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“Yes, school buses really need to stop at all RR crossings! Would you like us to chance it and save a few cents on fuel with 60/70 kids on the bus in hopes that the red flashing lights work at all times when they're supposed to?”



“Any male can be a father. But any father who fails to be a dad, fails to be a man.”

“Need a graduation present? Print, roll up and black tie the '10 rules for college grads' June 1 TC Times article. Add it to your check and card.”

“A foreign lan-guage? I'd be happy if the schools would teach my child to read, write and speak the English language correctly.”

“What do you sup-pose MLK would think of a nation that twice elected a president based on the color of his skin, as opposed to the content of his character?”



HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“To the people who 'saved' several prime seats at Fenton's graduation with blankets, any seat not occupied by a body is available to those who arrive first. How could you possibly be so clueless?”

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HOT LINE**



City officials: Downtown Fenton has 1,200 parking spaces

► Summer to be first test of availability for residents and customers

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton—On Thursday, a perfect storm of activity hit downtown. Concerts in the Park, the Farmers Market and, of course, the Fenton Fire Hall's draw painted a real picture of a vibrant downtown.

“I just think it's kind of the 'artist's rendering' of downtown Fenton. We're excited to see it ourselves,” said Fire Hall co-owner Curt Catallo.

Not too long ago, skaters could long-board their way around the formerly empty fire station turned Fire Hall restaurant parking lot.

Today, the same lot behind the new restaurant is never empty. The lot is still public, though most of the 40 spots will be occupied by the restaurant's patrons.

See **PARKING on 9A**

WHERE ARE ALL THE PARKING SPACES?

Unless the lot is connected directly to a business, or otherwise marked by sign, it is public parking. There are 1,200 spots currently, and 14 more

See **SPACES on 8A**



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Downtown Fenton is steadily busy all day, but really picks up during peak restaurant hours. According to the city, there are more than 1,200 parking spaces, which may take a little searching to find. The top of the Fenton Fire Hall Kitchen and Taproom offers the best view of downtown Fenton.

Cash is king in today's real estate market

By Sally Rummel
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With strict lending standards and low inventory defining today's real estate market, many homebuyers are relying on the strength of their wallet to clinch the deal.

See
**Realtor
Pages
on 8B**

While Realty Trac reported that all-cash deals hit a record 43 percent of total home sales in the first quarter of 2014, realtors in the tri-county area report that cash sales are definitely higher than they've been, but

See **REAL ESTATE on 9A**

Municipalities slammed with sewer rate increases

► Linden to pass on costs to residents; Fenton city and township to absorb costs

By William Axford
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Residents and business owners in Linden will see their

sewer rates more than double during the next billing quarter.

The Genesee County Water and Waste (GCWW) is increasing its costs for water treatment to municipalities countywide, See **RATE on 14A**

Businesses line up to sell liquor on Sunday morning

► **Sellers:** Repeal of ban could bring thousands in revenue

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In Fenton, businesses are already taking advantage of the opportunity to sell alcohol Sunday mornings.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) has processed the city's resolution to allow liquor sales on Sunday morning, after Fenton City attorney Stephen Schultz sent the paperwork in last week.

The resolution repeals a previous law Fenton passed in 2010, which prohibited alcohol sales whether from a store



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Neil Asmaro of Locke's Party Shoppe checks out a customer on Thursday afternoon. His family business has applied for Sunday morning alcohol sales, and he hopes to be selling this week.

or restaurant. Linden allowed sales last October, also changing their position.

Several Fenton businesses have already applied to be able to sell on Sunday morning between the hours of 7 a.m. and noon, for a fee of \$160 paid to the state.

Matt and Terry's market at North and Torrey roads has an application submitted to the MLCC. Eric Remillard said they sent the application 10 days ago, when they heard the city had sent in their resolution.

At the work session where council discussed repealing the law, Jill Remillard said they probably lose up to around \$750 per Sunday, because customers are accustomed to being able to buy alcohol See **LIQUOR on 8A**

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Pride of ownership evident in

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\$129,900

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FENTON

11248 Ridgeview Trail

Saltbox Inspired Colonial located in prestigious Hills of Tyrone! Beautiful wooded lot. Quality features including wide Crown Molding & HW floors. Huge farmhouse kitchen w/pantries, HW floors, & tile countertops. Main level offers: LR w/natural fireplace, kitchen, study, FR, 1st floor laundry. Upper level features gallery overlooking kitchen, master suite w/private bath, his/her closets & 2 additional bedrooms & bath. Freshly painted & nicely maintained. Side Entry Garage. Daylight Basement w/high ceilings. Private Deck & yard, too.

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Home on Lobdell Lake w/beautiful views of the sunsets every night. Seawall & sandy beach ready for summer fun. Master suite w/view of the lake to wake up to, also master bath. Nice size living room. Dining room w/fireplace. Still time to enjoy the summer! Seller has installed a dry system in crawl that has a transferable warranty. Invisible fence & generator is included w/sale of house.

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SWARTZ CREEK

11203 Lennon Road

Come to the country

to see this sprawling ranch.

This 3 bedroom 2 bath home has over 1700 sq. ft. of living space including a firelit family room, living room, and convenient first floor laundry.

Home has neutral décor and all appliances stay.

All this and more on over 1 acre.

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Park sized lot, 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Grand older home in superior location in downtown Fenton. Offers beautiful woodwork, large rooms and nice high ceilings. 1st floor laundry, lots of storage and an enclosed front porch.

Well insulated attached garage with heat and workshop.

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NEW LISTINGS



BYRON

15353 Longfellow Drive

Just in time for summer fun!

This large 3 bedroom 3 bath ranch sits on over 1.5 acres.

Enjoy boating and swimming in Myers Lake during the day and beautiful sunsets in the evening. Lower level walk out comes with a full bath and kitchenette; great for entertaining.

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FENTON

859 Silver Lake Road

2 acres of commercially zoned property with excellent access to US 23.

Structure currently has 2 residential rentals and one commercial rental.

Lots of possibilities with some work.

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Police & Fire report

POLICE CRUISER REAR-ENDED — ALCOHOL SUSPECTED

Michigan State Police arrested a 23-year-old Fenton man after he rear-ended a Fenton police vehicle at 12:48 a.m. on Saturday, May 31 on the Owen Road overpass over U.S. 23. Lt. Jason Slater said the Fenton police officer was westbound in the inside lane traveling 37 miles per hour. Just as he was approaching the area of the southbound entrance ramp a Ford Focus, driven by the Fenton man rear-ended his Chevy Tahoe, pushing it into the left turn lane. The officer complained of neck and back pain and was transported to Genesys Health Park in Grand Blanc Township for treatment. He was released with minor injuries. Because a Fenton police officer was involved, state police took over the investigation. The at-fault driver, who was not injured, admitted to consuming alcohol prior the crash. The case remains under investigation and charges are pending.

See **POLICE on 11A**

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Behind the suds and scrubbing brushes

► More going on than you think for those 'workin' at the car wash'

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Being inside the tunnel of a car wash is like being inside the belly of a machine. Your vehicle is taken through two sets of "mitter" curtains, tire brushes, rocker panel and van brushes, seven cleaning product arches, and when you exit, your car sparkles again.

That's the experience of \$500,000 in equipment scrubbing, spraying and drying your vehicle, and hundreds more in chemicals to leave it sparkling.

Once a car leaves, it is hand-dried up front. Before it enters, the car is thoroughly sprayed down. On Tuesday afternoon, it was Jake Chom, son of owner Bob, who runs the business now.

In June, the business will handle around 2,500 cars — some of which are city vehicles. If you see a spotless Fenton police car, you have Fenton Kar Wash to credit.

While summer brings out the most detail work, winter is the busiest time of the year for washes, because of all the salt, said Chom. Tuesday afternoon, they went from cars lined up to



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Fenton Kar Wash employees Justin Tornow and Josh Spencer hand dry a vehicle Tuesday afternoon, as the customer hands Tornow a tip. While the weather is beautiful, the money is better in the winter when business doubles.

the street to a lull, to busy again.

Aside from the season, they are completely dependent on the weather. Any hint of rain, and understandably, customers stay away, and Chom will send everyone home and stay by him-

self. A week of rain is a week without money for a car wash.

The "tunnel" is busiest in the morning, lunchtime, and just after work, and also on clear weekends.

Including Chom, there are

three full-time employees and two part-time employees.

While customers hand them \$5, \$6 or \$8 for a wash, they may not realize what goes into keeping the complex machines running.

See **CAR WASH on 11A**

The anatomy of a sunburn

► From sun-kissed to sun-dissed, here's what really happens to your skin

By Sally Rummel

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It's beginning to feel a lot like summer, with beaches, barbecues and ballgames in full swing. With that increased exposure to the sun comes the heightened risk of getting sunburned.

Do you know what really happens to

your skin at the cellular level when you get a sunburn? It's a lot more damaging than you think.

The source of sunburn's dermatological damage is the sun's ultraviolet rays, according to a recent report from Popular Mechanics. The UV rays come in two forms: UVA, which primarily causes wrinkling and the stronger UVB, which produces the telltale signs of sunburn.

"A sunburn is a lot more damaging than people think," said Christopher Buatti, D.O., of Oakland Hills Dermatology, who does surgical work for The Skin & Vein Center in Fenton. "Not only

See **SUNBURN on 13A**

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Random royal thoughts

■ **Sadly, most Americans** are far more fixated on what goes in within the 10 square miles of Hollywood than on life and death issues confronting people across the globe – or even across the street.

■ **Some people are** so poor, all they have is money.

■ **Politicians chronically** declare that Social Security is going to run out of money in year whatever. How come we never hear about welfare or free housing or food stamps or free cell phones running out of money? Social Security is paid from funds deposited by the recipient, the others are simply free handouts.

■ **Don't marry** the person you think you can live with, marry the person you

think you can't live without.

■ **American universities** claim they are committed to creating a student body that looks like America. In reality they deliberately ignore the most important diversity of all – diversity of thought. Over half the country is conservative, yet colleges routinely stock their ranks – staff and students – 10 to one in favor of ultra-liberals. Campus conservatives are about as welcome as a porcupine at a nudist camp.

■ **If you can't** do it right the first time, what makes you think you'll ever find the time to do it over?

■ **I enjoy the** occasional spectacle of a Hollyweird celebrity on a talk show



because it is always entertaining to hear them desperately attempting to speak intelligently, about anything, lacking a word-for-word script.

■ **Due to ridiculously** high tuitions, today's colleges and universities will not exist in ten years. They are broken beyond repair, drowning parents and students in a sea of debt without providing the commensurate skills necessary to get a job. Savvy students and parents are wising up, using the Internet, tech schools, correspondence courses and specialty schools to learn the specific skills sought by employers, minus the cost of "History of Porn" and other meaningless fluff classes taught by debased professors at most major universities.

■ **It seems to me** that 40 is the old age of youth and 50 is the youth of old age.

■ **The morals of** the NBA basketball players condemning Don Sterling make them hypocrites. The vast majority of

them are serial wife-cheaters with numerous out-of-wedlock children. Kettle calling the pot black.

■ **From what I can see**, it is not a lack of love that destroys marriages, but a lack of friendship.

■ **A perfect marriage** would be between a blind wife and a deaf husband.

■ **President Obama is** so out of touch with mainstream Americans that he actually expected us to greet his egregiously lopsided deal exchanging five Osama bin Ladens for one Benedict Arnold with a "euphoric" (his word) response. Obama once again urinated on our constitution, which requires Congressional approval for such an act. He should be tried for treason.

■ **My earliest memory?** Well, it was about nine months before I was born. I went to this wild party with dad but left with mom.

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■ **THE FIVE GITMO** detainees released for our only prisoner, will always be known as the 'Obama five.' Not only will he be identified as a deserter, but will we ever find out how many soldiers lost their lives trying to free him. Will it ever end?

■ **OUR GENESEE COUNTY** judicial system amazes me. A woman was shot last Labor Day weekend on Vienna Road and her shooter gets a bond of \$30,000 and the (alleged) shooter from Fenton gets a \$300,000 bond. Where is justice?

■ **THE REASON** A lot of criticism of Obama is believed to be based on racism is because never before has a president been so disrespected. Jan Brewer in Arizona shaking her finger at his face, that guy yelling out during the SOTU, Republicans vowing to never pass anything. It's obvious.

■ **THANKS TO THE** Chamber for hosting such a nice golf outing. The course this year, Coyote Preserve, was beautiful too.

■ **WELL, I RECEIVED** a letter in the mail today from the Fenton code enforcement officer — cannot do anything on a temporary basis in my own yard without repercussions. Oh, I forgot it's a Democrat town.

■ **THE WORDS 'SEPARATION** of Church and State' do not appear anywhere in the Constitution. Please re-read it to cure

your ignorance. A man who did not write nor sign the Constitution wrote those words.

■ **PLEASE, CAN FENTON** Township do something about the geese population at Lake Fenton? They are multiplying extremely fast. They not only pollute our lake, they are polluting our lawns.

■ **I LOVE IT** when people who think it is our responsibility to teach your kid another language. They can learn it on their own. Schools should teach basics only. If they want more, pay for it out of your pocket, not mine.

■ **THE TALIBAN CAPTURED** at GITMO were never considered 'POWs' per the Geneva Convention. They were considered non-uniformed enemy combatants and labeled as 'terrorists.' Stop with the misinformation. Goebbels would be proud of you though.

■ **ASK ANY 4-year-old** if they will give you five pieces of candy in exchange for one piece. They will say no. Does this mean that a 4-year-old is smarter than the president is?

■ **LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**, how many are having problems with bullying and nothing being done or it's just swept under the carpet and it still keeps happening? Or your child is made fun of/belittled in front of the class? I want to know how many because I'm fed up.

■ **I CAN THINK** of one thing Obama can do that would be good for the country: resign.

■ **AM I THE ONLY** one who can't operate their DVD with the new cable boxes? Between "Source" changing randomly and the remote randomly working on the box and the TV, I'm about ready to go postal. Arggggggh!

■ **I'M SURE THE** 25 cent gas tax has already been implemented. Gas came down to \$3.71

when we left Thursday. We came back to Genesee County and gas was \$3.90. What gives?

■ **READING A HOT** line where some ignoramus says, 'after all, what is Social Security and Medicare but government benefits for people who aren't working.' Doesn't that ignoramus know we paid into it and it's not government money?

■ **I SAW SMOKEY** the Bear turns 70 this year. That's remarkable, fighting forest fires for 70 years. He just can't afford to retire on his government pension.

■ **NO ONE CAN** order me to fly my flag at half staff. As a former Marine I'll decide when it is appropriate, not the non-military foreigner in the White House.

■ **NO I DON'T** blame spoons for America's obesity problems. I blame alcohol for messing up people's brains and actions people suffer for. It causes accidents, murders and deaths.

■ **WE'VE ALL BEEN** begging and begging to have something done to Torrey Beach Drive. Anybody driving on that road should sue Genesee County Road Commission and Fenton Township for failure to do their duties.

■ **TO THE PERSON** who said that Social Security and Medicare is government money for people who don't work: I paid into Social Security my whole working life and I'm still paying on Medicare.

■ **YES, SCHOOL BUSES** need to stop at all railroad crossings. How would you like to see a school bus full of children get hit by a train? You are a stupid person.

■ **IF YOU WANT** to know what's more important in life, ask a rich old man.

■ **WE'RE STILL RECUPERATING** from 8 years of destructive Bush and Cheney administration. Remember 9/11, auto companies failing, stocks plundering? You might want to do some research before you ask for the previous administration back.

■ **TO THE GUY** in the white Ford pickup truck on Poplar Street: real smart. Lucky I have fast reflexes or we'd both be dead.

■ **WE DID IT** again: we failed to use proper flag protocol on Memorial Day. Flags are supposed to be flown at one half mast until noon. Only two places did that on my annual inspection around town. Next year I'll remind you sooner.

■ **I WISH YOU** people would stop calling in about how the Fire Hall is ruining public parking downtown. The other place has been ruining public parking for years, get off of it.

■ **NOT TYPICALLY** A fan of the 'King,' however I did enjoy his article on '10 rules for college grads.'

■ **CHARTER, IT WOULD** be nice if the channels would respond to the remote. I liked it back when channel 7 was channel and channel 9 was channel 9.

■ **I SHOULDN'T HAVE** to learn Spanish to live in America. If more than 50 percent of people in America are speaking Spanish by 2050, then there are too many illegal people here.

■ **I JUST WANT** to wish Marine aviator Lt. McLeod the absolute best. Semper Fi, my friend. I spent my last 16 months at MCAS Beaufort in South Carolina. Hoo-rah!

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

How do you feel about downtown Fenton's parking?

streettalk



"It doesn't affect me when I go to the post office or Bible Study. It is crowded by The Laundry, but I still go to the Iron Grate."

— Mary Rossmassler, Fenton



"I think they need more near the new Cornerstone Building."

— Ed Carter
Fenton Township



"I haven't had a problem. I think downtown Fenton is beautiful. I go to the library, but I always find a place."

— Les Hotchkiss, Fenton



"It could be improved especially by the Fire Hall. It is going to discourage people from going."

— Carl McMinn, Fenton



"It's a little iffy. Oftentimes you have to park away from where you are going, but they are doing what they can with the space."

— Sue Sandlin, Grand Blanc



"It's a problem. They should tear down the gas station at the corner and put more in."

— Loraine Lahring
Gaines



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Brian Marsland of CJ Callaghan & Sons trims weeds Thursday afternoon outside the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. His company is responsible for city grounds, but this time they're trimming to make way for new construction.

'It's good for the community'

►Community Center construction and upgrades finally underway

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Weed trimming isn't a big deal in the city, unless it's for making way for construction to begin in a long-awaited project.

Behind the mesh fence now blocking the southeast portion of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center, workers with CJ Callaghan and Sons trimmed weeds and cut grass. A Rhoades & Johnson office trailer is now parked on site.

City Manager Lynn Markland said the project has been an idea since 2003, and was delayed in fundraising by the recession around 2008. The project got rolling again a few years ago, after extensive fundraising by Pat Lockwood and Bob Burek.

The Community Center is another big project the city had planned, and it has finally gotten underway after numerous delays and years of fundraising.

The \$1.9 million project will be financed by a \$1 million bond held by the city and paid for by the Downtown Devel-

opment Authority (DDA), DDA monies totaling around \$300,000, and around \$600,000 from fundraising efforts.

Kevin Johnson with Rhoades & Johnson said excavating and foundation work will begin shortly, with a goal of having most work complete by the end of the year.

The building will receive additions totaling 5,400 square feet, including six classrooms, an elevator and restrooms. Already, new mechanical work is happening — heating and cooling, electrical and fire suppression.

Johnson said this summer visitors will see a steel structure with brick work erected

at that corner of the building. After July 4 is when they'll really get going, in order to not disrupt the Freedom Festival. "We'll make sure we keep it clean and safe near the holiday," he said.

Johnson, a Fenton resident with children in the schools enjoys working on a project in his own community. "It's good for business, it's good for your family, it's good for the community." He added that it's fun to work on a project the community has been waiting for. "It's something they want."

“It's good for business, it's good for your family, it's good for the community.”

Kevin Johnson
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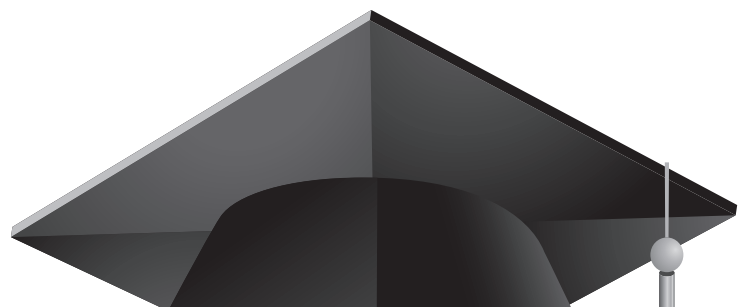
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Social News

ANNIVERSARY

**MOORES CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY**

On June 5, Dean and Frances Moore of Fenton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a dinner hosted by their children Patrick and wife Julie, Michael, Mary, Deanne and grandson Derek with his wife Krista. Dean and Fran founded Moore Insurance agency of Fenton 50 years ago, which is still family owned and operated today. Not in attendance were great grandsons Isaiah, Camron and Gabriel Moore.

BIRTHDAY

ERNEST BARNES CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

Ernest (Ernie) V. Barnes celebrated his 90th birthday on June 7 in Fenton and will celebrate with an open house later this summer. Ernie



was married to Catherine Barnes (deceased) for 67 years. He is a World War II veteran, a Charter Member of the Fenton Lions Club, a member of the Fenton VFW and former owner of Tank and Pump of Michigan. He has five children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERNIE!**

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Surprise! Some debt is good

► Use it wisely to keep up your credit score for loans, discounts

By Sally Rummel

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You always hear about the negative side of carrying debt, but like most things in life, there are two sides to every story.

While most Americans have too much debt — the average U.S. household credit card debt is \$15,191 — you actually can have too little debt in your life. If you have no debt, you have no credit score, and that can complicate your life, according to Your Money in the AARP Bulletin May 2014.

Credit scores are created from the monthly reports that lenders send to credit reporting

companies. Lenders depend on these scores to measure how likely you are to repay a loan. The most widely used score, from FICO, ranges from a high of 850 down to 300. With a score of 750-plus, you can generally borrow or get a new credit card on the best possible terms. At 700-plus, loans are still competitively priced. Below 600, don't bother asking.

Having a credit score touches your life in many ways, even if you've gone "all cash," paying with cash, by check or debit card. Without a high enough score, you might not get a discount on your auto or homeowner insurance. Utilities

might require a higher deposit if you move to another town and have to re-install. If you sell your house and want to rent an apartment, your landlord will probably require a good credit score before giving you a lease. Credit checks are usually required for cable and cell phone service.

Your credit score could actually vanish if you have had



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Having no debt can negatively affect your credit score, making it hard to receive a loan or even rent an apartment.

no activity on at least one credit line in the past six months. But that doesn't mean you have to go into debt just to raise your credit score. All you need is one active credit card that you've had for several years, using it once or twice a month for small purchases that you pay in full when the bill comes in.

Cutting up your credit cards still makes good sense if you are digging yourself out of debt. But experts suggest you save at least one of them and plan to use it once a month. It will be your door to good credit, when you're finally debt-free.

Interesting credit card statistics:

- **Average credit card** debt per U.S. adult, excluding zero-balance cards and store cards: \$4,878.43
- **Average debt per** credit card that usually carries a balance: \$8,220.44
- **Average debt per** credit card that doesn't usually carry a balance: \$1,037.44
- **Average number of** cards held by cardholders: 3.7
- **Average APR on** credit card with a balance on it: 13.11 in Aug. 2013.
- **Total number of** credit card transactions in the U.S. in 2012: 26.2 billion.
- **Total number of** credit card accounts in the U.S. as of Q3 2013: 391.24 million, vs. 457.64 million in Q3 2003.
- **Average value of** a credit card transaction in the U.S. in 2012: \$94.

Source: creditcards.com

Belle Jackson Therapeutic Massage

► Local therapist finds her calling in relieving pain

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Life can be a "pain" sometimes, especially if you're one of approximately 86 million Americans who suffer from chronic conditions like arthritis, sciatica, lower back issues, shoulder injuries, etc.

In fact, pain is the most frequent complaint brought to physicians in North America. But you don't have to live with chronic pain. Relief is as close as Belle Jackson Therapeutic Massage in Fenton.

Belle Jackson sets her practice apart from other massage therapists by offering several unique therapies that target chronic pain.

Her specialty is Myofascial Release — soft tissue therapy designed to change and improve the health of the fascia. Fascia is the soft tissue component of the connective tissue that provides support and protection for most structures within the body.

"It literally holds us together," said Jackson. "When we encounter fascial and muscle dysfunction, the result is usually pain and discomfort, loss of range of motion in our bodies and a subsequent loss of well-being and quality of life."

Myofascial Release breaks down scar tissue, relaxes the muscle and restores good posture. It is used with great success to target chronic pain, and sometimes, only in a few

sessions.

"I tailor all my sessions to what people want and need, but I find it hugely rewarding to help people who suffer from chronic pain," said Jackson, a certified massage therapist since 2006. She studied Myofascial Release under pioneer John Barnes, and it was there that she truly found her true calling to help people relieve pain.

She opened her own private practice in November 2012, at 111 North River St. in the Headlines building across from The State Bank. In addition to her private practice, she also has taught massage therapy for five years at Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield.

Jackson has seen first-hand some dramatic improvements in clients' pain levels following just a few sessions using this specialized hands-on technique. "It has changed everything for me at the massage table," she said. "Now I am able to truly help people."

In addition to Myofascial Release, Jackson also performs traditional therapeutic massage. It's no longer considered a luxury; massage therapy is now thought to be one of the principle components in maintaining good health.

To make an appointment Tuesday through Saturday, call her at (810) 629-4575. You can visit her website at www.bellejackson.com.

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Belle Jackson, nationally certified in therapeutic massage, uses a number of massage techniques to relieve pain, improve body systems and promote relaxation.

The American Massage Therapy Association noted that 47 percent of the people polled in a consumer survey used massage therapy and bodywork to relieve and manage their pain, and 91 percent said massage therapy was effective in reducing pain.

Benefits of Myofascial Release:

- Relieves pressure of fascial restrictions that can cause chronic pain.
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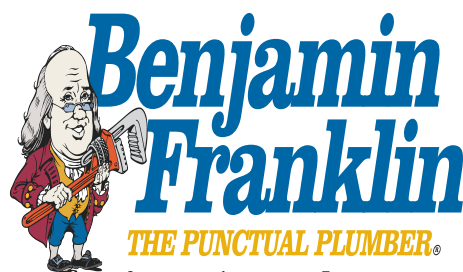
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At the time of my husband Mike Holloway's passing a year ago, everything happened so fast. Time has passed and things have come to my mind of what needed to be said and something that needed to be repeated. With a grateful heart, I would like to thank those who sent cards, food, phone calls and prayers. I would like to thank Mike's car cruisers who came and built ramps for him to be able to get around in his wheelchair, and the Fireplace for your kindness and friendship. What your kindness brought to me was truly life changing. The love and support was unimaginable. The Moose Club for a wonderful dinner after Mike's service and of course, my family and Mike's sister and her husband. I can't begin to think of this past year without all of you. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Love lives forever in our heart, when it is as strong as ours it leaves its own mark. It gives comfort having been loved so deeply.

— Sincerely,
Dwinn Holloway, Fenton Township

LIQUOR

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in the morning, along with everything else they need. When they couldn't buy the beer, they'd leave the chips, burgers buns, etc., on the counter and leave.

Tony Aleyas, whose family owns Locke's Party Shoppe, Merchant Gourmet and Fenton Party Shoppe echoed the same concerns, only he guessed that each store lost \$1,200 this way each Sunday.

Chris Palmer of VG's on Silver Parkway said the company estimated around \$100,000 in missed sales per store, per year.

Eric Remillard said inquiries are already coming in on when sales will be allowed at their store in the morning on Sunday. "I feel like it's going to pick up dramatically," he said. Many of the customers would stock up on groceries before heading out to the lake, which is more convenient than getting on the water, and then returning to the store later in the afternoon.

Aleyas is also happy to have sent his

“It's fair for everybody now, we can sell it now just like them.”

Tony Aleyas
Locke's Party Shoppe owner

applications in. He stressed that there was no problem without being able to sell on Sunday morning — until everyone else outside of Fenton could. "It's fair for everybody now, we can sell it now just like them." He added that the money and business will stay in Fenton.

He hopes that this weekend even, sales will be allowed.

The Laundry plans to apply for Sunday morning sales, which would most likely be drinks like Bloody Marys and Mojitos.

Fenton is now in line with the rest of the surrounding communities. The last hold out among the townships

and villages, Fenton opted to prohibit sales when Michigan opened up those hours for sales in 2010, only recently reversing that prohibition.

Schultz, who regularly works with 15 municipalities, said none of them had taken the position Fenton did initially. He also couldn't think of another example of the 100 his firm represents. "The Fenton situation is one where all the surrounding municipalities were allowing Sunday morning sales," he said. "I'm not surprised someone suggested it should be revisited."

The MLCC doesn't track communities who have prohibited Sunday morning sales, said spokesperson Andrea Miller.

States that do not allow alcohol sales on Sunday include Alabama, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia, according to prohibitionrepeal.com.

SPACES

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will be picked up after the Streetscape project is completed next year. The most spots in one area are north of the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. There are also around 50 spots behind City Hall, and 30 at LeRoy and Caroline streets.

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REAL ESTATE

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not reaching those figures. However, in nearby Detroit, a full 53.5 percent of all sales go to cash buyers.

"If there are multiple offers on a property, then cash is the stronger offer," said Kristy Cantleberry, of REMAX Grande in Grand Blanc. She estimates that about a quarter of her transactions are cash deals, including the recent purchase of a \$475,000 property in Fenton.

John Wentworth of REMAX Platinum in Fenton just sold a property for cash on Silver Lake.

He estimates that about 30 percent of his transactions are cash deals, closer to a third on waterfront. "Buyers recognize that cash gives them a negotiating edge," he said. "Not necessarily for a lower price, but for a chance to get the property when there are multiple offers."

He also sees an uptick in the economy as a reason for cash transactions. "People are beginning to look at real estate as an investment again."

John Tremaine of Tremaine Real Living Real Estate in Fenton estimates about a quarter of his transactions are completed in

cash. "Cash almost always wins," he said. "It also gives people who have money some leverage in making a deal."

Today's cash buyers are typically individuals or couples, not institutional investors, who swallowed up large numbers of distressed properties several years ago.

"Two years ago, cash buyers made up about 34 percent of the market," said Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty. "That was because the poor condition of many properties in foreclosure and stricter financing made it difficult for people to get a mortgage. It became a matter of necessity to get financial help from family members to put together a cash offer."

In contrast, many of today's cash buyers are baby boomers with money in their pockets, who are trading down or retiring. "These are people who have saved their money over their lifetime, and are able to take advantage of the opportunities available," said Tremaine.

One of the reasons cash may also be enticing for a buyer is the security it offers. "People have seen other people lose their homes in the last recession and they don't want to risk it," said Cantleberry.

"If there are multiple offers on a property, then cash is the stronger offer."

Kristy Cantleberry
REMAX Grande
in Grand Blanc

PARKING

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Restaurant guests hang out, waiting for a table while sometimes someone else is trying to put a canoe or kayak into the Shiawassee River.

As of 2011, there were 1,273 public parking spots in downtown Fenton, between Silver Lake Road and Shiawassee, and Adelaide Street and East Street, according to Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro.

As police are charged with enforcing parking, Aro said he actually hasn't written any tickets for spots near the Fire Hall restaurant, though the Times has received some parking complaints about the lot, and parking nearby. "It's a popular downtown location," said Aro. "They have a lot of customers in and out of there, and parking is at a premium."

Aro said his department tries to strike a balance between enforcing parking, and not leaving a first-time Fenton visitor with a bad experience. "We mitigate the problem one way or another."

The Fenton United Methodist Church is direct neighbors to the restaurant. With a congregation of 1,200, and fewer than 50 parking spots owned by the church, they rely on public parking heavily — and have to share with restaurant patrons. "Frankly we're happy to be downtown and be at the hub of life in Fenton," said interim senior Pastor Terry Euper.

For the most part, it's been positive having the Fire Hall open and busy, though sometimes Wednesday night activities conflict with a dinner rush, and regular church members might find themselves walking for a parking spot.

He added that the church's own big events certainly can overflow into more downtown parking, and overall, the more foot traffic downtown has been a good thing.

Frequently, city council members will tour the downtown, and check on parking themselves. Councilwoman Cheryl King

"We're not necessarily encouraging people to park there, but it hasn't been problematic."

Terry Euper
Interim Sr. Pastor, Fenton
United Methodist Church

said busy is certainly better than no one using the parking downtown. "You want your city to be active," she said. "You want jobs created and that's what we're doing."

City Manager Lynn Markland has surveyed the parking, and said it's more a matter of managing the spaces they have, than getting more parking — although there will be more when the lot at the Cornerstone building is complete.

The city did request that Fire Hall employees park in the lot near the Community Center, to free up space from behind City Hall, which he said helped. He said any time he goes to a vibrant community, parking is always something to be ready for. "That's a good problem to have."

But for police, the real and ongoing problem is parking for the The Laundry, specifically on West Elizabeth Street and Shiawassee Avenue. Patrons will park, and block driveways, for which Aro won't hesitate to tow and write a ticket. "It's not fair for them to have to call the police to tow a car to get out of their driveway."

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News briefs

International high school exchange students seek host families in Fenton area

Visiting students, ages 15-18, from around the world including Germany, Spain, Switzerland, and Thailand are seeking host families in the Fenton area for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. Host families are needed for the fall semester and full school year. Host families (traditional families, singles, empty nesters, etc.) serve as mentors and a home base for their student. Visiting students participate as active members of the family and integrate into their host's daily routines and traditions. Hosting an international student is a great way to explore a new culture and promote a sense of lifelong learning and adventure. Exchange student participants undergo an extensive application and orientation process in their home country prior to being accepted into iE-USA's program. Each student is responsible for his/her own spending money and full health insurance coverage. To learn more contact Michigan representative Emily Rolin at e.rolin@international-experience.net (269) 625-4662. Host families may review prospective student profiles online at iE-USA.org. Families interested in hosting this year must apply by Aug. 15.

Local families needed to host exchange students through SHARE!

Fenton area families are needed to host students who will study at local high schools for a semester or school year. Families of all types are eligible to host: those with young children or teens or families with no children at home. They are expected to treat their exchange students as family members. The students, who will arrive in August, are participating in the SHARE! high school exchange program to learn firsthand about Americans and our way of life. They speak English, have medical insurance, and bring spending money for personal expenses. SHARE!, was created to provide opportunities for greater understanding between Americans and peoples of the world. For more information call Larry and Heather Kokx at (810) 429-7801, or email kokx97@charter.net.

POLICE

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ARREST WARRANTS PENDING

Arrest warrants are pending on a 23-year-old Linden man after he fled from Linden police on June 2. Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter said an officer observed a black 2000 Honda drove through the blinking red light at Bridge and Broad at 2 a.m. without stopping. The officer initiated a traffic stop, but when the officer walked up to the Honda, the car took off. The officer got back in his cruiser and pursued the Honda until it stopped on Silver Lake Road at Cutler Drive. The suspect was able to escape after he exited the car and fled on foot. Recognizing the driver, the officer located him two days later and arrested him for fleeing and eluding police and reckless driving. The driver said he fled because he ran the red light and then made a bad decision.

CAR WASH

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Chom said there are a lot of overhead expenses in running a car wash. Part of that is the sheer amount of equipment, small parts, hoses, arches and sprayers. Chom, a Ferris State University graduate of business management, maintains the equipment himself, saving the company a lot of money. Preventative maintenance and cleaning happens at least weekly, sometimes daily.

To fully outfit the washing tunnel will cost around \$500,000, for the brushes, arches for spraying products, waxers and tubs. The machines are so specialized that even small bits of replacement hardware are very expensive. He said a 3-inch bearing for one of the brushes cost \$200, and magnetic gasket, \$75.

In the side room are seven plastic barrels with the cleaning agent for the cars, and several smaller tubs which mix to form the "products" customers select for their wash. At any given time, there are nine different products to keep track of.

The \$8 wash has a triple coat with three different waxes, which he compares to a quick spray wash one may be able to get at an auto parts store. Each of those waxes has a drying agent.

The "super wash," their most popular, has six different chemicals, including three waxes and a tire cleaner.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Kinder, who sits while a vehicle is detailed behind him, is the mascot of the car wash. Detailing picks up in the summer, twice as busy as the winter.

It should be mentioned, that the water from the car wash cannot enter the city sewer system, and must be inspected regularly to make sure it cannot.

Of course, all that dirt has to go somewhere. In this case it goes straight down below the tunnel floor, and stays there, until they shovel the dirt out themselves and have it hauled away — sometimes to the tune of \$7,000, said Chom.

Another hazard of the business is damaged vehicles. While he said it doesn't happen that often, sometimes an antennae can be damaged by the equipment. Chom said if the customer can prove it happened at the car wash, it will be handled by insurance, or cash on hand.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

JUST WONDERING WHY Fenton Township doesn't get the same benefits from South and North Bridge Streets. I'm tired of speeders getting away with it while the police do nothing about it.

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LIES, DECEIT, DECEPTION? You're mistaken, that's the 'Redumblican' party.

YOU KNOW THIS soldier exchange thing. I can't believe the right wingers are against him. If it was their kid, they'd want him home.

THOSE-TAX-AND spend Republicans want you to pay 25 cents extra in gas tax. How do you think that's going to attract tourists? I think I'd rather go to Ohio.

OBAMA IS TRAVELING to Europe now to a few small countries, where he still might be respected. That's probably the only place he's respected.

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SUNBURN

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does it cause premature aging of the skin, but it also puts people more at risk for skin cancer.”

If you forget to apply sunscreen and you find yourself in the heat of the sun, here’s what happens to your skin:

Step 1: Melanin puts up a fight

When you’re exposed to sunlight, the melanin in your skin (pigment molecules that determine your skin color) goes on the defensive and redistributes itself. This protective mechanism isn’t available to everyone equally, i.e., fair-skinned blondes. Wherever they can, UVB rays sneak in and cause instant damage to the DNA in the cells in the epidermis, the outermost layer of the skin.

Step 2: Blood flow ramps up

The mounting DNA damage gets your body’s attention. Blood vessels dilate in the dermis, the layer below the epidermis, to nourish that outermost layer. On an average July or August day at the beach, pale-skinned people who burn easily will “pink up” in as little as 10 minutes without protection in the midday sun. Their dark-skinned counterparts can withstand about an hour before increased blood flow begins.

Although tans are viewed as a positive attribute, in reality, they are signs of harm to the body. The tan is actually the skin’s melanocytes (cells in the basal, or bottom fifth layer of the epidermis, that make melanin), cranking out the pigment to offer more skin protection. These “reinforcements” take anywhere from one to three days.

Step 3: The pain of inflammation

Anywhere from a few hours to 12 hours after the initial sun exposure, the “steamed-lobster look,” called erythema, sets in. It’s the way your body is trying to respond by increasing blood flow to increase the healing, and the area gets red and swollen.

The longer the skin “roasts” under the sun without sunblock, the greater and deeper is the extent of DNA damage. Heat damage can also cause first-degree burns.

Most of those cells in the epidermis that suffer from DNA and heat damage begin programmed cell death, or apoptosis. But in cells deeper in the skin that can’t shed or peel, such as the basal epidermal layer, enzymes repair nearly all the DNA damage. However, if some of the damage isn’t repaired and those enzymes accumulate, that can lead to mutations, in turn, causing basal-cell and squamous-cell carcinomas, the two most common forms of skin cancer.

Step 4: Like a blister in the sun

In extreme sunburns, cells in the underlying dermis can be damaged as well, resulting in a second-degree burn and blistering. The body’s purpose in blistering is to create a soft, liquid, protective bubble so the damaged dermal tissue underneath can heal. The fluid is made of the clear part of our blood called the plasma, and it collects between the two skin layers.

Blisters can begin to rise from the skin anywhere between six and 24 hours after initial UV exposure. Blisters from sunburns are a risk factor for melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Step 5: Peeling and healing

Your body tries to compensate for all of the destroyed cells in the upper tiers of the epidermis by sending in fresh replacements. In the bottom basal layer, skin cells replicate, then move up the higher layers of skin. These cells usually live about 28 days,

slowly reaching the top skin layer before they die, then shed.

When sun damage accelerates this natural process, these skin cells don’t get the usual time to mature and separate, and instead, stick together like a sheet of tissue. That’s what causes peeling and flaking. Once it starts, peeling can last several days, serving as a “gross” reminder of the damage that’s been done to your skin.

What is the optimum level of SPF for your best protection in the sun?

While the SPF number is listed for a sunscreen, it doesn’t tell the whole story. The SPF factor rates how effective the sunscreen is in preventing sunburn caused by UVB rays. For the vast major-

ity of people, SPF is fine, according to WebMD. But people who have very fair skin, family history of skin cancer or conditions like lupus that increase sensitivity to sunlight should consider SPF 30 or higher.

Keep in mind that the higher the SPF, the smaller the increased benefit, i.e., SPF 30 isn’t twice as strong as SPF 15. While SPF 15 filters out 93 percent of UVB, SPF 30 filters out 97 percent, only a slight improvement.

When it comes to protection from UVA, there is no rating to guide you. Instead, pay attention to the ingredients listed. Look for a sunscreen that contains at least one of the following: ecamsule, avobenzone, oxybenzone, titanium dioxide, sulisobenzene or zinc oxide. Any of these should do the



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trick, according to WebMD.

Also, keep in mind that sunscreen is often not applied thoroughly or thickly enough, and is easily washed off during swimming or sweating. As a result, even the best sunscreen may be less effective than the SPF number of the bottle points out. Rather than looking at a sunscreen’s SPF, choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen that will protect you from UVA UVB rays.



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leaving local municipalities in a bind to either absorb the increase or pass it on to residents.

According to minutes from a special meeting held on March 31, the Linden City Council voted to increase their readiness to serve charge from \$8.85 per residential equivalent unit (REU) to \$18.30 per REU, more than double the

current rate. City Manager Paul Zelenak said while unfortunate, the city will have to pass the increase onto residents and business owners.

"We're just passing along the costs Genesee County is charging," Zelenak said. "I think businesses and residents were aware of it taking place."

Zelenak said Linden's current sewer fund balance is a little more than a million dollars and that expenditures are slightly

lower than a million dollars.

Fenton Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czarnecki said the increases are being absorbed by the city rather than being passed onto residents and business owners.

"The city of Fenton lowered our ready to serve charge at the city level from \$40 to \$30," Czarnecki said. "We're trying to help out our customers here in town. The city's sewer fund has dollars in it to cover

any major rates that come up. We realize people don't have a lot of spare change to go around."

Czarnecki said the city of Fenton was made aware of the increases by the county back in December. Sewer rates per 1,000 gallons of usage went from \$3.44 to \$3.71, a 27-cent increase.

Fenton Township Clerk Robert Krug said sewer rates will not increase in Fenton Township. Like the city of Fenton, all increases will be absorbed by the township. Krug estimated the township will take about a \$500,000 hit by absorbing the costs.

"The logic is, if we can keep from raising the rates, residents will remain happy," Krug said.

Linden residents and business owners are already feeling the strain from high water and sewer rates. According

to an analysis of figures from GCWW and individual municipalities, MLive reports Linden residents pay \$100.93 monthly for sewer and water rates, the third highest in Genesee County. The city of Fenton, by comparison, pays \$67.74 monthly, ranking 16th highest in the county.

Alpine Marketplace owner Marvin Yono said that his latest sewer and water bill was the largest he's ever had. Yono suspects that he may have used slightly more water than normal but isn't completely sure why his sewer and water rates increased so much.

Jim McIntyre, who served on the Linden City Council in the 1990s, said the city's finances were in good standing when he served. He understands that costs increase over time but hopes the fees passed onto residents are done because there's no other option.

"If (city officials) need money that's one thing, but if they're raising it just to do it, it's not right," McIntyre said.

John O'Brien from GCWW presented the increase at a Linden City Council meeting on April 28, nearly a month after city council voted to increase sewer costs. O'Brien told the council that rates hadn't increased in nearly seven years. In an April article, O'Brien told the Times that municipalities serviced by GCWW saw a 13 percent rate increase earlier in the year.

"For the next five years, we've projected zero growth population," O'Brien said in the article. "All existing customers have to absorb all rate increases."

O'Brien did not respond to phone calls before press time.

“We’re just passing along the costs Genesee County is charging.”

Paul Zelenak
Linden city manager

Allure Hair Company celebrates eight years of beauty

►Fenton salon marks event with week-long celebration

By Sally Rummel

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Bridget Curtis had always dreamed of owning a salon where customer service, integrity, creativity and ambiance would be the cornerstones of her business.

That dream came true eight years ago, when Curtis opened Allure Hair Company in Fenton. Located at 495 Fenway, Suite 4 (in the same plaza as Elections women's boutique), Curtis brought together her years of experience as a hair stylist for the well-known Don Franco Salon and assembled her own "dream team" of hair and beauty professionals.

Allure Hair Company is celebrating its eighth anniversary with specials all week from Monday through Saturday, June 9-14. The biggest celebration day will be June 12, which was the actual day of the salon's opening in 2006. "We'll offer 25 percent off many of our product lines (excluding boutique items), plus hors d'oeuvres and tours of the newly-redecorated salon," said Curtis. Allure Hair Company underwent a complete re-do of its décor in November 2013.

This full-service salon welcomes men, women and children, and offers a variety of services from hair design to facial and body waxing, color specialties, Brazilian blow-outs for women, extensions, special events for bridal parties and proms, etc. "We are color experts here at Allure," said Curtis. "We are always learning new tech-



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Top left to right: Judy Sandell, Michelle Wilhelm, Liz Minock, Liz Ladd, Brianne Spiece, Shawn Sperry, Donna Phillips, Wendy Woodby, Cynthia Peitz, Claudette Holbrook, Carrie Kelly, Stephanie Madden, Cherish Anderson. **Middle left to right:** Jennifer Hartwick, Erin Mentier, Brett Macklin, Isabel Harding, Kelly Glynn, Rabeca Crawford, Robin Dennie, Jacklyn Juhl, Cheri Proffer, Koren Acho, Corinne Stone. **Bottom left to right:** Erica Hoak, Brittany Spicer, Bridget Curtis, Emily Mahoney, Kendall Andersen, Janelle Keyandwy. (Not pictured: Michelle St. Andre, Theresa Kamischke)

niques and styles at hair shows, in professional classes, etc."

Allure Hair Company is also expanding its line of skin care products to include Rodan & Fields, in addition to their current line of Glymed. Watch for newly-expanded pedicure rooms, coming soon.

Today, Curtis is humbled by how far her staff has come and how they've grown together as a team to serve their clients. "People always comment about how much they love visiting our salon because of the ambiance that's been created here," said Curtis.

The Allure Hair Company team now numbers 29, including talented hair

stylists, a skin care specialist, make-up artist, nail techs and receptionists, plus salon manager Brittany Spicer. But it takes more than numbers to create a team.

"All of our staff members work very hard to help each other grow as stylists, nail techs, etc.," said Curtis. "Our goal every day is to build each other up. Everything we have is because they believe in me and I believe in them. There's a true level of integrity here, both professionally and personally. Together, we're client-oriented and community-driven."

Allure Hair Company accepts new clients as walk-ins or by appointment. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To make an appointment, call (810) 714-1111. For more information, call or visit allure-hairco.com

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AREA ACES

Andrew Harris

Fenton resident Andrew Harris, 28, used a six-iron to ace the 164-yard 11th hole at Tyrone Hills Golf Club on May 18. He shot a 79 for his round and has been playing golf for seven years.

Phil Holmes

Linden resident Phil Holmes, 74, used a six-iron on the 129-yard 10th hole at Fenton Farms to earn his first ace in 50 years of golfing. His May 22nd ace was witnessed by Mark Stadler.

Phillip Miller II

Burton's Phillip Miller II aced the 181-yard third hole at Fenton Farms on May 26. He used a five-wood, earning his first ace during his six-year golfing career. Miller, 30, shot a 113 for 18 holes. It was witnessed by Phillip Miller Sr. and Mike Jackson.

Marie Baloga

White Lake's Marie Baloga aced the 88-yard ninth-hole on Hartland Glen's South course on June 1. She used a pitching wedge to record the first ace of her career. She shot a 97. It was witnessed by Joyce Swilley.

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INSIDE SPORTS:

FOREVER YOUNG

Linden soccer will return most of its team next year



Eagles' season ends at regional semis

►Lapeer West's aggression sparks 3-0 Panther victory

By David Troppens

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Berkley — It was hard for Sarah Ford to be upset.

Her Linden varsity girls soccer career had just ended with the Eagles' 3-0 loss to Lapeer West in the Division 2 regional semifinals at Berkley High School's Hurley Field, but that's about the only result that didn't go the Eagles' way this season.

Ford was just one of two seniors on the team. The other was Brianna Holscher. And the fact that the team ended its season at 15-5-3 was a reason for celebration, even just minutes after the last loss of the season. So, there was time for one more enthusiastic Linden cheer, one that Ford led after the contest.

"It was a great run for us,"

Ford said. "I wasn't expecting this at the beginning of the season with so many young girls, but it ended up being one of my best seasons. We went out with a bang, and that's all I can ask for as a senior."

"I thought we would be doing a lot of building up and rebuilding," Holscher said. "It turns out we came out right at the beginning of the season and did pretty good. I couldn't have asked for anything better. The young kids came in and fit right in."

The Eagles knew Wednesday's regional semifinal contest was going to be a challenging one. When the two teams faced off the first time, Kevin Fiebernitz looked at West as the slight favorites to win the Metro title. However, his young squad proved they had what it took to win a Metro championship by edging the Panthers 3-2. But this time, West, a more veteran squad, was the aggressors and really never lost that mentality edge during the game's 80 minutes.

See **REGIONAL** on 18A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | KLARI FREDERICK

Linden's Alia Fredrick is sandwiched between two Lapeer West players during the Eagles' 3-0 regional semifinal loss on Wednesday.

Tigers capture seventh at state meet

By David Troppens

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Since Gary Ballard has taken over the Fenton varsity girls tennis program, the squad has taken small steps upwards.

First, he wanted to see the girls compete against league power Holly. When that goal was accomplished, he wanted to see the team win regional titles and qualify for the state meet. And, eventually he wanted to see the Tigers be more than just an afterthought at the state meet.

It appears the Tigers

have reached Ballard's promised lands.

The Tigers had their best performance in school history at a state tennis meet, placing seventh at the Division 2 state tennis meet with 11 points. Holly also competed and finished in a tie for 11th in the 22-team field event with four points.

"I'm so proud of my team," Fenton junior and No. 1 singles player Madison Ballard said. "We haven't got that many points in forever. I think it was a great day for our team. I'm proud of our

team success. I'm proud of how we accomplished it."

"When I started my first year we squeaked in the state meet by taking the very last spot, the third spot at regionals," Gary Ballard said. "Every year we try to create an environment where we can progress our goals and compete against better teams, and even win. Last year we got five points. This year we were able to have the best finish Fenton has ever had."

Five Fenton flights won at least a match, which See **STATE** on 17A



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Fenton's Madison Ballard helped lead the Tigers to a seventh-place finish at the state meet.

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Linden's youth sets up great future

By David Troppens

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Berkley — It's always hard to watch a squad who had a strong year experience the end of that season.

Frequently you think, 'That's the last time I'll see that group play together.'

But when talking about the Linden varsity girls soccer team, that's not the case at all.

When the team's 15-5-3 Metro League championship and district tournament championship season ended in the regional semifinals on Wednesday, it wasn't the end, but maybe just a nice little break until they all meet up again next March.

As good as the Eagles were, they weren't a senior-laden squad. In fact, they were quite the opposite. Their regional roster included just two seniors on the team — Sarah Ford and Briana Holscher. And it included just six juniors as well. In fact, there were more than double the number of freshmen and sophomores on the roster (17) than juniors and seniors (eight). So while the Eagles saw their season end in a 3-0 loss to Lapeer West, chances are there won't be too many changes in what will remain a talented young nucleus in 2015.

"We are going to lose only two seniors on this team," Linden coach Kevin Fiebertz said. "When I sit back and look at the youth and the role youth played on this team — and it was a huge role — the future looks really good for us. I'm really excited about that."

The two seniors leaving also recognize the potential of next year's team.

"I see them progressing immensely through their four years here," Ford said. "A lot of them are freshmen so they have three more years to go. That is fantastic for them. They can only improve from here on out."

"They are definitely going to be a force to be reckoned with," Holscher said. "They are going to be really good."

Fiebertz wants to assure that happens. The team has plenty of extra work lined up during the offseason, more they have had in the past.

"We are going to do some training sessions this summer, playing in a league and have a former Scottish international player come in late July and do some things," Fiebertz said. "Our goal is to send these kids off to their club teams in the fall, and we are going to do some stuff with them from a fitness and strength standpoint."

Strength and conditioning might be



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | MARK BOLEN

Linden's Emily Waltrip (left) was one of eight freshmen listed on the Eagles' regional tournament roster this spring. The Eagles finished the season 15-5-3 despite fielding a team with just two seniors.

the team's most pressing need, at least that seems to be the case from what happened in the loss to West. The Panthers were able to play a more physical game against the Eagles on Wednesday, resulting in West winning most of the 50-50 balls. It meant the ball spent most of the game in Linden's defensive end. It also meant that the Eagles were chasing the ball most of the game, probably speeding the game up a bit in their own minds.

"See how many small kids we have," Fiebertz said. "The big thing is we need our kids to get bigger. See how much bigger they are (Fiebertz was pointing to West's players). They aren't quicker than us, but they were more aggressive. We weren't a physical team, and youth is definitely a part of the reason we weren't. But we'll get there."

As long as the Eagles do remain together, it's easy to be as excited about the team's future as Fiebertz is enthused.

David's Dabblings

A few thoughts about the area's sports scene and some others not dealing with sports at all.



REALLY, 10 VALEDICTORIANS?

At this time of year I like to look at our graduation special section and search our list of the top 10 students at each school, looking for athletes I've watched play. It's cool to know many of the athletes I watched play sports worked as hard in the classroom as they did on the field, court or pool. Teams are always well represented.

When I look at it though, I have noticed a disturbing trend — the ever growing number of valedictorians.

Fenton High School had six valedictorians this year. Holly had 10. Yes, 10. It's reached a number I'd use in a jokingly overexaggerating way. Almost five percent of the Holly student body earned valedictorian status, and over three percent of Fenton's class earned valedictorian or salutatorian status.

There is no way anyone is going to sell me the idea that 10 people were 'tied' during their academic careers over a four-year period at Holly, and six were at Fenton. Certainly, all 16 are great students. I'm not denying that. I see they all had 4.0 grade point averages. But there shouldn't be 16 valedictorians between the two schools.

Graduation classes have become symbolic of what is wrong with this society. We don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. We'd rather have ties and make everyone winners. Unfortunately that final lesson taught by the schools goes directly against what the real world is all about. In four to five years if all 16 of these kids at the two schools were looking for one full-time job with the same company, one person is getting that job — not six, not 10 and certainly not 16. We need to teach competition. We need to make them realize that life has successes and failures at different levels. And how you deal with success or failure (if one can say finishing top 10 in your class is 'failure') will dictate your future. We need to teach competition and attributes it can help develop in people. Attributes like mental toughness and ambition — things this country sorely needs.

How do we have them compete for the valedictorian and salutatorian spots?

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may also be record-setting. The person who advanced the farthest was Madison Ballard, who is coached by Gilbert Rincon. Seeded third in the tourney, Ballard won two matches and qualified for the second day of the tourney. Competing in the semifinals against Grand Rapids Forest Hill Northern's Claire Aleck, Ballard found herself in an epic match. The match was tied a set each with the third set tied at 5-all. What followed was what may have been the longest game in state tournament history. The two battled for 35 minutes before the second-seeded Aleck finally edged Ballard. Aleck went on to win the match 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. The match itself came close to lasting four hours.

"It was a long, long, long game," Ballard said. "It was tough and very mentally challenging. I may have been in matches close to three hours, but never close to four."

Gary Ballard knew the match took 35 minutes based on some texts presented during the match from Claire Aleck's coach.

"Someone kept asking him for an update on the 5-all match," Ballard said. "He kept telling him it was 5-all, and the other guy didn't realize it was still 5-all and wanted an update. The texts extended 35 minutes."

Madison Ballard has had a history of great matches with Aleck. During Ballard's freshman season, the two played to a three-set 6-4, 6-7(4), 6-1 battle. Aleck won that match as well.

"We are both able to bring it and we both don't quit," Ballard said. "We just have a lot of fight between each other. ... I consider her a great player and we bring out what each other brings to the table. We always have."

Ballard opened the tourney with a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory against Royal Oak's Ivona Gorgioski, and then beat Mason's sixth-seeded Abby Perkins 6-3, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

"I wish I could've gotten a little further, but I was pleased," Ballard said. "Mine and Clair's match was amazing. I beat Abby Perkins and I beat the freshman that was phenomenal. It was a great weekend."

Three doubles flights and one other singles player won a match as well. The No. 1 doubles team of Ashley Bearden and Hannah Horton beat a Marian team in straight sets 6-4, 6-0, while the No. 3 doubles team of Katie Kurncz and Kendrah Praedel beat a Riverview squad by a 6-2, 6-0 score. Finally, the No. 4 doubles team of Rachel



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DAVID TROPPE

Fenton's Hannah Horton teamed with Ashley Bearden to win a match at the state meet. The Tigers placed seventh overall.

Anderson and Katie Lewandowski beat an Okemos squad 6-3, 6-3.

The other singles flight to win a match for Fenton was Corinne Beemer, who defeated Farmington's sixth-seeded Isha Nadgauda 6-2, 6-3. Others competing at state for Fenton were Sydney Phipps (No. 2 singles), Josie Foguth (No. 3 singles), and Abby Rachor and Sylee Kiran (No. 2 doubles).

The Tigers have some graduation losses coming, but a good nucleus will return next year.

"The girls coming back love to play tennis. I can tell you that right now," Ballard said.

"All of them want to play and not do much else. They will play tennis over the summer and winter. They want to play and that will enhance their games and enhance their performances for next season."

Holly had two flights win state matches. Carley Postma and Sydney Renchan defeated a Portage Central squad by a 6-0, 6-1 score at No. 1 doubles, while Alanah Rau and Paige Reid (No. 3 doubles) defeated a North Farmington squad 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

The No. 2 doubles team of Leah Moller and Chloe Reynolds lost a tight 6-4, 7-6(5)

match against a squad from Grosse Pointe North.

Others competing for the Bronchos were Natalie Clink (No. 1 singles), Haley Crimmins (No. 2 singles), Jenna Pepper (No. 3 singles), Lily Kossak (No. 4 singles), and Katherine Skubik and Abby Graff (No. 4 doubles).



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REGIONAL

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It showed in the first five minutes when Lapeer West's Ashleigh Garcia scored the first of her three goals in the contest, putting West up 1-0. The goal was set up by a rebound and a failed clearing of the ball in the defensive zone.

"We didn't play like we normally do, but I think it's because the youth kicked in terms of not knowing what to expect (in a regional tournament game) and stuff like that," Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said.

"I think it caught up to us. I don't want to take anything away from Lapeer West though. This was the Lapeer West team I expected when we played them earlier in the season. They are a veteran club. They are big, strong kids and we didn't match up with them in that department today."

"I think they were more physical," Holscher said.

"They were first to the ball a lot. They weren't this physical the first time (the teams played)."

Even with the early first-half goal and a shot differential of 6-1 in West's favor, the Eagles trailed only 1-0 entering the half.

However, West continued its pressure in the second half. It seemed West controlled the ball most of the contest. And in their desperate efforts to get the ball, when Linden did get it, the Eagles had to settle their thoughts before attacking themselves. And, eventu-

ally that difference in playing style resulted in two more Garcia goals.

Garcia scored her second goal on a ball that was chipped over Linden's second-half keeper Bridget Adams. When the ball bounced over Adams, Garcia snuck around and touched the ball into the net. Linden trailed 2-0 with 38:24 remaining in the contest.

Then, with 20:10 remaining, West scored its final goal. This time Garcia's shot looked saved, but to make the save Adams had to catch the ball inside the net, resulting in the 3-0 deficit.

The Eagles weren't able to get much of an offense going, getting only three shots the entire game. Their only shot on net in the second half came about two minutes after the Panthers scored their final goal. It came on a lead pass from Erica Freeman to Katie Wilkowski. However, Wilkowski's shot was saved by West's keeper Mackenzie Hirth.

Linden had other dangerous opportunities but none of them resulted in a shot on net. Usually they came on passes to an open forward who wasn't able to get to the ball before Hirth collected it, usually less than a second before the Linden player would've gotten to the ball.

Fiebernitz wasn't going to dwell on the game after it was over, however. Too much good happened during the season to be concerned about one contest. The Eagles also finished as district champions.

"It was a great season," Fiebernitz said.

"It's disappointing to end it in that fashion, but it was a great season. And I'm excited about our future. We were 15-5-3 and we have a lot of young kids."

"It was a great season," Ford said. "And I'm happy it ended this way with these girls."



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Two of Linden's younger talented players are (above) sophomore Katie Wilkowski and (right) freshman Madeleine Zayan. Linden advanced to the regional semifinals with a squad including only two seniors.



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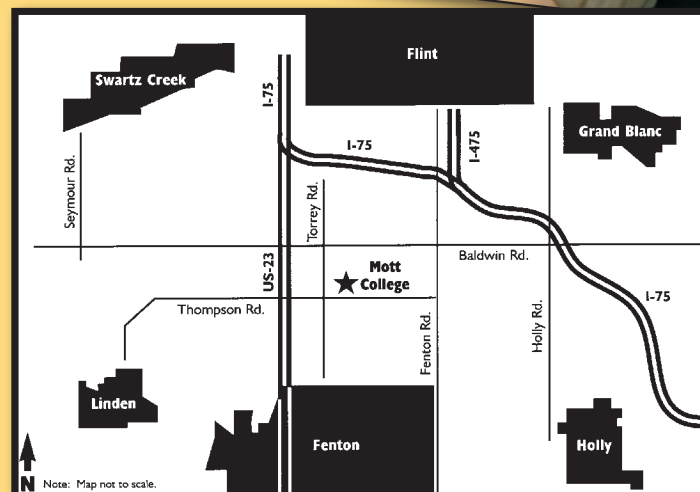
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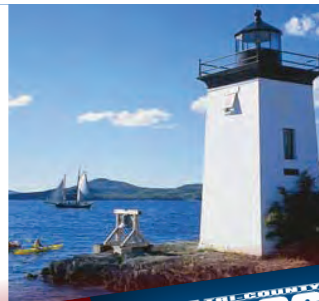
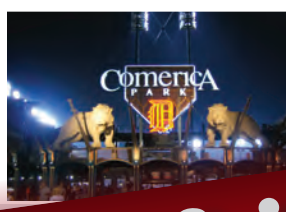
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► Plenty of attractions, natural beauty for family fun

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You don't have to leave our state to find plenty of family adventures this summer.

Here are a few places you might want to put on your family's summer calendar, and you can add some of your own favorite places to the list:

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• Look up **Air Zoo of Kalamazoo**, Michigan's premier aviation and science center with more than 60 rare and historic airplanes and spacecraft, interactive exhibits, amusement park-style rides, etc., in Portage.

• Saddle up at the **Double JJ Ranch, Waterpark and Golf Resort**, and enjoy miles of horseback trails, rodeos, etc. in Rothbury in western Michigan.

• **Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park** in Grand Rapids

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• **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**, located near Traverse City, is comprised of 35 miles of coastline, beaches, trails and sand dunes.

• **Mackinac Island**, one of the top 10 islands in the world, is a must-see vacation destination. Take a 30-minute ferry, and explore the island by horse-drawn carriage, bicycle or on foot, as no cars are allowed. Don't miss historic Fort Mackinac.

• **The Soo Locks** in Sault Ste. Marie between Michigan and Canada are a set of parallel locks, which enable ships to travel between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes.

• **Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum**, two hours from the Soo Locks, offers an interactive look at the shipwreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

• **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** in Munising beckons you with sandstone cliffs, beaches, sand dunes, waterfalls, lakes, forest and more. Boat tours run daily during the summer season.

• **Comerica Park**, home to the Detroit Tigers, will be a thrill, whether you're a baseball enthusiast.

• **The Detroit Zoo**, located in Royal Oak, is a wild place to bring your family, with special events including their Wild Summer Nights concert series July and August from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

• **Detroit Institute of Arts** boasts the country's largest, most significant art collection, including more than 60,000 unique and creative works.

• **Potter Park Zoo** in Lansing encompasses more than 20 acres and features more than 500 individual animals representing about 160 different species.

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“There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.”
- Sir Winston Churchill

Your adventure can be thrilling or relaxing, whatever you choose

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If you're a woman, chances are that sometime back in your childhood, you were fascinated by horses. Perhaps you went through a phase of wanting to ride a horse or own a horse, then life got in the way and you had to put those childish

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Scarberry enjoys sharing his passion for horses with others who want to learn to ride, even if they've never ridden before. "If you give me three months of three lessons a week, I can teach you more than what most 'horse people' learn in a lifetime around horses," he said.

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"It can be a thrilling experience or relaxing, whatever you want it to be," said

Scarberry. "If you're a more experienced rider, you can come out here and ride over logs, through water and down steep hills. If you've never been on a horse before, we'll bring you into the arena first, so you can learn how to communicate with your horse, and then I'll accompany you on a trail ride."

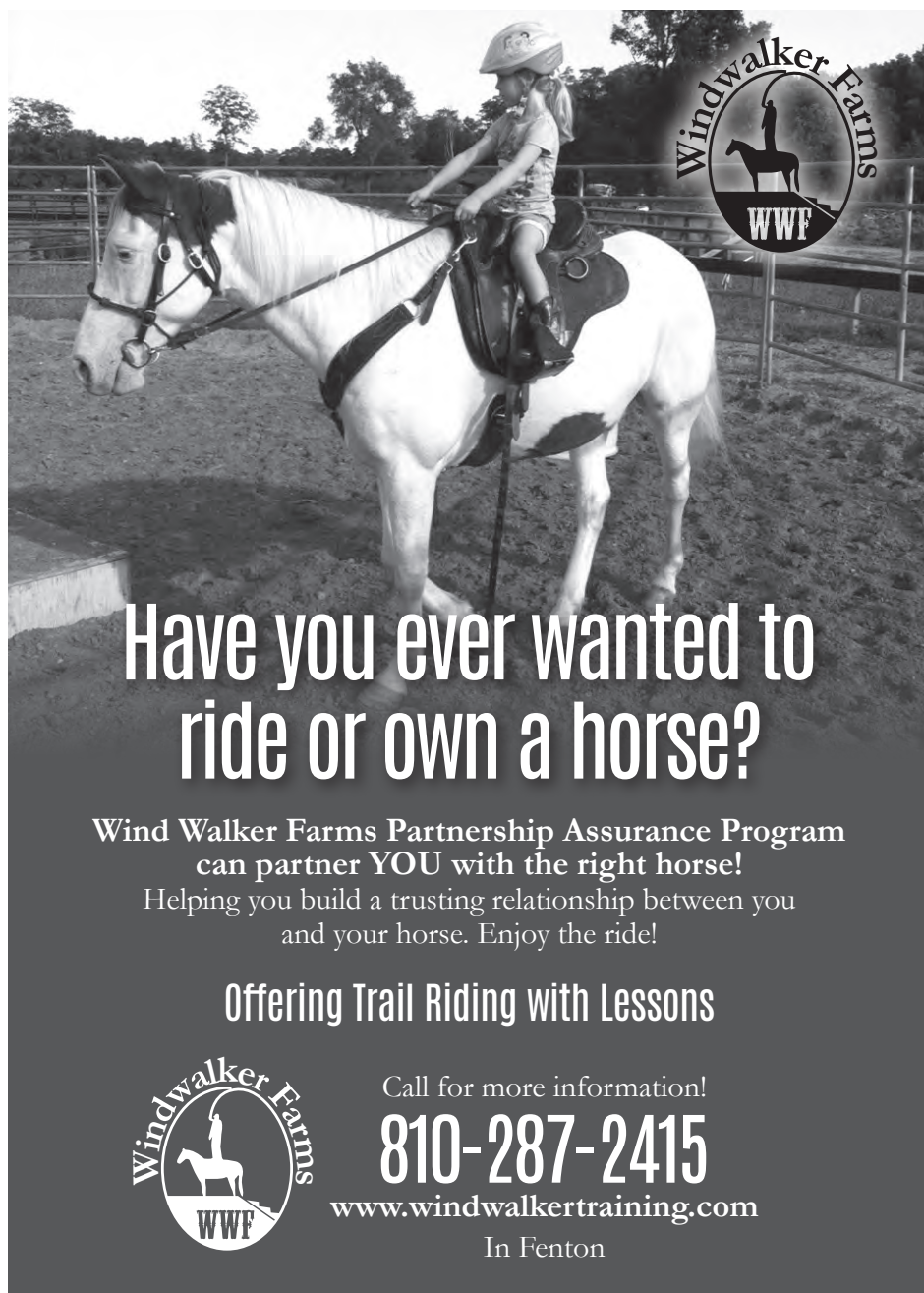
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“It was the best experience of my life.”

Maiya Hirose
First-time horseback rider

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Learn how to SCUBA or snorkel from local experts

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If you've never seen the "underwater world" from any vantage point other than the deck of a boat, a new world awaits you whether you're snorkeling or SCUBA diving.

“Locally, we do dives in Lake Fenton and see what's in the weed beds, check out the fish.”

— Kim Collingham
Manager of The Dive Shop

What's the difference in these two underwater sports? The main difference is air. When you're snorkeling, you're limited to how long you can stay underwater by the amount of air you can

hold in your lungs. When you're SCUBA diving, you carry a tank of compressed air on your back, that allows you to stay underwater much longer.

SCUBA is actually an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. "Snorkeling is more on the surface of the water," said Kim Collingham, manager of The Dive Shop in Flint. "SCUBA diving is more in depth. You can get closer to marine life, because you're breathing off tanks."

You may think that such underwater sports are only available in exotic tropical locations, but in reality, they're as close as Lake Fenton. The Dive Shop uses the waters of Lake Fenton for its open water testing for students getting certified in underwater sports. "We complete the skills portion of our classes out there,"



Whether you SCUBA dive or snorkel, you'll have an underwater adventure to remember.

Take a dive

said Collingham. "It's a two-step process, starting out in our on-site pool, and then moving to a lake."

If you're interested in trying these underwater sports, you could be certified in just a month, according to Collingham. "Our pool training takes about three weeks, and then our open water training is two half-days. Classes are held all year around."

Once you've become certified in the sport, the underwater world is your oyster. You can do dive charters out of Lexington on Lake Huron through The Dive Shop, visit Michigan underwater preserves up north, at the Straits of Mackinac or visit

west Michigan, search for shipwrecks in Lake Superior and Lake Huron or take your new skills to tropical locations like the Caribbean.

In order to learn to snorkel through The Dive Shop, you need to know how to swim. For SCUBA diving lessons, you need to be at least 10 years old.

DIVING TIPS: Save your breath

- **Duck currents.** They're usually weaker at the bottom or along a wall.
- **Use your hands.** Where appropriate, pull yourself rock-to-rock, hand-over-hand, across the bottom. (Don't touch coral and other living things, of course.)
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- **Make short fin strokes.** Besides finning slowly, keep the strokes short. Wide fin strokes move a lot of water but give only a little more propulsion.
- **Get better fins.** Some fins are more efficient at translating muscle power into movement. A good pair means you'll kick with less effort, and less often.
- **Be physically fit.** When even a slow speed is an all-out effort, you'll burn more energy than a fit diver for whom the same speed is easier. The more fit you are the more energy-efficient (and air-efficient) you'll be.

Reduce Drag

- **Adjust hose routings.** Choose different ports and shorter hoses to keep hoses close to your body.
- **Get a better BC** (bouyancy compensator). Look for the combination of fit and just the right amount of buoyancy. A BC that's too large or has excess lift will create a surprising amount of drag.
- **Fin with short strokes.** Not only are shortened fin kicks more efficient, they keep your fins inside your slipstream.
- **Keep your hands to your sides.** And keep them still.
- **Hide your snorkel.** Strap it to your calf, tuck it under your BC, put a foldable snorkel in a pocket, or leave it behind.

—www.scubadiving.com



Ten benefits of SCUBA diving

1. **Flexibility and strength.** When you dive, you move every inch of muscle without getting tired, as the water offer buoyancy and resistance.
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BOATS AND COTTAGES

- **Always wear** a personal flotation device and never consume alcohol while operating any vehicle.
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- **When opening** your cottage for the season, carefully inspect all appliances and electrical cords for damage from rodents or insects.

- **Ensure boats** and cottages are equipped with proper emergency safety equipment, including first aid kits and fire extinguishers.

CAMPING STOVES AND LANTERNS

- **Fuel-burning** equipment such as stoves, lanterns and cookers should only be lit outdoors and at least nine feet from tents, combustible materials and vehicles.
- **Before use**, carefully inspect parts for leaks, blockages or damage.
- **Keep flammable** clothing (and eyebrows) away from open flames, and carefully monitor children and pets around fuel burning devices.
- **Before packing** up equipment, make sure it is completely turned off and cool to the touch.

Break out of your comfort zone this summer

► Try something new or add a challenge to your routine

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Let the summer of 2014 be the summer that you break through your comfort zone and do something different and exciting.

This can be the season that you challenge yourself and push beyond limits you've created in your own mind with a no-can-do attitude.

When it comes to working out, pushing yourself beyond your regular routine will ensure you continue to get positive results. Going outside your comfort zone includes adding some intense workout challenges to build muscle and get stronger, faster, and leaner.

For some people, working beyond the boundaries may include adding a goal of completing a 5K or running a half-marathon. For others, it may mean trying a new activity that will add fun and excitement.

Here are a few new outdoor sports or activities you might want to try:

- **FirstTry Triathlon 2014** on Saturday, June 21 at Byram Lake's Clover Beach/Linden County Park. This fourth annual event welcomes newcomers to experience the exhilaration of a triathlon, without the intimidation factor. More experienced athletes will enjoy the competitive spirit of the FastTry Triathlon.
- **Standup paddle boarding** — many local marine outfitters cater to the popularity of this water fitness activity. From Silver Lake Sports in Fenton to Michigan



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Fenton resident Jamie Reed prepares to whitewater raft down a river. Reed has spent her summers as a whitewater rafting guide in West Virginia since 2008.

Standup Paddleboards inside White's Landing and Marina in Linden, there are lessons, rentals and equipment available.

• **Horseback riding** — if you've always wanted to ride since you were a kid, now's the time to experience the great outdoors via horseback. Check out the lessons and trail-riding opportunities at Wind Walker Farms in Tyrone Township.

• **Sailing** — while tri-county area summers conjure up images of motor boats and wake boarding, there's a quieter, serene way to experience the water from the vantage point of a sailboat. Lake Fenton has its own private sailing club, and other options might be to try out sailing with a friend who owns a boat. You might just get the "sailing bug."

• **Kayaking and canoeing** — opportunities abound for active paddle sports in the Shiawassee River. If you've never done it before, it won't be hard to find someone from the Keepers of the Shiawassee to help you get started.

• **Archery** — here's your chance to find out whether you'd survive the Hunger Games. You can check out equipment and know-how at Spot Shooter Archery

in Holly and SunRy's Archery and Outdoors in Fenton.

• **Cycling** — whether you want to saunter around the neighborhood on a touring bike or conquer the trails at the Holly-Holdridge Mountain Biking Trail in Holly, you can pick up where you left off as a child and enjoy a new hobby.



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SunRy's Archery owner Ryan Payton invites residents to try archery for a new outdoor sport to experience.



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If you've never run or walked in a race before, lace up your shoes and register for a local event like Fenton's popular Bastille Day Walk and Run.



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June 19-22

THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH

Carnival Midway opens - Linden Elementary

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

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| 12pm - 10pm | DJ, Carnival |
| 12pm-5pm | Farmers Market/Craft Booths |
| 1pm-10pm | Food |
| 1pm-5pm | Adopt a Pet, Kids Area, Library - Used Book Sale/Garage & Sidewalk Sales |
| 1pm-7pm | American Legion Patriotic Table |
| 5pm-10pm | Art |
| 6pm-9pm | Photo Booths |
| 6:30pm-8pm | Linden Dance Academy (Competition team & little ones) |
| 8pm-10pm | Linden High School Band |
| 10pm | Fireworks |

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST

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| 10am-10pm | DJ, Carnival |
| 8am-12pm | Pancake Breakfast @ Airport |
| 8am-5pm | Plane rides at Airport |
| 9am-4pm | Masons Child ID Program/Shriners Clowns face painting; Lions-Eye Check |
| 10am-5pm | Highland Games, Kids Area, Amateur Bands, Farmers Market/Arts & Crafters |
| 10am-7pm | Air Show & Broadstreet Car Show; American Legion Patriotic Table |
| 10am-8pm | Art |
| 11am-10pm | Food |
| 11am-2pm | Coney Special at Linden Coney |
| 1pm-5pm | Adopt a Pet |
| 4pm-6pm | GB Music Studio - Stage |
| 2pm-9pm | Photo Booths |
| 8pm-10pm | 80's Hairdo's |
| 8pm-11pm | Band 7th Hour - 80's Music |
| 8:45pm | Wings & Wheels Twilight Runway Run/Walk |
| 11pm | Festival closes in town |

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Carnival Midway open - Linden Elementary

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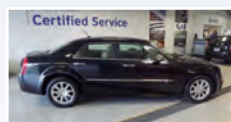
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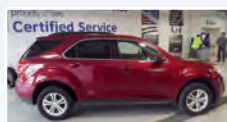
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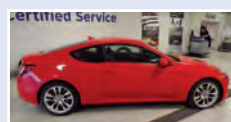
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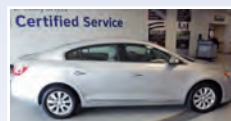
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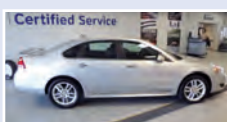
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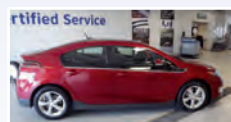
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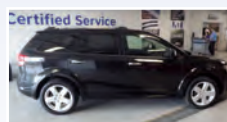
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