Extreme rain and lack of heat delaying farmers’ season

By William Axford

Corn, beans and other produce could come late in the summer to corn, green beans, strawberries and tomatoes during the summer months. “I have to wait it out, there’s nothing I can do. I have a friend in Saginaw who didn’t get hurt at all. His corn is already 7 inches tall.”

As of Thursday, Weather Underground reports Michigan has received more than 3.5 inches of rain, with more expected to follow this weekend. For See FARMERS on 7A

Argentine man dies in motorcycle accident

By Sharon Stone

Richard Homent, 73, of Argentine Township died from injuries he sustained in a motorcycle crash Tuesday afternoon in Argentine Township.

Just after 2 p.m. on May 13, Argentine Township police and fire departments responded to a personal injury crash involving a motorcycle and utility truck near the intersection of Lobdell Road and Hilltop Drive in Argentine Township.

An unconscious Homent sustained multiple injuries and was transported via Mobile Medical Response to Hurley
See CRASH on 5A

Ya gotta have (new) art!

Ken Thompson and son, Ian Thompson of Michigan Sculpture Initiatives install “Stainless Steel Butterfly” near the Shiawassee River downtown on Wednesday. This is the second year of the downtown sculpture exhibit, funded by the Fenton DDA. There will be seven sculptures displayed this year.

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What you are most likely to die from

By William Axford

Heart attacks. Car accidents. Fiery explosion. Or passing peacefully in your bed. There’s a million ways to die and like it or not, death will come for you at some point. Here’s how most deaths occur by age brackets.

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Jane Somers of Fenton Township uses her Roomba mostly for under the bed and picking up crumbs in the kitchen. It’s not the quickest device, but saves her from pulling out the vacuum.

Despite low sales, Volt still charged up

**GM’s first mass-marketed EV becoming staple of American life**

*By Tim Jagielo tjagielo@tctimes.com; 810-433-6795*

Fenton Twp. — A kid today like 3-year-old Douglas Fairbanks will grow up only really knowing an electric car.

Seated inside mother Kristy’s 2013 Chevy Volt, he toggles the windshield wipers, pushes buttons and locks the inside of the car, while seated on father Doug’s lap.

Kristy went from driving a 1999 Dodge Durango with a V-8 engine, to this state-of-the-art electric car with a gas generator, and although it’s smaller, “I love it,” she said.
$300 cable TV bills — thank you Mr. President

The most famous board game in the world is Monopoly. The goal, when playing Monopoly, is to seize control of a particular commodity or service in order to be able to charge whatever you want for your product or service. Conversely, one of the primary responsibilities of any government is to protect its citizens from predatory practices by preventing monopolies.

In recent years the federal government, under the Obama regime, has enabled the monopolization of many industries — notably cable TV, high-speed Internet and banking — by refusing to use its antitrust and regulatory powers to curb abusive practices that prey on Americans by allowing monopolies to be created.

Case in point: Cable TV providers like Charter and Comcast already enjoy a monopoly in nearly every community they serve. They are, ‘service.’ (Their term, not mine.) Each year, both Charter and Comcast raise rates for cable TV and high-speed Internet far faster than rates for overall inflation. They do this for one simple reason — lacking competition, they can charge whatever they want.

Now Comcast proposes to acquire Time-Warner Cable and establish a virtual national cable/Internet monopoly that will allow them to charge any price they wish. This should never happen, but it will. Here’s why: this is a quote from the unashamedly ultra-liberal NY Times about David Cohen, the Washington DC lobbyist hired by Comcast to broker the Time-Warner acquisition. ‘Mr. Cohen has close ties to President Obama. A major Democratic fundraiser, Mr. Cohen and his wife hosted Mr. Obama at their Philadelphia home last year, raising $1.2 million at an event where the president called couple ‘great friends.’"

We’re not all lazy people, thank you.

IT’S EVERYBODY WHO pays federal income taxes but the with the result that employees pay their employees. If they aren’t being paid enough to support themselves, then we taxpayers make up the difference via welfare, food stamps, Medicaid, the school lunch program, WIC etc. Corporations making billions shouldn’t get government subsidized employees.

RAISING THE MINIMUM wage to $10.10 an hour would increase the price of a $16 product at Walmart, such as the typical DVD, by just a cent if all of the extra costs were passed on to consumers, according to an analysis by an economist for Bloomberg News.

THE TIMES INACCURATELY referred to the meals provided to low-income students by the school lunch program as free. They are not ‘free’. They are funded by income taxes. Calling them free is both inaccurate and misleading.

Unemployment has helped me get by. We used to work harder and longer. It’s just as incompetent as her boss.

Hillar y Clinton is just as incompetent as her boss. I WAS DENIED medical compensation because of a law called Open and Obvious. It protects corporations from every ounce of negligence. It basically states that if you should have seen it, then the facility is not held responsible.

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DO REPUBLICANS REALLY want to compare the number of deaths as a result of mistakes by the Bush and Obama administrations? Obama: Four Americans dead in an attack in Benghazi, a war zone. Bush: 3,000+ Americans on 9/11 and 3,000+ Americans soldiers in Iraq plus over 100,000 Iraqi civilians.

I CERTAINLY HOPE the cameras at the high school caught the kids that wrote on the outside of the building and they are made to clean it up and pay the cost of cleaning it up. It’s just a sad empty spot.

IF MISSISSIPPI VOTERS approved an intermarriage ban, it would be unconstitutional. Michigan voters approving a gay marriage ban in 2004, doesn’t make it OK if it violates the U.S. Constitution.

BY A 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that religion-specific prayers before public school meetings are OK. As such, I impeach the Satanists, Muslims, Hindus, Wiccans, Buddhists and Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster followers to submit their equal-time requests.

SUNDAY LIQUOR BANS are a joke. I mean what do we live in 1906? People get a pass to drink in church on Sunday mornings and don’t need to buy special state licenses to do so, why can’t everybody else?"

WHY ARE ORGANIZATIONS allowed to stop traffic during rush hour to collect money? This causes huge traffic delays. I will only give to those who collect at grocery and hardware stores or anywhere else that they do not impede traffic flow. Like we don’t already have enough traffic issues.

THE WELDERS COULD get 15 months in prison for making false statements yet our Immigration Department released illegal immigrants awaiting trial for rape, treason, dangerous drug dealing, murder; domestic violence, drunk driving; welfare fraud and on and on. A nation of laws?"

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I MISS THE old TOPPS store in Fenton. All of a sudden they disappeared, to be replaced by apartments, but that deal fell through. Now it’s just a sad empty spot. So sad.

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CHASE LINE throughout Times
Legislators looking to crack down on drug-using drivers

Bills would provide harsher punishments for driving under the influence

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Drivers under the influence of drugs may have to be more concerned on the road. A slow of bills in Lansing could give police in Michigan broader tools in identifying people operating vehicles under the influence of drugs. Sponsors of House Bill 5385 and 5386 said they supported more testing efforts after hearing multiple complaints from constituents about accidents caused from motorists on painkillers.

Part of the bills included a provision allowing police to administer drug tests by saliva. The bills were amended after medical marijuana advocates said saliva tests are inaccurate when it comes to detecting the use of marijuana, which could lead to false arrests. Currently, police can test for drugs through blood, urine and breath.

“We listened to the concerns about the saliva test, and made the bills even stronger and more effective,” said Rep. Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway Township) in a press release. “The ultimate goal of these measures has not changed, we want to make our roads safer for Michigan motorists.”

While saliva testing is no longer included for on-the-road officers, the legislation does authorize a pilot program to be tested by State Police for three to five years. The legislation also aims to align punishments for drugged driving to be similar to drunk driving, with conditional bonds placed into the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and permit licenses issued to drugged motorists.

While the saliva portion of the testing did draw concerns from medical marijuana advocates, driving on the influence of prescription pills and other drugs is viewed as a national crisis. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) found that roughly 15 percent of nighttime drivers test positive for illicit drugs. In 2009, drugged driving was responsible for nearly 4,000 deaths.

Holly Police Officer Robert Goedertier said he hasn’t seen an increase in drugged drivers, but he admits they’re harder to identify than drunk drivers are. Holly police officers who encounter someone they suspect to be on drugs may administer sobriety tests or check for other bodily cues like dilated pupils and slurred speech. But other than a blood test, spotting drugged drivers doesn’t involve a system as effective as Preliminary Breath Test (PBT).

“Incidents of drugged drivers generally happen during afternoon and midnight shifts,” Goedertier said. “They’re harder to investigate because signs are not always prevalent like drunk driving.” He added that he isn’t sure if drugged driving has increased in Holly after the legalization of medical marijuana.

The bill remains under consideration in the House Judiciary Committee.

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Medical Center in Flint where he was later pronounced dead.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said Homent was traveling in the eastbound lane of Lobdell Road on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. It appears that Homent’s motorcycle and the westbound utility bucket truck collided when the truck turned left onto Hilltop Drive.

The police chief said the speed limit in this portion of road is 55 miles per hour. The crash reconstruction team is investigating to determine how the crash occurred and what driver is at fault. Speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors. Allen added that Homent’s helmet was on the ground near the crash, however, there was no damage to the helmet.

The crash scene was blocked at Lobdell Road and Hilltop Drive, and traffic was diverted down Hogan Road. Linden police and the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department assisted with traffic.
City sidewalks: your job to fix

City will pay for half the cost to replace, repair sidewalks

By Tim Jagielo
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There are more than 40 miles of sidewalks in the city of Fenton — and they’re mostly your responsibility.

Although sidewalks are within the city right-of-way, the brunt of their upkeep lies with the property owner, per city ordinance. Every crumbling buckled sidewalk is actually the job of the adjacent property owner to fix.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki said this is how it usually works in cities — it’s the homeowner’s responsibility to maintain sidewalks, whether snow removal or the concrete itself. In Fenton, the city will pay half for repairs out of the general fund.

Some sidewalks in the city are perfectly smooth, while others resemble an obstacle course, as they are lifted by tree roots or the shifting of the ground.

The last time there was a significant overhaul to the city system was before Czarnecki’s time at the DPW, around 2006.

Today, a homeowner in the city can repair or replace the sidewalks on their own when they want to. They just have to get a free permit from the city and follow some guidelines — like having the correct packed-sand base and slope.

If the city has to repair the walk, it will probably be more expensive. The city will have to study and bid out the project just like with a road project. “It’s a time consuming, expensive project to get done,” he said.

For projects, the city will pay the up-front costs, and allow the property owner to pay their half up front, or pay over time with interest, or have it added to their taxes like a special assessment. “We try hard, and the people in the community for the most part, try hard to take care of it the best they can,” Czarnecki said an average cost per square foot is around $5.
Teen birth rates continue to decline

Economy, education, contraception credited for historically low numbers

By Tim Jagielo

The peak of teen birth rates was in 1957, when 96.3 births per 1,000 women were reported. Today, rates in this age bracket are at an all-time low of 30 per 1,000. These numbers are according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Of course in 1960, according to Pew Research, most of those teens were married. Around 15 percent were estimated to have been unmarried at the time.

Today, 89 percent are to unmarried teens. Among married teens, and teen pregnancy rates are at about 65.3.

But the rates of teens giving birth have declined steadily since the 1960s, with upticks in 1990 of 61.8 percent, and 2006 of 41.5 percent.

A Pew Research Analysis linked low-birth rates to the strength of the economy. “States experiencing the largest economic declines in 2007 and 2008 were most likely to experience relatively large fertility declines from 2008 to 2009,” the analysis finds.

Since 2008, when births dropped to 4.25 million, numbers have declined.

The other reason for reduced teen births is less sex, and more contraception.

Of the approximately 700,000 pregnancies among teens in 2009, roughly 58 percent are estimated to have ended in live births, 23 percent in abortions and 17 percent in miscarriages or stillbirths, according to Pew.

Since 1988, fewer unmarried female teens have reported having sex. Of unmarried teens, most reported using contraception their first time, and 86 percent reported using it every time — and 20 percent used more than one method of contraception.

Even shows like “16 and Pregnant” and “Teen Mom” may have contributed to a third of the decline since 2009.

Teen abortion rates have also declined along with teen pregnancy rates. Birth and pregnancy rates are also tied to region and race. The Midwest falls in the middle, while the south has the most, and northeast has the least.

Residents, city coping with rainy week

Overwhelmed Fenton drain system worked properly

By Tim Jagielo

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This past week, city workers and homeowners alike battled more than 4 inches of water, most of which fell on Monday and Tuesday.

Some basements flooded as the storm sewer, and sanitary sewers maxed out, and catch basins clogged with debris. “We’re scrambling around trying to make sure a drain that was plugged was cleared,” said Department of Public Works (DPW) director Dan Czarnecki.

This week, it was all about handling the affects of the water for his crew. He encourages any resident to clear catch basins that they see are clogged — the seven-member DPW crew probably has their hands full.

As of Thursday, the lift stations at various points in the city were back to normal, with only two of the 14 running.

The ground is still saturated and needs some wind and sun to dry.

Czarnecki said there is a lot of standing water, and some roads are still closed — like Eddy Lake Road at Dauner Road. The road will drain when the pumps clearing parts of Seven Lakes State Park catch up. “They’re pumping what they can pump,” he said.

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THE REPUBLICANS are praying for Hillary. There’s more wrong with her than my 20-year-old car, and believe me, there’s a lot wrong with my 20-year-old car.

TO THE LITTLE boy and girl selling magnets and bookmarks for piano and dance lessons, we found the missing $5 bill under the car. Come back soon so we can give you your money. Thanks.

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DEATHS
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Infants
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most babies die of congenital anomalies. Between 2005 and 2010, heart complications were the cause of death for more than 2,500 babies. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), short gestation and pregnancy complications are other leading causes of death for people younger than 1.

Ages 1-44
From the ages of 1 to 44, unintentional injuries are the primary cause of death, more so for people 25 years and older. Broken further down, teenagers (13 to 19) are most likely to die from accidents, homicides, suicide, cancer and heart disease. Between 1999 and 2006, 16,375 teenagers died per year, less than 1 percent of all the deaths that occurred each of those years.

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My wife looked up to see her flying husband headed for the tub and feared I would be seriously hurt. Then, she said, when I reached the tub a strange thing happened. Everything seemed to go into slow motion and I was eased into the tub as if waiting hands had lowered me to the ground. I sustained no injuries.

How can I explain this unusual deliverance? To answer, I must take you to the bedside of a woman in a hospital where I once did volunteer work as a chaplain.

‘Do you ever read the Bible?’ I asked.
‘I read the ninety-first Psalm every day of my life,’ she replied.

This sufferer’s statement sent me to her favorite Bible text to discover why she visited it so often. There I found many faith-building promises, including: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone’ (Psalm 91:11-12).

When driving through the parking area of a large shopping plaza, I felt a hard bump from behind and upon stopping faced an apologetic driver of a pickup who, unable to stop in time, had crinkled the paint on my rear bumper. When exchanging insurance information I discovered he had only a temporary driving permit because alcohol use had cost him his driver’s license. Now he resumed apologizing again.

Since I had publications with me intended to help people break free from alcohol, I knew this was no accident and told him to stop apologizing. ‘If this hadn’t happened, we wouldn’t have met,’ I said, handing him this bondage breaking information.

He was surprised at my reaction, but I was simply drawing on a Biblical promise that has enabled me to see a divine design in every experience: ‘And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose’ (Romans 8:28).

For many years, my work has taken me to people in times of crisis. Often I have felt inadequate to cope with such needs, but I have had a resource that has always been up to the occasion: the Book for all seasons.

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No matter what your troubles, there’s an answer for you. You’ll find it in the Book for all seasons; the Bible.

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Ages 20-34
Adults 20 to 34 experience large increases in homicide and suicide, leading deaths following accidents.

Ages 35-55
By the age of 35, more people die of heart disease, cancer and tumors.

Ages after 55
Incidents of suicide and homicide begin to decline rapidly after the age of 55. Instead, respiratory diseases, accidents, diabetes and influenza are leading causes of death. HIV and viral hepatitis increase by hundreds for 45 years and older.

The biggest cause of death in 2010 was heart disease, claiming 597,689 people. Respiratory disease, accidents, diabetes and Alzheimer’s Disease round out the other top causes of death, a total of 500,000 people a year each. The rate of death in America increases dramatically after the age of 65.

Worldwide, multiple countries are facing an aging population with fewer children being born. Japan is home to the longest-living people on the face of the earth. The AARP reports that most women in Japan live until the age of 87, while men can expect to survive for 80 years. By comparison, men in Hawaii usually live until 78 and women 84, the highest of all the states in America. Lifestyle and diet are attributed to longevity. Chinese, Japanese and a variety of cultures comprise the Japanese diet, leading to less hypertension and other heart-related issues. Exercise and being actively involved with jobs or hobbies contributes to longevity.

Looking to increase your lifespan? Not smoking, drinking in moderation and having a vegetable-based diet helps when it comes to living longer. Genetics also plays a big part, as some people may be more prone to contract certain diseases and illnesses. But, as CDC statistics prove, life is full of unexpected twists and death can stem from multiple factors at any age.
The staff of Acupuncture & Herbal Clinic is pictured here with a variety of organic produce in front of their clinic. From left are Teresa McDaniels, Lee Indianer, Andrew Goforth, Michal Kelly, Kylen Goforth and Suzy Sikora.

**Acupuncture & Herbal Clinic**

Clinic adds staff, services, including Organic Farmers Market

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The Acupuncture & Herbal Clinic in Fenton believes that a healthy body begins from the inside with good nutrition. That’s why they are hosting an Organic Farmers Market every Sunday this summer through fall, beginning July 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the plaza that houses their clinic at 12272 North Fenton Rd., Suite 3. Fred Hensler, of Hensler Wealth Management, has donated the plaza space for the first year of this market, according to Michal Kelly, clinic owner.

“In addition to having organic fruits and vegetables, we’ll also have chicken, grass-fed beef, pork, lamb, as well as dairy products, locally-produced honey and crafters from the Flint Farmers Market,” said Kelly.

The clinic recently added Andrew Goforth, certified massage therapist and clinic manager. Kylen Goforth, Dipl. OM., NCCAOM has been added as the second acupuncturist on staff, offering a new style of acupuncture that is more energetic and balancing than traditional acupuncture. The Goforths join Kelly, Dipl. OM., NCCAOM, Suzy Sikora, ND, MH, CCH, naturopathic doctor/hypnotist and Lee Indianer, certified massage therapist/I-Ching Consultant. Teresa McDaniels is office assistant.

The clinic has begun more integrative work with other medical practitioners, including chiropractors, Michigan Holistic Dentistry and the Preventive Medical Center in Flint.

In addition, a Whole Food Nutrition six-week course will be offered twice a year, beginning this fall. For details, call (810) 714-5556 or visit www.fentonacupuncture.com. You can also “like” the clinic on Facebook.

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New sculptures bring fresh air to downtown, in annual exhibit

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — The weather broke just enough to allow downtown sculptures to be exchanged, in what might be a yearly event.

Sculptures like “Lollipop Tree,” “Ruf-fian” and “Akimbo III” are gone, switched out in a matter of hours by Michigan Sculpture Initiatives (MSI) of Blissfield.

Pieces like “Wintermoon,” and “Promise to Flower” are now peppering downtown. The combined value of all the pieces is around $90,750, though the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) rents them for a fraction of that cost. This year, the art sculpture budget was expanded, to $10,000 in DDA funds total. Sculptures cost $1,250 each to rent.

The money for the sculptures comes from DDA-captured funds, not the city’s operating budget.

There will now be seven sculptures placed around downtown, as the DDA chose to buy “Pescados,” the fish sculpture near the gazebo for less than $4,000. It was part of the inaugural sculpture exhibit the DDA initiated to enhance downtown.

Behind the Fenton Fire Hall restaurant, Ken and Ian Thompson of MSI carefully backed one flatbed truck toward the river, loaded with a very large stainless steel butterfly. The aptly named “Stainless Steel Butterfly” by James Havens of Woodville, Ohio, weighs around 700 pounds and will greet art and gazebo restaurant visitors until next year.

As it was being rest-ed upon concrete pads, part painted steel and took pictures. Some stopped to ask a Havens questions.

“It enhances the community. Fenton has a lovely community,” said Havens, of the public art. “It contributes a little bit to make something just a little bit better. You can’t compete with nature, because you will get beat hands-down each time.”

“Public art — it should bring a smile to your face when you see it, there should be happy things,” said Dave Vande Vusse. He created “Calamari II,” which looks like a sea creature combined with the monsters from “War of the Worlds.” He said public art is supposed to be fun, with no hidden deeper meaning. “If it needs explaining it’s like a joke that needs to be explained.”

Near the post office, sculptor Ray Katz of Pontiac and assistant Kelson Helbig of Ferndale install “Wintermoon” in front of the Fenton post office on Wednesday. This is the second year of the downtown sculpture exhibit, funded by the DDA. There will be seven sculptures in the exhibit this year, total.

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VOLT

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The Chevy Volt is going on 3 years old, and according to Reuters, has only sold around 60,000 units. They compare that to 70,000 of Ford’s most popular F-series truck selling in February.

The Volt probably costs GM money, said Matt Stevens of Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. But in a little more than a year, Reuters also reports the second generation of cars, which can be sold at a lower price point, will begin production in the Detroit/Hamtramck Assembly plant.

The current Volt sells for about $40,000, though Stevens said the most popular option is to lease — which can cost as low as about $200 per month.

For Kristy and Doug, the cost is the same to drive the Durango and fill it up each month, compared to the Volt’s lease payments and insurance costs. But his family gets a new car of the highest technology available.

Doug said it costs about $1 each day to charge the car, and they even get a deal on a charging station, and cheaper electricity if they charge the car from midnight to 4 a.m.

This is true for both Stevens himself, and the Fairbanks took with their Volts, though both said they’re probably sold on the idea of another electric after their lease ends.

Both report that the winter cuts down on the efficiency of the car, and sometimes it’s just too cold for the car to run on the batteries, and the gas-powered generator kicks on. The Volt has an electric-only range of around 38 miles, 40 with no accessories. After that, the gas generator runs, powering the electric motor.

Stevens said the heat also worked fine in the cruel winter, and the car’s traction control system kept it on the road.

With the first mass-produced GM electric car available, it’s all about technology from top to bottom. Mimicking any other electronic device, it received regular improvements and upgrades electronically.

Stevens said a significant improvement to the car’s software improved the performance of the heater system, which at first seemed to be designed for efficiency over comfort. That was done with a piece of hardware changing on the vehicle.

The Volt’s OnStar system also sends periodic email reports on performance and the car’s display shows you in real-time how efficiently you’re driving.

“I do see it being sort of how the future will go, I think,” said Fairbanks. With the gas generator adding to the range, and charge stations at popular spots like The Detroit Zoo, the electric car has fit snugly into their family life.

Although it can drive 35 miles on only electric power, the gas generator allows the Volt to drive cross-country if you wanted.

Going forward, Stevens sees the Volt as a strong contender in the electric market. “The greatest thing about this Volt is that it’s U.S. technology,” he said. The batteries are built in Holland, the car assembled in Hamtramck.

Also, GM’s first all-electric vehicle, the Chevy Spark EV, is currently being tested in California and Oregon, and will eventually hit the Great Lakes state.
**CPR**

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who are not breathing and do not have a pulse. CPR can help get much needed oxygen to the brain, where it can keep the nerves of the brain alive long enough for someone to get the patient’s heart beating again. Training will also teach how to help someone who is choking, by removing the airway obstruction.

CPR training programs are available at nearly all hospitals, ambulance services and fire departments. These classes are targeted to their audience; for example, the general public doesn’t get the same training that paramedics must have.

Knowing which level of CPR training you need is the first step to finding a class. There are classes for Adult CPR, Adult and Pediatric CPR, etc. Most CPR classes also include training on an automated external defibrillator (AED), because they are so commonplace in the public. Some classes are on-site for one day, while others are “blended,” a mix of online learning and a final classroom work session.

It’s important to attend CPR classes that are sanctioned by two most reputable organizations that offer them: the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross.

Locally, the North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFIA) will hold a one-day CPR class at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. It will be an AHA Heartsaver and Healthcare Provider class, with a fee of $45 and $55, respectively. They’re keeping the costs low to encourage the general public to take advantage of lifesaving CPR training.

To register, contact George Murray at (248) 245-8161 or Robert Graves at (248) 807-7047.

**WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY**

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| Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Township, |  |
| Sen. Dave Robertson R-Genesee County. |  |

**Senate Bill 762: Senate version of Community College budget**
The Senate version of the community college budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, 2014. This would appropriate $377.5 million in gross spending, compared to $335.9 million the previous year. The Senate did not adopt a 3.2 percent cap on tuition increases recommended by Gov. Rick Snyder. Note: An amount equivalent to around 25 percent of community college payroll expense (or more) goes to cover employee retirement benefit costs. Introduced by Sen. Dianne Booker (R).

Passed 25 to 13 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County:

Passed to 13 in the Senate

Sen. Dave Robertson R-Genesee County:

House Bill 5477: Replace per-gallon gas tax with 6 percent wholesale tax

To replace the current 19-cent per gallon gas tax and 15-cent diesel tax with a 6 percent wholesale fuel tax. The tax could only rise by 5 percent per year even if the price of fuel rose faster, but if the price of fuel fell the rate could be increased to prevent any reduction in tax revenue compared to the 2014 level. Introduced by Rep. Rob VerHeulen (R).

Passed 85 to 24 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Township, voted:  

House Bill 5459: Allocate sales tax on fuel to road projects

To earmark two-thirds of the sales tax collected on gasoline and diesel fuel sales to road projects. The bill would increase the amount available for road spending by around $130 million annually. Introduced by Rep. Peter Pettus (R).

Passed 91 to 18 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Township, voted:  

House Bill 5492: Earmark some state "use tax" revenue to roads

To earmark one-sixth of the revenue from a 6 percent state “use tax” to road projects. Reportedly this would generate around $250 million annually for roads. This is one of several bills in a House road funding package that together would increase road funding by around $500 million annually, with most of the money from repurposing current tax revenue, a relatively small amount from increased taxes and fees. Introduced by Rep. Earl Poleski (R).

Passed 101 to 18 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Township, voted:  

**Driver distraction lasting more than two seconds doubles the risk of a crash.**

- American Automobile Association

**We want to get the word out so that the general public will sign up for CPR training.**

George Murray

NOCFIA CPR instructor
Lady Eagles earn share of Metro crown

By David Troppens
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Linden — It’s a roster that includes only two seniors.

It’s a team that coach Kevin Fiebrinz still would like to find some answers so the squad can truly fulfill its great potential.

But, some of that potential is starting to show. It translated into hardware on Wednesday. The Eagles dominated Lapeer East in drizzly conditions, crushing the host Eagles 9-2 and earning at least a share of the Metro League crown for the first time since the 2009-10 school year. That season, the Eagles won the title outright.

The Eagles remain a perfect 7-0 in Metro action. If Linden defeats or draws Swartz Creek on Monday at Linden High School, the Eagles will be the outright league champions.

“We are leaving with a good team and we are playing pretty solid, obviously going undefeated like this,” said one of Linden’s seniors, Sarah Ford. “It’s nice going out with a bang. It’s our last year, might as well make it great. Right?”

“It’s awesome,” said the Eagles’ only other senior, Bri Holsecher. “The last two years on varsity we didn’t get this far. Fenton and Lapeer West have been good competition.

“We all get along really well and work well on the field together. I think that shows in our game. Off the field we are close.”

The hosting Eagles never left Wednesday’s game in doubt, leading 5-1 at the half. Linden’s offense remained in control in the second half, but was unable to score again until the final 10 minutes of the game.

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Tigers split key Metro twinbill against Mustangs

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Clio — Of course, a sweep would always be the better option in any doubleheader.

But if a split can feel like a victory overall, the Fenton varsity softball team had one of those moments on Wednesday at Clio High School.

Dancing in between occasional sprinkles of rain, the top two teams in the Flint Metro League battled to a doubleheader split, keeping the Fenton Tigers atop the Metro standings.

Fenton starter Paige Dean tossed a five-hitter and Macie Keller provided the go-ahead two-run single, leading the Tigers to a 6-1 victory in the opening game. In the nightcap, Ellie Cowger pitched a solid contest, but the Fenton offense left too many runners on base, including two in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh, resulting in a 3-2 loss to the Mustangs.

But all things considered, the second loss wasn’t too damaging for the first-place Tigers. Fenton still holds control of its own Metro crown destiny. If the Tigers win their last four Metro contests (doubleheaders against Linden and Swartz Creek), Fenton will capture the league crown. If they lose just one of those four games, the Tigers could do no worse than share the title, and for that to happen, either Clio or Brandon would have to win the remaining of their Metro contests.

In the opener, the Tigers upped their
Second-half comeback fuels Fenton’s 3-2 win vs. Devils

GAC regular-season champs take 2-0 lead at half before Tigers answer back with three goals in final 40 minutes

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Fenton — Sometimes a little luck goes a long way.

Fenton got a little bit on Thursday night. Lake Fenton’s varsity girls soccer team came close to posting an upset, but a bad bounce over might be a Newmann’s hand. Melissa Egelston’s shoulder on a ball that was basically rolling on the grass until the hop ended up being the deciding factor. Fountain’s Brianna Costi- gan scored on the shot with 5:06 left, giving the Tigers the tight and entertaining 3-2 victory in what was dizzily and cold conditions.

“I knew I was wide open and I was making the run through,” Costigan said. “I was waiting for Brennan (Sullivan) to play it through, and she had a beautiful ball to me. I just focused on keeping my shot down low, shot it and it went in. It was a nice bounce, so that’s always nice.”

It was a battle of halves. Whoever had a stiff wind at their backs, dominated play. In the first half, it was Lake Fenton. The Genesee Area Conference champions enjoyed a huge possession edge and an 11-4 shot advantage in the first 45 minutes, resulting in a 2-0 halftime lead.

Both of Lake Fenton’s goals had something to do with the state’s all-time greatest scorer Jordan New- man. The first was a Newman goal off a nice cross from Denise Carl- son. Holding the ball, Newman turned around toward goal, created space and gave Lake Fenton a 1-0 lead with 29:05 left in the first half.

Then with about 16 minutes left in the first half, Newman dropped a ball to Ashlyn Skidmore, who took a shot from nearly 40 yards out. The shot went in, doubling the Blue Devils’ lead.

However, in the second half, Fenton had the wind and domi- nated play, enjoying a 14-1 shot edge in the final 40 minutes.

The Tigers made their mark with corner kicks for the first two goals. Off a cross from Crystal Krupp, Kaleigh Keyandwy was able to get a shot off and score the Tigers’ first goal, cutting the mar- gin to 2-1 with 27:01 left. Just 2:50 later, another corner kick resulted in the Tigers’ second goal. The cross remained bouncing around the Lake Fenton goal mouth for what was close to 10 seconds.

Finally, Fenton’s Mackenzie Mur- phy got a shot off and scored, tying the game at 2-all.

Fenton continued the pressure, but it took about 20 minutes to get the game-winning goal, albeit with the lucky bounce.

The Blue Devils could leave knowing they were considered heavy underdogs, and almost left with a result. Yet, it had to be frustrating knowing they had come so close.

“I learned we shouldn’t be overconfident going into the sec- ond half so we don’t blow a 2-0 lead,” Newman said. “I feel like we came out way too comfortable, thinking we already had the game. We didn’t have the same work ethic as they came out with (in the second half).”

Newman said the game does give the team confidence.

“Yeah it definitely does. We know that we could’ve had that game,” Newman said. “We have the potential.”

For Fenton, it’s a matter of finding out why the team’s second halves are so much stronger than their first halves this season. Just about 24 hours earlier, the Tigers trailed Swartz Creek 3-0 late in the second half, before answering back with four goals.

“It’s getting to the point where we are trying to go hard in the first half, we are trying to get our warm-ups faster so we can go out the first half like we do the second half,” Costigan said.

Late goals spark Tigers’ victory over Swartz Creek, 4-3

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Matt Sullivan called it “the most exciting finish in Fenton soccer history.”

He might be right considering the hole the Fenton girls varsity squad dug themselves out of on Wednesday.

Trailing by three, the Tigers scored four goals in the final 17 minutes against Swartz Creek to hold their slim Metro League title hopes alive, winning a 4-3 home contest.

“We had constant pressure but we just couldn’t finish until the end,” Sul- livan said. “Sometimes it’s better to be lucky than good, and we had a little luck in the last 17 minutes. Our girls never panicked. We played tight and not to lose in the first 60 minutes, and it showed. It was a lot like the first Linden game, and we have to correct that before the state tournament.

Trailing 3-0, the goals that gave the Tigers the unlikely victory were provided by Brianna Costigan, Chloe Foor, Kaleigh Keyandwy and Brennan Sullivan. Costigan assisted two of the goals, while Allison Calkoszewski and Riley Moore had one each.

Creek took a 1-0 lead in the first half and eventually led 3-0 in the sec- ond half. Casey Alleslie, Haylee John- son and Bristol Murphy had goals for Creek.

Fenton (6-1, 9-3-3) needs to win its last two Metro League contests against

Lake Fenton’s Kaleigh Keyandwy (front) dribbles with the ball during the Tigers’ 3-2 win against Lake Fenton. Keyandwy scored a goal in the Tigers’ 4-3 victory against Swartz Creek on Wednesday. The Lake Fenton player in the background is Kaitlyn Begley.

Kearsley and Lapeer West, but also

must hope the Linden Eagles lose their last Metro contest on Monday against Swartz Creek to earn a share of the crown.

Fenton played Kearsley on Friday and travel to West on Monday.
Bronchos edge LF to earn spot in Flint title game

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The Holly varsity baseball team is headed to one of the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament championship games.

The Bronchos defeated the Lake Fenton Blue Devils 2-0 in what was a strong pitchers’ duel between Lake Fenton’s Logan Crisp and Holly’s Dave Eggleston.

Between the two hurlers, the teams managed just five hits, and despite being the losing pitcher, Crisp allowed just two of those five hits. Still, Holly managed the victory by scoring a single run in the first and then another run in the fourth to earn the victory. The game’s only RBI was provided by, probably rightfully so, one of the hurlers, Eggleston had it.

“They are pretty excited to be in the finals,” Holly coach Benny Jackson said. “It will be a big positive note to win it going in to the districts.”

“Drew’s effort was terrific. He pounded the strike zone all game.”

It was pitched well and played good defense, but we just couldn’t generate anything at the plate,” Lake Fenton coach Brad LaRowe said. “We only had runners in scoring position twice, and never had a runner reach third.”

Eggleston allowed just three hits and three walks while striking out eight. He tossed 106 pitches, 70 for strikes. And he threw first-pitch strikes to 19 of the 27 batters he faced. Crisp walked four and struck out two.

Holly will play either Mt. Morris or LakeVille in the title game at Flint’s Broome Park on Memorial Day. The Linden Eagles also earned a spot in one of the Greater Flint Baseball Tournament title games, and will also play a game on Memorial Day.

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Holly’s Drew Eggleston pitched a complete-game shutout against Lake Fenton on Wednesday.

Strong pitching leads Tigers to sweep of Clio Mustangs

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Clio — The Fenton varsity baseball team seems to be getting better by the week.

After a tough start to the season, the Tigers now find themselves near the .500 mark. And it seems the squad is doing it with some strong pitching and defense.

The Tigers got both of those things again at Clio on Wednesday, sweeping a doubleheader against the Mustangs 2-1 and 3-2 in eight innings.

In the opener, Jamie Castiglione continued his masterful season, tossing a complete-game three-hitter. He allowed just one run in the fourth inning.

The Tigers (7-7, 11-12) never trailed in the opening game, scoring the first run of the contest in the third inning. Zach Kostka collected a hit and scored on Chase Coselman’s RBI-single. Fenton led 1-0.

The lead grew to 2-0 in the fourth.

Landon Mikulenas singled and courtesy runner Kyle Eck advanced to third on a bunt and an error. Eck eventually scored on a wild pickoff throw to first. Fenton led 2-0. The Mustangs scored a run on a bases-loaded walk in the fourth, cutting the gap in half, but it hardly mattered against Castiglione, who continued to make Metro batters whisper, as he earned another complete-game victory. Clio hurler Jimmy Ziebro took the loss despite allowing just one earned run. He struck out five.

In the second game, it was another pitchers’ duel, this time against Fenton’s John Leaske and Clio’s Zach Takacs. Tied at 2, the Tigers broke the deadlock in the top of the eighth inning when Coselman singled, was sacrificed to second by Mikulenas and scored on Leaske’s RBI-single. Leaske was relieved in the eighth by Drew Garrison, who earned the save with a shutout inning of relief.

Lease’s bat got the game-winning run to score, but his pitching arm kept the Tigers in the game. He tossed seven innings of five-hit, four-walk and three-strike out ball. He allowed three of those walks in the first inning, but got out of the jam without allowing a run.

Fenton’s first run was scored in the first on an RBI-double by Mikulenas. Fenton upped the gap to 2-0 during the top of the third when Coselman, who doubled, scored on Mikulenas’ RBI-single. Clio scored two runs in the third, making it a tie ball game until the top of the eighth.

Mikulenas, Coselman and Kostka had two hits each in the second game.

If weather permits, the Tigers continue Metro action at home against Linden on Monday at 4 p.m.
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win streak to 16 games, with the victory. However, Clio did score first, collecting a run in the second inning on a walk and an RBI-single by Sabrina Sage. The Lady Mustangs led 1-0.

The Tigers answered back in the fourth inning. Katey Cairnduff tripled with one out and scored on Dori Carpenter’s ground out, tying the contest at 1-all.

Fenton’s offense wrapped up the victory in the fifth with five runs on five hits, a walk, a sacrifice and two Clio errors. The fifth inning started with Taylor Mowery’s infield single. Logan Carter sacrificed her to second, but a poor throw allowed Carter to be safe and moved Mowery to third. Carter stole second. An out later, Macie Keller came up with the key hit of the game. On the first pitch of the at bat she lined a two-run single to left, putting the Tigers up 3-1.

“I pretty much wanted to get my bat on the ball because I’ve been popping up a lot lately,” Keller said.

“Hands down, I was looking for my pitch. And when I saw it, I got it.”

The inning didn’t stop with Keller’s single. Cowger walked and Emma Brant had a bunt single. An out later, Carpenter reached base on an error, allowing three more runs to score.

“At the start, Cowger was masterful on the mound, setting Clio down in order in each of the first three innings. During that spurt, the Tigers took the early lead. Carter doubled and eventually scored on a batted ball by Sabrina Cleis that was mishandled. Carter ended up advancing from second to home on the play, putting the Tigers up 1-0.

Just like Fenton did in the opening game, the Mustangs tied it back up with a run in the fourth on an RBI-single by Clio starting hurler Paige Montague. Then, during the top of the sixth, Clio scored two runs off of three hits and a sacrifice. The key shot was a Montague two-run single, putting the Mustangs up 3-1.

Fenton tried to battle back. In the bottom of the sixth, Cairnduff reached on an error, and eventually scored on Carter’s RBI-ground out. The lead was cut to 3-2. In the seventh with two out, Cowger singled, Brant walked and both ended up at second and third. However, the game ended with a strike out.

Fenton stranded seven runners in the second game, including four at third base.

Cowger struck out seven while taking the loss.

The loss also ended the Tigers’ 16-game winning streak. Fenton returns back to Metro action on Monday with a home doubleheader against Linden at 4 p.m.

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half. But once they started scoring again, there was no stopping the Eagles, scoring four in the final 9-41. The final goal was provided by Alia Frederick on a free kick attempt right at the ending buzzer. Frederick hit the top right corner of the net.

Sophomore Katie Wilkowski continued her strong season by scoring three first-half goals, helping spark the early lead.

“It means a lot,” Wilkowski said about the co-title. “We’ve worked so hard all year. It’s been a great year. We all have fun, want to work and we want the title really bad.”

Frederick finished the contest with two goals, while Elizabeth Walterhouse, Emily Waltrip, Erica Freeman and Tesa Walterhouse had a goal each. Maddie Zayan had two assists, while Brenna Howard, Jessie Magalski, Holscher and Walterhouse had an assist each.

The Eagles (11-3-3) dominated play, throughout the night.

“We were a little slow to the ball, but other than that, we played off of each other and shot a billion balls,” Ford said.

“We got what we could get in and came out with the win.”

“We all get along really well and we work well on the field together;” Holscher said. “I think that shows in our game. Off the field, we are really close.”

Even with the big win, Fiebennitz is still looking for the Eagles to show that little extra something to place the team in the “special” category.

“I’ll be honest. I was a little disappointed with the leadership and disapp-
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It’s the 1800s for Tomek-Eastern

All three second-grade Fenton Tomek-Eastern classes were able to get a taste of school life in the 1800s on Wednesday. They used slate-and-chalk to write, classroom decorum was stricter and no computers were used. Here, Yvonne Duncan’s class parades through downtown Fenton, many students dressed to participate.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

NO MORE MONEY for the city of Detroit. They made their bed, let them sleep in it.

I GET A kick out of the conservatives. Everything that happened during Bush’s administration was Clinton’s fault. Everything that happened during Obama’s administration was Obama’s fault. I guess Mr. Bush didn’t do anything wrong.

REGARDING THE PARKING by that new restaurant, it’s not all public parking for the person who thought it was. Some of that belongs to the church and evidently, you don’t live near there trying to get away from you people who are drinking and pulling out in front of us who are just trying to get home.

WHERE DO THE Obama bashers think Obama should hold his fundraisers? In a soup kitchen?

The Fenton Lions would like to thank V.G.’s, Wal-Mart, Stevens Furniture, and YOU, the community, for being so generous during our 50th annual White Cane Drive! All proceeds go directly back into the community and we appreciate every donation we received!
Social News

ENGAGEMENT

SUCHOWESKY-WALKER
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Walker of Fenton, Michigan, announce the engagement of their son, LCpl. James Walker to Kaitleen Suchowesky, daughter of Russell and Tina Suchowesky of Hartland, Michigan. Both are graduates of Hartland High School. The future bride is a graduate of the Brighton Institute of Cosmetology with a specialty in Aesthetics. The future groom is serving in the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The wedding is to be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on May 31, 2014. The couple will be living in North Carolina.

ANNIVERSARY

WILSONS CELEBRATE 65TH ANNIVERSARY
Robert and Joyce Wilson of Linden celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 4, 2014 at Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth. Wilson and the former Joyce Walker of Flint were married at the Flint Oak Methodist Church on May 6, 1949. They have three children: Tim (Jan) Wilson of Tecumseh, Steve (Patti) Wilson of Swartz Creek and Ann Marie (Tony) Magalski of Gaines. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

THIS WEEK’S INSERTS

- 4 Seasons Outdoors
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HOT LINE CONTINUED
CANCELED CHARTER TV and phone to escape their high prices after they twice wouldn’t deal. I am now getting mail, email and calls daily to come back, annoying me greatly. Their marketing people are schmucks.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY five people on Common Core review panels. Not one was a K–3 classroom teacher or early childhood professional. No parents. K–12 educators were brought in after the fact only to tweak, endorse and legitimize.

IT’S CALLED PERSPECTIVE — Under the watchful eyes of George W. Bush, 11 U.S. Embassies were attacked resulting in 53 deaths and 90 injuries and nothing was ever said. So get off the Bengazi thing. Under Obama, only two embassies have been attacked.

I ALSO LOVE my gas-guzzling SUV and have a burn permit, but have a good non-union job. Who cares if you vote Democrat or Republican? Just enjoy life.

THE PRETTIEST SPRING flower garden is at the corner of First and Howard. LATELY, WHEN I’VE been backing out of a parking place, people either walk or drive behind my car. They can see my car very clearly, because they are going forward. I don’t have the same visibility. Please be aware of this fact.

I FIND IT hilarious how one minute people are complaining about snow, and the next week they are complaining about the rain. This is Michigan. We already know how the weather works. Shut up already.

I HAVE A small amount of sympathy for servers. Yes, some people tip poorly or not at all, but you signed up for the bad, along with the good. My server friends make quadruple, if not more, than I do working a full-time job.

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than substance, but there have been several new technology improvements since those earliest models.

The newest Roomba, the 880, shares the same futuristic style of earlier models, but cleans floors better than many uprights or canisters, according to a recent review in The New York Times.

“I had the first one that came out,” said Carolyn Fortier of Tyrone Township. “I bought it on QVC.” Paying $300 for it, she bought it to scoot under beds and other places her home’s central vacuum couldn’t reach, as well as to keep up with cat hair from her family’s four feline pets.

She found the battery life to be a serious flaw of that early model although today’s newest Roomba models have more long-lasting rechargeable battery power.

Jane Somers of Fenton Township had asked for a Roomba as a gift from her husband and for the most part is happy with it. “It has its pluses and minuses, especially if you have an expectation that it’s going to do all the work for you. It’s not effortless. You have to do some prep in the room before you use it, like moving small pieces of furniture, picking up rugs, etc.”

She uses her Roomba mostly in the kitchen, to pick up small crumbs on the floor and to clean under the beds. “I don’t use it for major cleaning projects,” she said. “It’s more for small pick-up jobs.”

Equipped with infrared sensors, today’s models will canvass floors, get into corners and can be automatically set to start at a pre-programmed time. It can move between rooms without assistance, and its “lighthouse virtual wall” feature creates its own boundaries.

In today’s marketplace, Roomba now has competition from other robotic vacuums, including the Neato BotVac Robot Vacuum 85 from Neato Robotics. Models start at $479 with a medium price of $599.

The Roomba’s newest model, the 880, is priced at $700, with older models, like the 760, priced at about $450. Another competitor, the LG Hom-Bot Square LA790R, is priced at $800.

The Roomba 760 earned a 90 percent overall rating from Consumers Report, followed by LG’s rating of 79 percent and Neato’s 66 percent.

Whatever their differences, they all offer the fun of being a “spectator sport” — advancing, charging and circling around as they pick up dirt from the floor. If you have a cat or dog, you can even have more fun with it, watching your pet try to interact with it.

“I found it was kind of like having an annoying pet at home,” said Fortier, with a laugh. Now we know why many robot vacuum cleaner owners actually do name their electronic pet.

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Meet John Wentworth

By Sally Rummel
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John Wentworth, 41, is one of the area’s top-producing Realtors, with his own team, the John Wentworth Group at REMAX Platinum in Fenton. While he’s known for selling waterfront property, his team actually sold one more off-the-water property than waterfront last year. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children, Christian, 14, Wentworth’s son from a previous marriage; Rocco, 4 and Dahlia, 3. They live on Lake Fenton, where they enjoy all kinds of sports as a family.

How long have you been selling real estate? I’ve always had an interest in real estate, and even flipped houses for a while, but didn’t start my career until seven years ago, at the market’s worst possible time. I figured that the market had nothing to do with how well I was going to do. There were still houses being bought and sold and it was up to me to do my best and work hard. I learned early on that you have to create business; you can’t just sit by and wait for the phone to ring.

What did you do before your real estate career? I had played hockey in high school and got scholarships to play at the college level. But when I was a senior at Grand Blanc High School, I went to Sports Creek Raceway in Swartz Creek and decided right then that I wanted to train horses instead of go to college. I ended up driving and training standardbred horses in Ottawa, Canada, living there for eight months of the year and coming home for four months. I ended up being one of the leading drivers/trainers in North America. After awhile, it became more difficult to be gone from my family so I came back to Michigan and started in real estate. I spent a couple of years flat broke, there’s no doubt about it.

Do you ever look back and wish you were working with horses again or playing hockey? No, because I’m an all-or-nothing person. Whatever I’m doing at the time gets 110 percent of my attention. That’s why I’ve usually been successful at what I do. Nobody works harder than I do, when I put my mind to it. I’m definitely driven. Now I’m all out for real estate, and expect I will be for quite awhile. I’ve got to mention my team, too. I’ve got two administrators, one marketing and design professional and six buyers’ agents. I handle all the selling, negotiating and marketing of properties. I have no idea how many hours a week I work, but it’s a lot.

Do people perceive you a certain way because of your success in the real estate field? I can’t speak for how others look at me. I have to do certain things, like dress professionally and market myself, because I have a job to do. I’m not an arrogant person, but putting my face on a billboard is one of the things I have to do to market myself and my team. Real estate is a job like any other — it has its ups and downs, its fun times and its sad times. But ultimately, it’s just a job. There’s no one deal that will make or break it for me.

What event in your life has really meant something special to you? Getting involved with church, and being baptized in April last year with my son, Christian. I was invited to attend the St. John’s Men’s Retreat last year and that’s how I got started going to church. That hadn’t been a part of my life until now, and it means a lot to me.

Do you find any time for fun in your busy schedule? For me, fun is just getting home and being with my family. I’m fortunate to be able to schedule my work around our kids’ schedules. I don’t have to miss any activities. Jennifer and I also get away a couple of times a year, especially when business slows down in December and January.

How did you and Jennifer meet? Believe it or not, match.com. We were engaged in six months and married within a year. Jennifer is great; I couldn’t do what I do without her.

Anything else about yourself? I plan to write a book. It will be about my life and struggles and how I overcame them.
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