at Easter and Christmas.

Leaders spread out welcome mat for Christmas and Easter attendees

By William Axford

axford@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792 Like Christmas,

This Sunday is one of the busi- Easter Sunday is est days of the year for Christian one of the most churches as people celebrate the resurrection of their savior Jesus Christ. Outside of Christmas, from rebirth to the Easter Sunday tends to draw the identity of God. largest crowds.

Summary

important days for churches. Sermons range

In fact, there are many people who only attend church on Christmas and Easter. Some church leaders report that attendance can

See EASTER on 8A

Oakland County kills Holly recall effort

► Election Committee finds equipment discrepancies and inconsistencies in ballot lingo

By Amy Mayhew news@tctimes.com

Holly—Efforts to recall four Holly Village Council members failed Wednesday after members of Oakland County's Election Commis-



Shirley Campbell

sion disallowed all four recall petitions.

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FRAUD COMPLAINT

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department is investigating a fraud complaint made by a Fenton Township resident on April 16. Dep. Pat Shaw said an unknown out-of-state person opened up an account using the Fenton Township resident's personal information.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER STOLEN

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department received a larceny of a catalytic converter on Friday, April 18. Dep. Pat Shaw said the complainant reported that the device was cut from a delivery truck in the 3300 block of Thompson Road in Fenton Township.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY

Holly detectives are investigating an attempted armed robbery, which occurred at about 10 p.m. on Feb. 14. A 16-year-old Holly female reported the incident to the high school counselor who in turn informed police. The teen told police that she was walking home through the trailer park in Holly when an unknown man and woman approached her on a trail. The man grabbed at her pockets and demanded money. Armed with some type of knife, the man cut the

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What to do (and not to do) to revitalize your grass

► Heaviest snow in years creates unique lawn challenges

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You may not be able to do anything about the weather, but you can do something about the mess the winter may have left on your lawn.

Now that spring has sprung, homeowners are finding that the grass underneath all the brush and snow has been compacted down due to the heaviness of the snow.

"Usually the snow comes and goes during the winter," said Carol McAlister, owner of Yard 'N Garden in Fenton. "This winter, the snow came early while the grass was still growing in the fall, and it held on and got heavy."

In some areas, leftover snow actually smothered the grass underneath, causing "snow mold,"

a fungal condition that should go away on its own in a few weeks, with regular fertilizing and proper mowing. Fertilizing will help it push through and "outgrow" the disease.

So now, it's time to shake things up a bit by raking the grass gently. It's important that you're gentle with raking, because spring is a sensitive time of year for your

See GRASS on 11A



City finally able to pick up winter debris

► Better weather allowing crews to systematically attack curbside clean-up process

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — In the city, there are 53 miles of roads and 4,000 pieces of property. Most of those properties have trees, and therefore, piles of branches and twigs leftover from a tumultuous winter. Many of Fenton's local roads are lined with, sometimes neatly and sometimes haphazardly, stacked piles of brush.

"We're just trying to get it all cleaned up," said Dan Wayne, Department of Public Works (DPW) laborer, hauling an armload of brush into the back of a Republic Services packer truck. On Wednesday, two DPW crews were out, attacking the problem from both the north and south ends of the city.

And "attack" is the right word

— DPW Director Dan Czarnecki said the brush cleanup is
10 times worse than a normal winter. "This year is horrible," he said, and hopes to have these
53 miles of properties cleared of branches by Memorial Day.

At the south end of the city on East Street, the DPW utilized the Republic Services packer truck with two city workers and one Republic driver/operator. A



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Kirk Stevens with Fenton DPW rams brush into the wood chipper on Hickory Street on Thursday. The winter left lawns scattered with branches, and the city is about half way through the clearing effort.

wood chipper was used at the north end of the city, four of six DPW workers dedicated to the problem.

The wood chips will end up being stored at Silver Lake Park until they can give it away, and Republic Services takes their load to a brush landfill site in Mundy Township.

See CLEAN-UP on 10A

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Random royal thoughts

By Foster Childs

If I Were

Clueless in the classroom: Theodore 'Dutch' Van Kirk, 93 years old, was

the navigator on the Enola Gay, the B-29 bomber that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Dutch was asked to speak at a grammar school recently. The young teacher introduced him by saying, 'Our speaker is a veteran of World War Eleven,' (as in WWII). Dutch stood up, shook his head, and walked out of the school without saying a word.

If a burglar, con artist or pickpocket stole as much property and money from us as the government does, we would justifiably be able to use firearms to protect our property.

When a dog leaves his message on a tree or fire hydrant, shouldn't it be called 'pee-mail?'

> The number one problem in this country is that our political parties, both of them, care more about their political agendas than they do their country. In my book, that's treason.

If you think the website sucks, just wait until you need medical care.

While we are clipping coupons to save a dollar at the grocery store, those in

Congress are dining on steak, lobster and champagne and we pay the tab. While we work to accumulate air miles on our credit cards, those

in Washington are flying first-class paid for with our tax dollars. While we scrimp and save to take our family on a vacation, the families of Legislators go on vacation with them to exotic resorts under the guise of official

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ever been and

the youngest

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business, on our tax dollars. When will we say 'enough?'

Truth be told, a man's wallet is really just a small purse.

There are over 77,000buildings that are owned by the government that are vacant and cost us over \$1.5 billion to maintain each year. What private business would ever operate that stupidly?

If a person blind from birth were to suddenly regain their sight, wouldn't they be totally freaked out because

nothing would look like they had imagined it in their mind all their life?

Last year the IRS doled out \$63 million for employee bonuses.

I can tell you from experience that having common sense is more

of a curse than a gift in today's world that is dominated by those with no sense, common or moment, you are otherwise.

> You can tell how intelligent someone is by what they laugh at.

Don't we all know somebody who is constantly angry and always looking for conflict? Walk away from them. The battle they

are fighting is with themselves — a battle they can never win.

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I HAVE BEEN by the new Cornerstone building several times. I wonder where people will park considering the loft apartments and other businesses in the building. Where will people park to frequent the businesses inside?

THE AWFUL ADS for Rosemary's Baby are so creepy! Who in their right mind would ever want to see that movie?

ID FRAUD AND fraudulent tax returns are running rampant, 422 tax increases by Obama Administration and the IRS is going to get \$63 million in bonuses? That is our hard-earned money and this administration is giving it to the people who helped steal it! This is absurd! Speak up.

 $\Box\Box$ I HAVE A box of old trophies. Some bowling, basketball — mostly baseball. Can anyone use them? Answer on Hot line. Thanks!

FOR THOSE OF you who were senseless enough to vote for Obama again in 2012, just remember 'Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me.' You are now paying for all the freeloaders right along with those of us who chose the other guy!

I WAS IN jail as an inmate when I was young and stupid. I can tell you that anybody in jail would welcome the op-

portunity to work outside in good weather. Don't know why we don't see more inmates cleaning up the highways.

REGARDING THE BUDGET problems the city of Fenton could be facing. Maybe you should not be buying \$4,000 sculptures for downtown. Just a thought.

JUST SAW ANOTHER person driving around in a fog with a bumper sticker 'Obama 2012.' Why not just paste a bumper sticker to your car that says 'I'm clueless and I want the world to know.'

TO THE PERSON whose car got hit at noon Mass on April 23. It was me, I'm very sorry. I left Mass early to catch you before you left but missed you. I couldn't write you a note because I didn't have paper and pen. I did call the rectory the next day and gave them my information. Please call them so we can speak.

YOU CAN HARDLY demonize public schools for their cost and levels of success, especially when comparing to private schools (Cal Thomas). The current struggles of public schools are simply another example of a failing governmentrun program. Yet so many have faith in government's involvement in healthcare.

FENTON ADMINISTRATION NEEDS to start listening to the parents. Years ago, most parents and teachers were against the IB Program. It costs well over a million dollars every year to participate. Only a handful of students are enrolled. That money could buy new buses, computers and security systems.

IT IS SO obvious that a lot of people don't understand that school districts and municipalities have different funds set up for different things. There are restrictions

to what each of those funds can be used on, with no exceptions.

IT'S KILLING ME, but I have to admit that I voted for the wrong guy. I wish I could take my vote back and another person was in the White House.

TO THE MOTHER of nine who was so kind to me in Walmart, thank you for making my day with your positive attitude and congratulations on achieving your goal!

TO THE INCONSIDERATE guy who burns his leaves in the fall. Please bag your leaves like everybody else. Your neighbors are really upset with you and would really like you to stop.

ПТ I AM SO sick of the weather every five minutes on the news.

GOOD FOR CITY Councilman Les Bland who can't support businesses' early Sunday liquor sales. Sorry to say, as is the case anymore, it's all about the money.

I WISH THE DDA would look into putting a store called 'And That' into the old Farmer Jack. They have one in Flint, would love to have it here.

HOT LINE READERS claim Bush and Reagan had more executive orders than Obama. Let's wait until Obama is out of office to make comparisons.

 \Box THE UNITED STATES was founded under a Christian doctrine, not some other religion. Marriage is between a man and a woman, just like it says in the Bible.

WE JUST WANT to thank you for an excellent publication. We've been subscribers for 25 years and we enjoy all the news, photos and stories.

GOD CREATED HEAVEN and the Earth. He's speaking to you through the Bible. There's no substitute for his rules.

BIRTH CONTROL IS included in someone's insurance when they purchase it. How do you feel about someone who does liver replacement for a drinker or lung cancer treatment for someone who is a smoker? Or high blood pressure treatment for junk-food eaters? That is also self-control.

SOMEBODY LEARNED THAT trees make oxygen out of CO2. If trees are so important, why is the first thing we do with new developments is cut down all the trees?

YEAH KING, YOU right-wingers are very tolerant, shoving your views on gay marriage and abortion down all our throats. You're tolerant all right — as long as it's your way.

TO THE PERSON in the red Volkswagen Beetle sitting at Poplar Street who refused to back up so the semi truck could turn: unbelievable.

HAVE YOU NOTICED that in your doctor's office there's a sign that reads, 'I don't accept Blue Cross Blue Shield?' Doctors are starting to drop people with Medicare.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE in the Times' distribution area: you survived the snowiest winter in the history of the world! You are awesome!

ONE OF THE top addiction specialists said marijuana is a gateway drug that contributes to homicides, child abuse, divorce and poor health. Do we really need this legalized? I don't think so.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

street talk

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

Who has been a role model in your life?



"My Grandmother, Daisy. She was cheerful and always doing stuff for the family."

> Joan Graham Linden



"My mother, who is now deceased. She was a great mom and cook."

> — 'Mike' Kateman Fenton



"My kids, for everything they have accomplished. They went to college, got jobs and stayed out of trouble."

– Lorie Coe, Fenton



"My Aunt Pat because she has awesome energy and doesn't let her age get in the way."

Fenton



"My mom for her hard work and dedication to our family."

> Mike Angus Fenton



"Jesus because he died for me. I have been a Christian since 1965."

> — Matt Freeland Fenton



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This crash was one of several that occurred on January 23. Several factors contribute to the Fenton area of U.S. 23 being a hotspot for crashes.

Fenton portion of U.S. 23 sees more than its share of accidents

FENTON CITY

2011 to present

64 crashes,

involving 92 vehicles

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MUNDY TOWNSHIP

2011 to present

172 crashes

involving 282 vehicles

Personal injury.....59

Alcohol related9

Fatality1

involving 50 vehicles1

Crash factors:

Crash factors:

Weather-related crash

►lcy conditions, alcohol, dangerous merging all contribute to crashes

By Sharon Stone

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Reviewing Times stories dating back to January 2011, there have been hundreds of emergency responses to U.S. 23 in the stretch of highway in Tyrone Township, Fenton City, Fenton Township and Mundy Township. Some of these responses involved multiple vehicles.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said there are some areas in Genesee County that seem to have a lot of weather-related crashes, usually because of an overpass that freezes before the roadway or an open area adjacent to the roadway when a prevailing wind is blowing snow.

In addition to U.S. 23, I-69 between Miller Road and M-13 are also bad for those reasons as well as I-69, between Irish and Elba roads. "If you com-

pared our stretch to those areas I bet you would see comparable numbers," said Aro.

Local motorists know that the area of highway near Owen, Silver Lake and North roads sees numerous crashes. Some speculate that the incline of the onramp to southbound U.S. 23 from North Road forces motorists to accelerate on the curve as they enter the highway, causing some to lose control, especially when the overpass is icy.

The weather appears to be a factor in several crashes, as well as speed, alcohol and drivers who are too tired to

who are too tired to be driving.

According to accident reports, since 2011, Fenton police responded to 64

unrelated crashes on U.S. 23. Of those calls, icy road conditions contributed to at least 23 of them. Entering and exiting issues at North, Silver Lake or Owen roads contributed to at least 14 crashes. Traffic backups were factors in at least 11 crashes, drivers falling asleep caused four crashes, and collisions with deer occurred at least four times.

2011 CRASHES

Looking back at the crashes reported on in the Times, an Argentine Township man was killed in January 2011 in Mundy Township. Roads were snow covered and icy. On Feb. 22, Fenton area police and fire responded to 22 crashes in a few hours. Roads were slick with snow.

In April, a motorist was injured in a rollover crash in Fenton and police responded to another personal injury crash. On June 15, a Grand Blanc man was killed in a motorcycle crash in Tyrone Township. Also in June, Fenton Township firefight-

ers responded to a rollover crash and Tyrone Township responded to a rollover, which injured a North Carolina man. In September, a motorist was injured when he lost control of his car in Tyrone Township and an Ypsilanti man was injured in a rollover crash in Fenton, which was undergoing highway construction.

In October, there were two alcohol-related crashes, one in Fenton and one in Fenton Township. On Oct. 12, a Rose Township man was killed in Hartland Township when his motorcycle struck a deer. In December,

Fenton police and fire responded to three snow-related crashes.

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Holly schools considers August millage vote

► More than \$6 million in maintenance and repair costs prompt district to take action

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — The Holly Board of Education may be asking voters to reconsider passing a sinking fund millage this August as the district looks at more than \$6.2 million in

needed repairs, maintenance and upgrades to its seven buildings.

In August 2012, voters were asked to pass a 10-year sinking fund that would levy 1.2 mills per annum, or just under \$1 million per year to be used to subsidize Holly Area Schools (HAS) facility repairs and maintenance. Passage would have allowed the district to use what money it would normally spend on building and facility

maintenance on a wide variety of programs and classes for students instead. Voters rejected the proposal.

On April 14, Steve Lenar, HAS assistant superintendent of Administrative Services, presented board members with a tentative list of maintenance issues to be addressed for each of the district's seven buildings. On Lenar's list were items like parking lot pavement and lighting

upgrades, roofing replacements, window replacements, playground equipment updates, updates to the direct digital controls (DDT) for heating systems, repairs to the high school pool and football field, and others. Lenar said a roofing study done in 2006 identified several areas for repair throughout the district, and said that upgrades should have been made within 3-5 years. "That was a 2006 report and we haven't done any of them," Lenar said.

To save the cost of running an indepen-

dent election, Lenar said the district can put either the sinking fund millage proposal on the Aug. 5 or the Nov. 4 regular election ballots. In order to do so, however, Michigan election law requires the district to file a certified copy of the school board resolution approving ballot language for millage or bond proposals with the election coordinator at least 84 days before the election date. In order for the issue to go before

the voters on the Aug. 5 ballot, the filing deadline is Tuesday, May 13, leaving a relatively short window for board members to make a decision.

Of the two elections, Lenar favors August. "August is probably better because the election would be certified by the Board of Canvassers, and I believe we could make the first levy — the December tax levy," he said. "That means we would have the



Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, Steve Lenar

money in the bank so we could start planning projects for the summer of 2015."

The finance committee will meet on April 21 to discuss a millage amount recommendation, and will be sharing the information with the rest of the board prior to the April 28 meeting. At that time, the board is expected to vote on whether the issue will appear on the August ballot, and what millage amount voters may be asked

"There were a lot of things going against us, and I think many of those things have cleared their own paths," Treasurer Michael Newcomb said.

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What is a sinking fund for a school district?

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RECALL EFFORT

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While former Village council member Shirley Campbell's name along with her attorney, Tom Ryan, was on the recall petitions, Campbell filed recall petitions on behalf of the group with Oakland County on April 1. The petitions aimed to recall Village President Ryan Bladzik, and council members George Kullis, Debra Musgrave and Chris Rankin for

their roles in approving the June 11, 2013 motion to disband the village's police dispatch center and sell most of the remaining equipment to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for \$20,000.

On Wednesday, the Oakland County Election Commission consisting of Chief Probate Judge Elizabeth Pez-

zetti, Oakland County Clerk, Lisa Brown, and Oakland County Treasurer, Andy Meisner voted unanimously to deny the

The panel based its decision on inconsistencies with the ballot language as well a discrepancy in the flow of events

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Ryan Bladzik President, Holly Village Council leading to the sale of the equipment to Oakland County.

"I'm just glad we can put this whole ordeal behindus," Bladzik said after the decision. "It's time to continue working to make our community a better place to work, play and live."

Following the decision, Campbell said she plans to regroup with the

committee to decide how to proceed. "I plan on getting together with the co-chair and the rest of the group to figure out what we want to do next," she said. "We still have to remember that this is the peoples' town – we have to listen to what everyone has to say."





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EASTER

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nearly double when it comes to Easter. Like the Easter holiday, sermons celebrate change and renewal.

Fr. Dwight Ezop is looking forward to his first Easter service this Sunday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Fenton. Ezop said Holy Week, capped off by Easter, is the most important time of the year for Christians and demands the best from religious leaders.

"Preparing for Holy Week and Easter is really, in some ways, similar to being a top level athlete," Ezop said. "Top level athletes want to be at top level when they're competing. For myself, that's very much the

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same. This is the time of year when preaching and celebrating the mass needs to be at its best."

Ezop is not sure how many people will show up for Mass on Sunday but he does anticipate the halls of St. John to

be as full as possible. "It's exciting for me to see what it will be like," Ezop said. "I'm planning to celebrate these Masses in the best and most beautiful ways."

"Easter is the most important day on our calendar," said Seth Normington, pastor at Linden Presbyterian Church. "We talk about renewal and the message of hope. Death, depression and destruction even have the final word."

Where normally 100 people or so attend Sunday services at Linden Presbyterian Church, Normington expects about 180 people to attend Easter Sunday. Extra services are scheduled for Sunday at most churches to accommodate the extra attendants. As the ending of Lent, Holy Week overall has slightly better church attendance, with extra Christians attending church on

Good Friday and Holy Saturday as well.

Normington is aware that some Christians only attend church on Easter and Christmas. The pastor said he focuses on being welcoming and encouraging people to attend more frequently rather than chastising people for only attending church a few days a year.

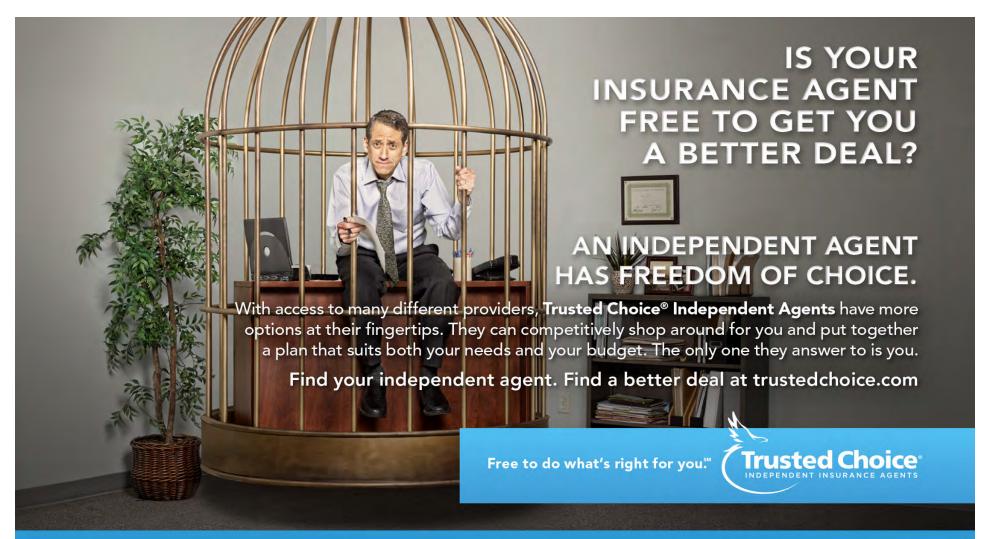
At The Freedom Center, senior Pastor Jim Wiegand said regular Sunday attendance is approximately 1,100 people. For the Easter weekend, Wiegand anticipates 3,000 people will attend his church. In addition to focusing on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Wiegand said The Freedom Center will be discussing how God affects people's daily lives. Technology will play a signifi-

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cant part in Easter service too, with three full high-definition screens. He compared today's technology to that of stained glass meaning that the two can "make our most sacred stories beautiful."

"This year's service focuses more on questions people have," Wiegand said. "We're trying to combine theology with reality. There's a lot of 'you should' sermons and this one is a more of a 'how to' sermon."

According to a December Gallup poll, about 40 percent or 118 million people said they attend a church, synagogue or mosque at least once a week. Attendance at religious organizations peaked between 1954 and 1964 when nearly half of Americans said they attended a church, mosque or synagogue once a week. The daily importance of religion on lives has lessened since the 1950s, where more than 70 percent of people said religion was very important to them. Today, about 56 percent of people identify religion as a very important aspect of their life.





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Tyrone officials split on new fireworks ordinance

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Tyrone Township supervisor

Mike Cunningham

it sounds good.

Supervisor and clerk wonder if it's needed, or enforceable

By William Axford

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Tyrone Twp. — The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees voted 4-2 to give a six-month trial run on a new fireworks ordinance. Supervisor Mike Cunningham and Clerk Keith Kremer cast the dissenting votes. Trustee David Walker was not present at the meeting.

Fireworks in Tyrone Township may now be used outside of the state's designated 30 days. Time restrictions were not included in

the ordinance.

Township officials were at odds on whether an ordinance was needed since fireworks are already regulated by the state and how effectively they could enforce fireworks violations. Cunningham said investigations into

firework violations will be dependent upon complaints with residents. Burden of proof will rely on the complainant via video, photos or eyewitness accounts.

For Trustee Charles Shultz, who voted in favor of the ordinance, enforcement can lead to a slippery slope.

"It's almost like we are putting this in there to appease somebody. Why make it more restrictive than the state?" Shultz said. "Does this mean anybody can form a complaint? How do we determine good proof?"

Cunningham and Kremer noted that enforcement of current ordinances rely on complaints from residents. Late night fireworks use would be breaking other ordinances such as noise violation and disturbing the peace.

"The enforcement is going to be the issue," Cunningham said. "The state police say they're not going to go out there. The deputy doesn't have the manpower to go out there. This is something that's after the fact and hearsay."

Under state law, fireworks are allowed to be used the day before, during and after 10 national holidays.

Under Tyrone Township's Fireworks Ordinance No. 41, fireworks cannot be used on public property, schools and churches unless they are approved by the respective organization. Fireworks are prohibited from use by people under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances. Fireworks cannot be used during an open-burn ban and

> must be discharged away from structures and other potential fire hazards. The ordinance also allows for sale of fireworks within the township, provided the vendor has the designated state and federal licenses necessary, as well as an authorized fireworks display permit from the township.

Violations of the ordinance can result in fines varying from \$100 to \$500, as well as cost recovery fines for damages and any use of services from fire departments.

Use of fireworks outside of the days designated by the state is prohibited within the cities of Fenton and Linden.

Tyrone's fireworks ordinance will be up for review in October, past the major holidays for fireworks. This summer will be a test on whether the township needs to be more restrictive or liberal when it comes to enforce-

"If your neighbor is shooting off fireworks in the morning, they're going to call the police," Treasurer Marna Bunting-smith said. "(The police) are going to respond. There's a state statute on (fireworks)."

ACCIDENTS

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On Jan. 14, 2012, Fenton responded to a rollover after a male driver fell asleep at the wheel and crashed. On March 9, Fenton police responded to several spinouts, due to icy road conditions. Later that month, Fenton Township responded to a rear-end collision.

In May, a motorist lost control in Fenton when she tried to avoid hitting an opossum. In June, two women were injured in a rollover. In July, firefighters responded to a rollover crash in Tyrone Township, which was alcohol related. In August, an SUV hydroplaned on the wet road surface, lost control and rear-ended another vehicle.

On Sept. 13, a White Lake man was killed in a motorcycle crash in Hartland Township. On Oct. 24, a couple traveling in a motorhome lost control and crashed in Fenton Township.

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On Jan. 9, a Flint man was killed in a crash in Tyrone Township. Icy roads were a factor. On Jan. 18, Fenton responded to two unrelated weather-related crashes and then on Jan. 23, black ice was a factor in several spinouts.

Many will recall the 30 to 40 vehicles that were involved in multiple crashes in Mundy Township, caused by icy roads and sudden whiteout conditions on Feb. 2. Whiteout conditions occurred again on Feb. 16 and Feb. 22, causing multiple crashes in Fenton Township.

In March, a Mt. Morris man was injured after he lost control of his vehicle and crashed in Fenton Township. In August, a Canton man who had taken prescription medicine and was drowsy crashed his vehicle in Fenton. In October, a beer truck was rear-ended, resulting in a lost load. 2014

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On Jan. 23, Fenton fire and police responded to 21 weather-related crashes in Fenton. On Jan. 28, a semi lost control and jackknifed in Fenton.

On Feb. 9, a Mt. Morris woman was killed when the vehicle she was a passenger of was struck by a vehicle that was traveling the wrong way on the highway in Mundy Township. Later that month, a Mt. Morris man was killed in Tyrone Township when his vehicle was rear-ended in Tyrone Township. Alcohol was a factor in that crash as well.



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TITLE OF U.S. MARINE

Cimbrey Ponzetti of Fenton and a 2013 graduate of Fenton



High School graduated **United States** Marine Corps boot camp on April 4, 2014 at Marine Corps Recruit

Depot Parris Island, S.C. On April 22, Ponzetti will return to Marine Corps Combat Training in South Carolina and then will report to Marine Corps Camp Geiger, in North Carolina where she will attend Basic Supply Warehousing Course as her military occupational specialty in the Marines. Cimbrey is the daughter of Julie Harrison and step-daughter of Dwight Harrison.





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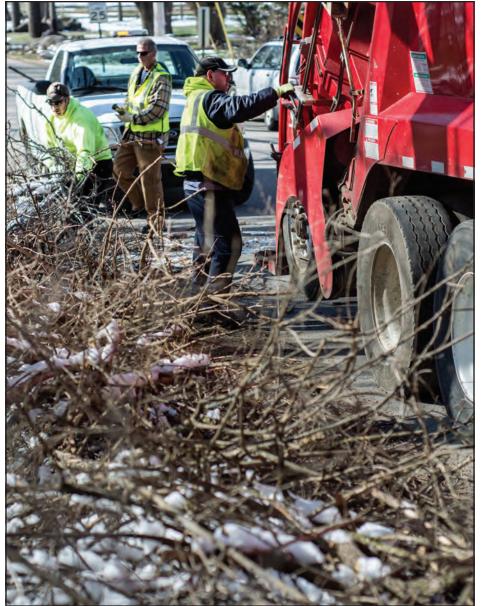


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CLEAN-UP

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Currently, there is no schedule, or way to let residents know when a crew will be out on these random clearing efforts, but there is a way to speed up the process, and get someone out to your property if you're ready for a pick up.

For regular Fenton City pick-up

Place fallen brush and branches only,

to the curb. Lay with cut ends facing the street, at a reasonable length. The more neatly stacked and organized the pile, the more quickly crews can remove your branches and move on to the next home, or neighborhood. "Just put the brush

44 Just put the brush down...and we'll be happy to pick it up. 77

Dan Czarnecki Director, Fenton DPW

down that came down with the storm and we'll be happy to pick it up," said Czarnecki.

Things like wooden posts, old chairs and lumber will not be taken away. Crews will leave behind any piles containing anything other than fallen or cut branches.

For Monday Republic Services pick-up

The city contracts with Republic Services for refuse, and recycling removal. On Monday, trucks will sweep through the city for yard waste. There are two ways to have your brush removed by Republic Services.

One is filling a 32-gallon, trash receptacle, or brown yard waste bag with brush, with a \$.50 city "green yard waste" tag. The other is simply bundling 4-foot lengths of brush, weighing less than 50 pounds, which is free.

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STREETSCAPE

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conclude in time to start construction this year.

Everything hinges on the "obligation" of these federal funds.

Obligated is the word municipalities

like Fenton use when federal funds are first committed to a project, and then assigned to be used on a specific public improvement, and spent within an allotted period of time.

The streetscape is actually two or more large

projects in one — the road project itself, and then the "streetscape" portion, which is the sidewalks, benches and trash receptacles.

In this case, Burns said the road portion was obligated in February, and the rest could be obligated by April 26.

Then, the information would be reviewed by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for a couple weeks. Bidding contractors for the projects would begin with a late July early August start to construction.

That sounds reasonable, but in order to not drag the residents and downtown businesses through two construction seasons, they needed to have started in early April. This means the next time to start construction is April 2015 — at least that's what it looks like right now.

In order to start in 2015, they have to un-obligate the road funds, so that they hit the timeline set by the Federal Highway Administration. Currently, they would have to start in February, before winter

breaks in Michigan.

Going forward, Markland said the likely scenario is getting all the funds obligated at the right time to begin bidding in the fall. This will yield better prices, he said, because contractors will be booking their first

work of the year.

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shovel-ready for

Craig Schmidt

Chairman, Fenton DDA

so darn long, it's a

disappointment.77

About streetscape

The project has been in the works since 2011 when conceptual drawings were made. When completed, the streetscape will alter the streets, curbs, sidewalks and lighting of the downtown, from Second Street to Elizabeth Street.

The \$4.8 million project was first delayed in 2012, when the city decided to wait for \$1.7 in federal funds.

In the fall of 2013, Markland and Burns submitted paperwork for the grants with the expectation of it all being wrapped up by now, allowing bidding and construction to begin. The October federal government shut down, and MDOT caused delays in the obligating of the funds.

GRASS

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yard. The soil is spongy, the plants are tender and weather is unpredictable.

"Get the clippings off the grass, mulch it with your mower, and get things moving again," said Mike Fenton of Royalty Services, a full-service lawn company in Fenton. Then re-seed the grass where there are bare spots.

Cool-season grasses, dominant in the tri-county area, can be planted as soon as the air temperatures get into the 60s and soil temperatures are in the 50s. "Make sure there's no frost," said Fenton. Plant as soon as temperatures allow, to give seedlings a chance to get established before hot weather hits.

After the grass is up, fertilize.

"Fertilize, fertilize, fertilize," said Fenton. "The first application can go on right now. Use a pre-emergent fertilizer to give it some new life and keep crabgrass from growing." Pre-emergent fertilizers work for about three months, so homeowners should plan to reapply again during the summer.

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Begin mowing your lawn as soon as it needs it, but keep in mind that grass blades do best when you cut no more than a third of the blade's length at a time.

Once your grass starts growing, you'll need to make sure your lawn gets at least 1-inch of water per week. Until then, you can water less frequently, but remember that cold air is very drying to plants and lawns.

Spring is also a good time to address problems with fire ants and other insects. Grubs and mole crickets may also cause damage to your lawn in the spring but are more effectively controlled later in the summer.

early April. This means the next time to

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Adams said the building, located at
234 North LeRoy St., is architecturally
sound and that most of the updates

GRAIN ELEVATOR

needed pertain to the façade.

Plans for the building include converting the main floor into a western-themed family restaurant. The basement will be used for a 1950s style diner, serving milkshakes and cheeseburgers. A Victorian tearoom and catering service is also in the works.

Adams' mother, Joan Cockerton, has owned the building since 1995. In its prime, the building was known as the Fenton Grain Elevator and was a major hub of activity, due to its proximity to the train tracks. Adams is currently wrapping up his position with a newspaper in

Leverything's

still progressing.

We were hoping

to open up a lot

sooner than we

CEO of Fenton Bean Company

will be. 77

Scott Adams

St. Louis and is involved with the ongoing operations within the building.

Adams said he has been in contact with Fenton City Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Hissong.

"Hissong basically told us that he wants to see the character of the building brought back. He thinks it could bring a lot of jobs back to the community and

wants us to get going on it," Adams said.

For Hissong, updates need to be made to the wood, plumbing and other various parts of the building before Adams and Cockerton can move forward with their businesses.

"We wrote them violation letters because the fire suppression was down. Pipes are broken and there's deterioration of wood, paint, trim and bare wires," said Hissong. "We're making an attempt like with other buildings to get it up to code. Hopefully we'll get the building brought up to where it's presentable."

If the building isn't brought up to code, city attorney Stephen Shultz may have to



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Owners of the Fenton Bean Company are updating the Fenton grain elevator, hoping to open their business by the end of this summer.

get involved, further prompting Adams and Cockerton to repair the building sooner.

Adams is optimistic though that the

building can be brought up to code in time.

Once business blueprints and architectural plans are submitted to the city, Adams said the building will have to be inspected by the city. Should things progress on track, Adams foresees being able to open up the building by late summer.

"The original plan was to be open by now. We're getting our ducks in a row and about 80 percent complete right about now," Adams said.

"We'll probably start out slow at first." For more information and updates on the company and the status of the granary building, visit the Fenton Bean Company on Facebook or call (810) 629-7661.

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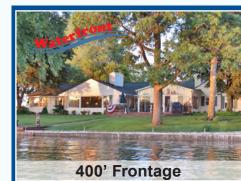
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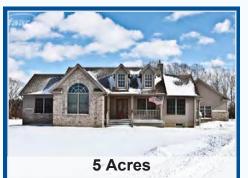
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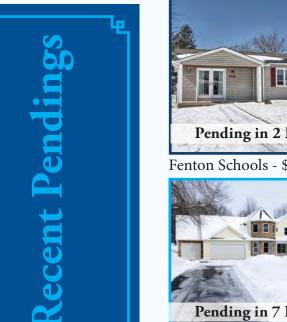
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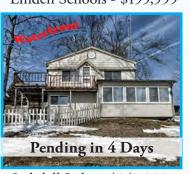


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Social News

BIRTH

Sofia Rose Sharpe

Dr. John Sharpe and his wife Anita Sharpe of Germantown, Tenn. have an-



nounced the birth of their daughter, Sofia Rose Sharpe. She was born on Dec. 16, 2013 at the Methodist Le Bonheur Hospital in Germantown, Tenn., at 4:02 a.m. Her weight was 7 lbs.

8 ozs. and she was 20 inches long. She has two older brothers, Emmanuel, age 13, and John Reinhard, age 19 months. Her grandparents are John and Cheryl Sharpe of Linden and Rudolph and Eva Wilhelm of Scoul, Switzerland. Her great grandmother is Vera Jansson of Argentine Township.

events

NHS TO HOLD BLOOD DRIVE ON APRIL 23

Members of the Fenton High School National Honors Society (NHS) are holding a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 23 in the high school auxiliary gym. Anyone over 17 can donate without adult consent. Appointments run from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call the high school main office at (810) 591-2600 to schedule an appointment. Last minute donations made for a successful NHS blood drive on Jan. 30, during a time of snow days. The 99 pints that the NHS collected was of help to the Red Cross since it was experiencing a blood shortage due to the inclement weather.

News briefs

Dividends announced

Fentura Financial, Inc. has announced a 3 cent per share dividend for shareholders of record as of April 14, 2014, and payable April 21, 2014. Fentura Financial, Inc. is a bank holding company headquartered in Fenton. Its subsidiary bank, The State Bank, is also headquartered in Fenton with offices serving Fenton, Linden, Holly, Grand Blanc and Brighton. The Bank offers comprehensive financial services including commercial, consumer, mortgage, trust and financial planning services, and deposit products. The Bank provides services from its community offices in Genesee, Oakland and Livingston Counties and through on-line and mobile banking services. More information about The State Bank is available at www.thestatebank.com.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) announces road projects for Genesee County.

Wide-ranging I-75 construction continues next week when crews begin resurfacing 19 miles from the Genesee/Oakland county line to the I-475 north junction, including I-75 over Cook Road, I-75 under Grand Blanc and Fenton roads, and I-75 over the Flint River and Flushing Road. This \$13.3 million project is weather dependent. Overall work includes bridge improvements, which are already underway on Grand Blanc Road (expected to be completed in June) and Cook Road (expected to be completed in May). MDOT will announce the schedule for additional road and bridge work as dates are determined.

Traffic impact: I-75 roadwork — up to three lanes closed at night for roadwork. Daytime traffic restrictions may remain in place to accommodate roadwork. I-75 bridge work — lane closures and traffic shifts for bridge work. Local roads will have lane closures with traffic maintained under a temporary signal. Work is expected to be completed in September.

2014 Colonel Fenton's Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament this Thursday

The Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation (FAPSEF) is hosting its annual Colonel Fenton's Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament this Thursday, April 24 at the Fenton Hotel. 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. 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.

POLICE

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teen's shirt, cutting her stomach in the process. She broke free and ran. The suspects ran in the opposite direction.

SMASHED WINDSHIELD AT BAR

A 23-year-old Clarkston man filed a malicious lestruction of property complaint with H police on March 16. The man told police that he had been at a bar in the 900 block of North Saginaw Street. He had come into contact with three unknown men while playing pool and words were exchanged between the unknown men and his friend. Within minutes of the men leaving around 1:40 a.m. a person entered the bar and asked if someone owned a silver Cadillac in the parking lot. Apparently, someone had smashed the windshield with a cinder block. The identity of one of the suspects was made from reviewing the surveillance tape. The male suspect admitted to the damage, which was later estimated at \$3,000. The case remains open.



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Sports

INSIDE SPORTS: LILY KOSSAK Holly tennis wins another match.



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LF golf wins preseason GAC meet

Lake Fenton dominated the field at the GAC preseason meet, carding a team score of 336 at Glenbrier Golf Course.

Goodrich took a distant second with a 371.

Merrick George led the Blue Devils with an 80, while Blake Bonicki carded an 82. Wes Potts shot an 83.

Castiglione tosses no-hitter for Fenton

Jamie Castiglione tossed a no-hitter and struck out 10 in the opener, leading the Tigers to a 3-2 victory. In the nightcap, the Tigers lost a tough 2-1 verdict to Lapeer West in five innings.

"He started getting his fastball rotated a lot better from the fourth inning and on," Fenton coach Shawn Lawrence said.

Offensively, Justin Norris drove in Kyle Lack, who singled, with a double in the seventh to break a 2-2 tie and give the Tigers the win in the first game. Chase Cosselman also had an RBI-single. In the second game, Max Barker had an RBI-single.

Linden's aggression sparks big Metro victory



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Two goal scorers in Linden's 2-1 victory against Fenton are pictured here. Madeline Zayan (left) scored the Eagles' first goal while Brennan Sullivan (right) scored the Tigers' only goal of the game.

Linden baseball opens with DH sweep of Swartz Creek

By David Troppens

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Linden — The Eagles are supposed to be one of the Metro League baseball contenders this year.

They looked like one in an 8-1, 10-4 doubleheader sweep of Swartz Creek on Thursday.

"I was very pleased with the pitching we had overall," Linden coach Steve Buerkel said. "It being the first time we were outside in a game situation to pitch, both Austin (Buerkel) and Marsheal (Ryan) gave us a good chance to win the game. And the way we swung the bats was nice."

In the first game, the Eagles grad-

ually blew the game open. In the first inning Austin Buerkel scored on a Brady Sarkon RBI-fielder's choice grounder, making it 1-0. In the third, Jake Marshall hit an RBIsingle and Cameron Cook provided a sacrifice fly, helping raise the gap to 4-0. In the fifth, Ryan provided a two-run single, making it a 6-0 lead. Two more Linden runs — one driven in by a Marshall sacrifice fly and the other on a Sarkon single made it eight runs.

Buerkel was strong on the mound, striking out six in five innings of work. Creek loaded the bases in the sxith, but Marshall

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► Eagles score two first-half goals, leads squad to 2-1 win against Fenton Tigers

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Fenton — Madeline Zayan didn't have the ball. In fact, a Fenton defender did. But minus that defender, all Zayan saw was the ball and a clear path to the net.

So the Linden freshman did what was necessary to get that ball away from Fenton's defender, drove the field and scored a goal.

It was that type of play that led the Linden Eagles to a 2-0 halftime lead and an eventual 2-1 victory against the Fenton Tigers at Fenton High School on Wednesday.

"The girl was slow inside, so I tried to cut around her and then I got in and scored," Zayan said. "We were really aggressive and quick to the ball. We didn't give up and we outplayed them."

That was the theme during the first 40 minutes. The Eagles clearly outplayed the Tigers in what was the first Metro bout for both teams, a battle that could go a long way

in determining this year's league champion.

"I'm very excited we got a win here," said Linden's other goal scorer, Sarah Ford. "It's incredible (beating Fenton). It puts our foot in the door. It's a step forward. It gives us all the more drive to go undefeated this season.

"Our adrenaline was definitely pumping. We had that first goal right off the bat. It gave us a really good step up. We were ready to go. We beat them to the ball. We just played together and showed how good we are going to be."

In the second half, the Tigers looked more like their normal selves, and cut the gap to 2-1 quickly after a free kick goal by Brennan Sullivan just 1:41 into the second half. The Tigers also kept most of the second-half action in Linden's defensive zone as it seemed the Eagles started to tire against the Tigers' constant substi-

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Linden's Jacob Klocek slides into home plate after a wild pitch during the Eagles' doubleheader sweep against Swartz Creek on Thursday. Klocek was safe.



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Eagles start rebuilding process with losses to Creek

► Fenton improves to 4-0 in Metro with sweep of Lapeer West

By David Troppens

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Linden — There's a new sign on the back of the dugout representing last year's outstanding season.

The Linden varsity softball team advanced to the Division 2 Final Four last year, and the sign proudly displays that fact.

However, this year's team has lost a lot of those players that made a year ago happen. So, there's a little rebuilding going on at Linden. And it showed on Thursday as the Eagles lost a doubleheader against the defending Metro League champion Swartz Creek Dragons.

The Dragons used a 10-run first to earn an 11-1 victory in the first game. In the second contest the Eagles lost 9-0.

"We are a different team, a young team," Linden coach Gordon Jamison said. "We made some really athletic plays today, but true to a young team, they made some really good plays and then made some mental mistakes. We had more mental mistakes today. It's not just being young, but they haven't played together a lot."

In the opening game, the Eagles' only run came in the third inning when Rhiannon Morse singled, stole second and eventually scored after two wild pitches. However, that was the end of the hitting.

In the second game, the Eagles got singles from Alyssa Logie and Reagan Benge, but were unable to score. Creek scored runs here and there, eventually



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Linden's Alyssa Logie (right) slides into home plate during the Eagles' doubleheader with Swartz Creek on Thursday.

getting the 9-0 win.

The Eagles' primary concern is getting their young team ready for later in this season and future seasons.

"The seniors have taken to this team, embracing them," Jamison said. "They know there is a drop-off from last year and they are trying to help the younger player improve so they'll continue to get better for the future. They understand their legacy is helping them because if they get better, they know they played a part in it."

Fenton 12-11, **Lapeer West 4-5**

The Tigers (4-0) made it four straight road wins in Lapeer to start the season, crushing the Panthers on Thursday.

In the opening game, Paige Dean tossed the complete-game victory, while the offense recorded 15 hits. Brenna Hatch had three hits and scored three runs, while Ellie Cowger and Katey Cairnduff had two hits and two runs scored each. Taylor Mowery and Dori Carpenter also had two hits. Carpenter led the team with three RBI.

In the second game, Cowger tossed the complete-game victory, striking out seven, and also went 4-for-4 at the plate with two doubles, three runs scored, two RBI and three stolen bases. Emma Brant also went 4-for-4 and had three stolen bases, while Carpenter, Ali Gundy and Logan Carter had two hits each.

Fenton out-hit West 33-14 in the two games.

Fenton girls track opens Metro League with strong wins

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The Fenton varsity girls track and field team is expected to be among the top contenders for the Metro League crown this year.

And one Metro event into the season, the Tigers look poised to do just

Fenton dominated Lapeer East 119-14 and Swartz Creek 101-35 at Lapeer East High School on Wednes-

"We are looking to have a very good season," Fenton coach Todd Mills said. "We have back most of our key components from last year. We figure we can be in the top three in the league. As always we will be looking to compete with the top teams — Holly, Brandon and Linden. We have had a few setbacks with injuries, but we are hoping to overcome them and push on."

The Tigers took overall firsts in 14 events, with Kayla Stiles earning two individual overall firsts. Stiles won the 200 (27.43) and the long jump (16-0). The Tigers most dominant event was either the 100 hurdles or 1,600 run where Fenton earned the top three spots in both events. In the 100 Nina Lombardi (17.82) won, while Katherine Hiller (18.8) and Liria Dedivanaj (18.6) were second and third, respectively. Dedivanaj could only take third since she ran in the second heat. In the 1,600 run, Danielle Hack won (6:05.14), followed by teammates Emily Battagilia (6:17) and Emma Lane (6:17) in second and third, respectively.

Other overall individual firsts earned by Fenton included Katherine Hiller in the 300 hurdles (53.15),

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Holly's Sydney Renehan twists her body to return a shot in Wednesday's match against Clio. The Bronchos won the match 6-1.

Holly tennis improves to 2-0 in Metro play, beats Clio

By David Troppens

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Holly—The Holly varsity girls tennis team is two Metro meets into the season. And the Bronchos have two team victories.

Holly got the second win on Wednesday, defeating Clio 7-1.

The Bronchos won all six of their flights in straight sets, and most were decisive wins. However, there was one close match. Holly's No. 3 singles player Jenna Pepper gutted out a 7-6(3), 6-4 victory against Clio's Sara Croel to earn her win.

On the other side of the spectrum, two Holly doubles flights won their matches by 6-0, 6-0 scores. They were Carley Postma and Sydney Renehan at No. 1 doubles and Paige Reid and Makenna Rooker at No. 3 doubles.

In singles action, Natalie Clink captured the No. 1 spot victory for Holly by a 6-2, 6-3 score against Megan Takacs,

while Holly's Lily Kossak (No. 4) defeated Morgan Ferweda 6-0, 6-1.

The other two Holly wins were in the doubles flights. Leah Moller and Skylar St. Croix (No. 2) won 6-1, 6-1, while Abby Graff and Katherine Skubik (No. 4) also won 6-1, 6-2.

Holly competes at the Forest Hills Northern Invitational on Saturday. The Bronchos also host Lapeer East for another Metro match on Wednesday.

Holly at

Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational

The Bronchos took fourth in the four-team event.

The No. 4 doubles team of Katherine Skubik and Abby Graff led Holly by winning two of their three matches, earning second place.

In singles action, Sydney Renehan (No. 3) won a match. The No. 2 doubles team of Chloe Reynolds and Makenna Rooker also won a match.

Holly boys track sweeps key Metro meet

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The Holly boys earned seven overall firsts, leading the track squad to victories against Linden (86-51) and Brandon (96-40) on Thursday. Linden gained a 79-58 victory against the Blackhawks.

Javon Barr took part in three overall firsts. Individually, he won the 100 (11.45) and the 200 (23.42). He also teamed with Mathew Porter, Jamie Cardenas and Josh Simms to win the 400 relay (45.61).

Nate Frasier also had a strong showing, earning two overall firsts in individual events. Frasier won the 1,600 (4:37.80) and the 3,200 (9:59.23). The Bronchos had two firsts in field events. Evan Renusch won the high jump (5-8), while Dakota Thorrington took the top spot in the discus (140-1).

The Linden boys had five individual firsts with Kyle See **TRACK** on 18A

Three score in Devils' GAC opening win vs. Montrose

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Lake Fenton — It's only three games into the season. And Jordan Newman did miss one of the team's three games, but it still seems kind of funny.

While Newman charges ahead looking to break the state career record for goals scored in a season, it's a first-year sophomore player who is currently leading the Blue Devils' scoring charge.

Kuristin Poritt is that leading scorer, albeit by just one goal. She was one of three scorers — another being Newman who scored her first goal of her senior season — in the Blue Devils' 3-0 Genesee Area Conference victory against Montrose at Lake Fenton High School on Thursday.

"It is a lot of fun and I'm excited to keep playing," Poritt said.
"I hope things keep happening the way they are."

The Blue Devils (1-0-2) never blew the game open against Montrose, but Lake Fenton had control of the contest all day long. Lake Fenton enjoyed a 27-4 shot edge, including a 13-1 on-target lead.

There was only one goal scored in the first half, and it was provided by Newman. Off a pass from Denise Carlson, Newman took the ball, dribbled by the keeper with a nifty move and scored into the empty net.

That 1-0 lead held until there was 30:23 left in the contest. That's when Poritt scored her second goal of the season after taking a clear attempt and scoring unassisted.

"I took the ball, was dribbling around a couple of girls and I saw the chance," Porritt said. "I saw the opening on the post side on the bottom and I took a shot. I was hoping it would go in."

The final Lake Fenton goal came about five minutes later when Ashlyn Skidmore scored from about 20 yards out.

The Blue Devils' defense was strong, particularly in the first half when the wind was at their back. Starting defenders Alyssa Krueger, Alex Isaac, Brenna Meicher and Kaitlyn Begley helped preserve the shutout in front of keepers Melissa Eggleston and Emily Moore.



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Lake Fenton's Jordon Newman dribbles the ball by the Montrose keeper, eventually scoring. Lake Fenton won the game 3-0.



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Frederick dominating his events. He won the 110 hurdles (16.77), the 300 hurdles (42.88) and the long jump (21-2 3/4). Kyle Korman won the shot put (45-2 1/4), while Justin McKenzie won the pole vault, breaking a school record (14-6).

In girls' action, Linden's girls defeated Holly 73-64, but neither local team beat Brandon. The Blackhawks beat Linden 75-62 and beat Holly 70-67.

For the Linden girls those earning individual firsts were Sydney Elmer who won the 800 (2:29.95), and Samantha Greene won the 200 (28.29). Greene was part of two relays that earned wins as well. She

teamed with Jordannah Martinson, Taylor Smith and Bella Blank to win the 800 relay (1:53.26) and with Rebecca Mc-Donald, Blank and Martinson to win the 400 relay (54.24).

The Holly girls had Maggie Schneider win two events, breaking a school record in the 3,200 (11:39.19). She also won the 1,600 (5:16.87). The 3,200 relay team of Kaitlyn Smith, Abby Lewandowski, Abby Brown and Courtney Kettle won (10:46.30), as did the 1,600 relay team of Kettle, Sabrina Bruni, Smith and Lewandowski (4:26.64).

Allyssa Copley also broke a school record in the shot put (38-7 3/4), while Emily Alvarado won the discus (108-2).



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Linden's Kyle Frederick won the long jump in the dual meets against Holly and Brandon.

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Linden's Briana Holscher (left) tries to avoid Fenton's Madison Wegener in the Eagles' 2-1 victory on Wednesday.

BASEBALL

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tossed a strong sixth, followed by a strong seventh by Tim Sines.

In the nightcap, Linden blew the game open with a nine-run second inning. Marshall provided a three-run double during the stanza, while Cook, Ryan and Hunter Luchenbill each had RBI-singles. Adam Tatara chipped in a two-run double.

On the mound, Ryan was cruising until the fifth. He tossed 4 1/3 innings, striking out three and allowing four hits. Kevin Bates relieved and got the final two outs of the contest as the game was shortened due to darkness.

"We pitched well, not great, but well," Buerkel said. "And batting-wise we had depth. We have guys who had hits in the first game, but I sat them in the second because we had quality guys that had to have a chance to hit. And then they got hits. What do I do the next time? It's a great problem to have."

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Emily Bemis in the 800 (2:49), Jenna Keiser in the 3,200 (13:03.96), Ellen Sage in the high jump (4-8) and Victoria Chapin in the pole vault (9-6).

The Tigers also won three relays. The 3,200 relay team of Bemis, Keiser, Emma Lane and Emily Kinser (11:19) took

the top spot as did the 1,600 relay team of Bemis, Sage, Emily Kinser and Battaglia (4:33). The 800 relay of Stiles, Hannah Sage, Ellen Sage and Bemis posted a time of 1:52.53.

Swartz Creek

The Fenton boys defeated East 80-53, but lost to Swartz Creek 70-57.

The Tigers earned overall firsts in four events with three being individual performances. They were Jacob Lee in the 1,600 (4:51.78), Matthew Cubr in the 400 (55.11) and Dominic Dimambro in the 800 (2:14.50).

The 3,200 relay team of Mitchell Campbell, Dimambro, Ethan Follett and Lee also won with a time of 9:22.31.

Fenton boys vs. Lapeer East,

PREP REPORT

BASEBALL

► Holly 2, Montrose 1: The Bronchos advanced in the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament sparked behind the strong pitching of Peyton Molzahn. Molzahn tossed a one-hitter, striking out eight and walking three

Offensively, the Bronchos were paced by Austin Jennings, who had double and a run scored. Joel Perry also had a walk, an RBI and a stolen base.

"The boys played well for the first game of the year and the cold temperatures," Holly coach Benny Jackson said. "We look to improve.

GIRLS SOCCER

▶ Lake Fenton 1, Genesee **Christian 1:** The Blue Devils outshot Genesee Christian 19-5, but had to settle for their second draw in as many games. The Blue Devils' goal was provided by Ashlyn Skidmore with 13 minutes left in the first half. Kuristin Poritt provided the thru pass assist. Genesee Christian scored with 22 minutes left in the contest

GIRLS TENNIS

► Holly 8, Kearsley 0: The Bronchos (3-0) won all eight matches in straight sets, including six by 6-0, 6-0 scores. All four doubles flights won by 6-0,

6-0 marks. They were Carley Postma and Sydney Renehan (No. 1), Leah Moller and Chloe Reynolds (No. 2), Alanah Rau and Paige Reid (No. 3), and Abby Graff and Katherine Skubic (No. 4).

In singles action, Haley Crimmins (No. 2) and Jenna Pepper (No. 3) won 6-0, 6-0 matches. Also winning were Natalie Clink (No. 1) and Lily Kossak (No. 4).

BOYS GOLF

Linden 169, Clio 189: The Eagles' Tyler Ziccardi and Alex Bond each had 42s to lead Linden at Spring Meadows Country club. Ziccardi had birdies on 15. 16 and 17.

LINDEN'S

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tutions. However, the Eagles didn't wilt. Fenton got off nine more shots after the goal, including three on net, but it was a case of quantity more than quality. Linden keeper Bridgett Adams was able to make the three second-half saves she needed to get the victory in net. She made seven for the game.

"We played not to lose," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. "The girls knew it. They were so afraid to lose a game to Linden and it showed. We backed off. Our defense backed off, and Linden took full advantage of it, plain and simple. It was a total mental thing. We fixed it (in the second half), but Linden played a great game. They deserved it."

Zayan's goal came with 28:58 left in the opening half. Ford's goal came within the next 10 minutes as well. Her goal was set up by a cross from Katie Wilkowski, giving Ford the ball about 25 yards out.

"I knocked it back and everyone was calling for it," Ford said. "But I had a clearing. I saw the open corner and it top right and I just nailed it in. I was hoping it would go in. It just kind of went in and I just watched it. It was a good feeling to get that

second goal for us."

And it was needed because of the early second-half goal by Fenton.

The Eagles are now 2-0, with a victory on each of Fenton's fields. Prior to spring break Linden defeated Holly at Fenton's football field. This contest was played at the regular soccer field. Coach Kevin Fiebernitz was thrilled by his team's play.

"I'm very proud of these girls," Fiebernitz said. "This is only the fourth time we've been outside. In the first half, I thought we got them out of wack. They were arguing a bit with each other, and I think speed will do that to you a little bit and we have some speed.

"I was a little bit worried coming in because this is their fourth or fifth game and they've been outside about 10 times. We've hardly been outside. But we have a lot of potential to grow as a team."

Fenton outshot Linden 16-9 and also had an 8-4 shots on goal edge. But, the advantage didn't equate into better chances Linden's two goals.

Linden played Davison on Thursday and were at the Chelsea Tournament on Saturday. Fenton hosted Troy on Thursday and play Mason on Monday.

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Six- and seven-year car loans popular

▶Slow economic recovery and rising car prices factors in longer car loans

By William Axford

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Car loans are expanding beyond three or four years and stretching into six or even seven-year loans. Increased car

Summary

Car loans lasting six or seven years are becoming more common as cars continue to increase in price.

prices and a slowly recovering economy are two major factors in loans expanding from 24 or 26 months to 72 and even 84 months. While the longer loans point to a weakened econ-

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into a new car.

Business manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton

Jon Phillips

omy, local dealerships believe the longer

loans won't become a permanent aspect of car buying.

"It's more of a trend I think," said Jon Phillips, business manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. "When they trade in their car four years from now, they'll have less equity. It's hard to tell though what's going to happen to the economy right here."

A recent USA Today article reported that customers are paying 2 percent more

for cars than they did a year ago. Popular cars like General Motors' Chevrolet Corvette and Subaru's Forester have substantially increased in price compared



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The six- and seven-year loans may be a side effect of the weaker economy, allowing drivers to get into a new car with lower monthly payments.

to last year's models.

The Wall Street Journal reports the

higher car prices and competition from auto loaners allows some consumers to net new cars with a \$500 or lower monthly car payment. While six or seven years for one car seems like a longtime, the average life of cars on the road has stretched to 11 years, allowing owners to drive their cars debt free for a few years.

While monthly payments are usually lower, the longer the duration of the loan, cars.com said more months

usually come with a higher interest rate. Phillips said loan rates and amounts are

dependent upon multiple factors such as credit history, model and miles on the car

and other factors. To parents feeling strained with house payments and multiple kids to adults entering their first professional jobs and struggling to pay of student loans, car loans lasting six or even seven years may make more sense than a shorter loan.

Whatever the reason, Phillips said car dealerships will try to work with customers as much as possible in order to get them into a new car.

"It all depends on the customer's budget, every situation is different," Phillips said. "We try to accommodate them and give them the best rate possible."

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Common misconceptions about fuel efficiency

Fuel efficiency is an important issue for car buyers, and understandably so. Conserving fuel is good for drivers' budgets and the planet, so the concept of fuel efficiency would seem to benefit everyone.

But just because fuel efficiency is a good concept does not mean there are not misconceptions about it among drivers and automotive professionals alike. The following are some of the more widely held misconceptions about fuel efficiency.

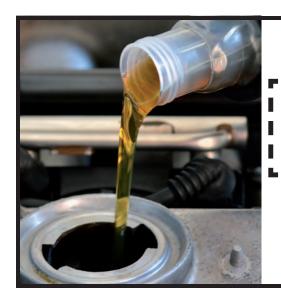
Full tanks conserve fuel.

Many people have long believed that a nearly full tank of gas means the fuel within that tank is less likely to evaporate, and that half-full tanks are losing gas to evaporation. Though this might have been the case years ago, today's vehicle's are smarter than ever before, and their fuel systems are designed with vapor recovery systems so drivers traveling around with tanks that are closer to empty than full aren't losing gas to evaporation.

Manual transmissions are more fuel efficient.

Technology can once again be credited with turning conventional wisdom on its head. In the past, manual transmission vehicles might have been more fuel efficient because drivers could more efficiently control engine revving with a 5-speed manual transmission than they could with the standard 3-speed automatic transmission. However, automatic transmissions have evolved over the

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The importance of your car's VIN

▶This number sets your vehicle apart from every other and provides detailed information

By Sally Rummel

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If your car or truck is newer than 1981, it has a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that has many important uses.

This 17-character number is what sets your vehicle apart from any other vehicle. It's used by service shops to identify the engine, transmission and brake systems installed by manufacturers, so that they can properly service your vehicle. Law enforcement agencies use VINs to identify and recover stolen cars and car parts. Auto manufacturers use VINs when they resolve safety recalls.

A vehicle's VIN is very important to a car buyer because it can help you access information about a previouslyowned car that can impact your decision. Through a VIN search, you can access a CARFAX Vehicle History Report, which will tell you:

- Vehicle registration
- Title information, included salvaged or junked titles
- Odometer readers
- Lemon history
- Total loss accident history

- Frame/structural damage
- · Accident indicators, such as airbag deployments

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- Service and repair information
- Vehicle usage (taxi, rental, lease, etc.)
- Recall information

To protect yourself from fraud as you shop for a used car:

Get the VIN from the seller or off the vehicle itself. You'll find it most commonly on the dashboard (you can see it through the windshield), and the driver's side door jamb sticker. On some vehicles, the VIN may be placed on the engine, hood and other parts. The VIN may also appear on car titles, insurance policies, service records and police reports for the vehicle.

If a seller refuses to disclose the VIN, that could be a sign they do not want you to learn the car's history. If the seller doesn't provide a CARFAX Vehicle History Report, use the VIN to purchase one at Carfax.com.

Confirm the vehicle's identity by physically matching the VIN provided by the seller to the VINs on the vehicle, its title documents and the CARFAX report. If any of the VINs don't match, you may want to walk away from the deal.

After you buy a car, you will need the VIN to insure the car and to register it at your local Secretary of State.

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TEST DRIVE: 2014 RAM 1500 ECODIESEL

Ram breaks new ground

▶ Diesel engines and pickup trucks go together like peanut butter and jelly, but manufacturers have been reluctant to put diesels in light-duty trucks

By Derek Price

Green Shoot Media

Truck buyers love diesels under the hood because they're reliable, longlasting, fuel efficient and make more trailer-pulling torque than their gasoline counterparts. Until now, though, you could only get diesel power by upgrading to a heavy-duty truck.

If you ask the manufacturers about that, they'll tell you how traditional diesel designs are too heavy to work well in a light-duty chassis and how the government emissions requirements are stricter for the smaller, mass-market, half-ton trucks.

I'm a bit of a conspiracy theorist about it, though. Call me crazy, but I think a bigger reason is that car companies don't want to lose any sales of their pricey, heavy-duty trucks by offering a cheaper diesel model.

In any case, that's all about to change now that Ram is offering a small, fuelefficient diesel engine in its Ram 1500 line. It's not the giant Cummins diesel



I have a 2002 Dodge Dakota 4X4. When driving straight and/or turning right I hear a rumbling/ growling noise. The noise goes away when turning left. It sounds like it is coming from the front end and more on the right side, I think. What could this be?

Jeff, this is most likely a bad wheel bearing causing this noise. You will need to jack up the front wheels. Check for any movement in the wheel by trying to move it in at the top and out at the bottom, going back and forth. Sometimes we have to run the vehicle on the hoist and listen with a stethoscope to pinpoint the exact cause when there is no obvious play in the wheel bearing. They can be tricky as far as sounding like a right side when it is actualy the left or vise versa. That is why we double check them with the stethoscope.

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Check our website and coupon ads for specials. from the Ram Heavy Duty, but a compact, 3.0-liter design that's engineered for fuel efficiency.

Ram calls it the EcoDiesel.

After driving several versions of the EcoDiesel, I think Ram could have a huge hit on its hands. Not only is it great for towing — I pulled a big boat up a steep grade without the Ram breaking a sweat — but it's also a lot more refined than you usually expect from a diesel engine.

Everybody is familiar with the loud clackety-clack of diesels that pull up beside you in traffic. With this one, though, those characteristic metallic clangs are almost imperceptible thanks to lots of sound insulation under the hood.

Ram also brought some gasoline trucks to compare it to, and more than once I had to double-check to be sure I was in the diesel version. I just couldn't tell from the sound.

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Ram is offering the first diesel engine in a light-duty truck for 2014. Called the EcoDiesel, it is designed to get impressive gas mileage and is rated to tow 9,200 pounds.



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One of the biggest question marks about this truck — and one of the best reasons to buy it, too — is the gas mileage it's going to get. The official government ratings haven't been announced

yet, but the folks at Ram swear it's going to be "class-leading" whenever the numbers come out.

That means it should get better fuel economy than the V6 gasoline trucks that are on the market right now, with the added benefit of greater towing capacity. It's rated to tow up to 9,200 pounds, which is approaching the figure you would expect from a big, thirsty, V8

The price premium for the EcoDiesel is also reasonable. It's just \$2,850 more than a similarly equipped Ram with a HEMI V8 engine, a price that's low enough to pay for itself in fuel cost savings over

years, and they are now more adept at controlling revs and conserving fuel than

many drivers of manual transmission

time. And given the historically higher resale value of diesel trucks, it could turn out to be an even smarter decision down the road.

Aside from the coolness of the new diesel, I like what this move says about

> the Ram brand as a whole. This is a company that's been breaking new ground in the pickup market and rolling out innovations before other trucks, like their diesel engine brakes in heavy-duty models and their big-rig styling in the

Being the first to put a diesel engine in a light-duty chassis is just another step in that process. It's a smart move on Ram's part because I suspect there's a large, untapped market of people who want to drive a diesel truck but don't want to deal with the drawbacks and expense of a heavy-duty model.

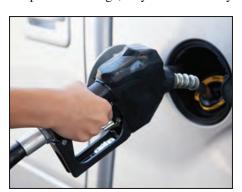
It's been a long wait, but those people finally have their truck.

to receive any more gas by filling up in the morning than you will when filling

vehicles.

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When you fill up matters. Some drivers have long believed that filling up during the cooler hours of the day earns them more gas than filling up when the temperatures are at their peak. This theory traces its origins to the fact that liquids are at their most dense when they are cool. But today's filling stations store their gas in tanks beneath the ground, which is why you might see a tanker emptying its contents into the ground at the filling station. These underground tanks are insulated from temperature swings, so you aren't likely



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS A well-maintained car will operate at peak fuel efficiency and save you money at the pump.

up at night.

An old vehicle is destined to be less fuel efficient.

Any product that is allowed to fall into disrepair will prove less efficient than products that are well maintained, and cars are no exception. A poorly maintained car will not operate at peak fuel efficiency because it's likely being forced to work harder to get down the street than it would if it was well kept. But a wellmaintained vehicle should not grow less fuel efficient over time.

Shifting into neutral while stopping saves gas.

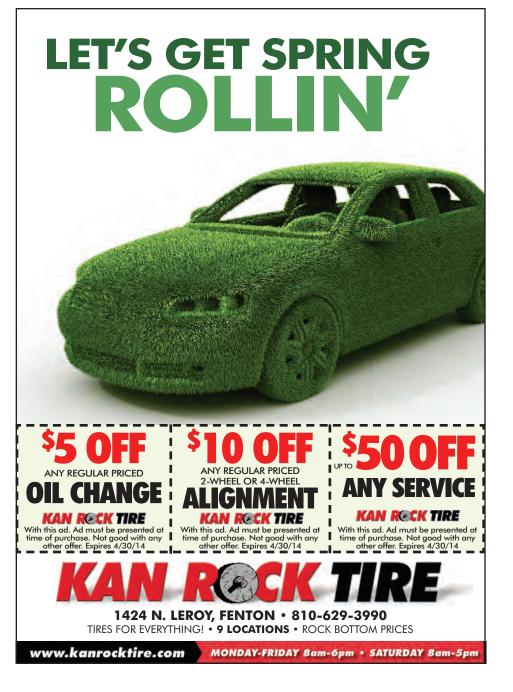
This is another misconception that was once true but no longer applies thanks to advances in technology. When engines still had carburetors, shifting into neutral might have helped conserve fuel by lessening the flow of gas into the engine while the car was idling. However, fuel injection systems are now computerized and capable of sensing when an engine is revving above idle. This shuts off the fuel injectors, preventing gas from being injected into the engine and preventing gas from being wasted while the vehicle is stopped as a result.

Taking steps to conserve fuel is a good way for drivers to save money and benefit the environment. However, some of the conventional means to conserving fuel are no longer viable.



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By Sally Rummel

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Of course, this figure averages in the most expensive city in the continental U.S. for weddings, New York City at \$87,000, while newlyweds in Utah and Idaho spent the least, less than \$17,000, according to The Knot.com.

Somewhere in the middle of all these extremes, two area couples are "tying the knot" this year, both living their dreams of a perfect wedding while working within their respective budgets.

Tristan Taylor, 20, of Linden, will be marrying her fiancé, Andrew Gibson, 26, in an outdoor ceremony Oct. 4 at her parent's home in Cadillac, before 180 guests. They've pared expenses down as much as possible, vowing to stick within their \$5,000 budget.

"I'm the oldest of six and we all have \$2,000 given to us for our weddings," said Taylor, daughter of Chris and Tammy Taylor. Her fiancé, a merchandiser for Coca-Cola, is studying tourism at St. Louis Community College in St. Louis, Mo. They plan to live in St. Louis after the wedding, and then will move to New Zealand for Gibson's career when he's done with school.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Jon Gerych (right) talks wedding color coordination with couple Lindsay Hensler and Craig Huppertz, and parents Fred and Tracy Hensler Thursday evening, at Gerych's Special Events & Floral Design in Fenton.

– FIVE WAYS TO CUT WEDDING COSTS –

- 1. Ease off the wedding stationery. Whether it's save-the-dates, official wedding invites, or thank-you notes, wedding stationery can easily blow your budget. Opt for fewer frills when it comes to lined envelopes, foil lettering, etc. Don't forget to include the cost of postage in your budget.
- 2. Think outside of Saturday. Choosing a
 Friday or Sunday can present significant savings
 to those who are willing to be a bit more flexible.
 3. Get flowers for less. Have your floral artist
 recommend in-season blooms to save up to 70

percent of your floral costs. Consider using silks

- for altar pieces and centerpieces. Other floral options include swapping out some arrangements like alter pieces and centerpieces with silk flowers.
- **4. Opt for bigger** tables. When possible, select bigger reception tables to save money on linen expenses and the number of centerpieces needed
- **5. Stick to food** favorites. Opt for common comfort foods rather than exotic dishes that will be more expensive and may go to waste.

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Things you didn't know about your Easter

Crème Eggs:



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A Cadbury Crème Egg in North America differs from the native egg of the U.K., where it was first hatched. In England, eggs weigh 40 grams. In the U.S., where Hershey's has the rights to them, they dropped six grams to 34 grams of weight. Don't fret, each egg still holds 150 calories and five grams of fat.

Americans buy over 120 million pounds of candy during the Easter holiday. That's enough peeps, jelly beans and chocolate bunnies to fill more than 4,600 dump trucks.

Peeps: Americans buy more than 700 million Marshmallow Peeps each Easter season.

A Peep takes six seconds to make

It takes just six seconds to create the popular Marshmallow Peep. When it first debuted in 1953, it took 27 hours to hand-create each edible yellow chick. But now Peeps get cranked out of machines at 3,500 per minute and four million per day.

Alternative uses for Peeps



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Perfect pincushion



Lick and stick iPhone stand



A Civil-War snack

When you think of Easter candy, think

jelly beans. Americans pop 16 billion little

chewy, sugary concoctions every Easter.

Created in the 17th century and then re-

fined thereafter, the jelly bean took rise in

the U.S. when Boston candy maker Wil-

liam Schrafft marketed them heavily to

Jelly Beans:

Americans consume 16 billion jelly beans at Easter, many of them hidden in baskets. If all the Easter jelly beans were lined end to end, they would circle the globe nearly three times.

To sort or not to sort?

Kids eat their jelly beans in different ways. 70 percent eat a jelly bean at a time, savoring the flavor of each bean. 23 percent stuff a handful in, and of those 23 percent, it's more boys than girls that go for the mixed approach.

Chocolate Bunnies:

Seventy percent of Easter candy purchased is chocolate.



Union soldiers during the Civil War. A weighty proposition

Originally sold by color, jelly beans were the first candy to ever be sold by weight. They gained their Easter popularity in the 1930s behind a marketing push that pitched the beans' resemblance to an egg. The most popular color remains red to this day.





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Senate Bill 896: Increase speed limits Introduced by Sen. Tom Casperson (R), to increase the normal speed limit to 80 miles per hour on rural freeways, 70 mph on urban freeways, 65 mph on state highways, 60 mph on county roads, 55 mph on unpaved (gravel) roads except in Oakland and Wayne counties, where it would be 45 mph. These limits could fall or rise based on studies of observed traffic speed. The limit for trucks would be 70 mph on all freeways (vs. 60 mph under current law). The limit on unposted residential subdivision and traditional downtown business district streets would remain at 25 mph. Speed limits on city streets outside subdivisions could only be set according to the table of driveway frequency, or based on a speed study. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5175: Permit non-husbandand-wife joint tax filing

Introduced by Rep. Sam Singh (D), to establish that individuals who file a joint federal income tax return may also file a joint state income tax return, even if they are not husband and wife. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

Business briefs

The UPS Store in Fenton offers convenient recycling solution

Spring and summer bring many momentous occasions. With these celebrations come millions of packages traveling across the country. To help ensure a safe journey, precious cargo is nestled in bundles of packing "peanuts." While the peanuts protect valuables, many people wonder how to dispose of them properly. Recycling is as easy as visiting The UPS Store, at 17195 Silver Parkway near VG's. In celebration of Earth Day on April 22 The UPS Store encourages consumers to help protect the environment by bringing in clean, foam-packing peanuts of all sizes, shapes and colors for reuse/recycling. "We encourage people to recycle every day, not just on Earth Day," said Les Beare, The UPS Store franchisee. "This is our opportunity to help the environment, while providing a convenient solution for the Tri-County Times' readers." The UPS Store is open 9-7 M-F, 10-5 Sat. For more information, visit www.theupsstorelocal.com/3351 or call (810) 750-2920.



House Bill 5184: Repeal limit on electric utility competition

Introduced by Rep. Mike Shirkey (R), essentially to repeal the core provisions of the 2008 law that limited electric utility competition to 10 percent of the commercial customers in large utilities' service areas, and revise regulated utility rate-setting rules to accommodate this expansion of consumer choice. Referred to committee, no further action at this time

House Bill 5212: Require conviction for drug defendant property forfeiture

Introduced by Rep. Jeff Irwin (D), to establish that property seized from a defendant in an illegal drug prosecution is not subject to forfeiture unless the individual is actually convicted. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5250: Mandate criminal asset forfeiture disclosures

Introduced by Rep. Tom McMillin (R), to require law enforcement agencies to file monthly reports on number of criminal asset forfeiture proceedings concluded, pending or "negotiated." The bill would also require the reports to disclose for each property seizure the alleged violation; the date the property was seized; whether any person was charged or convicted; a description of the property; its value; whether there was a plea or other agreement; the property's final disposition; whether the seizure was based on arrangements with federal, state or local agencies ("adoptive" seizure); details of the costs and expenses associated with the seizure and more. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5275: Give brewers and wineries tax break for Michigan ingredients

Introduced by Rep. Douglas Geiss (D), to give wine makers, brewers, micro brewers, and brewpubs a per-gallon credit against the state beer or wine tax if a specified proportion of their products' ingredients are grown in Michigan. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.

House Bill 5279: Let less creditworthy municipalities incur "pension obligation bond" debt

Introduced by Rep. Ben Glardon (R), to revise a 2012 law that lets municipalities borrow money to cover unfunded pension liabilities if this is done as part of a plan to close a traditional "defined benefit" pension system to new employees (who usually get 401k contributions instead). The bill would allow local governments with significantly lower creditworthiness ratings incur this additional debt. Referred to committee, no further action at this time.



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▶Yogurt is your best bet to correct digestive problems

By William Axford

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The next time you're sick and perusing medicine at your local pharmacy, you may want to ingest some bacteria rather than try to eliminate it. Probiotics are

becoming more popular according to USA Today, due to their effectiveness at combating digestive issues. The news organization also reports that probiotics can help improve moods and so far have little negative side effects.

Locally, VG's Grocery Pharmacist Joe Starrs is seeing more people use probiotics, especially as people use more antibiotics, which kills certain bacteria.

"Probiotics can be handy in bringing things back to normal," Starrs said. "It will replace bacteria that were lost durant probiotics."

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According to Webmd.com, probiotics are "bacteria that help maintain the natural balance of organisms in the intestines." Probiotics help keep a healthy digestive tract and are available as dietary supplements. Gas, cramps and diarrhea

can be treated with probiotics.

According to TV personality Dr. Oz's website, intestines have more than 500 bacterial species that help with digestion, provides nutrients and improve immune systems. Nearly 10 percent of someone's daily energy comes from "good bacteria in your gut."

Starrs said a prescription isn't needed

in order to get probiotics, although a doctor may recommend it to their patients. Foods like yogurt, soft cheeses, sour pickles and bananas have some levels of probiotics. To get the maximum benefits of probiotics however, one may have to get specific probiotics medication. Starrs said probiotics should be used with people who may feel rundown and are experiencing bouts of diarrhea, or other symptoms that are out of the ordinary.

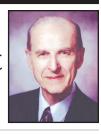
Webmd.com warns that probiotics supplements are regulated as foods and not drugs. Those concerned about the affects of probiotics should speak with their doctor or pharmacist.

"Bacteria is a natural system found in our stomach intestines," Starrs said. "You can use them for symptoms that may not be associated with illness."



Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



Easter changed everything

A college student was questioning things taught him by his parents and church: the meaning of life, the reliability of the Bible, how the world began, how to prepare for eternity, to name a few. Answers kept eluding him so I raised one more question: 'Did Jesus Christ come out of the grave alive?'

I knew acceptance of the resurrection would drive away his doubts and change his view of life, death and eternity just as it had for millions who came before him.

In his book, 'First Easter, The True and Unfamiliar Story,' Dr. Paul Maier called the week of the death and resurrection of Christ 'the week that changed the world.' Dr. Maier was especially moved by the impact of the resurrection on the disciples of Christ, writing: 'The psychological change of the disciples is certainly striking. What transformed Peter, the man who could be unhinged by questions from a servant girl into so bold a spokesman for the faith that even the entire Sanhedrin could not silence him? Had the disciples deceitfully tried to spawn a new faith on the world, would they have gone on to give their very lives for it? Clearly, they were themselves convinced that Jesus rose.'

It is true that some of the disciples

had trouble believing that Christ had risen. The one called doubting Thomas said he could only believe in the resurrection if he could place his finger in the places the nails had pierced the hands of his Lord and thrust his hand into the spear wound in His side. But after one weak week, this doubter became so dedicated to Christ that he spent his life telling others to trust the living One.

The women who had stood last at the cross were the first to arrive at the tomb on Easter morning, but even they came with weak faith, intending to anoint the body of Jesus with spices to preserve it. Their encounter with the risen One, however, dried their tears and drove away their fears.

What happened that made such a dramatic change in this tiny group of discouraged disciples? The resurrection!

They were convinced that their Lord had risen from the grave and this assurance overcame any doubts they may have had. There are many accepted proofs of the resurrection, including the empty tomb and the existence of millions of believers in spite of the perils of persecution.

The strongest evidence of the resurrection of our Lord, however, may be the changed lives of those discouraged and doubting disciples.

After the resurrection, these weak ones traded their fears for faith and their focus from death to life. Those who follow their example will find strength to cope with each problem they face every day.

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

Tri-county fundraisers

Fundraiser for Tamara

A pizza dinner has been planned for Tamara Johnson at John's Pizzeria in Fenton from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Tamara is battling ALL Leukemia. She was diagnosed when she was 8 years old and has been battling the disease for 12 years. She has relapsed for the fifth time.

Her condition has worsened and she is now in hospice care. The family is reaching out for support to cover expenses. The fundraising dinner is \$20 per person and includes pizza, pasta, salad and bread sticks. If you are unable to attend, donations may be sent to Tamara's Fight, P.O. Box 293, Fenton, MI 48430.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION ROSE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT # 1 TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014

FOR ROSE TOWNSHIP FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$11,000,000).

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Fenton Area Public Schools, Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

remodeling, installing security measures for, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings and facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; purchasing school buses and band equipment; and developing and improving athletic fields and facilities, parking areas and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2014, under current law, is 0.40 mill (\$0.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a net -0- mill increase from the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding for any single series, exclusive of any refunding, is eleven (11) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.70 mills (\$1.70 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$38,375,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$-0-. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

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WEDDINGS

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'We had to figure out what was worth spending money on and what wasn't," said Taylor. "Catering the dinner is going to be our biggest expense at \$3,000, but it will be worth it to not have my parents have the stress of preparing food. I also want real flowers, white roses, for my bouquet and bridesmaids, so we splurged on that expense."

Taylor found her dream wedding dress for \$250 on the clearance rack at David's Bridal. Family and friends are helping to provide many of the other necessary wedding supplies at greatly reduced costs - from invitations to photography. "My sister, Erica, my maid of honor, is studying cosmetology and she's going to do all the make-up and hair for everyone," she said.

Having a more upscale affair will be Lindsay Hensler, 23, who will marry Craig Huppertz, 23 on July 19, at Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc. A reception will

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Tristan Taylor

Bride-to-be

follow at Genesys Athletic Club's Banquet Hall, where the couple had met playing basketball.

Her wedding dress from Bella Bridal in West Bloomfield fits right in with the average price of a wedding gown in Michigan, priced between \$1,000 and \$3,000. Gerych's Special Events & Floral Designs in Fenton is handling all the flow-

ers, as well as linens, tables and chairs, lighting/draping and centerpieces.

Her guest list of 350 spikes up the wedding costs, which are being shared by both families. "Having this many people definitely makes the whole wedding more expensive," said Hensler. "Craig's family is large and we have so many long-time family friends, plus our own friends."

Hensler's parents, Fred and Tracy Hensler, are hosting the reception, food, gifts, etc., while Ruppertz's family is taking care of the rehearsal dinner and the liquor being served at the reception. "It's nice to have both sets of parents here for us," said Hensler. The couple has already bought a home in Midland, where her fiancé works as a supply chain analysist for Dow Chemical. Hensler is a Client Relationship Specialist at Sapphire Blue Investment Partner in Fenton Township.

Either way you choose to get married, there are ways to cut down on expenses, without sacrificing the dreams you have for your wedding.

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I SUBMITTED PHOTO Tristan Taylor tries on a wedding dress at David's Bridal, while her sister, Erica, records the moment on a smartphone.

Gerych's introduces DIY Weddings

Couples who want to hold down the cost of their wedding can do so using a new DIY concept at Gerych's. "It's more of a budget approach to the big cost of a wedding," said Jon Gerych. "Couples can sit down with us and explain what they're looking for. They can look for items to use, re-purpose at garage sales, estate sales, etc. to save on some of the florist expenses. We can guide them as they make some of their own decisions about their wedding cake, invitations, hostess gifts. Then they can come to Gerych's and rent many of the things they will need for their wedding and reception."

From the French, this means "Réspondez, s'il vous plaît," or, "Please reply." Reply promptly, within a day or two of receiving an invitation. You'll be doing the wedding hosts a big favor by responding quickly. Declines received quickly could make room for other guests to be invited. Source: Emily Post Institute

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Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What was the most memorable wedding you've attended?

streettalk



"My children's because all the relatives and friends were there and it was a happy occasion." Carol Day

Fenton



"My own because I was marrying the man of my dreams.'

— Freya Hutchinson



"My own because it was two weeks ago. We got married in Key West."

— Jennifer Ream Fenton



"Mine. We got married in Massachusetts and then had a celebration here a year later."

Wendy Eden



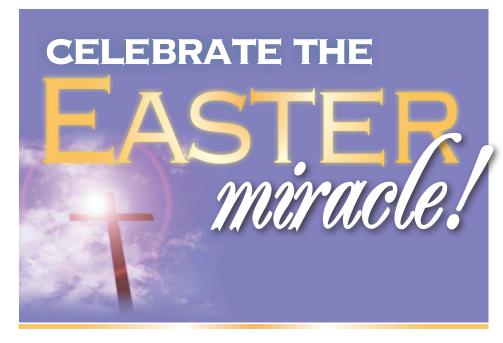
"My cousin's because it is the only one I have ever been to.'

— James Carlson

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"My brother's because I was the best man."

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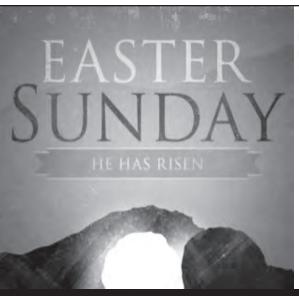
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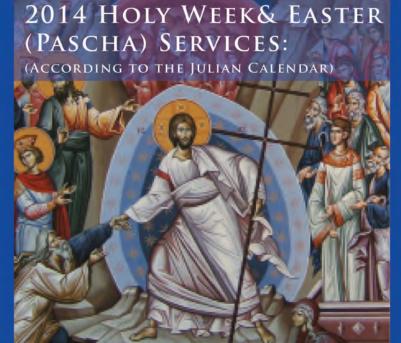
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Meet Danielle Hawkins

- Customer advocate
- Art enthusiast
- Kayaker

By Tim Jagielo

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Danielle Hawkins is a service consultant for Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. Her favorite part of the job is her loyal customers, who sometimes just call her to see how she's doing. Over a 16-year career in the field, she's worked with all the GM brands, and also Honda. If she could do anything else as a career, she would do environmental ethics and conservation. She has a husband, and two children.

Can you describe your job? Most people think my job is to write up the card and sell the job, but I believe my job is to be 'customer advocate.' I need to explain what is happening with their vehicle, in their terms, and to go to bat for them if they need to know more about it than someone else is telling them. I help out a lot with different kinds of warranties, and making sure they get all around the best service.

Is there a part of your personality that makes you good at the job?

I'm really good with people. In college I was a bartender, and I sometimes think that helped me a lot in my job, over the years. Just being able to talk to people and understand them. They're sometimes in a very bad situation when they see me. They've lost their transportation, and they need to be in a million places, like most people today.

How have the recalls added to your workload? It's a lot of work. It's a lot of phone calls, a lot of explaining to people. I try my best to explain it, and just to get them all into (loaner) cars that need them. I think because our technicians and our parts department are working so hard to get it right, and get the parts here, I think we're working great as a team.

Does a recall like this change your opinion of your brand? Honestly, no. I've worked for other brands, and they all have their hiccups. There's too many things in these vehicles to not have a recall at some point, as long as they're stepping up and doing the recall. I don't take it personally when people are upset about the recall, I would be too, especially with how big it is.

How has job changed over your career? Technology has changed a lot. I've been doing this for 16 years. When



I first started I with one of the main was handwriting everything. Techthings in their life nicians were just right now — their mechanical. Now transportation." there are laptops, **Danielle Hawkins** and everything's Service Consultant, computerized. We Vic Canever of Fenton take a lot of training, a lot of classes, just day to day you learn a lot to keep up with it. Right now we're using a handheld scanner I plug into every car that comes in. I know the VIN, the mileage, the history, why the check engine light comes on, and not very many dealers have that yet. They're trying that out on us, and it's been really great.

Is there a particular type of car you like seeing come through? I personally like the Volt. They're becoming more popular. More hybrid vehicles and electric vehicles, and more people interested in them. It's huge, everything before was just trucks. Then you went through the generation of SUVs, and now it's becoming more environmentally conscience, that we have to switch over to something more electrical.

What's something customers may not know about you? I'm a potter, I'm big into pottery. I've been doing it for three years now, I'm obsessed. I love it. I take classes at the Flint Institute of Arts. We take apart pianos and make art out of it. I'm a very avid kayaker. My husband and my kids are in the Shiawassee River, practically every weekend in the summer. I like just being out in the river. It was something when my kids were younger, it was free. My 16and 11-year-old are very strong kayakers. We like to go to breweries a lot.

What's your philosophy on customer service? Just be 100-percent involved and 100 with them when they're talking to me and hopefully they always understand what happened and don't walk out confused. And empower them. Women should really be empowered to know what happened, to know what they spent their money on, and what to do if something happens.

When people come in, unhappy about their car, how do you be positive for them? Like I said, being a bartender, I think it comes down to being able to connect with them. Our

TRI-COUNTY TIMES

TIM JAGIELO Danielle Hawkins doesn't diagnose problems about cars that come in, but she gathers information to send the problem to the right technician. The service shop is where she spends half her time.

job is constant multi-tasking. I have to hear the car's noises. Women are better at that than men. Men like to tell me what they think is wrong, women tell me what they hear, and that's actually more helpful.



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GAYS REFER TO themselves as the Gay community. I don't know why that makes me bigoted or prejudiced.

DOGS DO WHAT dogs do. It's the owner's responsibility to make sure the dog's not eating garbage. I never said I was going to

hurt the pet, just saying the owner should be smarter than their pet. And obviously, you're not.

TO THE PERSON who thinks that CO2 in the air helps us with trees and makes oxygen: he has to realize that all plants are balanced with decomposers. When a plant dies, it releases all of its CO2.

I'M NOT THE most politically savvy person in the world, but I can't really tell why we care what's going on in the Ukraine. Can someone tell me what's going on?

HAVE YOU EVER noticed that big, luxury vehicles cause climate change and small, putt-putt cars do not? Hmmm.

WHY DON'T YOU people mind your own business. If you need a fact, go to the source. Stop posting Hot lines that make no sense.

THE EXPERTS SAY this was the worst winter in 100 years, before power plants. Things that make you think?

WILL SOMEBODY TELL me what the results of the 50 years of progressive rule of our schools and cities have been?

YOU THINK PRESIDENT Obama is weak with what's going on with Russia? Would you prefer he pull a George W. Bush and fight a losing war for 13 years?

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•The coo- woo-woo-woo call

is almost always uttered by the

male mourning dove and is his

Another name for a mourning

to be closely related to the

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• Pairs tend to mate for life.

Source: www.birdsandblooms.com

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Mourning doves are considered

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seeds, not bugs.

▶ Dove pair takes up residence above downtown Holly business for second straight year

By Amy Mayhew

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Holly — Henry David Thoreau once

said that spring is an experience in immortality. And in downtown Holly these days, just above the front door to the Bittersweet Café, Thoreau's revelation couldn't ring any truer.

They've become Holly's famous love birds - literally - and they're back again this year, using the same nest with a few updates, and fearing no one as they prepare to welcome their first batch of little ones for the year any day now.

"This is the second year we've had 'Holly' and 'Hank' live above our front door," Bittersweet Café owner Dee Van Boemel said of the birds. Having stayed there throughout last summer, Van Boemel said the duo became very accustomed to humans. "We go out there and talk to them all the time," Van Boemel said laughing. "People probably think we're crazy bird ladies

over here, but Holly even appears to respond to her name."

Mated with 'Hank,' Van Boemel said the couple produced three broods of squabs (young) last summer. "We think they're going to be parents again — Hank occasionally relieves Holly on the nest, so we think she's sitting on eggs," she said. "Last year's final brood fluttered down to the sidewalk and followed people around — they were fearless and friendly."

Monogamous, mourning doves usually stick with the same mate for life, and both take active roles in nest building and sitting on the eggs. Typically, the female will lay two small white eggs — one in the evening, and the other the next morning. Two weeks to

days, the little ones

transition to seeds.

After a couple weeks or so, the babies will sprout feathers, but they'll stay in the nest, tended to by both parents until they're 25 to 27 days old. Three or more broods in a single season aren't uncommon either.

"Both of them are so precious to us," Van Boemel said of her feathered

much — we can actually put our fingers up there, and she won't move." she said. "She knows we won't hurt her."

As for Van Boemel's it's all about dove love

16 days later, the squabs will hatch. In the beginning, the pair works together to feed their brood, providing "crop milk" or "pigeon milk." Rich in protein and fat, it has the consistency of cottage cheese, and is secreted by the adult's crop lining — or that is, the first part of the adults' digestive system after the lining of the mouth. From there, it's regurgitated to the babies. Weaning is fast, though. After four

tenants. "They trust us so

customers, well, they don't seem to mind either. "Most of our regular customers are well aware of our birds," Van Boemel said. "Holly and Hank give everyone something to talk about when they come in around here, and it's great."

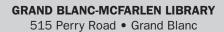


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ROSE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OPTICAL SCAN VOTING DEVICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., the Rose Township Election Commission will conduct a public accuracy test of the voting devices to be used to conduct the May 6, 2014 Special Election. The test will be conducted in the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street in Rose Township, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Rose Township Clerk's office, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, MI 48442 (248) 634-8701 clerk@rosetownship.com

Debbie Miller, CMC Rose Township Clerk **13B**



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HOUSE PLAN OF THE WEEK

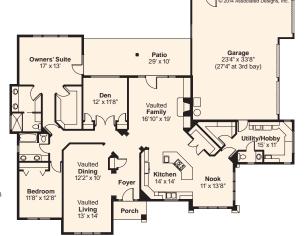
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ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

April 9, 2014

Supervisor Gambka called the Regular Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Scheib-Snider

Board Members Excused/Absent: Trevethan, Kemp

Approved: Agenda as submitted.

Approved: Consent Agenda as submitted.

Presentation: Pauline Kenner, OLHSA services provided to Rose Township

residents.

Approved: Oakland County Road Commission 2014 Chloride Program.

Approved: Oakland County Road Commission 2014 Road Gravel Program.

Tabled: Discussion of Rose Township Buy-Back of Cemetery Plots when

requested by owner.

Adjourned: By motion at 8:13 p.m.

Paul Gambka Debbie Miller, CMC Rose Township Supervisor Rose Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014 AT 7:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Amendments to the Fenton Township Zoning Ordinance #594:

Article 3, Sections 3.18 & 3.19 to add Marine sales & service a permitted use in the M-1, Low intensity industrial and M-2, Light industrial zoning districts.

YOUR OPINION MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

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TYRONE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS HELD APRIL 15, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Keith Kremer, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz, and Cam Gonzalez. Absent Trustee David Walker.
- Approved the agenda as amended; approved the consent agenda as presented.
- 3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-6.
- Approved the Kirshman-Lockwood boundary realignment and land division request.
- Approved the Fay boundary realignment request contingent on receiving revised documents.
- 6. Modified the White Lake Rd. property sales agreement.
- 7. Approved the transfer of the Parkin Lane Road Improvement Project's bond administrator.
- 8. Approved the fireworks ordinance revision as presented.
- 9. Agreed to invite the Managing Director, Mike Crain, of the Livingston County Road Commission and the commission's engineer to make a presentation to the board.
- 10. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyrone Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyrone Township Clerk's office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyrone Township Board will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

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SUNDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: FLAKE MAXIM VANITY HANGAR

Jumbles: POWER GUILE FONDLY SQUIRM

Answer: The hardest thing to raise in a garden-

Answer: In politics this is where the "paths of glory"

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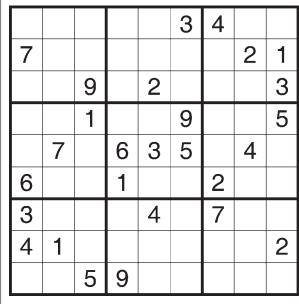
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- 4. Lonely Night
 - Captain & Tennille
- 5. Boggie Fever Sylvers
- 6. Only Sixteen Dr. Hook
- 7. Sweet Love
- Commodores
- 8. Dream Weaver - Gary Wright
- 9. Show Me The Way - Peter Frampton
- 10. Bohemian Rhapsody
- Queen

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One vacancy for term ending December 31, 2015

The Planning Commission meets every other month on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. and will meet more often when business requires a meeting. Commission members are paid for their participation.

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HOLLY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL SPRING-UP

LOCATION:

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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.

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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 roadsides.

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.

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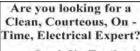
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Jeanne Therese (DuCharme) Sevigny

1926-2014 Jeanne Therese (DuCharme) Sevigny - of Orton-



ville, Michigan, age 87, born September 7, 1926 in Stratford, Ontario,

Canada to the late Raoul and Olive (McCaffrey) DuCharme died April 6, 2014 in the comfort of home with family. Preceded in death by loving husband Maxwell L. Sevigny; son Robert M. Sevigny; siblings Lois MacGillivray (DuCharme); Leon DuCharme, Robert DuCharme, Maribeth DuCharme. Survived by brother Anthony (Shirley) DuCharme of Kitchener, ON; sister-in-law Margaret (Sevigny) Roth of Waterloo, ON; children Maribeth (Stephen) Warner of Clarkston, Nora J. (Joseph W.) Kryza of Fenton, Jayme D. Sevigny of TN, Jennifer L. (Gerald Cooper) Sevigny of Ortonville; daughter-in-law Michelle Sevigny of TN; grandchildren Jill (Michael) Gonzales, Gabrielle (Brook) Webster, Kylene Sevigny, Danielle (Kirk) Winger, Robert Sevigny, Jr., Warren Sevigny, Joseph P. Kryza, Nina Kryza, Maxwell Kryza, James Kryza; great-grandchildren Hayden Sanders, Paul and Patrick Pinckney, and many loving nieces and nephews. Jeanne was lovingly dedicated to her family and lived a life of thoughtful service to others. She retired after working over 26 years in the Brandon School District Kindergarten and Head Start programs. She loved children and music, directing and participating in many choirs. She also

loved flowers and birds, and spent her retirement years cultivating flowers and keeping her bird feeders full. She was a kind, gentle soul and will be missed greatly by all

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One Pot Mexican Skillet Pasta







INGREDIENTS

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- 1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 2 cups salsa, homemade or store-bought
- 2 cups cooked elbows pasta
- 1 Roma tomato, diced
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 avocado, halved, seeded, peeled and diced
- 2 T. chopped fresh cilantro leaves

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium high heat. Add ground turkey and cook until browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the beef as it cooks; drain excess fat.
- 2. Stir in tomato sauce and salsa until well combined. Add pasta, tomato, corn and black beans, and gently toss to combine.
- 3. Stir in cheese until melted through, about 1-2 minutes.
- 4. Serve immediately, topped with avocado and cilantro.

Recipe from damndelicious.net

To your good health



DEAR DR. ROACH: For several years, when I have had blood drawn it has shown an elevation in the alkaline phosphatase. It has been as high as 377 in recent tests. I have had the test to see if it was from the liver, but it was all right. I recently had a bone scan, and the doctor suspects Paget's disease and is referring me to a bone oncologist. Do you have any comments in regard to this? — D.C.A.

ANSWER: Alkaline phosphatase is an enzyme that, when found in the blood, usually comes from the liver. Conditions such as gallstones or others that affect bile flow are the most likely to increase the level in the blood. However, alkaline phosphatase also may come from the bone, and in this case, Paget's disease is the most likely cause. Your doctor may have determined where the alkaline phosphatase is coming from by ordering a special isoenzyme blood test. The bone scan is usually diagnostic for Paget's. Paget's disease is thought to result from abnormal osteoclasts, the cells that normally remodel bone. The osteoclasts break down bone, and osteoblasts build it back up again. Bone needs to be replaced over time to repair any microscopic cracks that have formed. Without normal bone turnover, the bones become brittle. In Paget's disease, the bone remodeling in one or more particular areas is excessive, causing bone buildup. The most common sites are the skull, spine, pelvis and leg bones. Paget's disease is very effectively treated with medications such as zoledronic acid (Reclast or Zometa). Not all people with Paget's need treatment; however, a high alkaline phosphatase level usually is a reason to treat.



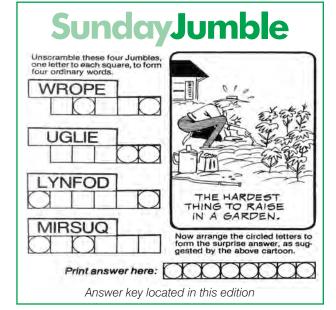
Wife resents husband's family commitments

DEAR AMY: My husband's mother became ill this winter. She's youngish (early 60s) and recovered fairly quickly, but has to have more surgery this spring. She asked my husband to come out and take care of her for a few days when she is released from the hospital. My problem is that she did not ask me if this is OK. I feel the amount of stress I will have when he is away is too much when she has other support close by. I gave him my blessing to go there for the initial surgery to make sure everything goes smoothly, but she is taking advantage of the situation to ask him to come home again. What's your take? — Conflicted

DEAR CONFLICTED: If she had approached you before making this request, it might have made you feel better by being included. But, honestly, does she need your permission to ask her son to do something for her? Answer: No. Would your mother need your husband's permission to ask you to come home? I hope not. This falls into the category of: 'Stuff happens.' I can certainly see why it would be inconvenient and even unnecessary for your husband to make this long trip. But because he is doing it you need to assume he wants to. He is the one with whom you should negotiate.

DEAR AMY: I have been married to my high school sweetheart for three years and we are expecting our first child next month. Our marriage is hot and cold. To be honest, I feel bored and like I've almost checked out emotionally. I've always had a huge crush on one of my wife's oldest and best friends (who I've also known since high school). She is someone I am very physically attracted to, we are interested in similar things, and even our parents are similar. I feel that we would have had a great family dynamic. I feel frustrated that we will never be together, and deep down I feel angry for never making a clean break with my wife and pursuing a relationship with her. I'm tired of feeling like I've made a mistake. How can I overcome this? — Sad Almost Dad

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