

Teacher evaluations to be tied to student test scores

Failure to comply could result in millions of lost federal dollars

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When it comes to grading teacher performance in Michigan, there isn't a unified system. Instead, Michigan Department of Education Spokesperson Bill Dissessa said individual school districts have their own method of evaluating teacher performance.

The lack of a statewide teacher performance grade could affect federal funding.

"Right now, Michigan could lose its waiver from the federal No Child Left Behind Act if the state does not adopt proposed changes to the teacher evaluation system," Dissessa said. "Michigan could lose \$1 billion in federal Title I funding."

Should the state lose its waiver, Dissessa said Michigan will have to increase career and college standards for students, as well as strengthen See EVALUATIONS on 7

Michigan could lose \$1 billion in federal Title I funding. **77**

Bill Dissessa, Michigan Department of Education spokesperson



TRI-COUNTY TIMES LEILE PHOTO Therapy animals, like Eli the potbellied pig, may soon be legal in Fenton

Is ammo shortage over?

Ammunition availability nearly back to pre-2013 levels

By Tim Jagielo

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This time last year, gun owners seeking ammunition were in the midst of a significant shortage caused by a combination of factors,

leading to empty shelves, limits on ammo purchases, raised prices and frusterated buyers.

Game-changing

coming to Fenton

Medical marijuana, therapy

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service animal ordinance.

animals focus of agenda items

City Council work session - a medi-

cal marijuana ordinance and a therapy/

subject up to city council Monday night.

City attorney Stephen Schultz brought the

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ordinances

By Tim Jagielo

According to Dan Compeau, chief operating officer of Williams Gun Sight Co. in Davison, it could be two years before ammunition is as available as it was before the crisis.

His business still limits .380, and both

Summary

Although still slim pickings at many area stores, ammo availability has rebounded from last year.

.22 long-rifle, and .22 magnum to one or two boxes depending on supply.

Today though, most other types are readily avail-

able, and things are almost back to normal. Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said that See AMMO SHORTAGE on 7



C In reference to a suggestion that those complaining about

Obama should look at Russia being ruled by 'a ly-

ing thug who simply takes what he wants,' I did.

Looks like we're equal."

CThe curmedgeon that resents the public having a forum such as the Hot lines is wrong. What is wrong with a sharing an opinion? I have learned a lot from the Hot lines. Be grateful to the Times that we have it.

Gif you don't support your local education system, you're hurting your



our educators who work so hard to provide a great education. The #1 quality young

families look for when buying a home is a good school system.





Teresa Hanack, a Hyatt Elementary kindergarten teacher, disperses phonics work books Monday to her class. In order to be an effective teacher, according to Hanack, one must keep control of the classroom while varying the student activities.

County on track to raise water rates

Last increase for Fenton and Linden areas came in 2007

By William Axford

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Linden — Water rates are set to increase in the cities of Fenton and Linden, Fenton Township and the southern area of Genesee County. On Monday, John O'Brien of Genesee County Water and Waste (GCWW) gave a presentation to the Linden City Council, detailing the See RATES on 6



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ROAD RAGE IN HOLLY

On April 26, just after 2 p.m. Holly police were dispatched to a store parking lot to investigate a road rage complaint. A 40-year-old Holly woman told police that a grey Chevy Cobalt had pulled out in front of her on North Saginaw Street, prompting her to honk her horn. She said the driver of the car, later identified as a 30-year-old Holly man, flipped her off. The woman continued north on North Saginaw Street with the Cobalt now behind her. The woman said she and her 9-year-old son stopped at a fast-food restaurant and the Cobalt followed and waited for them to leave. The man and woman both drove to a nearby store, where the woman said the man threw his keys at her car. The man told police that he did not drive to the restaurant. Police reviewed the restaurant's security video observing that the Cobalt did follow the woman's car to the restaurant. The case remains under investigation.

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What is your pet telling you?

As humans, we need to remember that our pets depend on us for everything.'

See PET on 8

Animals can sustain brain damage or

even die from heatstroke in just 15

minutes. Beating the heat is extra tough

for dogs because they can only cool

themselves by panting or sweating

STAY OFF THE HOT PAVEMENT

Most people are aware that a

DOGGIE NO-NOS

DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG

Give me some structure

Training and discipline

are two of the most im-

portant building blocks

of a healthy and

loving relationship

between dogs and

their humans. Like

humans, dogs aren't

born knowing how to

IN A HOT CAR!

through their paws.

properly interact with

humans or respect a home

Know the basics of owning a happy and healthy dog

By Amy Mayhew

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 Considered as "man's best friend," over the ages dogs have most certainly earned the title. In fact, the bond between humans and canines is distinctive --- helping us navigate through the ups and downs of life, and expecting very little in return. But if your dog could talk, here are a few things he'd like you to remember: Love me unconditionally

A happy dog is a loved dog. Whether it's taking him for walks, taking him to the "bark park" for a little socialization with his friends, or allowing him to sit on your lap quietly while you read a book, the name of the game is love and attention. It can be as easy as talking to your four-legged friend. He may not be able to comprehend what you're saying, but he'll understand the meaning by the tone of your voice.

"They really don't need a lot from us — all a dog really wants most is your love and attention," said Christina Muller, trainer and owner of PAW's Place Dog Boarding and More of Davisburg. "Adog wants to be near you, by you and with you.



Kristin Losey brings out an order at Leo's Coney Island

in Fenton in this February file photo. Today, a minimum

dog's footpads can be injured by See NO-NOS on 8

Tipping do's and don'ts

Advice from pros on common etiquette

By Sally Rummel

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The Olde Hickory Bar in Tyrone Township for 13 years, and has supported four children during those years without a penny of child support.

tipped employees.

"It's because our customers care about

us and treat us like family," she said. She believes strongly that a 15-percent tip is an obligation, while anything more than that is generosity on the part of a customer. "We may be public servants, but we deserve respect," she said.

one, especially when circumstances are not always clear-cut.

Chinese take-out? Do you leave a tip even if you had abominable service?



We may be

respect. 77

Dora Kotarski

public servants,

Waitress at Olde Hickory Bar

but we still deserve

Dora Kotarski has been a waitress at

And it's not because she can make it on the \$2.55 federal minimum wage for

Tipping has always been not only a hot-button issue, but also a confusing TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

How much do you tip in a buffet setting, or when you're picking up

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Gay marriage partisans should speak out but avoid witch hunts

Is it fair to pressure companies into firing top officials because you don't agree with their political views? Since when, I am asking, is fairness a defining business value?

I raise this question because so many notable conservatives have been complaining of 'McCarthyism' and 'liberal fascist bullies" over the forced resignation of Mozilla's CEO Brendan Eich.

Eich resigned as CEO of for-profit Mozilla Corp. What upsets conservatives and, I will allow, more than a few voices on the left is how and why Eich was forced out.

It had nothing to do with his job performance and everything to do with his contribution of \$1,000 to California's anti-gay marriage Proposition 8 campaign in 2008.

Disclosure of Eich's donation ruffled feathers in the Mozilla community in 2012 but erupted with new ferocity after he was promoted to CEO. An angry contingent of Mozilla employees demanded his resignation.

My first response to the 'McCarthyism' and 'liberal fascism' charge from the right is an equally sarcastic, 'Ah, a taste of your own medicine, isn't it?'

The First Amendment only protects us all from being muzzled by government. It does not protect corporate officers from being held accountable to their stockholders or valued employees.

Eich's case reveals a different kind of corporate damage to be controlled. It shows how much same-sex marriage and other gay rights causes have gone mainstream, especially in the new-century business cultures of Silicon Valley.

Yet it is important to note, Eich, by all accounts, is far from anti-gay. He supports the rest of the gay rights agenda. However, unlike former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and others who have reversed their previous objections to samesex marriage, Eich still opposes it.

I disagree with Eich, yet his views are still too widely held to be equated with racism, as his harshest critics do. Same-sex marriage supporters would be wise, in my view, to avoid tactics that resemble a witch hunt. That's how otherwise worthy movements look like its own worst enemy.

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

DO NOT COMPARE your budget with a school board budget. By law, school boards cannot put money in savings accounts to pay cash for specific projects but must borrow instead. It is about our children's education, safety and their future successful employment. Please vote YES.

TO THE READERS complaining about cable rates - I have satel-

lite and just love it. I have had them for three years and my rates never go up and when I call them I always get an American and great customer service. Look into it.

THE PATRIOT ACT should be repealed. The abuses of our privacy by NSA show bigger government is a bigger threat to our society than terrorism. The way to protect ourselves from terrorists and lunatics is individually. There is no complete safety. We must prepare individually.

IB IN FENTON is mandatory for all K-10 and some 11, and 12th graders take it. Very few get a full IB diploma. My daughter did and when she graduated in 2013, there were no colleges in Michigan that even knew what the IB program was - big waste of money.

WHEN I READ these Hot lines, it makes me so mad. I can't believe I live in a community with people who have nothing better to do than complain, complain, complain. Get a life, get off your bottom, and do something. Be a productive member of society.

WE HAVE A burn permit so we will keep burning. Don't like it, move to where burning is not allowed. Also, I drive a big SUV and will continue to do so because I love my truck. In America, I am allowed to live my life as I want.

I'VE BEEN CONCERNED about our freedom of speech lately. Are we losing it? It seems like lately, if someone says something you don't like, they can lose their job and be publicly humiliated. We don't have to like what someone says, but we should respect their right to say it.

THE CHILDREN OF the Lake Fenton Middle School Band are blessed. Mr. Sean Spicer, the Band Director, is an amazing teacher. The trip to Chicago was educational but also fun. These children love 'Spicey' and he has been such a positive influence in the children's lives. Thank you, Mr. Spicer.

TO ALL OF our local liberals worried about global warming out there, how about actually doing something like picking up the trash in and around

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your yards. As I drive through, our town it's amazing how much garbage that was in your trash is now along the road and street.

SO, IF THE bond does not pass does that mean that they will finally clean house at the upper administration office? This would be three fails and a lot of

wasted taxpayer money that should have been used for the kids.

IT IS PAST time to send the TV providers a message. I propose that during the month of May everyone call and complain about the rates, service, choice etc. to both your provider and congressman. Create a Netflix-type reaction.

I HAD MY supposed career making six-figures for the past 16 years. I was job eliminated so they could show more profit for Wall Street. Every day I send out resumes and network to find work, with no callbacks. Don't judge those on unemployment. It's not our fault.

I DID MY research as requested. IB charges Fenton an annual fee to be an IB school, requires the employment of full-time IB coordinators and requires continual costly training of employees to meet IB demands, which is often out of state. Stop trying to hide the facts.

WHILE OUR 'BIG luxury vehicle' may get 18mpg, it holds two 'put put' cars' worth of friends and family, not to mention the ability to tow our boat, camper or trailer. Can your 'put put' car do that? Didn't think so. Signed, a proud owner of a GMC SUV built in Texas.

TO 'DR. OBAMA' comment, maybe the U.S. should go to pot and free the innocent? You should understand a topic before you speak publicly about it. Here are names to start your Medical Marijuana research: Alysa Erwin 14, Charlotte Figi 2, Kristen Peskuski, Dr. William Courtney treats 8 month old. The list goes on.

THE OLD BEAN company building would make the perfect Gandy Dancer restaurant, just like the one in Ann Arbor!

AS A MAN, I must say that the last Hot line was a little misguided. Men are equally guilty of texting and driving as women. We all just need to put our phones away, in a place that is out of temptation while on the road.

EVER SINCE OBAMA played golf with Woods, he thinks the fair way is part of a golf course.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT **Cal Thomas** Nationally syndicated colum

Faith in government, or **Obamacare, is misplaced**

One of the reasons our political structure has become dysfunctional, no matter which party is in power, is that too many of us are living in the moment.

We buy guidebooks, or go online for information about countries or cities we plan to visit, trusting those who have been there to tell us the best places to stay, see and eat. When it comes to more momentous things, like healthcare, too many people believe government does best, regardless of historical evidence to the contrary.

The well-known quote 'That government is best which governs least,' has been supplanted in our day by the notion that government is my keeper, I shall not want.

All of the promises about healthcare 'reform' are proving dubious at best. The move from insurance exchanges to single payer to the eventual takeover of the healthcare industry will happen incrementally, but inevitably.

What should awaken apathetic Americans is a story in last week's The New York Times headlined 'Cost of Treatment May Influence Doctors.' The story said some of the country's largest medical groups are now suggesting that physicians consider cost when treating patients. In other words, are you 'worth' being treated for cancer or other illnesses that can cost a lot of money? When government pressures healthcare providers to accept a utilitarian view of human life, it is a short step to government deciding whose life is worth living and whose is not.

When the dollar becomes almighty, the Almighty who creates life takes a back seat.

Promises that the misnamed Affordable Care Act would reduce costs are already being proved wrong. Healthcare spending is surging, according to another New York Times story. President Obama promised it would decline.

Why do so many have faith in government when government has a track record of failure and incompetence in the many tasks it undertakes? How can government be expected to miraculously acquire competence when it comes to healthcare?

Real faith is based on something substantive, not false hope. Government is a false god that history proves can't deliver on most of its promises.

streettalk

Have you ever not given a tip? Why?



"Yes, usually because of poor service or a bad attitude. It's very rare though."

–Josh Sheppard, Holly



"No, because I was a waiter and I am in the restaurant business now."

Larry Miller, Linden



"Once when there was bad service a long time ago. I usually tip.'



"No, I try to tip to the highest extent I can. I've had jobs where the only income is from tips."





"Yes, at Disney World because the service was terrible. I usually tip 25 percent though." Lennis Hayes, Rose Township



Frank's Tavern demolished — finally!



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Neighborhood resident Donnie Gilbert chats with contractors after they knocked down the former Frank's Tavern in Fenton Township. Gilbert, a 20-year resident, watched the famous seafood shop go from quaint restaurant, to a condemned riff-raff magnet, and was happy to see it go.

Budget balanced without cuts — this year

We continue

to strive to have

the best service

possible for our

residents.77

Bob Cairnduff

Fenton fire chief

►All day work session for 2014-15 city budget is balanced, but trouble ahead in 2015

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — On Saturday, all Fenton city department heads took their turn in the hot seat for the annual

budget workshop. After the lunch break,

it was Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro. He went over his budget with city council members, fielding questions, explaining dollar amounts to the mayor and the council, who are essentially his bosses.

The goal every year is to balance the budget while providing the same city services as last year. "All in all I thought it was a very good day," said Mayor Sue Osborn, because for the 2014-15 budget, these things were accomplished.

The budget is balanced with few changes. Next year though, is expected to be more difficult. Osborn said healthcare is getting more expensive, and the savings the city made a few years ago need to be revisited.

Council recently learned that revenue will be outpaced by expenditures, eventually eating away at the fund balance.

The workshop is an all-day affair, with lots of graphs and bulleted points on the overhead projector. It's where the rubber hits the road with how much money the city is spending, and how much it needs.

Each department prepared its own budget, which they also must balance while making employees and residents happy alike.

The Police Budget

The Fenton Police Department makes up a large percentage of the city's budget, at \$1.8 million. Fire and police comprise 60 percent of the budget.

Aro said the 2014-15 proposed budget is similar to the current year, with the biggest change being an additional \$25,000 for a detective, and patrol vehicle.

Aro said there were small increases in police officer wages, supplies and uniform budget, because they added another full-time dispatcher.

"One enormous positive is the fact that we didn't have to lay off or cut services to balance the budget," said Aro. He said

that he wishes the department could afford a school liaison, however, "we can't afford those luxuries," he said via email.

Fenton Fire Department

According to Fire Chief Bob Cairnduff, the fire department's budget will be virtually the same as last year, at \$619,282.

He said the biggest change this year was to the on-call firefighters' wages, which increased under the burden of See BUDGET on 7

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

A REPUBLICAN IN the White House would mean lower taxes, deficits, federal spending, more jobs and a healthier economy, a stronger military and foreign policies, a strict and sensible immigration reform, education reform, balance budget, and a repeal of Obamacare. And also, we could stop the lawlessness and corruption of the Obama administration.

THIS IS TO the silver Trailblazer on North

LeRoy on Friday. You were trailing my back and then you passed three people on a red light. Maybe you should have left yesterday if you were in that big of a hurry. You are dangerous for the road!

I AGREE WITH the other caller. Has Charter gone insane? You have to pay almost \$7 per box? I did purchase one, but my brother lives in Flint and he doesn't have any cable and he gets enough channels and I think that's what I'm going to do, because this is ridiculous to watch TV!



\$1000 REWARD

for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a B & E in the 7000 block of W. Rolston Rd., Linden, between 6:30 PM April 17th and 8:30 on Good Friday, April 18th.

Stolen were powerwashers, chainsaws, routers, trim routers, portable planers, belt sanders, flat sanders, airless 5 gallon paint sprayer, circular saws, drills, air brad nailers, finish nailers, framing nailers, pin nailers, HD Sawzall, cement saw, Schagle door locks, right angle drill, Dewalt and Makita combo kits, Roto-Zip, weed trimmer, leaf blower, 4 spools of electrical copper wire, large bundle of copper wire, roll of fencing, Samsung 40 inch flat screen tv, Red Wing Bobbleheads and Nascar Bobbleheads.

Please contact Argentine Police Detective Fulton at 735-5317, 8274 Silver Lake Rd., Linden.

RATES

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Continued from Front Page need to increase rate prices.

"The last rate we did in 2007, we're able to stretch that over six-and-a-half years," O'Brien said. "For the next five years, we've projected zero population growth. All existing customers have to absorb all rate increases."

O'Brien said rates are based upon cost analysis of the past five years and projections for the next five. Since the last rate increase, costs like energy have increased up to 10 percent.

GCWW is switching fees from per connection costs to per unit costs and will attempt to save \$200,000 per cycle for maintenance and other costs. O'Brien said switching to per unit costs should spread costs out more evenly between businesses and residents.

"We can go flat rate, but then you hurt the smaller customer," O'Brien said. "We have a fixed cost whether we have any flow or not."

Councilor Ray Swan understood the need for the increase but was concerned about the impact to business owners. "I'd hate to see businesses go under because of sewer hookup. I would prefer gradual increases rather than all at once," Swan said.

O'Brien said while the rate increase will be felt, business owners favor a one-time increase that lasts for five years rather than guessing on the rate every year.

Councilor Ray Culbert was surprised GCWW doesn't have a reserve fund built and was of the understanding that the treatment plant was independent from Genesee County.

"Idon't want our dollars going to the county," Culbert said. "It's not that I don't trust them, but I don't trust them."

Culbert also recommended increasing rates more frequently than seven years so businesses and residents won't experience a bigger 'sticker shock.'

O'Brien did not say how much the price increase would be and that it will be in effect for the next five years.



Proposed roadside testing for saliva for the presence of alcohol, controlled substances or other intoxicating substances

It is a well-known fact that it is against the law for a person to drive a motor vehicle when they are under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance or other intoxicating substance or a combination of same.

Historically, after a person who is suspected of operating while intoxicated has been stopped, preliminary testing is performed by a law enforcement officer, which normally includes field sobriety tests and the administration of a 'preliminary breath test' or PBT.

A PBT is administered by having the suspected driver blowing into a handheld device to determine the presence of alcohol in their system. Depending on the results of all of these tests, the driver is arrested either for the administration of further tests or let go.

A preliminary breath analysis is a statutorily authorized method to determine alcohol content and by definition, only alcohol is measured. However, it is possible that this could change with the introduction of House Bills 5383, 5384 and 5385 on March 4, 2014, which would amend both the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure to provide among other things, for a more expansive preliminary 'chemical' analysis at roadside stops. Specifically House Bill 5385 would allow the onsite taking by immunochemical assay of the breath or saliva of a driver to determine if there was the presence of alcohol, controlled substances or other intoxicating substances. The substances would include cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamines, ecstasy, spice and other designer drugs or hallucinogens.

There are a number of other procedural and substantive provisions in the proposed bills including post-arrest saliva testing.

If these bills are enacted, Michigan would be the first state to adopt a roadside saliva test. There have been both arguments for and against such a new law. On the positive side, the argument is that this is a new tool to help enforce the laws. On the negative side are questions concerning the accuracy of the tests and the effect on Michigan medical marijuana users.

It will be interesting to follow what happens to these bills. Full summaries are available on the State of Michigan legislative website.



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I TIM JAGIELO

Linden Community Schools music education teacher Shari Ravert leads the kindergarten class in a musical activity on Monday. She said in her subject, modeling for the students is important.

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overall school standards. Failing to get the waiver would allow the federal government to dictate which schools are underperforming instead of the state. Michigan is one of 42 states to get a waiver for No Child Left Behind. Recently, Washington State has lost millions in federal funding for failing to tie teacher evaluations to student test scores.

According to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), approximately half of the school districts in Michigan evaluate teachers based on Charlotte Danielson's Enhancing Professional Practice for Performance standards, which includes ethics and responsibilities for teachers and administrators. Some 200 school districts use a combination of Danielson's standards and what Dissessa calls a "local component."

"Michigan legislation required student

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the rough winter weather. "Our incident volume was way up," he said via email. "This caused our wages budget to go up, so it had to be amended to cover it."

Cairnduff said on the plus side, services remained the same with a tight budget.

"The challenge is to continue to maintain our personnel, equipment, and vehicles with all of the added requirements and increased costs," he said. "The last five or six years have forced us to change how we operate and have been difficult, but we continue to strive to have the best service possible for our residents." **Department of Public**

Works (DPW)

"Streets, cemetery, parks, sewer, water,

AMMO SHORTAGE Continued from Front Page

the worst effects to the shortage were limiting "go bags" for each police vehicle. Go bags are pre-filled bags of am-

66 Stock up

when you can

find it, That's

the only thing

you can do. **99**

Don Compeau, C.O.O,

Williams Gun Sight Co.

munition the officers keep on hand. During the crisis, access to .223 rounds were limited. Today, vehicles are equipped with .223 rounds.

Law enforcement agencies benefited from bulk ordering before the shortages, and most still had duty ammo as needed, but range ammo was less available.

Late 2012 reports of the Department of Homeland Security planning to buy 1.6 billion rounds for training purposes, and fears of impinged second amendment rights prompted buyers to stock up.

This stocking-up happened while the ammo manufacturers were away on growth in teacher evaluation but the state law doesn't dictate what significant growth is," said Dissessa. "State assessments like the MEAP have been used as well as local common assessments."

Michigan House Bill 5223 aims to unify teacher assessment in the state, linking 25 percent of a teacher's score to student test scores and achievement. HB 5224 will evaluate administrators on student test scores. Should the bills pass, Michigan will be able to receive a waiver on the No Child Left Behind Act and continue to receive federal funding. Legislators are hoping to get the bills passed by the 2014/15 school year and continue to be tested in the 2015/16 school year.

State Rep. Joe Graves (R–Argentine Township) said the bills are still in committee but should move forward.

"It's getting a lot of good cooperation from both parties. They like where it's going," Graves said.

DPW facility are pretty much the same with minor increases to cover increased costs on some things we purchase," said Director Dan Czarnecki. He added that there are some minor increases at the water plant for cleaning and maintenance work.

There are always projects which can change the budget slightly.

Czarnecki said that fortunately, the DPW was not reduced in any way this year. "The challenge is to find ways to be creative as material costs continue to climb," he said, using gasoline as an example.

The next step is a public hearing, set for Monday May 12, which also happens to be the date on which the budget has to be adopted.

Christmas break, and they returned to a depleted cache on which they are still working to refill. Ammunition like .22 will be scarce for a while, as machines that produce them are at full capacity, but with a

narrow profit margin, meaning it's not worth investing in more infrastructure.

This increased demand translated to 50 percent more revenue for businesses like Compeau's, at the time, and limits on ammo sales.

If it happens again, what should people do? "Stock up when you can find it," he

said. "That's the only thing you can do." As far as whether it can happen again, "It's hard to predict the future." He said that any time there's a mid-term, or general election where Democrats win, gun sales spike, which could cause some empty shelves with certain retailers.

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Both ordinances have been delayed multiple times.

The therapy and service animal ordinance would allow dogs, pigs and horses to be service or companion animals inside the city, with restrictions. He said the city manager will receive a draft of an ordinance this week.

This became an issue in May 2013 when the city received complaints against a therapy animal, Eli the pig, who served to comfort and calm a resident's autistic daughter.

Though the owner was cited, the pig remained, and residents petitioned to let Eli stay. The city began looking at ordinances to control and allow therapy animals that otherwise aren't allowed.

The issue has already been mulled over at a work session, and sent to the planning commission.

Later this week, Schultz also expects a draft of the medical marijuana ordinance, which would regulate grow operations in the city.

For the past few years, Fenton officials have placed moratoriums on grow operations, as they waited for clarity on the scope of control that local municipalities can have.

A recent court ruling, Ter Beek v City of Wyoming clarified the law, and Schultz urged the city to look at an ordinance.







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PET

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environment. Just like a kid, dogs need to be taught right from wrong. Providing the necessary guidance to ensure that your pet is safe and respectful is just part of being a good dog owner.

Keep me fit!

Exercising with your dog is a great way to help the two of you strengthen your bond and get in some good exercise at the same time. Before starting any workout regime with your dog, get the vet's opinion before starting it. Take your dog's age and breed into consideration before deciding on what type of exercise the two of you will do.

Like us, our four-footed family members need to eat a balanced diet that is a combination of six nutrient classes proteins, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and water. Proper nutrients help our pets meet their daily needs for energy, growth, and overall well-being, while an endless supply of fresh, clean water keeps them hydrated.



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stepping on something sharp, but what about something hot? Dangerously hot pavement and metal surfaces are hard to avoid in the heat of summer.

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Snow flies? Let the dog inside!

Just like us humans, dogs can get frostbite, too. Frostbite tends to involve the tail, ear tips, pads of the feet, and the scrotum. These parts are least protected by fur, and most exposed to the elements.

Keep Fido away from the toxins

Every year, thousands of pets suffer from accidental ingestion of household poisons. As a pet owner, do you know what the common toxins are that can poison your pet? Visit www.petpoisonhelpline.com for a complete listing. **Leash training**

Dog is on a leash and pulls the leash tight to sniff where it pleases as the owner talks to another human. This is bad leash manners. Asking the dog to wait patiently would provide the dog with a mental challenge, which all dogs need.

TIPPING Continued from Page 3

Beyond common tipping etiquette at restaurants and hair salons, what about tipping movers, dog groomers and car wash attendants?

Here are common tipping scenarios you're likely to encounter regularly, and how to respond, according to US News & World Report:

Restaurants:

Food servers - 15 to 20 percent of pretax bill. Buffet or pick-up, such as coffee or sandwich — 10 percent. Take-out — there is no obligation to tip, but 10 percent is certainly appreciated, especially for extra service given or a large, complicated order. Bartender — \$1 to \$2 per drink or 15 to 20 percent of bill.

Rather than not leaving a tip in the case of extremely poor service, a more constructive solution is to talk the manager, although this is a controversial issue. Not leaving a tip affects more than just a server, as multiple people often share a tip in a restaurant. It also may not be the server's fault that you had a poor experience — it may have been a kitchen issue.

Salon/barber shop:

Hairstylist/barber, manicure or pedicure, spa services — 15 to 20 percent.

Everyday life:

Cleaning service — 15 to 20 percent is normal, or a very generous tip at the holidays. Roadside service — \$10 to \$20. Contractor (plumber, electrician) - not expected but a \$20 minimum tip would be appreciated. Movers - local movers \$20 per person, long-distance movers, increase tip depending on length of the move. Dog groomers — \$10 tip would be appreciated. Car wash attendant — \$3 to \$5 at pickup. **Travel:**

Valet parking — \$2 to \$5 when car is returned to customer. Room service — 15 to 20 percent of bill. Skycap — \$2 for first bag, \$1 for each additional bag. Bell hop - \$2 to \$3 per bag. Concierge — no tip necessary for a few words of advice, but \$5 to \$20 for securing tickets or reservations. Hotel housekeeping — \$2 to \$3 up to \$5per night.

Ultimately, how much you tip is up to you, but if will be easier for you to sleep at night if you know you have been fair to those who have worked hard to make your life more pleasant.

Feed me the good stuff



In this February photo, shelter manager Kristin Cole takes Manny, a deaf but friendly pitbull for a walk with Julianna Monroe.







Dating after 50

► It can be less intimidating than you think if you prepare

By Sally Rummel

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When you're about to turn 16 years old, you can't wait to begin the dating game because it sounds so exciting. If you find yourself in the dating pool again at age 50-plus, fear and trepidation might rule your emotions more than excitement.

Regardless of your age, however, some things about dating never change. You still have to figure out who to look for, where to look, and then how to recognize that "special someone" when you meet him or her.

If you can look at this dating stage in your life as an adventure — one that you've got more experience in than you did at 16 — you can enjoy the dating scene at 50-plus.

Here are five rules to guide you:

• Make sure you're ready. A little selfreflection can go a long way in making sure you're psychologically in a good place to begin dating. More people are drawn to individuals who project a happy, grateful and open approach to the world, and who aren't too set in their ways. Are you ready to meet someone new, perhaps learn a new hobby or widen your social circle?

• **Decide what traits** you're looking for. You and a new dating partner may want to share similar values about family, sex, religion, etc.

• Put your best foot forward. Focus on your strengths and think about people who would appreciate those qualities. Maybe think about updating your look with a new hairstyle, outfit or makeover. • Know where to look. You can maximize your chances of finding a partner by taking part in activities that people have in common — from wine tastings to film festivals, especially if these activities are organized by a singles group. You might also meet dating possibilities at parties, reunions, etc. Don't be afraid to look at online dating, which allows you to sift through a large pool of possible dates according to age, interests and values.

• **Re-kindling an old flame.** Some people are better versions of themselves at 50 than they were at 25, thanks to insight and maturity, which often comes about in the passing of years. You may run across an old friend from high school or college; don't cross them off your list until you've gotten to know the more mature version. *Source: AARP*



Dating might be easier for people over 50 as they may be more comfortable with who they are and what they want from a relationship.





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Summertime is party time Plan now for successful milestone birthday, anniversary events **By Sally Rummel**

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Summertime is party time, and if there's a milestone event to celebrate, it will be all the more fun to build around that theme.

In addition to family reunions, people celebrate anniversaries and birthdays, especially popular years like 30-50-60-70-80-90 and more.

"A lot of people choose to celebrate these events during long summer holiday weekends like the Fourth of July or Labor Day weekend," said Jon Gerych of Gerych's Special Events & Floral Design in Fenton. "The most important thing to plan around is the weather - you've got to have a Plan B."

In addition to backyards, parks and pavilions offer scenic venues for parties, especially having an outdoor structure that can be helpful for decorating, shading the area, etc. "There's a lot of interest in vintage parties, similar to reunions," said Gerych. "It's a popular theme, with earth tones, metals, textures, burlap, sunflowers, etc."

One common necessity for outdoor parties is a tent. "We do a lot of summer tent rentals," said Gerych. "We can do as



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much or as little of the actual planning of the party as you want, once you've got a tent size decided and rented."

Depending on the size and scope of the party you're planning, you'll need three to six months to plan a larger, more formal affair with entertainment, catering and floral design. Gerych works closely with an entertainment coordinator, Vic Tatum, who is able to find appropriate entertainment, from an accordion player for a polka-themed event to a full 12-piece orchestra.

If your plans are for a more intimate, See SUMMERTIME on 15

Don't cheat your feet

Most Americans log 75,000 miles on their feet by the time they reach age 50, according to the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA).

And much like you would maintain the tires of a car with that many miles, it is crucial to keep up on the general health of your feet. Regular foot care can lead to prevention, detection, intervention and treatment of foot and ankle problems, which can be downright debilitating to everyday life.

GENERAL INJURIES AND CONDITIONS

Each foot has 33 joints that can be affected with arthritis, says the APMA. Fluid buildup in the joints couples with inflammation and swelling of the cartilage and lining of the joints to cause arthritis. Other common foot issues include sprains, strains and fractures. A sprain is a soft tissue injury, while a fracture is an actual break in the bone. People who are on their feet for extended periods of time for work or athletics may be more susceptible to both gradual conditions and Sudden injuries that may require rest, surgery or both.

SHOE INSERTS

Shoe inserts, both pre-packaged and custom-fit, can be very helpful additions to your foot-care strategy. They cushion your feet, provide lasting comfort and support your arches. The most common types of inserts are heel liners, arch supports, insoles or foot cushions. While helpful in mitigating less serious foot aches and pains, the APMA does not recommend inserts for correcting biomechanical or long-standing foot issues.

FOOT HEALTH TIPS

Foot care should be a part of your everyday routine. Half of all Americans report experiencing foot pain at some point in their lives, according to an APMA study. The organization recommends a bevy of foot-care tactics in an effort to reduce this substantial number.

• Moisturize feet daily to help avoid dry, cracked and irritated skin.

• Stretch and exercise your feet and toes to avoid muscle cramps.

• Raise your legs often to reduce swelling caused by sitting too long in one position. • Wear the right kind of shoes for optimum comfort, support and padding.



Your feet accumulate a lot of wear and tear after you reach 50, so be sure to take extra care of them.

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TIPS AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

What resources do you recommend that offer help to caregivers? I've been taking care of my 82-year-old mother, and it's wearing me to a frazzle.

- Exhausted Daughter

Dear Exhausted,

Taking care of an elder loved one over a period of time can be incredibly taxing, both physically and mentally. Fortunately, there are a number of tips and services you can turn to that can help lighten the load. Here are several to consider.

Assemble a care team: A good first step is to put together a network of people (family, friends and even neighbors) that you can call on to help out when you can't be there or need a break.

Tap local services: Most communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that help seniors and caregivers by providing things like home delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and more. Also, look into respite services that can provide short-term care to your mom so you can take some time off. Your Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 for contact information) can refer you to services available in your community.

Use financial aids: If you're handling your mom's financial chores, make things easier by arranging direct deposit for her income sources, and set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills.

If you need help, hire a professional daily money manager (aadmm.com, 877-326-5991) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance her checkbook. They charge \$25 to \$100 per hour. Or, if your mom is low-income, a similar service is offered by AARP (aarpmmp. org) in select communities for free.

Benefitscheckup.org is another excellent resource you should use to look for financial assistance programs for lower-income seniors.

Get insurance help: If you have questions about Medicare, Medicaid or longterm care, your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a great resource that provides free counseling on all these issues. Call 800-633-4227 or visit shiptalk. org to locate a nearby counselor.

You can also get help online at medicare. gov/campaigns/caregiver/caregiver.html, and through the Medicare Rights Center, which staffs a hotline at 800-333-4114 to help answer questions.

Use technology: If your mom lives alone, consider renting her a medical alert device, which is a small pendent-style 'SOS' button that she wears, that would allow her to call for help if she falls. These are available through companies like lifelinesys.com and lifefone.com for about \$1 per day. Or, check out home monitoring systems at mylively.com, beclose.com or grandcare.com.

There are also a number of great websites you can draw on for caregiving information and support like aarp.org/ caregiving, caregiver.org and caring.com, along with alz.org/care, alzheimers.gov and thiscaringhome.org for caregivers of dementia patients. And, if you're sharing care responsibilities with others, sites like lotsahelpinghands.com, caresolver.com and caringbridge.org can help you coordinate together.

Hire help: Depending on your mom's needs and budget, you may want to hire a part-time 'home-care aide' that can help with things like preparing meals, doing laundry, bathing or dressing, or if she needs health care services, a 'home health aid.' Costs can run anywhere from \$12 up to \$40 per hour depending on where you live and the qualification of the aide. To find someone, ask for referrals through friends, doctor's offices or hospital discharge planners, or visit medicare.gov/homehealthcompare. If you need additional guidance, consider

hiring a geriatric care manager (caremanager. org) who can help you manage and facilitate your mom's care. Care managers generally charge between \$100 and \$200 per hour.

Take care of yourself: Make your own health a priority. Being a caregiver is a big job that can cause emotional and physical stress and lead to illness and depression. The only way you can provide the care your mother needs is to make sure you stay healthy.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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Residents at Vicinia Gardens Assisted Living in Fenton Township enjoy coloring Easter eggs with area Girl Scouts. It helped improve their memory function with a fun activity.

Mind games

We encourage

our residents to

remember what

do 20 years ago,

and pick up that

activity again. **77**

Kelly Steffey, R.N.

they used to like to

 Challenge your brain by mentally engaging in activities

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282 If you think you're having problems with your memory because you can't

with your memory because you can't remember where you put your glasses or you've forgotten an important date, relax. More than likely you have memory lapses because you're juggling a lot of activities, especially in mid-life.

According to the Genetics and Aging Research Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, 80 percent of people over age 70 do not have significant memory loss. Once you've reached

85, you'll be in plenty of company with half experiencing significant memory loss.

But you can keep your mind mentally engaged and beat back dementia by building extra brain capacity, according to AARP magazine.

Why do we lose memory as we age?

The brain tends to get Administrator of Vicinia Gardens a little sluggish with age,

because people don't hear, see or taste as acutely as they did in their younger years, so incoming signals can be fuzzy or muffled.

Compounding the problem is that people tend not to challenge their brains as much as they age. They may stop working, socialize less and be hesitant to try new things.

It's not just about doing crossword puzzles or other "brain games." It's also about challenging yourself with a new language, reading a book or taking up a new hobby. Whenever you break from routine, you lay down new brain circuits and give your memory muscles the workout they need to stay healthy longer.

At Vicinia Gardens Assisted Living in Fenton Township, keeping residents engaged in life both mentally and physically is a daily goal. "What we try to do is incorporate our residents' life stories into their activities today," said Kelly Steffey, R.N., certified dementia practitioner and instructor. She is also the administrator and licensee of Vicinia Gardens.

"In other words, we encourage them to remember what they used to like to do 20 years ago, and pick that activity up again," said Steffey. "If someone's not memory impaired, we also encourage them to keep their minds active with crossword puzzles, reading, doing a quiz bowl on current/historical events, etc."

Here are ways to engage and challenge your brain:

• **Play brain games** that enhance memory, attention, problem solving, even creativity.

• Stay professionally active, so you have something you can work on every day. Even if you're retired, get involved with trade associations, education, mentoring, etc.

• Make music. Participants with musical experienced scored highest

on cognitive tests, even if they hadn't played an instrument in years.

• **Pay attention to** each task. Research shows that the ability to learn and remember is seriously compromised when you multitask. Repeat consciously to yourself where you parked your car or where you set down your coffee cup, and you'll most likely remember.

• Do a jigsaw puzzle, to engage several senses at one time for more robust learning. See GAMES on 14



Seniors embracing Internet, technology

Loose Center offers classes ranging from social media to digital photography

By William Axford

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When it comes to technology, people 65 years and older are leaving their comfort zone and embracing technology. The Pew Research Center reports that six out of 10 seniors are regular Internet users and that 77 percent of seniors own a cell phone.

Melinda Elmore-Hajek, program director at Loose Center in Linden, said improved interface with certain technologies like iPads and other tablets have encouraged more senior citizens to utilize the Internet.

"Like anyone else who learns, using new technology takes time," said Elmore–Hajek, who has taught technology courses for seniors at Loose. "That kind of instruction begins the process of getting over vour fears and giving new

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Melinda Elmore – Hajek Program director at Loose Center

your fears and giving new things a try." Elmore–Hajek said

people in their 50s and mid 60s are more likely to be able to use new technology with no or

little instructions since computers and cell phones have been a part of their adult lives. Loose Center offers instruction on all aspects of technology for seniors including social media, digital photography, texting and even just exploring the Internet.

According to Pew, Internet use begins to drop off dramatically amongst seniors

75 years and older. Education level and household income also seems to play a part in which seniors go online and which ones shun it. Seniors earning \$75,000 or more are 80 to 90 percent more likely to have some sort of Internet connection. Seniors with a college degree or higher are 75 percent more likely to have access to the Internet.

Despite more seniors embracing technology, adapting to devices integrated with the web isn't always so easy. Physical challenges, skeptical attitudes and difficulty comprehending new concepts are some of the top reasons some seniors have avoided new technology.

Elmore–Hajek is confident that any person, at any age can learn to use a new piece of technology, with the right teacher and right attitude.

"I'm all for continued education. Anyone can get (technology," Elmore–Hajek said. "I taught a woman who was 85 years

old and just wanted to connect. A lot of people are fascinated after watching their grandkids."

In some ways, learning how to use the Internet is like learning how to ride a bike — once you know, you'll never forget. Ac-

cording to Pew, 71 percent of technology savvy seniors access the Internet once a day, with tablets and ebooks being the most popular devices amongst seniors.

For seniors interested in learning more about technology, Elmore–Hajek said the can contact Loose Center at (810)735-9406 or visit them online at Loosecenter.org.



A new Pew Research Center article reports that six out of 10 seniors access the Internet.



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These dog breeds are especially compatible with seniors

Pets often make ideal companions. They are around when a person needs support, they can provide protection for those living alone, they're always willing to lend an ear to problems, and many tend to offer unconditional love. Seniors facing an empty nest or the loss of a spouse may find pets can buoy their spirits. Studies have shown that seniors can benefit both mentally and physically from having a pet around. Pets can alleviate anxiety, depression and boredom.

While pets can provide comfort and companionship, they remain a significant responsibility. Seniors should find an animal that will fit in with their lifestyles. This is an important consideration for those seniors who travel frequently or have mobility issues. In addition, men and women living in senior communities or assisted living facilities should determine if there are any pet restrictions in place. Those seniors who have decided that a dog will be the best fit can choose among several breeds that may be a good match for their needs. When selecting a dog, consider both size and temperament. Smaller dogs tend to be easier to handle and will need less maintenance. They are easily carried and won't take as long to bathe and groom.

Smaller dogs also consume less food than larger breeds, reducing the expense of dog food and the hassle of wrangling large, heavy bags of chow. Temperament is also important, as some breeds tend to be more easygoing than others. Larger breeds may be preferable to a smaller breeds, which tend to be hyperactive. However, always remember there are pros and cons to each breed, and

each dog will demonstrate his own personality traits. The following are some dogs that can be especially compatible with seniors.

• **Pug:** Equally playful and willing to be a lap dog, the pug requires little exercise and grooming. The breed is typically nonaggressive and submissive. Pugs are good-natured and playful; they don't often bark and are easy to train.

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• **Pomeranian:** Pomeranians look like big balls of fur and can bring a smile to an owner's face. The breed tends to be perky, can display dominance and can be difficult to train. Because Pomeranians can be dog-aggressive, they may be best as the only pet in the house.

• **Yorkshire terrier:** The Yorkie is a diminutive breed in size only, as they tend to have exuberant personalities that dwarf their stature. The ideal lap dog, Yorkies want to lie around and lounge, though some do like to bark. If the fur is kept short in a "puppy cut," the dog can be easy to maintain.

• **Pembroke Welsh Corgi:** This medium-sized dog hails from Wales and typically requires only moderate exercise and little grooming. They are easy to train and moderately dominant. They don't bark excessively, and they often get along with other dogs.

• Schnauzer: Available in three sizes, Schnauzers are good companions and protectors. This is an intelligent and loyal breed and will need to be kept amused to stave off boredom.

• **Brussels Griffon:** These dogs do not shed, but they will require professional grooming at least once every 3 months. If socialized early, the Griffon can be a good companion but will likely remain wary of strangers. They are good watch-dogs and devoted to their owners.

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Dancing provides a similar challenge to the brain, learning new steps while moving in time to the music and interacting with others.

• **Go back to** school to build more cognitive reserve, even just attending lectures or taking online courses.

• **Take a new** route home, so you're "teasing" your brain with a new challenge.

• Take a break from tech. "I advise young people to get away from electronics once in awhile," said Steffey. Figure out a tip without a calculator, add up a column of numbers, etc. Like any skill, memory improves with practice and using your brain in different ways throughout the day keeps it strong.

• **Rely less on** lists. Practice memorizing important phone numbers, addresses, and account passwords.

• Get a library card. Reading stimulates the growth of new neurons and synapses in the brain and strengthens the ones you have. Reading magazines, newspapers and books improves concentration, focus and memory and gives you something to talk about with others.

Memory tip:

Create a mental image — the more visually striking the better. If you need to get eggs, a collar for your dog and your black heels back from the cobbler, imagine your pup in heels with a nice smooth egg dangling from a fresh collar.



informal family gathering, you can do it in just a few weeks or more, as long as you have enough time to send out invitations and get RSVPs."

Judy Toaso and her siblings planned a surprise birthday party for their mother, Mary Kirk of Holly who turned 80 on Oct.

C The most important thing to plan around is the weather · you've got to have a Plan B. — Jon Gerych, Gerych's Special Events & Floral Design

6, 2013. They began planning the party in August, deciding on an indoor restaurant venue for 45 close family members.

They specified "no gifts," and encouraged people to write special memories on their birthday

cards, as a keepsake for their mom.

Pulling off a surprise party can be a more challenging way to "theme" a party, but for Kirk, the surprise made the event very memorable. "I would have dressed nicer if I had known," said with a smile, she quipped, when surrounded by family, expecting only to dine with one visiting brother on her birthday.

Toaso's advice for a successful party? "Start early to obtain a venue, especially if it's for a fairly large number of people. Decide early on if you want a private space, or are willing to share space within a restaurant."

She also suggests that each sibling contribute not only financially, but also with planning, so it's not too much for

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SUBMITTED PHOTO Milestone parties can range from simple garden themes to vintage themes or can be part of an era celebrated by the milestone event.

one person. Last but not least, she highly recommends having a video at the event, to personalize it and make guests feel very much a part of the celebration. "Each of our guests was pictured in the video at some point in their growing up years," said Toaso.

5 TIPS FOR PLANNING A SURPRISE PARTY:

• Make sure the invitation tells people that the party is a SURPRISE!

· Specify the start time on the invitation, which should be 30 minutes before you expect the guest of honor to arrive.

· Get an accomplice to plan a "fake" activity with the guest of honor. • Make sure the guest of honor is

doing an activity in which they are appropriately dressed for the party. They'll want to feel their best on front of their friends and family. • Enjoy and have fun.

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HOCKEY

Nicklas Lidstrom celebrated his 45th birthday on Monday.

PREP REPORT

Linden baseball headed to Greater Flint tourney title game

The Eagles will be at Broome Park in the championship game of the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament on Memorial Day. Linden defeated Carman-Ainsworth 2-1 and Flint Powers 10-2 on Saturday to earn a spot in the title game.

Linden's Tim Sines tossed five innings of twohit, no-walk ball against the Cavaliers He also struck out five. He was relieved in the sixth by Travis Rinks, who didn't allow a run in that stanza. In the seventh, he allowed back-to-back runners on base, but Jake Marshall came in to earn the save. One of the key plays came when the Cavaliers attempted a bunt, but missed it. Linden catcher Brady Sarkon picked off one of the runners after the miss.

Linden's offenses mustered seven hits, scoring two runs on RBIs by Austin Buerkel and Kevin Bates. Jacob Klocek led the team with two hits. In the second game, Jacob Marshall allowed six hits and struck out five.

In the second game Buerkel had three hits. Brady Sarkon and Adam Tatara had two hits each.



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Lake Fenton's Jordan Newman became the top scorer in girls prep soccer history in Michigan by scoring five goals on Monday.

Newman breaks state record for career goals, leads LF to 8-1 win

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

Sports

Lake Fenton — For just over three years, Jordan Newman has dazzled those who play against her on a soccer pitch.

It was fitting when she broke the state record for goals in a prep career, she did it with one of those eyepopping goals.

Needing three goals against Perry to break the state record of 168 by Jaleen Dingledine, who played for Newago between 2004-2007, Newman got her 169th goal of her career with 28:48 remaining in the first half.

It came on a thru pass from fellow Brenna Meicher to the

right corner of the Perry defensive zone. Still well right

of the net, Newman dribbled the ball by a defender to the center of the net and scored. Fittingly, No. 169 was a dazzler. Newman ended up with five goals, upping her career total to 171 in the Blue Devils' 8-1 victory against Perry at Lake Fenton High School on Monday.

"I tried not to think too much about it," Newman said. "I was doing my own thing. I was going for the net trying to score and the state record comes with it. It's not about the record to me. I scored all of those goals and it happened to add up to the state record. It's awesome,

but I don't worry about it.

"I do remember wanting to break it with someone assisting it who has been around all those years. It happened to be Brenna Meicher, and the first two were assisted by Miranda (Quick) and Kaitlyn (Begley). ... It's an honor, but I couldn't have done it by myself. I had the whole team behind me."

The first Newman goal came in the third minute on a thru pass from Quick. Lake Fenton's Mackenzie Kato scored the Blue Devils' second goal off a corner kick pass from Melissa Williams about two minutes later. With 32:29 left in the half, See NEWMAN on 19

Castiglione flirts with third straight no-hitter, tosses one-hitter vs. Kearsley

By David Troppens dtroppens@tctimes.com

Fenton — Jamie Castiglione is the first to admit it. When he walks on to the

pitcher's mound this year, he's thinking no-hitter.

"Yeah, I am a little bit," Castiglione said. "It's something to strive for. It motivates me to get it done."

It's easy to see why he thinks that way. Castiglione came within a bloop single in the sixth inning of collecting his third straight no-hitter of the season in the Tigers' opening game of a doubleheader against Flint Kearsley on Monday. As it was, he tossed

a one-hitter, leading the Tigers to a 3-0 victory in the opening game of the Metro twinbill. In the second contest, the Tigers' bats struggled, resulting in a 2-0 loss.

However, in the opener. Castiglione, along with the defense behind him, remained nearly perfect.

Castoglione allowed a two-out walk in the first, but didn't allow another free pass or hit until the single with two out when Kearsley's Noah Jankowski hit the first pitch of his at bat — a fastball — for a single to right.

In between those baserunners the only other Kearsley player to reach base came on a strike out and a passed ball on the play due to the viciousness of Castiglione's curve ball. In fact, the Tigers had to make throws to first because of third strikes in the dirt three times during the contest. Castiglione's curve mystifies.

"Really, I'm just throwing strikes and my curve is working good," Castiglione said. "My teammates are helping me a lot. I wouldn't have been able to get that close to a nohitter today without my teamamates. I have to know they are out there and I trust them." See CASTIGLIONE on 18



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS Fenton's Jamie Castiglione tossed a onehitter on Monday in a 3-0 win against Kearsley.



Tri-county track teams post solid invite results

By David Troppens

dtroppens@tctimes.com; 810-433-6789 The Holly and Linden varsity track teams competed at the Spartan Classic on Friday and earned their share of strong finishes.

The Holly boys placed sixth with 55 points, while the Linden boys were eighth with 33 points. The Holly girls took 10th (35 points), and the Linden girls placed 15th (eight points).

Just one tri-county participant came home with a first. That was Linden's Justin McKenzie, winning the pole vault with a jump of 14-feet-0. Linden teammate Kyle Frederick came close to a first, taking second in the 300 hurdles (42.28). He also placed fourth in the long jump (21-4 3/4).

The Holly boys had one individual finish with in the top three and three relays take thirds.

Dakota Thorington earned the highest individual first for Holly, taking second in the discus (142-0). Two of the three relays to place third were the longer distance events. The 3,200 relay squad of

CASTIGLIONE Continued from Page 17

Fenton got what happened to be the game-winning run in the bottom of the first inning. With two out, Chase Coselman walked and went to third when Landon Mikulenas reached base on an error. Another error on a ball hit by McKay Hamilton. Fenton led 1-0.

The Tigers added another run in the fourth when a Casey McLaughlin-Smith

Dino Vicanco, Vince Cantu, Blake Stafne and Kurtis Cooley (8:15.65) earned one, while the 1,600 relay team of Antonio Wells, Austin Chmura, Cooley and Staffne earned another (3:30.92). Finally, the 800 relay team of Barr, Chmura, Josh Simms and D'Anthony Austin also earned a third-place finish (1:35.19).

The Holly girls had four top-three performances, including two runnerups. Allyssa Copley placed second in the shot put (39-2), while Emily Alvaredo was the runner-up in the discus (120-3). Third-place performers for Holly were Maggie Schneider in the 3,200 (11:15.67) and Madeline Gross in the pole vault (10-0).

Rebecca McDonald paced the Linden girls by taking second in the 100 hurdles (16.69).

Fenton at Brighton Invitational The Fenton girls track team came

home with two firsts at Brighton. Kayla Stiles took the top spot in the long jump (16-8 1/2), leading the individual performances. Meanwhile, the team also had the 400 relay squad

single eventually resulted in him scoring Fenton's second run. In the sixth, Kyle Lock singled and scored on Justin Norris' RBI-double, making it 3-0.

That was plenty of runs for Castiglione, who has now allowed just one hit in 21 innings. After the single, he struck out three of the final four batters he faced. The batted out in that mix was a harmless fly to short. "He has pitched 21 innings and allowed

one hit," Fenton coach Shawn Lawrence





TRI-COUNTY TIMES I MARK BOLEN Fenton's Jacob Lee placed third in the 3,200 at the Brighton Invitational.

(51.72) earn a first.

The Fenton boys one top-three effort. It was earned by Jacob Lee who placed third in the 3,200 (9:46.85).

said. "That's something. I am kind of glad the pressure is off the kid. It would've been cool for him, the team, the community and all that, but that's also a lot of pressure on the kid. I know he would've liked (to get the third no-hitter), but that's fine.

"I have never seen anything like this. It's gotten to a point where it's almost exepected."

In the second game, Fenton hurler Austin Landis was pretty masterful himself, allowing just two runs. The first was scored with the aid of an error, giving Kearsley an early 1-0 lead. Later, the Hornets added another run in the fifth after a double and a single.

Fenton's offense struggled but put together one strong threat in the fourth. Coselman singled and Mikulenas sacrificed him to second. Mikulenas also ended up being safe on an error on the play. Drew Garrison followed with a nother bunt single, loading the bases with no one. However, the next three Tigers struck out, ending the threat.

"We had the bases loaded. You have to score," Lawrence said. "Right there, that's execution. If we execute, we have a tie ball game. That's the difference in the ball game. In the first game we executed. We put some bunts down and made plays. We didn't put them down in the second game and that was the difference."



SOFTBALL

▶ Lake Fenton at Perry: The Blue Devils (8-0) remained undefeated, beating Perry 12-5 and 9-1 on Monday, earning coach Amos Rinks his 200th win of his career.

win of his career. In the opener, Kim Roe had five hits, including a home run, and tossed the complete-game victory, leading Lake Fenton to the win. Patricia Whittaker also had a home run among her three hits, while Kayla Ward, Taylor Sheyachich and Allison Petts also collected three hits each.

In the nightcap, Roe tossed a four-hitter and provided another two hits. Melody Draeger, Alexis Melton, Sheyachich and Whittaker also had two hits each.

▶ Linden vs. Brandon: The Eagles were swept by Brandon 11-2 and 12-1. In the opening game, Sterling DeGayner and Alyssa Logie each had RBI-doubles. In the second game, Alexa Marsh hit an RBI-single.

BASEBALL

► Linden vs. Brandon: The Eagles split with Brandon, losing the first game 5-0, but winning the second 12-5.

In the opener, the Eagles had six errors and had only three hits. In the nightcap, Marsheal Ryan tossed a complete-game victory, striking out six. Linden had 13 hits with Hunter Luchenbill getting three hits, scoring three runs and driving in two more. Brady Sarkon and Ryan had two hits and three RBI each.

Linden JV vs. Brandon JV: The Eagles swept Brandon 11-6 and 5-3. In the opener, Bailey Davis, Ty Hoeberling and Nick Rossow had two hits each. Hoeberling drove in three runs. Bailey Davis was the winning pitcher, striking out seven batters. In the second game, Chase Coleman tossed the five-inning complete game, striking out three batters.

► Holly hosts Powers: The Bronchos split with the Chargers, losing the first game 10-9 but winning the second 5-4.

In the opener, Holly's offense was aided by 10 walks. The Bronchos had just four hits, with Peyton Molzahn and Tom O'Connor earning doubles. Molzahn drove in three runs. In the second game, Joel Perry hit a three-run home run, while Adam Tooley (double) had two hits. **GOLF**

▶ Holly 164, Lapeer West 176 The Bronchos (5-1) were paced by Kyle Pepper, who carded a 38 at Heather Highlands in windy and cold conditions on Monday. Mitchell Hughes shot a 40. Parker Rowse and Will Moller had a 43. SOCCER

▶ Linden 4, Clio 0: The Eagles (3-0, 7-3) remained undefeated in Metro play as Katie Wilkowski scored three goals in the victory. Sarah Ford had a goal and an assist. Alia Frederick and Erica Freeman had assists as well. Bridget Adams and Madison Paige shared time in net, earning the shutout.



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PREP REPORT

GOLF

▶ Holly at Lapeer Tune-up: The Bronchos placed second with a team score of 312 at Lapeer Country Club. Mitchell Hughes lost in a playoff for medalist honors, but shot a 71 to place second. Kyle VanBoemel scored a 78, while Kyle Pepper carded an 81. Parker Rowse and Connor Patterson shot 82s. SOCCER

Fenton 2, DeWitt 1: Brianna

Costigan, Carly Granger and Brennan Sullivan each scored to lead the Tigers to a Metro victory against Holly on Monday. Granger, Sullivan and Mackenzie Murphy had assists. In goal, Miranda Campbell and Abigail Quesnelle had two saves each for Fenton. Ellie Curtis made 15 saves for Holly.

► Fenton 2, DeWitt 1: The Tigers got second-half goals from Baylee Adams and Kaleigh Keyandwy, earning the non-league victory. Hannah Evo and Chloee Foor had assists. In net, Miranda Campbell made five saves and Abigail Quesnelle had two saves. SOFTBALL

Linden at Chesaning Invitational: The Eagles took second at the tourney, losing in the finals to Durand 10-0. Prior to that point, Linden beat Merrill 6-3 and Pewamo-Westphalia 8-6 in pool play. In the semifinals, the Eagles beat Chesaning 12-9. Alexa Marsh earned two wins and a save on the mound, striking out 21 during the tourney. Kim Freitas earned a victory against Pewamo-Westphalia, striking out four. Offensively, Rhannon Morse scored six runs and stole five bases, earning a .583 on-base percentage during the tourney. Nicole Tester batted .400 with two doubles, three runs scored and two RBI, while Sydney Jacques had four hits, including two RBI BASEBALL

▶ Holly vs. Clio: The Bronchos swept the doubleheader against Clio, defeating the Mustangs 13-3 in the first game and 4-3 in the second.

In the opener, the Bronchos had 16 hits. Drew Eggleston and Tom O'Connor had two singles, a double and three RBI each. Frank Richmond, Peyton Molzahn and Masen Syjud had two hits each. On the mound, Eggleston earned the win, allowing six hits and striking out five. In the second game, Joel Perry tossed a two-hitter and struck out 15 to earn the victory. Austin Jennings led the offense with two hits and a run scored. Adam Tooley doubled and scored two runs. Jackson Garber had an RBI.

▶ Linden JV at Clarkston Tournament: The Eagles went 1-1, defeating Brandon 8-7 and losing to Bloomfield Hills 9-4. In the opener, Chris Kitch led Linden with three hits and three RBI, while Cole Sarkon and Adam Sarkon had two hits each. In the second game, Ty Hoeberling had two hits, while Lucas Marshall earned the victory on the mound, allowing just three hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out seven.

Tiger bats are hot at tourney, vs. Kearsley

By David Troppens

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To say the Fenton varsity softball team dominated the Novi Invitational on Saturday may be a slight understatement.

The Tigers won the tourney title by outscoring their three foes by a combined 37-4 on Saturday.

Fenton defeated Rochester Adams 14-4, Walled Lake Northern 7-0 and then beat Novi 16-0 to crush the field.

Fenton continued its strong play on Monday, sweeping Kearsley 11-1 and 14-1.

In the opener of the tourney, Fenton led just 5-3, but scored three runs in each of the final three innings to earn the easy win. Ellie Cowger (double), Dori Carpenter (double) and Rachel Siekierski (double) had three hits each. Taylor Mowery (double, triple) had two hits and drove in four runs. Emma Brant also had two hits.

On the mound, Paige Dean got the win, striking out four and allowing five hits over five innings.

In the second game, the Tigers scored two runs in the first and second inning each, eventually earning an easy win against Walled Lake Northern. Ellie Cowger was dominant on the mound, tossing a three-hitter, while walking just

NEWMAN

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Newman tied the state record with her second goal of the game. And then about four minutes later, with 28:48 left in the first half, she broke the state standard.

Two more goals were scored, putting Newman's new record at 171 with most of the season still remaining. Others who scored for Lake Fenton were Kuristin Porritt and Brenna Meicher.

"It's an accomplishment," Newman said. "My parents have always told me I had a nose for the net."

Lake Fenton coach Lenny Glasstetter is pleased Newman is a Blue Devil.

"Any time she touches the ball, she can score," Glasstetter said. "She has such great moves and great touch on the ball. Three defenders can't handle her. She's going to score. Sometimes you can't believe some of the goals she scores."

Lake Fenton is 4-0 in the GAC and 4-0-2 overall.

"This is our best season this year by far," Newman said. I feel like we came together a lot more. There are a lot more people scoring and passing. We are not selfish, and we work great as a team."



one. She struck out eighth. Katey Cairnduff led the offense with three hits (double) and four RBI, while Brant also had three hits. Cowger (double) and Carpenter had two hits each.

In the final game, a nine-run second inning blew the game open, earning the Tigers the 16-0 crushing of Novi.

Cairnduff had a home run among her three hits. She drove in six runs. Carpenter (double) also had

three hits, while Macie Keller and Mowery (double) had two hits each.

On the mound, Dean tossed a threehitter, striking out two.

Against Kearsley, the Tigers had 13 hits in the first game, led by Cowger's 4-for-4 day which included four runs scored and two triples. Brant, Cairnduff and Mowery had two hits each.

Dean was the winning pitcher, allowing just five hits.



In the nightcap, Cairnduff had a home run to go with her four hits, four RBI and three runs scored. Brant had four hits as well, driving in two runs and scoring two. Cowger, Siekierski and Mowery had two hits each.

Cowger was the winning pitcher, tossing a four-hitter and striking out 11. Fenton hosts Grand Blanc for a non-

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Donna June (Keck) Mastin - of Fenton, age 82, died peacefully in her home Satur-

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Virginia M. Hogan

1915-2014 Virginia M. Hogan - age 98, of Linden, died April 27, 2014. Funeral Mass will be celebrat-



600 N. Adelaide St. Fenton. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Gaines. Visitation will be held 11-2 PM and 4-8 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden with a rosarv at 7:30 PM and from 10 AM until the time of Mass Thursday at church. Those desiring may make contributions to the St. John GIFT Campaign or American Cancer Society. Virginia was born May 17, 1915 in Detroit. She was married to James Carl Hogan who preceded her in death in 1976. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist, LOOSE Senior Center, St. Michael's Guild, Second Tuesday Club and Jolly Mixer Dance Club. Surviving are: children, Carol Green of Fenton, Dan (Ann) Hogan of Sebring, FL, Kathy (Jerry) Lyles of Linden; 7 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 6 great-greatgrandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Michael Green in 2007; son-in-law, Bill Green in 2013; brother, Jack Adams in 2013. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.







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Florian Joseph Czurylo

1926-2014

Florian Joseph Czurylo - There will be a celebration of the life of Florian Czurylo on what would have been his 88th birthday on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Seven Lakes State Park from 2-4 PM in the Big 7 Pavilion, and a farewell memorial service with Veteran's honors

at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly 11:00-11:30 AM Monday, May 5, 2014. All who knew him are welcome to celebrate him and to say goodbye among friends and family. Florian Joseph Czurylo was born on St. Florian's Day, May 4, 1926 into a loving Hamtramck Polish family to Katherine and Andrew, shared with beloved sisters Phyllis and Lillian. In his childhood, while keeping his native Polish he developed a life long love of English vocabulary. His father worked hard to buy his son a trumpet, which Florian cherished his whole life. Florian went to Detroit's Cass Tech High School for Music. Later wearing a zoot suit he played in the Triple Tonguing Trumpet Trio jazz band. He played Reveille and Taps daily in the Navy during WW2 where he served as a Signalman, which earned him much enjoyed culinary benefits in the military dining halls and at the captain's table. Always singing and full of humor, ease and sparkling joy, he both ate and sang with gusto. Florian deeply enjoyed his work in the Holly Schools for over 30 years first as a math and science teacher at Mable D. Bensett then as a guidance counselor at Sherman Middle School. He earned his Master's of Education degree from the University of Michigan in Guidance and Counseling. He felt fortunate in this career. His presence was always comfortable and comforting and he was so non-judgmental and encouraging, truly believing the best in people, that it was a perfect fit for him. Florian also loved flowers, plants and gardening. He owned and operated Fairlake Greenhouse nursery with his Brother-in-Law Byron Paul Zink, a Horticulturalist from Michigan State, growing flowers which they sold at the Pontiac Farmer's market every Saturday for many years in the 70s and 80s. Florian planted thousands of trees throughout his life, mostly confiners and fruit trees. He enioved exotics like his Ginko Biloba. His garden was abundant with the best tomatoes. He was an expert mycologist. He

fishing classes, bowled, and rode his Honda 750 for many years. In his personal life he was loved by a number of people who count him as an important influence, mentor and father figure in addition to his immediate family. He enjoyed living in Holly since the 1950s, spending over twenty years on a hill on Houser Road, then over thirty years on Tucker road, with Marian (Zink), his beloved wife of 57 years, who came to Holly for him and worked as the High School's Librarian from 1957-68. He loyally loved his weimaraner Spook pan Pola. Florian was a deeply loving, fun and devoted father to daughters Susie and Sandy-they love and enjoyed him very much and feel honored and fortunate to have him as their father. Finally, grandchildren Alex, Ella and "Selenka" came around beginning ten years ago who know and love him as Grandpa. Florian had many happy years of retirement and good health. He had a deep reverence for the sacred and loved the ritual, incense and Latin from his Catholic upbringing as well as the Episcopalian liturgy he married into as a member of St. John's of Holly. He spent his later years continuing to play duplicate bridge, completing challenging crossword puzzles and reading. He spent many winters in Clearwater, Florida winning trophies playing shuffleboard. He enjoyed cookbooks and going to market. Florian lived happily in his home with Marian through Sunday, April 20, 2014 when he died suddenly and peacefully at home. Florian is deeply loved and will be missed. We are thankful for him. The family thanks the Holly community for all of their kind words and memories as reminders of all of the people he touched. His family requests memorial donations in lieu of flowers to the Holly School's Music program to assist students with lessons and instruments. Donations to the Florian Czurylo Holly Schools Music Scholarship fund can be made through the Dryer Funeral Home, 101 N. First Street, Holly, MI 48442, phone 248-634-8291. The fund serves students in their musical development and honors Florian's love of trumpet and song, teaching, students and the Holly Schools. www. dryerfuneralhomehollv.com.



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