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ONLINE COMMENTS

“Six days isn’t time enough to buy booze?
Fenton council caters to every special interest group there is. What about the other 99 percent of us who don’t want silly new laws?”

“How can there be such a thing as inheritance tax? I already paid taxes on the money when I earned it. More illogical government mandates that confiscate our money.”

“Bikers, is it really worth risking your life to listen to music? Wake up and wise up, I almost hit you.”

“Detroit is looted by Democrats for decades and now tax-payers have to pony up \$195 million to fund union pensions? Where were you when I lost my GM pension?”

“ ” **HOT LINE OF THE WEEK**

“Highway signs in construction zones read ‘Injure/kill a worker, \$15,000 fine, 15 years in jail.’ That means the state thinks the fine is more of a deterrent than jail time. Go figure.”

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Semi crashes into building at Times complex

► Driver believed to have had heart attack

By Sharon Stone

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Fenton — Employees working in the front office of the south building of the Tri-County Times complex Thursday morning were in disbelief when they saw a semi roll past the front window, with inches to spare, and crash into the arched entryway.

At 11:51 a.m., Fenton police, fire and STAT EMS responded to the office building on Fenway Drive in Fenton

See SEMI on 7A

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Employees of Rockman & Sons Publishing and Allied Media assist the driver of the semi truck that crashed into their office building on Fenway Drive Thursday morning. Officials believe the 77-year-old driver from C&J Trucking in Warren, suffered a heart attack while behind the wheel, causing the collision.



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Elmer Schupbach, 88, reminisces about his military service with other veterans at the Fenton VFW Wednesday. Schupbach served 195 consecutive days in battle in Europe during World War II.

Veterans reflect on assimilating back into civilian life

► Vietnam veterans pushed for better treatment of younger soldiers

By William Axford

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Fenton — Elmer Schupbach and Gerald Hawkins may be decades apart in terms of age and military service, but life for the two veterans has ran along parallel lines. For Schupbach, military service included fighting in France, Belgium

See VETERANS on 8A

Does downtown need its own PR person?

► DDA mulls full-time Main Street director position, nixing New Moon Visions

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Downtown is growing to the point that Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Mike Burns feels that it’s time to consider a full-time position, solely for marketing and outreach of downtown businesses and events.

This person would replace most of the services New Moon Visions (NMV) out of Brighton currently handles, to the tune of \$62,100 for fiscal year 2014. Burns

See PR PERSON on 6A

‘Putting in’ by Memorial Day

► Late spring has marinas running hard to prep boats in time for holiday weekend

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton Twp. — The pickup truck flexes a bit as the motor for the 22-foot Mastercraft boat roared, belly on a trailer, as it is being readied, “summerized” for its owner.

Curtis Holden, Action Water Sports mechanic, throttles the motor, while mechanic Brad Rising takes it out on a test run on Lake Fenton. In the next dock over, Linda and George Dyball launch their pontoon.

See MARINAS on 8A

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Action Water Sports mechanics Curtis Holden and Brad Rising prep a boat for a customer at the Lake Fenton public access on Wednesday.





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At 5:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, Fenton police responded to an apartment complex near Silver Parkway and Silver Lake Road to investigate a complaint. A caller said a young man was pounding loudly on doors on the third floor. Upon arrival, police officers spotted a male matching the description of the suspect and asked what he was doing. The male, identified as a 19-year-old Byron resident, said he was trying to wake up a relative in one of the apartments. While speaking with the teen, police saw him holding a mason jar containing marijuana and paraphernalia. He was arrested for possession of marijuana and has a June 16 court date.

TIRES STOLEN

The Genesee County Sheriff's Department is investigating a larceny complaint filed by an auto dealership on North Road in Fenton Township. Sometime during last weekend, May 17-18, tires were stolen from four vehicles parked on

See **POLICE** on 11A

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Reporter William Axford gazes dubiously at the Taco Bell waffle taco, which proved to be the most challenging of his fast food breakfast selections.



FAST FOOD BREAKFAST

The good, the tasty and the downright criminal

By William Axford

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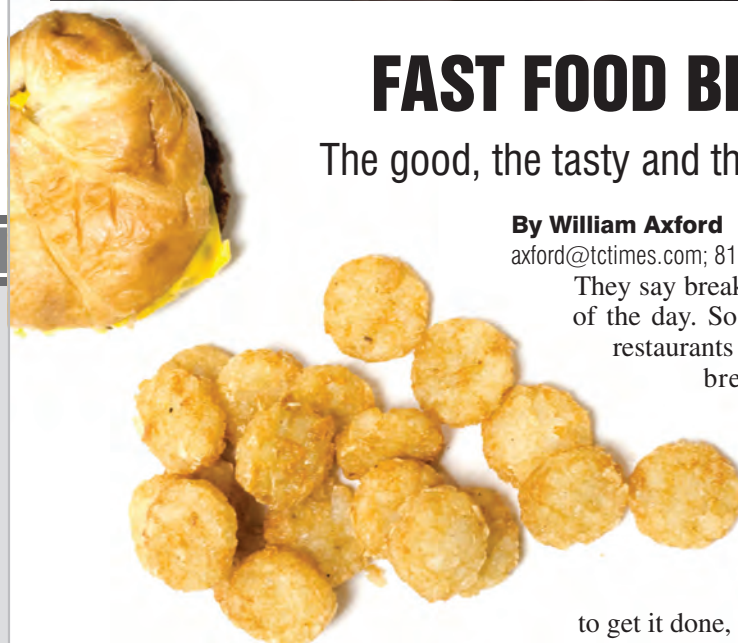
They say breakfast is the most important meal of the day. So important that many fast food restaurants are scrambling to start a new breakfast menu or revamp the one they have. Taco Bell is the newest member of the breakfast club, followed by Subway, Burger King and McDonald's.

During mornings of too much to do and too little time to get it done, a fast food breakfast may be the only option. Here's a review of four breakfast food items that can be found right here in Fenton and their affects on this reporter.

Waffle Taco from Taco Bell — As a connoisseur of gas station hotdogs and bottom-shelf alcohol, I like to think my stomach can endure far too much punishment. I learned the hard way this week that Taco Bell's breakfast food is indeed far too much punishment for one stomach.

The Waffle Taco seems innocent enough — a waffle

See **BREAKFAST** on 14A



“Avoid the Waffle Taco at all costs. Or better yet, learn how to cook your own breakfast. It'll probably be better than fast food.”

William Axford

Reporter, fast food breakfast critic

Are you a side-sleeper?

► **Certain sleeping positions are healthier than others**

By Hannah Ball

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Sleeping — our escape from the world and what many look forward to the moment they wake — may be hurting you, specifically the position you sleep in.

Mid-Michigan Sleep Center doctor George Zureikat M.D. said the best position to sleep in is “whatever is most comfortable” and that it varies based on medical conditions and body types.

The three most important curves in your body to consider are in the lower back, middle of the back, and ear to the neck, according to Dr. Oz's website. To cater to these curves, try these sleeping positions.

Sleeping Beauty

Also called the fetus position, a person sleeps on the side, back slightly curled with bent knees and folded arms. This is the healthiest and most common position to sleep in, according to Dr. Oz, because it caters to the natural curvature of the spine. For added comfort, place a pillow between your knees, or stretch your arms out front. Sleeping on the left

See **SLEEP** on 11A



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How you sleep reveals a lot about you. According to The Better Sleep Council, 41 percent of its sleep study participants slept in the “Sleeping Beauty” position.



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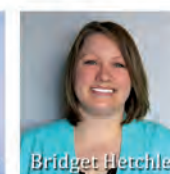
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Why downtown matters

Anyone who reads the Times Hot lines is aware that there have been quite a few people complaining recently about the parking availability in downtown Fenton since the new restaurant opened.

That is good news. Why? Because no single attribute is more critical to the future of a municipality than a viable, eye-pleasing and vibrant downtown. The complaints about parking are clear and conclusive evidence that Fenton's downtown is on its way back after a nearly half-century absence.

I believe that a downtown, a really good downtown, is the only aspect of a municipality that engages all five of our physical senses — sight, smell, hearing, taste and feel — in ways that nothing else does. When you have the fundamental elements that engage these senses, and they are utilized correctly,

you have the nucleus to create a successful downtown. You can't buy them. Either you have these fundamentals or you don't. Fenton has them, we just haven't been leveraging them — until now.

Sight: Few things are as comforting as the solid, brick and mortar downtown structures of yesteryear. We have the nucleus of these in the form of Dibbleville and the Community Center. We just need to leverage their use better. More quaint retailers and less service businesses.

Sound: Children's cries of delight in a park take us back to our carefree childhood. Mothers chatting on benches is a soothing drone. And the sound of water rushing over the Millpond dam is Mother Nature at her finest.

Smell: Between the Laundry, the Fire Hall and Crust, the mouth-watering

aroma of various foods being prepared permanently permeates the area. The Thursday Farmers Market is a cornucopia of sight, sound and smell.

Taste: Including the venerable and timeless Fenton Hotel, we have four fabulous food venues within walking distance of downtown Fenton. Café Aroma and Sagano's opening in the new Cornerstone building will be the icing on the downtown cake.

Feel: This is the most critical element. A pedestrian-friendly downtown must exude a sense of nostalgia and romance, a sense of security (it feels safe to wander about), a sense of curiosity (the desire to explore), and the most intangible, a sense of home (envy of the citizens fortunate enough to live there). In today's world, many of us feel victimized by being forced into an ever-faster world of stress, dominated by a technologically demanding existence. It seems as if there is never enough time. As a source

of relief from this ever-increasing mental and physical pressure, it is only natural that we would desire a brief escape to a simpler, quieter, slower environment — reminiscent of yesteryear — that provides a temporary reprieve from our hectic day-to-day routines.

As the song says, 'We had it all,' we just hadn't been using it — until now. We should all be thankful to the volunteer members of the Fenton DDA for their efforts. I, for one, am very grateful. A final thought. Dump the inane 'Be Closer' tag line.

We have completely wasted a quarter million dollars on this nonsense. We can do better.

As for the Hot lines, keep them coming. They provide a voice for the complimenters as well as the complainers. We, as residents, are the community. It belongs to us. We should have a voice in its future.

See you downtown.

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Hot lines

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HEY, I AM one of those folks who talk about the 'good ole days.' So, I am going to tell you how far back I want to go — to 2008, before Obama.

SO FENTON TOWNSHIP is finally making the trailer park on Ponemah remove two trailers — only 63 to go. This park is such a slum. The roofs are so thin you can count the trusses from space on Google Earth. It's time for a full inspection of the park.

TO THE BUSY-bodies of the Lake Fenton Orchards Association, I will not stop feeding the birds. Thank you for your concern.

SO NOW THE King wants Obama to intervene in the free market to 'protect' consumers? If Obama is for government intervention it's 'big government' and too much 'regulation' and when he lets the free market work he's not 'protecting consumers.' Oh, you're the 'King' all right! King of rank hypocrisy!

TRUE, AMERICA DOES have the highest nominal federal corporate tax-rate in the world: 35 percent. Problem is the tax code is written so that no company actually pays that amount.

Between loopholes, subsidies, bailouts and offshore banking diversions, many companies — like GE — even have a negative tax rate.

I THINK IT'S funny how the Republican talking points have gone away from Obamacare since it is working, and on to Hillary having a head injury that they originally claimed she faked so she wouldn't have to testify about Benghazi. They are desperate.

I LOVE THE 'Democrat war deaths' post. Kennedy did not want the Vietnam War, Johnson and Nixon did. Obama — Afghanistan? Yeah, he started that one. Right.

SINCE EVERYONE COMPLAINS about the Democrats and Republicans, perhaps everyone should try Independent candidates. Quit being a follower by voting for only one of two parties, and be a leader by educating yourself and voting for the right person.

I CAN'T WAIT until it is no longer necessary for 'news' organizations to exploit the fact that a person has 'come out' or is marrying someone of the same gender just for ratings. Who cares?

DIRT NEEDS TO fill the peninsula at the mill pond downtown or sadly we will lose that huge tree.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE the art everywhere around town — so excited to see new art going up again this year.

PARKING FARTHER AWAY from the

front door of any business is a great way to burn a few extra calories. Take in the fresh air and smell of fresh flowers. You might enjoy it.

WE ALSO ENJOYED the live music while we did our grocery shopping.

HAS A HOT line ever changed your opinion on anything?

BEST OBAMA BUMPER sticker ever 'somewhere in Kenya a village is missing its idiot.'

IT WOULD TAKE all of five seconds to slow down or move over for active people on the road. Your trucks kick up dirt and rocks that hurt!

MY PARENTS SAY you are judged by the company you keep. The Democrats and the global warming crowd are best friends forever with the Hollywood crowd. Ergo, everyone knows Hollywood is the epicenter of illusions, special effects, smoke and mirrors. Do you see the obvious? My parents are right.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY FROM high school administration with the 'prank' damage the seniors caused. Appalling behavior from the students, who are adults. Sickening, the bond passes, and the powers that be in the high school turn a blind eye to the conduct of the graduating class.

DEAR CITY COUNCIL, we do need to sell alcohol on Sunday. In a free country, we ought not restrict one's personal freedoms simply because that person

can exercise them the other six days of the week. Some people work Monday through Saturday and Sunday is their only day off.

I ALMOST FELL out of my chair when I read the King's desperate attempt to pin cable monopolies on Obama. Cable companies have had local monopolies long before Obama came into office. It's local towns and municipalities that contract with these companies, not the federal government. Have you no shame?

JOHN CONYERS is a senile fool addicted to power. Now he wants to change a law because he is too incompetent to follow it. What a hypocrite. Good ride.

PRESIDENT OBAMA probably would like to see the King dethroned for being one of the few in the media that actually tells the truth about him. Keep writing, we'll keep reading.

I LOOKED UP the definition of hypocrite in Webster's Dictionary. It showed a photo of a Kenyan.

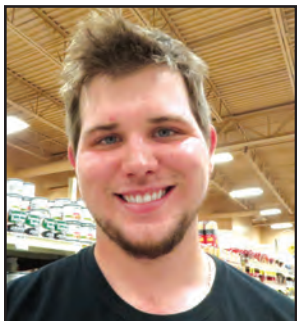
AREN'T ROBO CALLS to cell phones illegal? I have a limited number of minutes and receive half a dozen of these calls each day. Can someone tell me how to stop them?

THE KING COLUMN once again exposed what a liar and hypocrite our president is. Money talks and Obama walks, if you get what I'm saying.

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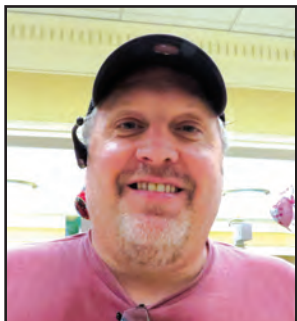
Compiled by Hannah Ball, intern

What's your biggest pet peeve?



"Rush hour traffic. People that are always in a rush in general."

— Alec Schwartz
Fenton



"People who can't tell the truth."

— John Miller
Fenton



"People who don't stop before the sidewalk while driving Silver Parkway. It's dangerous."

— Kristie Carino
Fenton Township



"My biggest pet peeve is people driving slow in the passing lane."

— Tonya Brown
Grand Blanc



"People who leave their animals in a hot vehicle, especially now that it's summer."

— Tommie Stone
Fenton



"Bad drivers. It just ticks me off."

— Austin Nash
Fenton Township

streettalk

Local college student grateful for studying abroad

► \$15,000 for a 'life-changing' experience

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Welsh people do not like being called British, and people in London have American-themed parties centered on red Solo cups, hamburgers, and the American flag.

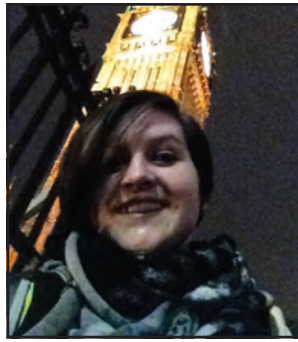
Courtney Matlock, 20, of Gaines, was in London for 10 weeks, studying textiles and apparels (fashion), where she learned these facts.

In the U.S., Matlock is a senior at Western Michigan University, majoring in Textile and Apparel Studies. She studied abroad for a semester at Regents University in London and took four classes overseas: Accessory Design, Trend Forecasting, Buying, and Styling, and learned much first-hand experience about London culture and different nationalities.

"Everyone was so friendly. My classes had a lot of wealthy people in them," Matlock said. "I had no idea that Regents University was this big prestigious thing. There were Porsches pulling up outside main campus all the time."

Although the program took place in London, the city is a melting pot of different nationalities. Matlock said she met one person from London and the rest were from different countries.

"A lot of the people that you meet,



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Courtney Matlock met people from Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, India, Italy, Brazil, the Middle East and Africa during 10 weeks of studying abroad.

their native language isn't English, but they learn it with an English accent," Matlock said. Her favorite accents were the thick British accents.

"Liverpool or Welsh, where you can barely understand them. On the big football enthusiasts, it's hilarious," Matlock said. "Hearing Welsh is the weirdest thing in the whole world because it sounds like weird, garbled English that isn't English."

The hardest aspect of London was adjusting to the time difference, but other than that, Matlock said everything was awesome, especially the markets and transportation. One of her favorite aspects was the weekend markets that carry every kind of food. She found using the tube, (subway system), and buses very accessible.

"There's always at least one person who's falling asleep on the night bus, and one time it was me," Matlock said.

Matlock's four classes for 12 credits, plus housing cost \$11,000, but the entire trip ended up costing around \$15,000. Classes were four-and-a-half-hour sessions, but rarely lasted that long. Matlock enjoyed Britain's proximity to other countries.

"Something you can only get in Europe is that on a moment's notice, you can just dart to a different county in two hours or less. Hop on a plane and you're somewhere else," Matlock said. "They think of going on vacation in way different places than we do, like Turkey or Iceland."

Even though the trip cost \$15,000, Matlock said the experience was worth it. "It was life-changing. I love London. I want to live there but it's super expensive. Everyone was super friendly," Matlock said.

Fenton woman dies from motorcycle crash injuries

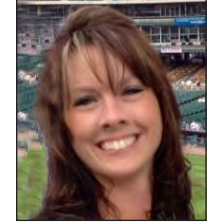
Kimberly Gail Anderson, 37, of Fenton died on May 20 from injuries she sustained in a motorcycle crash at 1:57 a.m. on May 18 in Springfield Township.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office reports that Anderson lost control of the 1998 Yamaha TW motorcycle she was driving on Scenic Valley Drive near Big Lake in Springfield Township.

Sustaining head injuries, Star EMS transported her to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township where she was initially listed in critical condition.

She was not wearing a helmet, and alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash, however, the crash remains under investigation.

Temrowski Family Funeral Home in Fenton is handling her funeral arrangements.



Kimberly Anderson

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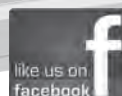


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added that NMV puts in more than the 612 hours for which they bill the city, and provide exemplary service. But, "it is really time to reorganize how the DDA district promotes itself," he said.

In 2010, the city hired NMV to handle a myriad of tasks including all the downtown advertising and outreach. They spearheaded the teal and copper welcome signs and the "Fenton Be Closer" campaign, which includes the website and billboards.

But Burns believes that less money could be spent on an in-house person, while some graphic design work may still

be done by NMV, and get more service hours for the money.

He asked the DDA board to consider two actions — applying for the Main Street Program, and hire a staff member to specifically handle promotions, merchant outreach and event planning. Burns would still handle the administrative work for the DDA as executive director.

The Main Street director would replace most of what NMV does with outreach, and Burns admitted that wasn't in his skill set. He added that

additional savings would be realized when this staffer would also handle PR for the Streetscape project next year.

Another reason for a Main Street director is that one is required to be part of the Michigan Main Street program.

The Michigan Main Street (MMS) program according to its website "is a community-driven, comprehensive strategy that encourages economic development through

historic preservation in ways that are appropriate for today's marketplace."

The program utilizes four points —

“It is really time to reorganize how the DDA district promotes itself.”

Mike Burns
DDA executive director



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design, economic restructuring, promotion and organization to enhance main streets in Michigan. There are more than 30 communities in Michigan utilizing the program, including Grand Blanc and Flint.

This is something the DDA has considered since 2004. Burns said the Fenton DDA already utilizes strategies laid out by the MMS, but a full-time Main Street director is required to be part of the program.

The salary for the job would be \$30,000, and includes a laundry list of responsibilities, and at least a bachelor's degree.

The board as a whole wasn't convinced another staff member was needed.

The \$30,000 salary was a point of concern for DDA member Terry Green, who said this would essentially let the city hire someone fresh out of college — not a seasoned, experienced professional.

Doran Kasper wasn't sure there's a need for a new full-time employee, if NMV is doing a great job already.

Chris Baird suggested that someone from MMS visit the DDA to talk about the program.

Eventually the topic was tabled, but Burns said that if not now, the board would need a full-time director in the future because of all the developments happening downtown.

The Cornerstone building, community center addition, Fenton Fire Hall and eventually the streetscape, to him, signal Fenton returning to more of a traditional downtown, again.

ABOUT FENTON'S DDA

The Fenton Downtown Development Authority is run by the DDA board, and includes a chairperson and treasurer. The assistant city manager, Mike Burns executes actions the board has decided, and offers ideas on which the board can vote. The DDA does not take money from the city budget; it captures taxes from the state specific for downtown development use, funds projects, and even shares revenue with the city.

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Fenton police, firefighters and emergency responders work to remove the semi-truck that crashed into the south building of the Times complex shortly before noon on Thursday.

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on a report of a semi crashing into the front of the building. The driver of the semi, a 77-year-old Warren resident, was unconscious, possibly from having a heart attack.

Employees of the businesses assisted with removing the unconscious driver from the damaged and still running truck.

Within minutes, STAT EMS was on site and transported the driver to the ICU at Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township.

The driver's grandson said he and his grandfather work together every day and were driving up from Warren to a business on Alloy Drive to pick up a load for their semi truck. Missing the turn,

his grandfather pulled into the driveway just south of the Times complex to turn around.

The grandson was behind the truck, guiding his grandfather as he turned the truck around when the grandfather apparently suffered a heart attack. The semi truck, with the driver passed out at the wheel, then crossed from Parker Propane property onto the Times complex and crashed into the building, narrowly missing a bulk propane tank at the adjacent property.

Woody's Towing pulled the semi out from underneath the front entrance as police and city officials assessed the building for structural damage. No other injuries were reported.

At press time the driver was listed in critical condition at Genesys Health Park.

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Emergency responders place the semi-truck driver into an ambulance within minutes after the accident. The man was last listed in critical condition at Genesys Health Park.

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MARINAS

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Meanwhile, Lake Ponemah Marina owner Dana Ceresia vacuums a 24-foot Avalon pontoon, which was recently bought by a repeat customer. They wipe down and vacuum all boats before they are put in. She said they had 30 more boats to get into the water by this weekend — this pontoon was due by 5:30 p.m. White's landing has 45 to put in. The phone is ringing off the hook at Skipper Bud's on Lake Fenton.

If your boat is in the water for Memorial Day weekend, you won a contest both owners, and marina operators raced this week — getting hundreds of boats unwrapped, running and in the water for the unofficial kickoff to summer, in a much shorter time period than usual.

Marinas and boat owners had a unique challenge because of the weather this year. Combine winter breaking late, 4 inches of rain and an early Memorial Day weekend closed the normal window of four weeks to get boats ready, to two weeks. This was the busiest week of them all.

The extra 4 inches of rainfall also submerged many docks, making it impossible to moor to them until the water level receded.

Often the marinas are installing docks for customers before delivering boats, which they couldn't do until the levels went back down.

Kevin Watkins of White's Landing said they are "absolutely slammed," and laughed when asked how many boats had to be prepped and put in the water by the weekend. "Can do, or should do," he asked. Normally by May 1, he is halfway done with the boats that need to be put in.

Depending on logistics, they had around 45 to get ready for the weekend, and 100 total. Somewhere between one to six hours for each, the time it takes depends on whether the boat is being delivered, or if it needs service.

“Nobody wanted their boat ‘til the last minute this year, and they wanted it yesterday.”

Kevin Watkins
White's Landing



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Lake Ponemah Marina owner Dana Ceresia vacuums a new Avalon pontoon Wednesday, before being delivered to a customer. Most of her clients have pontoons, and her crew has 30 to do between Wednesday and Saturday.

"Nobody wanted their boat 'til the last minute this year and they wanted it yesterday. That's what backed up everybody," said Watkins. He doesn't blame them, though.

The other problem for marinas, is it's human nature to procrastinate. Watkins said no one wants to take their boat when it's cold out. As soon as it hits 80 degrees and sunny, most want their boats right away, despite his request for a two-week notice. Watkins said they can deliver six or seven boats in a day, even working until 9 p.m.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | WILLIAM AXFORD

(From left) Fred Boettge, Elmer Schupbach and Gerald Hawkins pose outside of the Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243. Schupbach and Hawkins are holding enlistment photos of themselves from when they started their military service.

VETERANS

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and Germany during World War II, liberating concentration camps and fighting Nazis. Hawkins' service consisted of touring through Vietnam and battling the Vietcong.

Both men fought different wars, on the battlefield and back at home. Where Schupbach's generation of veterans were received as heroes after returning from Europe, Hawkins' generation of soldiers faced a wholly different reception.

"We had a lot of turmoil back then with Kent State, Woodstock and the draft," said Hawkins, who served in the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1967. "I was spit on in Chicago. I was proud of my Marine Corps uniform and they called me a baby killer."

Reception back into civilian life was dramatically different for veterans who have fought after the Korean War. The poor reception of Vietnam soldiers back into civilian life during the 1960s and 1970s pushed veterans of Hawkins generation to ensure veterans in following wars and conflicts are treated respectfully.

“Memorial Day for any soldier, in general, is like Christmas.”

Mary Dunkley
Desert Storm veteran

According to the Department of Veteran Affairs, Michigan has more than 700,000 living veterans and 3,217 veterans buried in national cemeteries around the state.

Holidays like Memorial Day are times that Hawkins emphasizes his creed to improve the lives of other veterans.

"I honor every one of our dead soldiers by helping living veterans and their families," Hawkins said. "People look at VFWs as a time for card

playing, beer drinking and swapping war stories. But we are veterans of foreign wars and we're helping other veterans and their families."

And, the efforts of veterans like Hawkins has indeed made life better for veterans who have served in conflicts since Vietnam. Veterans like Mary Dunkley, who served active duty with the Marine Corps from 1987 to 1993 during the height of Desert Storm, has seen public attitudes toward veterans continually improve, albeit some work still needs to be done. Dunkley said veterans coming back from the Middle East weren't disrespected but weren't celebrated either.

"We were treated somewhere between how Vietnam vets were treated to Iraq vets," Dunkley said. "Getting used to being back takes time, especially after so many years of active duty. All of a sudden you're a civilian again."

Dunkley still stays close to the military with her husband serving as a lieutenant in the Army National Guard. With a son joining the Air Force by the end of summer, celebrations like Memorial Day mean quite a bit to military families like Dunkley's.

"Memorial Day for any soldier in general is like Christmas. It's very emotional, everyone walks a little taller," Dunkley said. "It's a 'make sure the flag is hung' and uniforms are worn, day."

For those interested in meeting local veterans and hearing more stories of military services, Hawkins encourages the public to come visit the Curtis-Wolverton VFW Post 3243 Monday, located at 1148 North LeRoy Street in Fenton.

"As a soldier, I personally wish more people would appreciate Memorial Day a little more. It's not just the kick start of summer," Dunkley said. "There's a lot of emotion involved with the day."

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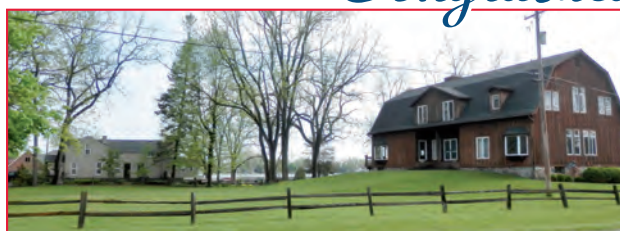
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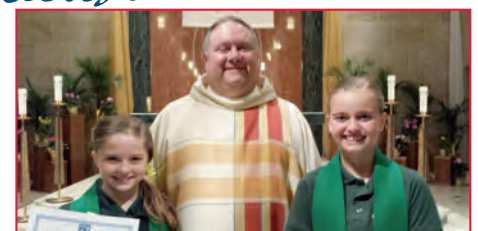
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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
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MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released on Friday, May 16.

Senate Bill 817: Reduce student test results portion of teacher rating criteria

To reduce the percentage of a teacher's "effectiveness" evaluation that must be based on student progress as measured by state test data from 50 percent to 40 percent, and delay implementation until the 2017-2018 school year. This is related to a 2011 law basing school employment decisions on these ratings. Introduced by Sen. John Pappageorge (R).

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County:

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson R-Genesee County:

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 481: Repeal licensure mandate on foresters

To repeal a licensure mandate imposed on foresters, and eliminate a state "Board of Foresters" comprised political appointees who establish educational and experience requirements for foresters. Introduced by Sen. Mark Jansen (R).

Passed 24 to 14 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich D-Genesee County:

☐ YES ☒ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson R-Genesee County:

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 862: Allow alcohol at Michigan Stadium international soccer game

To allow the sale of alcohol at the University of Michigan football stadium in Ann Arbor during a potential soccer game in August 2014 between the Manchester United and Real Madrid international soccer teams. Introduced by Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker (R).

Passed 105 to 5 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 612: Trim mandated barber license instruction hours

To reduce from 2,000 to 1,800 the hours of instruction at a "licensed barber college" that an individual must accumulate before he or she is allowed by the state to earn a living at this trade. Also, to add new license restrictions and requirements for a barber whose experience was gained in a county that state agency staffers regard as not having "generally available" records. Introduced by Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D).

Passed 106 to 3 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5389: Permit nursing home feeding assistance

To allow a nursing home to employ a trained person to provide feeding assistance to a resident who does not have complicated feeding problems, under the supervision of a nurse, and with consent of the resident or resident's representative. Introduced by Rep. Paul D. Clemente (D).

Passed 93 to 16 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves R-Argentine Twp. voted:

☒ YES ☐ NO

SLEEP

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sidehelpsreducehighbloodpressure,andsleeping on the right helps prevents kidney stones.

According to The Better Sleep Council, people who sleep in this position have a tough exterior, are sensitive and shy, but warm up quickly.

Dead Man's Float

A person lies prone on the stomach, head turned to the side, and arms under the pillow. According to Dr. Oz, this position hyper-flexes the neck, exerts unnecessary pressure on the underside of the arms and breasts, and compresses the lungs, which prevents a full deep breath.

To fix the hyper-flex of the neck, ditch the head pillow and use a long pillow under the entire body, or use a pillow under the hips.

The Better Sleep Council reports these people to be brash, outgoing, and uncomfortable with criticism.

The Soldier

A person sleeps on his or her back. Dr. Oz suggests placing a pillow under the knees and under the lower back.

"If you have sleep apnea, usually it's worse on your back," Zureikat said, add-

ing that this position is best for babies. The Better Sleep Council said people who sleep in this position are quiet and set high personal standards

“The most important thing is that sleep is a necessity.”

George Zureikat M.D.
Mid-Michigan Sleep Center

"The most important thing is that sleep is a necessity," Zureikat said. "You just need to sleep your hours. Most need eight hours." Adults need eight hours of sleep on average, and teenagers require about nine hours.

"People think that with four hours of sleep, you can do anything," Zureikat said. "But the more sleep you have, you have more brain power."

QUICK FACTS

From The Better Sleep Council

- **49 percent** of American adults feel they do not get enough sleep
- **82 percent** of American adults find one extra hour of sleep valuable
- **65 percent** of Americans get seven or more hours of sleep on weekends
- **41 percent** of sleep study participants slept in the "Sleeping Beauty" position
- **7 percent** of sleep study participants slept in the "Dead Man's Float" position
- **8 percent** of sleep study participants slept in the "Soldier" position

POLICE

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the property. The suspects propped up the vehicles using wood blocks. Deputies recovered a bag of wood blocks as evidence. Dep. Geno Gaticka estimates damage at more than \$2,500. This larceny is similar to one recently in Vienna Township and investigators are following up.

BOAT MOTOR STOLEN

On Monday, May 19, deputies with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department received a larceny complaint from a business in the 15000 block of North Road in Fenton Township. Dep. Geno Gaticka said the business reported that someone stole a boat motor from the property sometime last weekend.

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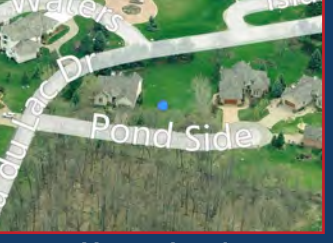


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BREAKFAST

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wrap topped off with sausage, cheese and scrambled eggs. Unfortunately, the waffle tastes like cardboard, the sausage smells of chemicals and the eggs add nothing to the breakfast sandwich. I tried dousing it with syrup but it wasn't enough to mask the awfulness of the waffle. Ten minutes after ingestion, I wondered why I ate it. It took more than an hour for my stomach to settle and even then, my body did not feel right for the rest of the day.

The Waffle Taco is terrible and it is cruel to serve to human beings. Do. Not. Eat.

Bacon, egg and cheese on a flatbread from Subway — Breakfast food on a flatbread is surprisingly good. Instead of dealing with greasy buns that fall apart with each bite, Subway's dry flatbread is perfect for scarfing down breakfast staples like eggs, cheese and bacon. Like Subway's regular sandwiches, you



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In the end, the company that boasts "eat fresh" won as the freshest breakfast option tested by William Axford.

can customize your breakfast wrap with vegetables, ingredients not usually associated with breakfast sandwiches from fast food (I opted for spinach, green peppers and pickles).

The most surprising part of Subway's breakfast food is how good their eggs are compared to other fast food places. No, the egg wasn't as good as self-cooked or diner eggs, but it didn't make me regret getting breakfast from a place known for foot-long sandwiches. The wrap was light but filling and didn't make me feel like regretting my life after eating it (I'm looking at you Waffle Taco).

If you're getting breakfast from a fast food place, Subway is the way to go. A good, non-greasy wrap that comes with a few options for vegetables.

Sausage, Egg and Cheese Croissan'wich from Burger King

— In an attempt to capture the imagery of fresh French bread with an American taste, Burger King signature breakfast sandwich isn't exquisite but yet, isn't terrible. Slightly too greasy and lacking a wholly unique taste, the Croissan'wich is exactly what you'd expect for a breakfast sandwich from a fast food restaurant. I wouldn't be able to eat it every day — I'd probably develop serious gastrointestinal problems eating it twice in a row. But if you're looking for something to soak up your insides after a hard night out or genuinely like fast food breakfast, the Croissan'wich isn't a bad way to go.

Sausage Egg McMuffin, McDonald's — Say what you will about McDonald's burgers, their breakfast is on point and delicious. The Sausage Egg McMuffin is filling, delicious and probably terrible for you, health-wise. The sausage and egg are greasy but the English muffin keeps your fingers dry. The hash brown is great too. The McMuffin is great for breakfast if you're looking to fill up from last night's activities or if you won't be eating again well into the evening. Be warned though you'll feel a bit heavy after eating it, so if your mornings consist of lots of physical activities, it may be best to skip this breakfast sandwich.

Overall, Subway and McDonald's are the best options for fast food breakfast in my opinion. Burger King is OK but not great. Taco Bell has a long way to go.

Nutritional value of each sandwich

Waffle Taco — Taco Bell
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Cholesterol 115 mg

Bacon, egg and cheese wrap — Subway
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Cholesterol 240 mg

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SOCCER

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A Who says there is no scoring in soccer? Liverpool tied AC Milan 3-3, and then won by penalty kicks, 3-2 in Europe's club title game.

GOLF DISTRICTS

Linden at Metamora Country Club

The Eagles won the Division 2 district championship with a 328, easily beating second-place Goodrich by 19 strokes.

Zach Sutika led the Eagles with a 76, while Alec Bond carded an 81. Tyler Ziccardi shot an 85, while Trevor Sundra shot an 86. Linden's final competitor was Dylan Elmer who shot an 88.

Fenton at Bald Mountain Golf Course

Fenton placed fifth in the district, earning a spot in the regional tourney.

Fenton shot a 312, 10 strokes behind district champion Oxford.

Fenton was paced by John Lloyd's one-over-par 72, while Anthony Flannery carded a 76. Max Martin netted an 81, while Jack Berry had an 83.

Holly at Heather Highlands

The Bronchos tied for second, qualifying for regionals with a 326, one stroke out of first.

Kyle VanBoemel placed fourth with a 76, while Parker Rowse had an 82. Mitchell Hughes netted an 83, while Kyle Pepper had an 85.

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INSIDE SPORTS:
THE CHAMPIONS
Lake Fenton wins third straight GAC red crown



Tri-County track teams garner league titles

►Fenton girls break 10-year dryspell with Metro crown

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity girls track team finished the Metro season undefeated.

So the Tigers knew all they had to do was take care of business at Wednesday's Metro League meet to capture their first title since 2004. They did just that, convincingly so.

Fenton scored 282 points, easily winning the Metro meet.

The Tigers captured firsts in seven of the 17 events, and had 16 top-three individual performance, dominating the meet. Linden placed third overall with three events firsts. Holly was fourth overall with three event titles.

"We have been working hard all season so that we could bring home a championship," Fenton coach Todd Mills said. "The seniors kept the girls focused on the prize. We knew we had a very good chance and we decided to make a few changes in the lineup to help score us a few more points. ... We had so many people improve and score points for us this year — it was

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(Above) Holly's Evan Renusch took third in the high jump at the Metro League meet on Wednesday. The Holly boys won the meet and the overall title. (Right) Ellen Sage (front) and Emily Bemis (back) were two key Fenton performers in the Tigers' winning of the Metro meet and the overall league title.



►Holly boys capture second straight championship

By David Troppens

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Holly varsity boys head track coach Rich Brinker doesn't subscribe to the theory that track is an individual sport.

The Bronchos went undefeated during the dual portion of the season, but several of those participants that made the perfect dual season possible weren't around on Wednesday at the Metro track meet at Brandon High School.

So, he knew his team would have to find a way for others to step up if they wanted to win the Metro crown outright.

The Bronchos did just that, capturing the meet with 308 points, easily outdistancing Flint Kearsley's second-place total of 194 points, to capture the outright Metro title.

"We are a completely different team than we were earlier in the season," Brinker said. "This is a tribute to the guys. I stole something from (ex-Holly coach) Rob (Basydlo). I told them not to run for yourself, but to run for the team.

See **HOLLY** on 18A

Fenton edges Holly, takes Metro crown

By David Troppens

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For 29 straight years the Holly varsity girls tennis team captured Metro crowns.

But in recent years the Bronchos have been challenged as the top team in the Metro.

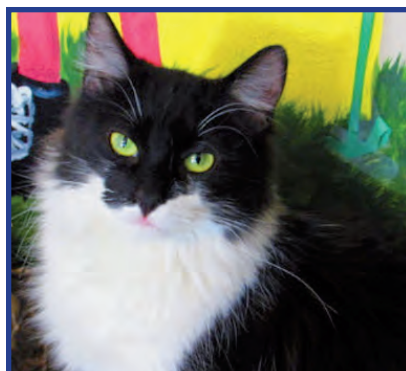
And that "other team" earned another point to their argument on Wednesday. For the second time in three years the Fenton varsity girls tennis team are Metro League champions. The Tigers actually won fewer flights than

Holly (5-3), but none of Fenton's flights took worse than third place, allowing the Tigers, who also are regional champions this season, to capture the Metro crown by a 27-25 score. The squads tied in a dual earlier this season.

"Holly won the title 29 straight years, and any team can have a slip up and lose,

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Fenton won its second Metro title in three years on Wednesday.



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Fenton softball captures outright Metro crown

By David Troppens

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Fenton — It seems every season the Fenton varsity softball team is a threat to win a Metro League crown.

But the last two seasons the Swartz Creek Dragons have kept them from the title, capturing it during those two years.

On Wednesday, the Tigers got a chance to get a little revenge.

Needing a doubleheader sweep to lock up an outright Metro League title, the Tigers crushed Swartz Creek 4-1 and 11-0 to earn their first outright crown since 2007, and their first time earning at least a share of the championship, when they shared the title with Kearsley and Lapeer West.

The Tigers (14-2, 32-4) locked up the crown despite fielding a squad with just two seniors — Dori Carpenter and Ellie Cowger.

“It feels so good because every year we’ve been so close to winning the Metro League,” Carpenter said. “So this year, to finish it out as a senior, I get that Metro League championship at least once. It’s a cool feeling. I’m glad I get the feeling at least once.”

“We worked really hard all year and a lot of the same girls have been playing together for awhile,” Cowger said. “To finally come together and win a championship is really exciting. Now, we have to

look forward to the postseason.”

The Tigers looked a little nervous at the start of the game, allowing a run to score on an error and a couple of wild pitches. However, Cowger walked, stole two bases and scored on Carpenter’s two-strike single to center in the bottom of the first. The seniors had tied the game at 1-all for Fenton and never trailed again.

“That first inning was kind of scary,” Carpenter said. “I think what we were doing was thinking about it too much. ... We know how to win and we were thinking about it too much. ... We loosened up after that first inning.”

In the fourth, the Tigers took the lead for good. Macie Keller singled, and got to third on a stolen base and a throwing error. Paige Dean followed with an RBI-double. Fenton led 2-1.

In the fifth, the squad scored two more runs. Rachel Siekierski and Logan Carter collected back-to-back RBI-singles, putting the Tigers up 4-1. The hits scored Katey Cairnduff, who doubled, and Carpenter, who reached base safely on a fielder’s choice bunt.

The run support was plenty for Dean, who tossed a three-hitter, while walking two and striking out six.

The Tigers’ bats crushed Creek quickly in the second game, scoring three runs in the first and second innings to help lock up



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Fenton celebrates after winning the first game of its doubleheader against Swartz Creek on Wednesday.

the outright championship.

Cowger set the tone by hitting an infield single, stealing two bases and scoring on Cairnduff’s RBI-fielder’s choice grounder which got no one out. Carpenter walked and Cairnduff scored on Siekierski’s single. An out later, Macie Keller provided a two-out RBI-single. Fenton led 3-0.

In the second inning, Brenna Hatch, Cowger singled and both scored on Emma Brant’s Two-run single. She moved to third on the play and scored on an error off a batted ball from Cairnduff’s bat. Fenton led 6-0.

The Tigers made the 10-run mercy rule come into effect with one more run in the fourth and four in the fifth. In the fourth,

Hatch was hit by a pitch, stole second and third and scored on Cowger’s ground out. In the fifth, Carpenter singled and Siekierski doubled. Keller followed with a single, loading the bases. Taylor Mowery and Hatch responded with back-to-back two-run singles.

Cowger assured the game went only five innings by tossing a two-hitter, while striking out five.

“This is huge for our program,” Fenton coach Stefanie Roberts said. “Any time you have a winning program, it draws interest into your program. This is what we’ve been trying to do is build a solid varsity, JV, freshman and eighth-grade squad, so this is good for us.”

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GIRLS

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a team effort. It has taken us 10 years to get back to the top. I hope we keep the motivation to remain there.”

Fenton’s top performer was Ellen Sage. Sage captured three event firsts, winning the 100 (12.68), the 200 (26.33) and the 400 (1:00.95).

The Tigers were dominant with their sprinters in the relays. The 800 relay team of Bemis, Tori Chapin, Hannah Sage and Nina Lombardi took the top spot (1:48.45), while the 1,600 relay of Bemis, Kinser, Jenna Keiser and Emily Battaglia also earned a first (4:17.48). Finally, the 3,200 relay team of Bemis, Torrey Christopher, Battaglia and Keiser took a first (10:29.80).

There was one more individual first. Stiles won the long jump (17-4). Earning top-three individual performances for Fenton were: Stiles, second in the 100 (12.73); Hannah Sage, second in the 200 (26.76) and third in the 100 (12.85); Bemis, second in the 400 (1:02.85); Kinser, second in the 400 (1:03.36); Jenna Keiser, second in the 800 (2:28.75); Christopher, third in the 800 (2:31.34), third in the 1,600 (5:30.77) and third in the 3,200 (12:29.20); Lidia Dedivanaj, third in the 100 hurdles (17.28); and Tori Chapin, second in the pole vault (10-6).

Linden had one relay and two individuals earn firsts. The winning relay was the 400 relay team of Jordanah Martinsen, Miranda Greene, Samantha Greene and Bella Blank (51.90).

The individuals earning firsts were Sydney Elmer in the 800 (2:28.44) and Savannah Ferrara in the 3,200 (12:10.86). Linden individuals earning a second were: Elmer in the 1,600 (5:25.34), Rebecca McDonald in the 100 hurdles (15.16) and Breyanna Tur-



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Linden’s Sydney Elmer (front) won the 800 run at the Metro League meet, while Fenton’s Torrey Christopher (left) placed third. The Fenton Tigers won the meet and won the league title. Linden placed third.

nipseed in the 300 hurdles (50.00).

Holly had two champions in field events. Emily Alvaredo won the discus (109-10), while Allyssa Copley won the shot put (28-0 1/2). Maggie Schneider took the top spot in the 1,600 (5:18.67).

Two Bronchos earned third-place efforts. They were Alvaredo in the shot put (33-1) and Adrienne Cheff in the discus (97-0).

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Third straight title for LF softball

By David Troppens
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Lake Fenton — It was an emotional day for the Lake Fenton varsity softball team.

In between games of a doubleheader against Durand, the Blue Devils held their senior day, honoring their six players who will soon graduate. There were a lot of good stories, a lot of laughs and a lot of tears, talking about the memories over the last four seasons.

But before the day was over, the Blue Devils gave those seniors one more memory — a third straight Genesee Area Conference Red Division title.

The Blue Devils swept Durand 13-3 and 16-5, earning the squad their third straight GAC crown.

“It is so exciting, especially because it’s the senior year,” said Kayla Ward. “I wanted it so bad. I’m so excited for my whole team and everyone.

“(Being a part of this team for four years) means the world. We’ve all become like a family, and with every year it just becomes stronger. We keep getting closer every year, like sisters. It’s great.”

“It is an amazing feeling,” fellow senior Alexis Melton said. “It’s awesome. These girls are awesome.

“We’ve done it with hard work and communication. We are girls, so we get stubborn sometimes, but we always manage to work it out. We always seem to talk it out, do our best and connect our team together.”

Lake Fenton started the twinbill a little jittery, allowing three runs in the top of the first inning of the first game, but took the lead for good during a seven-run fourth. The inning started with a Melton walk and a Taylor Sheyachich walk. Sydney Sheyachich followed with an RBI-single, and Sidney Christianson followed with an RBI-fielder’s choice grounder that got no one out. Allison Petts was hit by a pitch, loading the bases for starting pitcher Kim Roe. Roe hit the first pitch over the left-field fence for a grand slam home run. She also homered on a first pitch in the third. Lake Fenton led 8-3.

“I really like to attack the ball, so as soon as I like a pitch I think I can hit, I hit it,” Roe said. “Even if it is a ball. It can be a ball and you can still hit it.”

A five-run sixth ended the game with the mercy rule. During the stanza, the Blue Devils used two hits, a walk, a hit batter, and two errors to end the game.

Roe was the winning pitcher, tossing the complete game. The first victory assured at least a co-title.

In the second game, Lake Fenton (19-

3) broke open a 2-2 tie with a five-run second. The big hit was Melody Draeger RBI-single which scored two runs due to an outfield error. Ward followed with an RBI-single, and two batters later Taylor Sheyachich had the second big hit of the inning, a two-run double.

Durand cut the gap to 7-5 by the time the Railroaders were retired in the top of the fourth, but Lake Fenton scored two in the bottom of the fourth and six in the bottom of the fifth to ice the victory.

In the fourth, Draeger singled, Melton doubled and Sheyachich had her third straight run-producing hit with a single. Whittaker grounded out next, but drove in Melton.

In the fifth, Sydney Sheyachich singled and Christianson walked. Petts and Roe followed with RBI-singles. Draeger and Ward walked, forcing in another run, and Melton hit a two-run single. Two outs later, Sydney Sheyachich ended the game with an RBI-single, giving the Blue Devils their outright league title.

Lake Fenton’s five seniors are Melton, Taylor Sheyachich, Whittaker,



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Lake Fenton’s Patricia Whittaker slides into third base during the Blue Devils’ doubleheader sweep of Durand Thursday. The twinbill sweep earned Lake Fenton its third straight GAC Red Division title.

Christianson and Ward.

“I think we’ve had success (this year) because we’ve been working so hard, doing so well and we are clicking together,” Ward said. “It’s all coming together for us.

“I’m really proud of my team. I’m excited about what we’ve accomplished, and I’m excited about going farther.”

Roe is a junior, but has been around the

seniors for three years. She understands what they have meant to the program.

“We are such a good family. We have so much fun with each other and we happen to play softball too,” Roe said. “It’s great to be with them all the time.

“It’s going to be tough to lose five great seniors this year. They are a great part of our team and we love them.”

La Forza Soccer Club sets tryout date

Sign up for Travel Team tryouts on June 14

By Sally Rummel
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If your child is interested in playing competitive soccer, you’ll want to mark Saturday, June 14 on your calendar.

That’s the date of La Forza Soccer Club’s Travel Team Tryouts at Linden Free Methodist Church for this coming soccer season, which kicks-off this fall.

Tryouts will be taking place throughout the day, for teams in multiple skill levels. La Forza Soccer Club is the only club in the area with Mid West regional league level play. Kids from under age 8 up to under age 18 are invited to put their skills to the test for competitive travel play.

For detailed tryout times, visit www.laforzasoccer.com.

“We’re the largest travel club in the area,” said Director Mike Gilmour, who has watched the club grow in the six years of his leadership, from two travel teams to 36.

“We are dedicated to developing players ability, promoting fitness, self-confidence, fun, and team work for the youth in our community.”

Mike Gilmour
Director of La Forza Soccer Club

other staff coaches are educators and coaches from our local school systems.”

During its 20-year history, the goal of La Forza has always been to create a positive learning environment for players at all talent levels, while still maintaining the travel club’s competitive edge.

“We’re also affordable, costing our families substan-

tially less than other local travel clubs,” said Gilmour. The club’s 98 percent retention rate helps to show how this organization has made the soccer experience affordable and enjoyable for area soccer families.

During the winter, play is at The Colosseum of Fenton and Genesee Fieldhouse in Grand Blanc Township.

Founded in 1994 as a non-profit organization, the La Forza Soccer Club has evolved into its status today as the premier club for competitive play. With the introduction this year of La Forza Youth Academy, La Forza Soccer Club now offers year-round travel soccer preparation for kids as young as ages 4 to 8 — all the way up to its College Showcase Preparation Program. This provides 16- to 18-year-olds with an opportunity to play in front of college coaches, with a possibility of team placement and/or scholarship.

Led by licensed, experienced and professional soccer coaches, the new La Forza Youth Academy emphasizes fun, sportsmanship and an appreciation for the world’s most popular sport.

The summer session is held Monday evenings from June 23 to July 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Linden Free Methodist Church. Interested parents can register their kids online, at a cost of only \$59.



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PREP REPORT

SOCCER

► **Fenton 1, Kearsley 0:** Carly Granger scored on a Brennan Sullivan assist in the first half, leading the Tigers to the win. Keepers Miranda Campbell and Abigail Quesnelle each had a save in net.

► **Lapeer West 4, Fenton 0:** Lapeer West scored three second-half goals, leading the squad to the victory.

► **Powers 7, Linden 0:** Ally Haran, Andrea Glubzinski and Sophia Dubiel had two goals each for Powers (14-0-2), leading the squad to a victory against Linden. Gabi Amato had a goal, while Morgan McKerchie had two assists. Heather Rolls earned the shutout in net for Powers.

HOLLY

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Today it's about points and places, not times. And the kids really performed. It was a total team effort."

Basydlo began the track season as the head varsity coach for both Holly programs, but resigned the position about two weeks ago.

The Bronchos only had three league champions, so it was the depth points that earned them the title. Events like the 800 run, where the Bronchos had runners place third through sixth, led the points charge toward victory.

"We put as many people in events as we could and tried to load up on points as much as possible," Brinker said. "And we had a lot of kids step up and get points. I told people going in it wouldn't be the firsts, but the sevenths and eighths that would make the difference."

Javon Barr won two of the Bronchos' titles. He captured the top spot in the 100 (11.28) and the 200 (23.14). Meanwhile, Nate Frasier took first in the 1,600 (4:31.90).

Others who left with individual top-three efforts were: Dino Vivanco, third in the 800 (2:03.48); Frasier, second in 3,200 (9:48.90); Dillon Lemond, second in the 1,600 (4:34.01), Ben Konopitski

in the discus (146-5); and Evan Rensch in the high jump (5-10).

The Linden Eagles, who tied Holly for the Metro title a year ago, took third at the meet, earning eight individual top-three efforts. Justin McKenzie tied a Metro meet record in the pole vault (15-0), earning that title. Meanwhile, Kyle Frederick had three strong showings, taking second in the 300 hurdles (41.10), third in the 110 hurdles (16.22) and third in the long jump (21-5).

Other Linden performers to place top three were Andy Roberts, second in the shot put (46-11); Kyle Korman, third in the shot put (46-0); Alex Kissel, second in the discus (147-11) and Charlie Gergel, third in the pole vault (12-0).

Fenton placed sixth at the meet and had one champion. Jacob Lee took the top spot in the 3,200 (9:42.58). Meanwhile, Dominic Dimambro placed third in the 1,600 (4:36.17).

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Holly's Dino Vivanco (front) and Fenton's Dominic Dimambro compete in a past meet. Vivanco placed third in the 800 at the Metro Meet on Wednesday, while Dimambro placed third in the 1,600.



PREP REPORT

SOFTBALL

► **Lake Fenton vs. Byron:** The Blue Devils used their bats to sweep Byron 12-1 and 11-0 in two games that went five innings on Tuesday. The Blue Devils had four home runs during the twinbill, led by Kayla Ward's three four-baggers. She had two in the opening game, driving in four runs, and had another in the final game. Overall, she was 5-for-7 with six RBI and five runs scored during the two games. Kim Roe, who was the winning pitcher in the opening game, had the other home run. She hit one in the second game during her 3-for-4 performance, which included three runs scored and three RBI. She also had two hits in the first game. In the opener, Lake Fenton had 16 hits, with Sydney Sheyachich having three of them, including two RBI. Roe, Melody Draeger, Ward and Alexis Melton had two hits each. On the mound, Roe tossed a two-hitter, striking out eight in five innings. In the second game, the Blue Devils collected 11 hits with Roe's three hits leading the squad. Ward also had two hits while Sheyachich netted two hits as well. Sheyachich was the winning pitcher, tossing a six-hitter, while striking out six.

BASEBALL

► **Holly vs. Goodrich:** The Bronchos had two strong pitching performances, and just enough offense to sweep Goodrich in a pair of 3-2 victories. In the opener, the Bronchos took the lead with a two-run sixth, scoring both of those runs on an Austin Jennings two-run double. On the mound, Kaleb Halteman tossed a seven-hitter, striking out one and walking just one. In the second game, the Bronchos had only four hits but still managed a victory with the help of three Goodrich errors and four walks. Tom O'Connor paced the offense with two hits, while Jennings walked three times. Adam Tooley and Drew Eggleston had hits and scored runs. On the mound, Jennings was the winning pitcher, allowing just two runs in the sixth before being relieved by Jackson Garber. Garber tossed the seventh and earned the save on just six pitches, all strikes.

► **Fenton vs. Gabriel Richard:** The Tigers won the first game 6-4, but lost the second by the same score. In the opener, Landon Mikulenas had three hits and two RBI, while Mac Hamilton and Chase Coselman had two hits each. Coselman was the winning pitcher as well, tossing a seven-hitter. In the nightcap, Coselman drove in three runs with a double and a home run. Drew Garrison had an RBI-single.

► **Linden JV vs. Fenton:** The two area foes split a doubleheader with Linden winning the first game 4-0 and Fenton the second 6-2. In the opener, Aaron Sarkon tossed a three-hitter, striking out six Fenton batters to earn the win. He also had three hits, including a double at the plate. In the nightcap, Linden had just two hits with Gabe Nosek tossing four innings and striking out five.

► **Linden JV vs. Lapeer West:** The Eagles swept West by identical 3-0 scores.

In the opening game, Lucas Marshall tossed a three-hitter, while striking out four to earn the win. At the plate, Cole Sarkon had two hits. In the second game, Chase Coleman tossed the shutout, striking out five and allowing just two hits. Ryker Rivera had two hits, including a three-run triple.

SOCCER

► **Lake Fenton 3, Holly 2:** Ashlyn Skidmore scored two goals and Melissa Williams had a goal and an assist, leading the Blue Devils to a victory against Holly. Brenna Beicher also had an assist, while Missy Eggleston (eight saves) and Emily Moore (four saves) combined for the victory in net. Holly's Ann Fetzer and Haley Hild scored goals. Michaela Luchow had 19 saves in net for Holly.

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CROWN

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but now that we have come back and won it again (for the second time in three years) says something about our team," Fenton coach Gary Ballard said. "Holly has a very strong team. And we are regional champions as well. We've had a good year."

Fenton took the top spot at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, as well as No. 4 doubles. Fenton's Maidson Ballard (No. 1) cruised to a Metro championship, defeating Holly's Natalie Clink in the finals. The Tigers also had Sydney Phipps capture the top spot at No. 2 singles. Finally, Fenton's No. 4 doubles team of Rachel Anderson and Kate Lewandowski captured a pivotal victory against Holly's team early in the tourney and eventually captured the flight title as well.

"They were down 4-3 in the third set and won 6-4," Ballard said. "That was a huge point swing."

Holly had five flight champs. Jenna Pepper (No. 3) defeated Fenton's Josie Foguth in the finals, while Lily Kossak (No. 4) also won in the title match.

The Bronchos dominated in doubles action. Carley Postma and Sydney Renahan (No. 1) defeated Fenton's Ashley Bearden and Hannah Horton in the finals, while Leah Moller and Chloe Reynolds (No. 2) defeated Fenton's Sylee Kiran and Abby Rachor. Finally, Katherine Skubic and Paige Reid also earned a Holly title at No. 3 doubles.

Where Fenton was strong was making sure all of their flights placed at least third. Corinne Beemer (No. 4 singles), and Sarah Wakefield and Katie Kurncz (No. 3 doubles) each took third, giving the Tigers vital points at every flight.

Both teams compete in the Division 2 state tournament on May 30 and 31.

TEST DRIVE EDITION

2014 Ram 1500: EcoDiesel V-6

►The Ram goes compression ignition

The battle for the wallets of mileage-minded haulers is joined by Chrysler, which is introducing the industry's first small-displacement, light-duty-pickup turbo-diesel engine. It's being marketed as— wait for it — the EcoDiesel.

According to a September 2013 article by Ron Sessions for Car and Driver magazine, the 3.0-liter EcoDiesel V-6 comes to these shores courtesy of VM Motori, a longtime Italian marine-diesel-engine builder and former affiliate of Fiat.

Ownership is now, interestingly enough, split 50/50 between Chrysler/Fiat and General Motors. Yes, GM, wrote Sessions. Industry sources tell

us that a version of the EcoDiesel was originally being developed for use in the Cadillac CTS.

Chrysler sees its 3.0-liter EcoDiesel V-6 as fulfilling an unmet demand in the full-size-pickup segment and as a complement to its V-6 and V-8 gas engines and the HD trucks' 6.7-liter Cummins turbo-diesel. Although final EPA estimates aren't available, Chrysler did announce that it expects highway fuel economy in the high 20s.

Driving Impressions

As with every other turbo-diesel, the EcoDiesel V-6's calling card is torque, and lots of it — in this case

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2014 GMC Sierra: Refined for work

“It should come as no surprise that when redesigning the GMC Sierra for 2014, General Motors made it a tougher, stronger truck than before.”

By Derek Price
Green Shoot Media

Cue the gravel-voiced announcers and pictures of the Sierra climbing mountains and pulling oceanliners.

What's weird about it, though, is just how refined GMC managed to

make it at the same time.

This is a truck that's now capable of towing up to 12,000 pounds — while still technically being classified as a “light duty” pickup, if you can believe it — yet it rides with the quiet serenity of a family car when you're cruising down the highway.

To be clear, the fresh Sierra is designed first and foremost to do more work. I love the rugged simplicity of steps that are carved into the rear bumper and the cargo tie-down system that's standard equipment. I also love the fact that you can get it with a 420-horsepower, 450-foot-pound V8 engine.

But what strikes me the most about this new truck is how it can be so

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hard-edged and tough in some ways while being so soft and supple in others.

It's like wearing silk work gloves.

Consider the rear tailgate, for example. For decades, anyone who has dropped the tailgate has heard a loud, clunky "thud" as it slams down under its own weight.

But the Sierra's mechanism has a soft, slow closing motion that sets the tailgate down gently if you drop it. I've only seen that kind of tailgate on one other truck — an extremely expensive Lexus luxury SUV — so it puts the new GM trucks in rarefied air.

It's a little thing, yes. But a long list of those little things makes the Sierra stand out.

The doors are set lower in the frame, like a car, and triple-sealed to keep out wind noise. The side mirrors and tailgate are designed to reduce turbulence. And the suspension is designed to be more smooth and comfortable than ever, something noticeable even on my test truck that was equipped with the Z71 off-road package.



GREENSHOOT MEDIA

The GMC Sierra is all-new for 2014, making it more refined and powerful than ever before.

It has all the obligatory tech upgrades of new cars, including GM's latest IntelliLink system with a big digital touchscreen and iPhone-style icon layout. And the cabin sets a new standard for full-size trucks, with lots of soft materials and the kind of tight construction and classy finishes that used to be the exclusive domain of passenger cars.

It's hard to find much to complain about in a brilliantly re-engineered

pickup, but I do think it could benefit from a more envelope-pushing body style. The squared-off shape just doesn't look as progressive as the rest of the truck feels.

Overall, though, GMC has done something magical with the new Sierra. It's a truck that brings a soft, comfortable touch to big, tough jobs, and that's a fun thing to experience from the driver's seat.

RAM

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420 lb-ft, available from 2000 rpm. Car and Driver experts drove on- and off-road north of Los Angeles in a well-equipped Ram 1500 rear-wheel-drive crew cab with mid-level Lone Star trim. The truck likely tipped the scales just shy of 6,000 pounds, yet the winsome combination of a wide-ratio eight-speed automatic transmission and generous low- and midrange grunt delivered ample acceleration and flexibility.

Sessions said that underhood, the variable-vane turbocharger does a good job of taming low-speed turbo lag. Even at part throttle, it was easy to make time on back roads or jockey for slots in the ebb and flow of suburban traffic. Chrysler claims the 3.0 EcoDiesel engine weighs only 50 more pounds than the Hemi V-8, which is light for a diesel. Keeping extra pounds out of the nose contributes to the EcoDiesel's feeling of agility, something the big-dog Cummins diesel in heavy-duty Rams can't claim. Even though the 6.7-liter Cummins in HD Rams offers 30,000 pounds of towing muscle, the EcoDiesel V-6 is still rated for a healthy 9,200 pounds.

The 3.0-liter EcoDiesel for now has the half-ton diesel market to itself, although Nissan has confirmed it will enter the fray with its next-gen Titan. (GM and Ford are content to sit it out, although GM had an engine ready to go before bankruptcy canceled the program.) Such trucks represent a new full-size-pickup sweet spot that combines respectable performance, hauling ability, and fuel economy barely attainable in smaller trucks just a few years ago.

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2014 Chevrolet Silverado: Stronger, Quieter

“You would think the novelty of driving a new truck would wear off eventually, but that doesn’t happen for me. Every time I drive a pickup, I’m blown away by just how far these machines have evolved.”

By Derek Price
Green Shoot Media

When I was a young child, my idea of pickups was molded by my grandpa’s old, white, rickety truck that was barely one step removed from a bulldozer on the automotive ladder. No A/C. No power windows. No automatic transmission. No nothin’.

It did its job beautifully, though, surviving a brutal life as a logging-industry workhorse in the thick pine forests of East Texas and eventually outlasting my grandpa. It took him on hunting trips and got his grandkids to the zoo faithfully to the end.

Fast-forward to today, and pickups have become so refined, comfortable and quiet that it’s hard to believe they’re related to pickups of the past.

The all-new Chevrolet Silverado is the perfect example. Not only is it more truck-like than ever before — with the requisite boost in towing and payload capacity that comes with each new generation of pickups — but it’s also the quietest truck I’ve ever driven.

In fact, a few weeks ago I had the chance to drive the new Silverado back-to-back with its competitors from Ram, Ford and Toyota, and it was the Chevy that had the quietest, most refined driving feel of them all.

That should come as no surprise, since the Chevy has the newest design. It’s been completely re-engineered from hood to hitch, as the Chevy reps like to say, and a big focus of the redesign was on making it as comfortable on the highway as a car.

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“After taking a luxed-up version of the 2014 Ford F-150, called the ‘Limited’ out for a spin, I was struck by two simple facts about it.”

By Derek Price
Green Shoot Media

The first is that it has the most comfortable seats I’ve ever experienced in a vehicle. The soft, plush seats in the Limited let you sink down into the cushions like they’re made of cotton candy — the closest I’ve ever felt to putting a La-Z-Boy recliner in a car.

The second is that, despite not being the newest truck on the block, the F-Series continues to sell like crazy.

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FORD

The Ford F-Series gets minor updates for 2014, but it remains the best-selling pickup in America.

F-150

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The F-150 is due for an overhaul soon after the Ram was redesigned for 2013 and General Motors' trucks — the GMC Sierra and Chevrolet Silverado — were both made fresh for 2014. Its toughest competition from a Japanese brand, the Toyota Tundra, was also given a thorough overhaul for the 2014 model year.

What's remarkable about the F-150 is that it's still a strong contender at the end of the current platform's lifespan. As 2013 wound to a close, the Ford F-Series continued to lead the sales race among full-size pickups.

A big reason for that is Ford's forward-thinking decision to put a four-cylinder turbocharged engine called the EcoBoost into its half-ton truck a couple of years ago. It's been a huge sales hit thanks to its combination of great gas mileage and impressive towing capability.

Other truck brands are following Ford's efficiency-minded lead this year. The new Ram EcoDiesel aims to save gas money, but it doesn't match the towing performance of the EcoBoost in this Ford.

In fact, when I drove the efficient Ram back-to-back with the efficient Ford in a towing comparison, the Ford had noticeably better acceleration under heavy loads.

Granted, the Ram is likely to get better gas mileage than the Ford and has the benefits of a diesel engine — like resale value and longevity — but from a strictly performance-based perspective, the F-150 looks great.

Changes for 2014 are relatively minor

while we wait for the new design that's lurking on the horizon.

Ford's bold, head-turning front end with high-intensity discharge headlights is now standard on XLT trim and higher levels. And for people who do a lot of towing, there's a nice new feature available: a power-telescoping and power-folding trailering mirror.

In addition, the FX appearance package gets a new grille, and 17-inch aluminum wheels with painted accents are now standard on XLT and STX models. And a new color called Marina Blue is available on the Limited models' leather seats, giving it a more custom, exclusive look.

Even bigger news is the addition of a new sport-truck model this year called the Tremor. With a short wheelbase and regular-cab layout, it has a more aggressive look than most trucks on the market and is designed more for performance and fun than work alone.

The FX appearance package on the Tremor makes use of one of today's hottest looks — flat black wheels and trim — along with graphics and special badges on the body. It's one of the most head-turning trucks on the road today.

In addition, the F-150 Raptor is still available for drivers who want the ultimate off-road performance from the factory. I drove a 2014 Raptor on an off-road course recently near San Antonio, Texas, and it's still in a class by itself. No other truck took the course with as much confidence or raw power as the Raptor, making steep hills, rough terrain and high-speed blasts through pasture land feel easy to tackle.

SILVERADO

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Silverado more slippery through the air.

A lot of improvements were aimed at making it a better work truck, too, like movable cargo tie-downs, LED lighting in the cargo area and steps carved into the rear bumper corners that make it easier to climb up into the bed.

Still, what makes the Silverado stand out is its carefully refined driving feel, something even noticeable on my task-oriented test truck.

The Silverado that Chevy brought me wasn't the fancy-pants High Country edition with embroidered seats and Cadillac-like gadgets, but instead it was more of a working man's truck with the Z71 off-road suspension package, four-wheel drive and rubber floor mats.

Even with that setup, it's still the quietest pickup I've ever driven. I like the fact



GM

The Chevrolet Silverado is more capable and refined than ever before, with a quieter cabin than its competitors after a complete redesign for 2014.

that Chevy quieted down all the versions of this new truck, not just the high-end, super-expensive ones.

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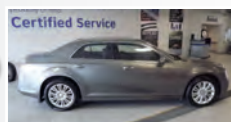


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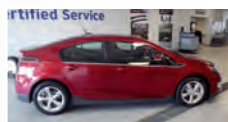


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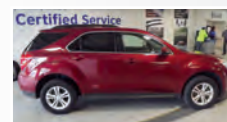
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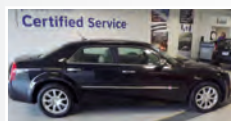
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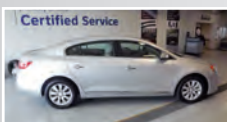
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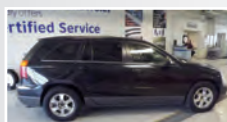
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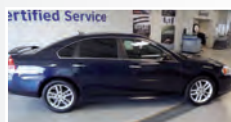
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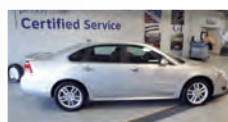
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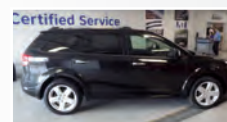
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