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“Every parent with a teen driver should sit down with them and discuss the information contained in the Times Sunday, June 15 edition headlined ‘Deadliest 100 days for teen drivers.’ The life you save may be your own child’s.”



“Great example of the hypocrisy of the liberal world. There are no other opinions ‘tolerated,’ despite their constant and shrill demands for tolerance from the rest of the world. How do you spell hypocrite? LGBT.”



“Thank you Les for having the courage to not mindlessly follow the silly lockstep liberals on the council.”

“Why are you so sure the Air Traffic Control repair person is a man?”

“All but one of the council members showed the true spirit of Fenton by passing a controversial, but necessary ordinance. All citizens are behind you.”



“ ” HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“Criminals obey gun control laws the same as politicians obey their oath of office.”

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TEXT YOUR HOT LINE



Casey Kasem close to Fenton-area family members

►Relatives recall American Top 40 host as gracious, family man



By William Axford

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‘Close,’ ‘kind’ and ‘loving’ is how relatives of Casey Kasem will remember the radio legend. Kasem, who died at the age 82 in Washington this past Sunday, had numerous ties to Fenton and the surrounding areas. He worked as a substitute teacher at Lake Fenton High School and at a family-owned party store called Larry

Hamady Pure Food Market, which used to be located at the corner of North LeRoy Street near Kellogg Drive.

Joseph Sefa of Grand Blanc is Kasem’s cousin and was very close to the American Top 40 host. Sefa interacted with Kasem all through his career, from working as an announcer on WJLB in Detroit to running bands in Las Vegas and hosting his radio show in Los Angeles.

Despite the fame and success, Sefa said Kasem always made time to be with family. “He wasn’t the kind of person

See **CASEY KASEM** on 15A

“He wasn’t the kind of person who was too big to talk to anyone. He was a super human being.”

— Joseph Sefa
Relative of Casey Kasem

(Left) Casey Kasem accepts a Radio Icon Award in Las Vegas.

Michigan Supreme Court denies Corrine Baker’s murder appeal

►Earliest release date April 2023

By Sharon Stone

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The Michigan Supreme Court recently denied Corrine Baker’s request to hear her case. Baker, 29, of Argentine Township



Corrine Baker

is serving 13 to 30 years in prison for a conviction of second-degree murder after her 4-year-old son, Dominick Calhoun, was severely beaten over several days in April 2010 by Baker’s boyfriend, Brandon Hayes, also of Argentine Township. Dominick was taken off life support at Hurley Medical Center in Flint

See **APPEAL** on 8A

Therapy for horses, therapy for humans



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

David Koehlinger, a resident of Tanglewood Assisted Living, grooms Layla at the horse barn on Thursday. Tanglewood owners Gail and John Strayer see significant changes in moods and responsiveness with patients who have Alzheimer’s or dementia, when interacting with the retired competition horses of Tanglewood. See **story on Page 9B**.

Great Lakes drowning incidents up



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

The annual July 4 party at The Point on Lake Fenton is monitored by deputies for safety.

More than 300 have drowned in Michigan’s biggest lakes since 2010

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The number of drowning incidents in the Great Lakes has increased 50 percent from last year, according to the Great Lakes Surf and Rescue Project (GLSRP). The abnormally cold winter has kept lake

See **DROWNING** on 8A

Local schools hanging on financially

►Superintendents frustrated by fluctuating revenue, rising expenses

By Tim Jagielo

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If Michigan school districts pitched their funding model to the hosts on “Shark Tank,” the model would fail miserably. At least that’s what Holly Area Schools (HAS) Superintendent Dave Nuss believes.

See **SCHOOLS** on 11A

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LINDEN

16354 Waterview Lane
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 warrantee. Invisible fence & generator is included with sale of house.

\$346,000.

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697 Ridgecrest Drive,
Great home in Andover Woods with Open floor plan. Many extras including sprinkler system, reverse osmosis system, battery back up on sump pump, pantry in kitchen. Vinyl deck off living room. Home shows pride of ownership. This is must see.

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508 N. Lemen Street
You must visit this home to see the commitment to quality workmanship that the owner has put into the refurbishing of this home. Hardwood floors in the living room & the 3 bedrooms, 3 season room, 1414 sq. ft., full basement has 9' ceiling which could add more living area when finished, 2 car garage & corner lot. New high efficiency furnace & double pane windows are some of the features.

\$129,900

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107 S. Walnut
Commercial! Long standing law office in the city of Fenton. Numerous individual offices on the main level. Cute, one bedroom apartment upstairs that could be used as additional office space if needed. On-site parking close to the new Cornerstone Building. Great opportunity!

\$149,900

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8254 Nichols
Situated on over 2 peaceful acres this 3 bedroom 2 bath home is perfect for you. Well maintained, over 1500 sq. ft. with a large lot. Sit out on your deck and enjoy the quiet of nature. Also has a fully functional basement just waiting for you to finish.

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2 Boost productivity

For a no-fail way to combat sluggishness and boost productivity during the inevitable afternoon energy dip, use the last 15 minutes of your lunch break to catch up with a coworker or a pal over the phone. Research shows that engaging in nonwork-related, lighthearted gossip relieves tension and bolsters morale, leaving you able and inspired to perform at your peak until the day's end.

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Enjoy a weekend of fun in Saugatuck

Recently voted #1 Summer Weekend Escape in the U.S.

By Sally Rummel

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If you're looking for a weekend destination or a mid-week getaway, hop in your car for a leisurely two-and-a-half hour drive west to Saugatuck — recently voted "Best Summer Weekend Escape" by readers of USA Today and 10Best.

Located just southwest of Grand Rapids, Saugatuck is close enough for a day trip, yet enticing enough for a much longer stay. In fact, its bed & breakfasts, picturesque inns and home rentals are some of the reasons people love to stay here. When thinking of Saugatuck, you have to also include its nearest neighbor, Douglas, just a mile apart with a smaller, quieter atmosphere. Together, they make a spectacular vacation package, whether you visit for a weekend or a week.

Saugatuck's biggest summer attraction is the beaches of Lake Michigan and area sand dunes.

See **SAUGATUCK** on 7A

GET A WEEKEND TASTE AND FLAVOR OF SAUGATUCK

See Page 7A



SAUGATUCK-DOUGLAS VISITORS BUREAU | FELICIA FAIRCHILD

Saugatuck is most well known for its beaches and art, but shopping in quaint, unique boutiques is another popular weekend pastime.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

A male Baltimore Oriole can be heard throughout the summer. Wildlife is always part of the summer din in Michigan.

The sounds of summer

► This weekend's official start to summer reminds us to listen and embrace the season

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Waves lapping on the shore of Lake Michigan, rocking me to sleep. A gentle warm breeze whistling through the trees. The early morning sounds of birds chirping, telling me in advance of my alarm clock that it's time to wake up.

These are just a few of my favorite sounds of summer.

Now that the calendar has made summer official on Saturday, June 21, I'm tuning in more closely to take in all these sounds so that I'll remember them warmly when the breezes turn to winter winds and the sounds of birds are replaced by the sound of winter's silence.

My fondest sounds of summer, and the ones that keep me going all the rest

See **SUMMER** on 14A



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The Emperor Has No Clothes!

I recently read in the Times that Fenton discussed severing its relationship with the marketing firm whose singular greatest accomplishment was saddling us with the amateurish and completely ineffective tagline, 'Be Closer.'

Let's hope they do, then we can go about the business of generating a real tagline — one that actually brands Fenton as an up and coming community.

I think most taglines used today are poorly thought out — they are murky, ineffective and unclear. I'm not speaking of the superstar taglines like 'Just Do It' — the iconic tagline that single-handedly built the Nike empire. Or 'Don't Leave Home

Without It' — the classic, and super successful, American Express motto since 1975. Or even 'The Ultimate Driving Machine' — the branding that has made BMW the car of choice for yuppies around the world.

These taglines are the best because, like all good taglines, they share three common traits:

- They are memorable. 'Just Do It' hasn't aired consistently in 10 years but is still a generic phrase for overcoming obstacles through hard work.
- They make you pause. American Express makes it clear that there are no substitutes, that an AMEX card is essential and irreplaceable, and you need to have one.



Most importantly, they tell a story. If BMW's tagline was 'Really Nice Cars' would you buy one? Not likely. But who wouldn't want to be behind the wheel of 'The Ultimate Driving Machine.'

The problem with most taglines — whether for a community, an organization or a business — is that they fail to fulfill *any* of the three necessary traits, much less *all* three. They fail because they are usually administrated by people who don't understand the principles and tenets of taglines, nor the high stakes they are playing for. Having no tagline is a far better option than having a poorly conceived, ambiguous or, worse yet, confusing tagline. Unfortunately, 'Be Closer' is all of these. It's right up there with Beaman, Iowa's 'You're not Dreamin,' You're in Beaman.' Conversely, I am rather fond of our neighbor, Harrison, Michigan, whose tagline is '20 Lakes In 20 Minutes.'

But, I digress.

The solution? Start over and turn the reins over to the people who should have been involved in creating a tagline in the first place — the residents who live, work, play and raise their families here — and who best know their community. Let a diverse citizen panel solicit and evaluate submissions and, ultimately, make a selection. Then, and only then, hire a company to promote and market it.

The other option would be to continue to squander our tax dollars travelling down the 'Be Closer' road, stubbornly refusing to cut our losses and admit that we are staying the course for no other reason than pride and vanity, refusing to acknowledge what everyone knows, but no one has the low-hangers to actually say. This road is so well travelled it even has its own children's fairy tale: The Emperor Has No Clothes!

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. E-mail the King at king@tctimes.com. Some information reprinted from the Internet.

Hot lines

Submit at: tctimes.com, call 810-629-9221 or text to 810-771-8398

All submissions, if approved for publication, must be 50 words or less and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tri-County Times. We reserve the right to edit for clarity, length and liability.

I HAD TO laugh when I read that headline about the unoccupied building downtown. Booming? Are you kidding me? There's no parking downtown and all those restaurants are funded by the DDA and the government. There's no privately funded businesses downtown.

THIS IS TO the person who thinks there are a lot of racist Hot lines about Obama. I don't care what color he is, he could be purple, green or orange and I would still disagree with him. I do not like his socialist agenda.

IF THE PARADE on the Fourth of July is used again this year as a forum for personal sexual preferences, this will be the last time my family will attend. It is a family event, not the degenerate Mardi Gras.

REGARDING THE PROPOSED mural for Linden. What is it? I enjoyed seeing pictures of the murals in Flint showing their town's early history. I can relate to that. But Linden's tells me nothing. Am I the only person who doesn't understand it?

YOU CAN LOOK at the performance of the city of Fenton by the time it takes to complete tasks. For 28 weeks, my branches sat from the ice storm before they picked it up. It took 10 weeks to pass their anti-discrimination ordinance. Where are the priorities?

BIG HEADLINES: OBAMA considers options in Iraq. I can't sleep at night without wondering how we're going to get by without his leadership.

SO SORRY TO hear about Adam. He touched all the lives of everyone he knew. He will always have a special place in my heart and will be very sadly missed.

THOSE OF YOU who are turning left onto Owen Road and turning into the car dealership, what does that yellow line mean? It means do not cross.

DEMOCRATS RUIN AMERICA? Name one bill the House has passed. Everything is a no, nothing gets passed.

WHY CAN'T PEOPLE and their obnoxious children use proper library etiquette? Real humans, engaged in serious studies, need peace and quiet. Stop using the library for a video store and take your brats to a playground.

LOVED THE HOT line about non-uniformed people saluting our flag, with your hand over your heart, like the president. Let me ask you this — when did you ever see Obama put his hand over his heart for the flag?

IF WE ARE going to gay bash using Bible verse, anyone who works on the Sabbath shall be put to death. Man can sell his daughter into slavery. We can't eat the flesh of pigs nor touch their skin. Silly rules, you chose to uphold one you must uphold all.

IF 'FISCALLY-CONCERNED' Americans are so worried about the federal government carrying debt, why not lead

by example? Never take out a car, home, education or business start-up loan again. And never carry a credit card balance. Think that'll work?

MILITARY DESERTERS DESERVE nothing but the firing squad, but America is supposed to practice a kinder, gentler attitude, or be politically incorrect.

WITHOUT MORAL STANDARDS there can be no more moral conduct or laws which demand it. They dictate our personal decisions, choices and behavior. If religion offends you, try reading about the men who wrote and signed the Constitution. Then you will really be offended. John Adams would be a good place to start.

SO, JUST BECAUSE I disagree with the President this makes me a racist? I don't think so.

WHEN I WAS in high school, a 1973 grad, I introduced parking garages and walkways from one side of the street to the other. That's what Fenton needs to alleviate the parking problems. Most malls and casinos have them and they are convenient, and during inclement weather you are dry.

IRAQ IS BEING taken over and Obama is fundraising and playing golf. Hillary goes on the TV circuit and after 642 days, a miracle happens as an arrest has been made in the Benghazi incident. I bet Eric Holder declares a mistrial after the November elections.

TO THOSE WHO are upset about the U.S. not sending troops into Iraq, don't worry. If Jeb gets elected in '16, the U.S. will no doubt invade Iraq again! It's a family thing.

TO THE IDIOT who is blaming Mr. Bland. Are you kidding me? He is one of seven votes. He has proudly stated what he feels and now you want to call him out? Get real. He is doing his job. Why are you not mad at the rest of the council?

WHENEVER I SEE a post about a bad experience at a post office, I think about an exceptional lady at our Linden branch. She is always cheerful, efficient, and happy to be there to help you. You are the best, Lori!

EVEN A BONEHEAD can set a smart-phone to vibrate and still distinguish between an incoming phone call, text, or email. Maybe Mr. Radar has a dumb phone instead of a smartphone, or maybe his phone just has a dumb owner.

TO ALL THIS gibberish about foreign languages. In Germany, they speak German. Many Germans also speak English plus other languages. Same in Norway, Poland, Hong Kong, Aruba, Italy and other countries I've visited. What is wrong with this picture? In a global economy, we need proficiency in multiple languages.

WHY DID LINDEN eliminate the tradition of throwing candy to children during parades? Mine were disappointed again this year. I can remember the thrill of getting this candy myself and can't understand why it's been stopped in a small town like Linden.

COUNCILMAN BLAND MADE a stand on principle. He should be applauded not attacked. Whether you agree with his vote or not, it represents another side which also should be heard. Seems like those who scream the loudest for tolerance are not able to offer the same for differing opinions.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What is your favorite sound of summer?

streettalk



"Children playing outside. My grandchildren come around in the summer."

— Lora Popovich
Fenton



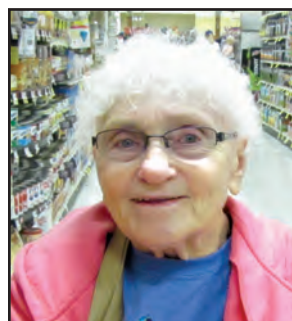
"Birds. I like the cardinals."

— Charles Hanks
Linden



"Waves coming across the shore. We have a cottage on Lake Huron."

— Michael Mutzelburg
Fenton



"Waves splashing upon Lake Superior. I don't go anymore, but I sure enjoyed it."

— Shirley Rolka
Holly



"The birds chirping. I like robins because they are homey. They stay at our house all year."

— Virginia Sine
Linden



"I like the sound of crickets, it's peaceful."

— Mark Perry
Rose Township



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Local photos, such as this one taken by Times reader Tom Kinney, could end up being published in an upcoming Times newspaper.

Times holds summer photo contest

By Sharon Stone

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Get your cameras ready and your creative juices flowing. The Times is holding a summertime online photo contest in order to compile an extensive library of local photos taken by our valued readers.

We are looking for a variety of high-quality photos including those that are patriotic, feature fun activities, parades, kids, family pets, summer activities, and local landmarks to name just a few ideas.

Above is a photo that Times reader Tom

Kinney submitted in 2012 of a colorful hot air balloon drifting over an area lake. Kinney's photo won a spot on the Times' 2013 Sourcebook cover.

If your photo is published in an upcoming issue of the Times, you will receive a photo credit, a laminated copy of the page your photo appeared on, and \$10 cash.

Submit your photos at tctimes.com by clicking on the Summer Photo Contest link. Be sure to include your name, names of those appearing in the photo, where the photo was taken and the date it was taken.

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SAUGATUCK

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But taking a close second is Saugatuck's bustling art community, plus shops, galleries and antiquing. Its diversity has earned Saugatuck its "Provincetown of the Midwest" moniker.

Friday

- Dive into the local art scene at the Saugatuck Center for the Arts. Every summer evening, students and staff open their studios and showcase their works. There are also musical performances and free gallery exhibits, so check the schedule in advance of your visit.

- Go out to dinner at one of Saugatuck's incredible restaurants. Fodor's picks Hercules Bar and Grill for a loosely Greek-influenced menu. Trip Advisor lists Saugatuck's top restaurant as Belvedere Inn & Restaurant and Everyday People Café in Douglas, also mentioned by Fenton Realtor Wade Pyles, a frequent visitor to Saugatuck.

- Head across the lake for a nightcap at Zing Bar and Restaurant in Douglas, where summers bring live cool jazz every Friday and Saturday night.

Saturday

- Enjoy breakfast at Vicki's Family Diner in Douglas, then visit Courtyard Studio & Gallery where you will see Fenton native Betsy Charles' award-winning artwork on display.

- Grab a towel and sun-screen and head to Oval Beach, a brilliant stretch of white sand beach with concessions and facilities.

- Once you've dragged yourself off the beach, stop at Everyday People Café, if you haven't already. Inside its non-descript exterior is an art deco-styled breath of fresh air and creative food, according to Fodor's.

- Browse through downtown Saugatuck's four-block radius of galleries surrounding Butler and Water streets, or shop in a myriad of unique boutique stores.

- Drive north and jump into the open-air truck of the Saugatuck Dune Ride, a 35-minute excursion taking groups over the dunes and through the woods. You'll stop at one of the area's highest dunes

INSIDER TIP

Consider yourself a gourmand (a person who takes great pleasure in food)? Then a gastronomical trek through Saugatuck Hungry Village Tours (www.hungryvillagetours.com) is the perfect way to spend a few hours. You'll sip and taste treats at some of the area's specialty food and wine shops, learning secrets like how the local bakery makes its famous cookies.

to stretch your legs, or roll down the hill!

- Back in town, visit a popular restaurant like Toulouse, for classic French dishes, or find your own at Saugatuck.com.
- Keep the night going with a stop at Coral Gables, with four different bars to suit every taste.

Sunday

- Get up early and enjoy one of the area's best breakfasts at Monroe's, complete with plenty of



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Lake Michigan is always close when enjoying leisure time on Saugatuck's boardwalk.

Marilyn Monroe memorabilia.

- Squeeze in a quick round-trip across the Kalamazoo River on the Chain Ferry. Built in 1857, the hand-cranked chain ferry is the only one of its kind left in North America.

- Wind down your trip with a wine tasting at Fenn Valley Vineyards and Wine Cellar, amidst the rolling hills of nearby Fennville. Self-guided tours of the vineyard happen year-round; guided tours pick up in the fall.

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HOW TO GET TO SAUGATUCK

Take I-69 west from Flint, merging onto I-96 west toward Grand Rapids. You'll merge onto MI-6 west via exit 46 toward Holland. Take County Hwy-2, exit 41, toward Saugatuck/Douglas. Turn right onto Blue Star Hwy/County Hwy-2.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE LGBT ADVOCATES seem to be fine until someone disagrees with them. LGBT is a choice, not a DNA result. Why do you insist that the rest of society legitimizes your personal choices? Call the liberal attack dogs off and try respecting contrary views the same as you expect us to do.

RACIST COMMENTS IN the Hot lines? Liberal logic mandates all Obama criticism is racial. We, as Americans, have a right and a responsibility to criticize a president whether they are black, white or polka dot. If the American people subserviently accept incompetence and deceit from any president, that is tyranny.

TO THE LADY in Fenton who likes to use simple tools to do gardening, the rotary cultivator you refer to is available in a catalog for Amish products, LEHMANS.COM. Why I started receiving the catalog, I don't know. Hope this helps you. Happy gardening.

I WONDER WHAT the Democrats would say if Mary Barra (CEO of General Motors), concerning defective ignition switches, testified that she can't produce two years of email records because GM's computers crashed. Would they say — no problem, the IRS computers conveniently do that, too. I doubt that very much.

DID YOU EVER see the video where the lip reader read Michelle Obama's lips when she said, 'All this for a stupid flag.'

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People in the community enjoy the annual outdoor worship and beach day at Silver Lake Park in Fenton.

You're invited to an outdoor service and beach picnic

►Free admission to Silver Lake Beach for worship, picnic on Sunday, June 29

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Food, fun and fellowship — it's all on the menu for Sunday, June 29 at the third annual Silver Lake Park outdoor service and picnic, sponsored for the community by The Rock Church of Fenton Township.

All the fun will take place at Silver Lake Park on 16000 Jennings Rd. in Fenton. The park entrance is off Silver Parkway on Jennings Road.

"Admission to the park is free all day for our guests," said Wes Morris, pastor of The Rock. "Use of the park will be available all day, and we're hoping you'll join us at 10 a.m. for church on the beach. We'll all be dressed in casual beachwear, so come as you are, wherever you are."

The day begins with a 10 a.m. outdoor service, followed by a picnic and beach activities like swimming, volleyball, kickball and softball. "We invite you to be a part of the service, by sitting on the hill and enjoying the music and worship," said Morris. "If you can't be there for the service, then join us all day for fun at the beach."

People are invited to bring their own food for the picnic, or they can enjoy a casual spread of hot dogs and accompaniments, provided by The Rock. If you're a "regular" at The Rock, you're asked to park at the Kmart parking lot to



make room in the park for guests from the community and handicap parking. There will be shuttles running before and after the 10 a.m. gathering.

“Come and make a family day of it.”

Pastor Wes Morris
The Rock

"Come and make a family day of it," said Morris. In case of rain, the event will be postponed for another date.

The Rock is a welcoming, non-denominational, Bible-based church with five services held each weekend: Saturday at 6 p.m., Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located at 11400 Linden Rd., Fenton Township, at the corner of Linden and Bennett Lake roads.



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DROWNING

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temperatures low, potentially causing shock for some swimmers.

While the safety advocacy group's focus is on the Great Lakes, drowning incidents may be up in inland lakes as well.

"Cold water will impact your swimming ability and can cause you to hyperventilate," said Dave Benjamin, director of public relations and project management. "If it's an 80-degree day and someone jumps into 50 degree water, the impact will be immediate."

According to GLSRP, 15 people have drowned so far in Lake Michigan alone, while 24 people total have drowned so far this year in the Great Lakes. Since 2010, 354 people have drowned in the Great Lakes.

Benjamin attributes many of the drowning incidents to lack of proper water safety education.

"In schools, they have fire drills, tornado drills and active shooter drills," Benjamin said. "But there's very little safety education for water. More children die in drowning incidents versus fires, tornadoes and shooting incidents combined."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an average of 3,533 people died from drowning annually between 2005 and 2009, for an average of 10 deaths per day. About one in five drowning victims were 14 years of age or younger.

The focus on water safety hit the tri-county area during the summer of 2012 when two people died in Fenton Township from two separate drowning incidents. Since then, the Fenton Township Fire Department has trained divers for drowning recoveries. Fire Chief Ryan Volz said there have been zero incidents of drowning in Fenton Township this year and that divers will be on call during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

For those who do have to report an incident to authorities, Volz recommends making a mental marker of where someone is drowning and to remain calm.

"The main thing is to remember where someone went down. Visually, it gives a spot to start at," Volz said.

For those who do find themselves in distress, Benjamin advocates doing the "flip, float and follow." Rather than expelling energy trying to swim or panicking, Benjamin's safety precaution calls for conserving energy until rescuers arrive.

"We found that your ability to float is more critical than your ability to swim," Benjamin said. "With drowning, time is of the essence. If you're recovered within two minutes, you have a 90 percent chance of surviving, without brain injury."

Other factors like body mass, intoxication and over exposure to the sun may also hamper one's ability to swim.

"I hope it's a nice, safe season and everyone minds their P's and Q's, especially with alcohol," Volz said.

APPEAL

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and died the next day from his injuries. Baker had pleaded no contest to second-degree murder and second-degree child abuse in connection with her son's death. Hayes is serving life in prison after being convicted of the boy's murder. Last fall, the Michigan Court of Appeals also denied her request to appeal her case. Baker could be released as early as April 22, 2023.



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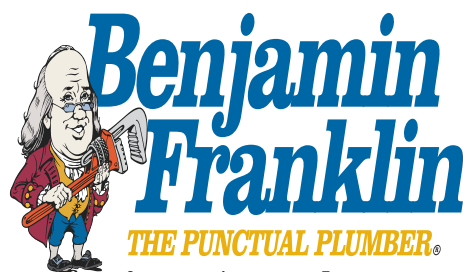
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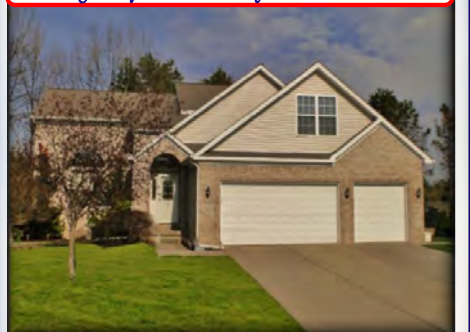
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SCHOOLS

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To Nuss, it's not sustainable with rising costs. "We're gonna survive it, but we're hanging on," he said. He's not speaking for every other district in the tri-county area or the state, but they might echo his words.

While the economy in Michigan seems to be improving, school districts are still not out of the woods.

In any given year, there are usually more than 50 districts in the state (out of several hundred) that are running in a deficit. This doesn't mean they just spend more than they take in — this means they have no money in savings either.

Last summer, the Buena Vista school district was dissolved due to finances.

Michael Flanagan, state superintendent with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) posted a quarterly report, indicating that 48 school districts were running deficits this year, instead of the 55 last year. Districts include Flint Community Schools and Detroit Public Schools.

None of the tri-county area districts are running a deficit that severe, though like many households, things are tight financially.

HAS is suffering the most, with less than 1-percent in its fund balance — the savings account for covering extra expenses, emergencies and projects. With a \$34 million budget, HAS has approximately \$300,000 in this fund. This is down from 4.6 percent in fiscal year 2012, and 8 percent in 2011. It is suggested that districts carry a 15-percent fund balance.

As long as there is a fund balance, and the district can pay its bills, the state won't take notice, but Nuss is still frustrated with the financial situation his district faces.

He's up against smaller, better-funded districts like Royal Oak, which doesn't provide transportation — HAS is 124 square miles. Royal Oak Community Schools had \$8,638 in foundation grant funding, per pupil, Holly had \$7,026.

HAS enrolled approximately 3,415 students, meaning that difference in funding would mean an additional \$550,000 in funding each year for the district.

Even worse, the district is losing \$230,000 in other funding sources.

Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) is operating on a 5-percent fund balance, or \$1.7 million, and fortunately, doesn't have to dip into its fund balance this year

or next to meet the budget, said Executive Director of Finance Doug Busch.

The \$11 million millage the voters recently passed will also help the district.

The healthiest district in the tri-county area is Lake Fenton Community Schools (LFCS), which maintains a 16-percent, \$2.7-million fund balance, with a \$17 million budget.

But even the healthiest budget was balanced on a razor — \$7,000. Superintendent Wayne Wright said the district was in the black by a mere \$7,000, and the fund balance did not have to be used.

Still, Wright is frustrated because like any school district budget, it is a moving target. Although they budgeted conservatively, his district will still have less money than they budgeted for.

He was going off a \$111 planned increase in per pupil funding, so he budgeted for \$99, but instead got \$50.

This illustrates the moving target schools have with their budget. It would be like a family planning for expenses (which are rising), while the salary they'll get can fluctuate up until the first check is sent.

Losing or gaining 10 students is the difference of more than \$70,000.

Along with other decreases, his budget is now suddenly operating without \$84,000 — or the salary of a staff member. He said for his district, the new budget is "devastating."

Linden Community Schools will balance their budget this year, but only after using \$200,000 in fund balance for 2013-14, and will use \$600,000 in 2014-15. They have approximately \$2.7 million out of a \$25 million budget in fund balance.

This means that like HAS, Linden schools are running a deficit, but not to the severity of a state take-over.

Superintendent Ed Koledo said they adjusted staff level through attrition four years ago, so layoffs aren't planned.

However, this does add to the stress of the job. Fewer people means more work for the individual, and retaining talent can be difficult. "If something doesn't change in the future, funding-wise for schools, I think there will be a lot more turnover in the teaching fields," he said.

"While we're definitely happy to finally see things are improving for the economy, it doesn't mean all other costs stay constant, or put us in a better situation."

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IT TOOK A lot of nerve for Les Bland to stand on his personal beliefs and vote 'no.' To the Hot liners who castigated him last week, I say try affording him the same courtesy and respect which you demand for your views. My conclusion is: what a bunch of hypocrites.

■ ■ ■
OBAMA MADE PROMISES he never should have made to these foreign countries. It's costing you and me \$252.00 to house all of these children at Army bases like Ft. Sill in Oklahoma. This is an outrage. Most of the children are planning to find their illegal alien parents. Impeach now!

■ ■ ■
IF I WERE black, I would be so sick and tired of people thinking I needed something like racism, lower test scores, affirmative action, etc. just to get along in this world. Like I am not man or woman enough to do it on my own.

■ ■ ■

NOW THAT FENTON passed a gratuitous discrimination ordinance, they should hire a cadre of patrol officers to enforce the law. The new unit should be called SWATS (Special Words And Thought Squad), which will pounce on offenders who think, or heaven forbid, have the temerity to say unapproved PC words.

■ ■ ■
RUSSIA AND CHINA are expanding, Iran is building nuclear bombs, radical Islam wants to destroy us, the economy is weak, illegal immigrant detention centers are full; why are Obama and Reid concentrating on the name of an NFL team?

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Skipper Bud's marina on Lake Fenton is pummeled by rain on Wednesday. The rumble and rain of storms is part of the sounds of summer.

SUMMER

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of the year, are those that tell me we're up north beyond the Mackinac Bridge. There's the grating sound of being on the metal side of the bridge's five-mile span, and that's one of my unpleasant sounds of summer. But the smell of up north pine as soon as we pay the bridge toll makes that sound less "grating" and worth every minute.

Other favorite sounds up north are the sounds of the Rock River as we cross over a rickety bridge (that's a whole other sound!) to get to my family's 77-year-old cabin on the shores of Lake Michigan. The welcoming sound of the handmade wooden screen door as it squeaks when it opens and slams when it closes is a welcoming, familiar sound. The sounds of buzzing mosquitoes and black flies are not.

I love the crunchy sound of weeds under my bare or sandaled-feet as I make my way down to the beach from the cabin. I love the sound of water running from an outdoor faucet to clean the last vestiges of beach sand off my feet before re-entering the cabin that my grandpa built in 1937.

When I'm home from the cabin, I still love many familiar sounds of summer. I was reminded Wednesday how much I love a summer thunderstorm, even though the soft patter of a gentle summer rain is much more calming than yesterday's downpour. I'm awed by the power

“My fondest memories of summer, and the ones that keep me going all the rest of the year, are those that tell me we're up north beyond the Mackinac Bridge.”

Sally Rummel
Times Feature Writer

of a swift crack of thunder, grateful when it's far enough away to not be a concern of safety for my family and friends.

Some of these summer sounds are new to me, as it's our first summer in a condo that faces a very scenic wetlands area. I haven't yet distinguished all the different sounds apart from one another, but to me, they make a beautiful symphony

of ducks, geese and frogs. At a little bit of a distance, I even hear the moos of cows that make their home in a pasture across the field.

Another wonderful sound of summer is the smart crack of a bat hitting a baseball at a summer ball game. It's such a satisfying sound. I hope to get to a Tigers or Loons game this summer, to hear that sound in person, rather than from memory.

Some of my other favorite summer sounds have come from our 3-year-old granddaughter Ava's laughter as she runs outside, enjoying every second of the warm breeze on her face.

We all know that summertime is fleeting, and sooner than we want, we'll hear the warning sounds of the cicada, telling us that summer is almost over. As much as I love that sound and the beauty of a Michigan fall, I'm not ready to even think about another autumn or winter. I think instead I'll take a week's vacation up north and cherish that old screen door slamming and even the buzz of the mosquitoes that tells me for sure I'm in the U.P.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

MANY THANKS TO the two gentlemen who work at VG's gas station who tried to help when I locked myself out of my new car and to the kind woman and her grandson Jacob who drove me home. Fenton is a wonderful place to live.

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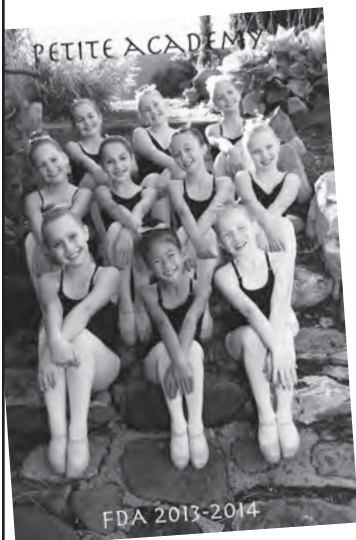
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Casey Kasem stands next to his daughter Kerrie Kasem and actor Corey Feldman in Los Angeles.

CASEY KASEM
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who was too big to talk to anyone. You didn't need to have a handshake with him," Sefa said. "He was a super human being. He'd give you the shirt off his back."

Sefa met a range of stars whenever he flew out to see Kasem, including Frank and Nancy Sinatra and musical groups like the Righteous Brothers at Coconut Grove. Kasem at one time wanted Sefa to help manage one of his bands in Las Vegas, but Sefa declined the offer.

"It wasn't my lifestyle, but I appreciated

Summary

► Casey Kasem made regular visits to family members in Genesee County, even after he found success in Los Angeles. Relatives have fond memories of Kasem, even as his life descended into controversy before he died.

that he thought highly enough of me to potentially do that," Sefa said. "I saw people lose more money in a night in Vegas than I earned during my whole two years in the Army."

Sefa's sister, Joan Turner, also of Grand Blanc, said Kasem would always make time for family, flying back for anniversaries, events and when her father's store closed.

"He never forgot his family. We were a very close family," Turner said. "This was a good man."

Family disputes between Kasem's second wife, Jean, and his children ruled tabloids and plagued the final years of his life. Sefa and Turner were sorry to see Kasem's family life end with so much turmoil, especially since he remained close to his relatives in Michigan.

Turner and Sefa attribute much of the hardship to Kasem's wife, Jean, who they said kept his children and other family members away while he was on his deathbed. Turner said Jean transported Kasem



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Joseph Sefa (right) of Grand Blanc stands next to his cousin Casey Kasem.

to Arizona, Las Vegas and eventually Washington State, where Kasem died.

"I've read stories that say 'kids can't wait to get money.' The kids aren't mentioning any money but the wife keeps mentioning \$80 million," Turner said. "I don't know what she is hoping for, we don't get it. His own brother couldn't even see him."

Sefa has had similar experiences with Kasem's second wife, noting the rift between his children and the second wife.

"His ex-wife treated him better than his second wife," Sefa said. "I know Casey wasn't happy, but I understand why he did it."

Turner said a Druze ceremony is planned for Kasem in California. Detroit and Flint events in remembrance of Kasem are tentatively in the works, which Sefa plans to attend. Kasem's brother, who also lives in Grand Blanc, is currently in California to attend Kasem's funeral.

"When the family came out, he would always make time to be with them," Sefa said. "He was a super guy."

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WORLD CUP REPORT

United States vs. Portugal preview

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Team records

The United States is second in Group G with a 1-0-0 record, while Portugal is in last with an 0-0-1 record (records are read wins-ties-losses).

If the U.S. wins

The Americans will qualify for the round of 16 with a pool play game left against Germany on Thursday.

If the U.S. ties or loses

The Americans will find themselves in a battle for the second playoff spot in Group G. The Germany-Ghana match is Saturday, so those results will help make the playoff picture a bit more clear as well. But with Germany remaining for the U.S. it is in their best interest to find a way to beat Portugal on Sunday regardless what Germany does against Ghana.

What makes Portugal dangerous?

Cristiano Ronaldo is considered one of the two best players in the world. Despite their opening-round loss to Germany, beating Portugal won't be easy if Ronaldo is his typical self.

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INSIDE SPORTS:
JUNIOR GOLF
It's a hit at Spring Meadows



Family feeling resonates with Fenton HOF

►Price-Torok, Barclay, Hintz join 1967 football team into Tigers athletic hall

By David Troppens

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Fenton — With each class inducted into the Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame, the stories change.

The athletes and their sports change as well.

But what doesn't change is one constant theme — family.

When Carol Price-Torok, David Hintz and Barbara Barclay were inducted into the Fenton Education Foundation Athletic Hall of Fame at Fenton High School recently, the theme popped up constantly. Sometimes it involved their actual nuclear families, and sometimes the family was the school or community itself. Sometimes the word was used for both.

The undefeated 1967 football team was inducted as well as was Delio Barletta as an honorary community member.

"Fenton is family," said Price-Torok, the 2000 graduate who made her mark playing four years of varsity volleyball, three years

Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame

Here is a list of the people/teams who were members of the 2014 class of the Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame.

ATHLETES

Barbara Barclay: Softball, basketball.

David Hintz: Basketball, track, football.

Carol Price-Torok: Volleyball, basketball.

TEAM

1967 football team - 9-0

HONORARY MEMBER

Delio Barletta



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The Fenton Athletic Hall of Fame's 2014 class includes (from left) David Hintz, Carol Price-Torok and Barbara Barclay.

of varsity basketball and a year of varsity soccer. "Fenton is how I grew up, and the people who know me can't think of Fenton without thinking about the great friends and teammates we had."

"During my four years of athletics, I don't think my mom ever

missed an event," said Hintz, who played four years of varsity basketball and track as well as two years of varsity football. "And I'm talking every football game, every track meet and every basketball game road or away including the playoffs, tourna-

ments and summer things. I had just tremendous family support.

"And the coaches, I was fortunate to have great coaches too like LeRoy Decker, Bob Bruder, Mark Covert and Bob Middleton. ... The family support, the coach's
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One of two people battling for Linden's starting quarterback spot is Fenton transfer Ethan Quesnelle.

Eagles creating great unity with young and old at spread camp

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Linden — In the area behind the varsity football field where the Linden football teams usually practice preparing for games, there was already a lot of activity on Thursday and Friday last week.

While there are no pads on yet, much of what you'd expect from a football practice is going on. There are footballs, huddles, play sheets and a lot of coaches and whistles.

But the annual Linden Spread

Camp is a bit different than your typical football practice during the regular season. This one involves everyone from middle school to high school practicing and learning on the same field at the same time.

One minute there will be five middle school quarterbacks trying to complete passes to their wide receivers during the same play — each throwing to a different receiver running downfield. Then maybe a minute later that same plot of land will have

the Linden varsity squad driving down the field, practicing their NASCAR drives, which is a hurry-up offense. And at other times, you might even see the older players teaching the youngsters.

"It's awesome helping them out," said senior Austin McNeill. "In a couple of years, I'll be able to come back while I'm in college and watch them. Being able to see these younger kids playing in the future would be nice."

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All ages having fun during Spring Meadows Jr. golf program

►More than 100 youngsters enjoying summer activities on area golf course

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Linden — She's only 4 years old, but anyone that watches Olivia Hibbard on a golf course will learn quickly she has competitive fire in her young body.

Not much taller than her own golf clubs, her foursome of players during Spring Meadows' Junior Golf program on Thursday included only players older than her, ranging from Ashlyn Charder's still very young 5 to Evan Clay's veteran age of 8. Yet, there was only one thing on Hibbard's mind when she played one of two holes her group would play on Thursday on Spring Meadows Country Club. She wanted to be first.

"I hope I beat her," was a common comment Hibbard made, especially after a strong shot. And with determined ground strokes, she found herself right there competing with her older competition on the approximately 70-yard hole.

Hibbard was one of many of the one-hole competitors that took part in Thursday's event. Most weren't as competitive as Hibbard. Some seemed to aimlessly hit their ball in whatever direction they felt necessary at the time. Some could hardly wait for the ball to stop before hitting it again. And a few took more than a couple of strokes before they were able to hit the ball. But from what could be viewed, it seemed everyone was having a ball.

Spring Meadows Country Club's

First Assistant Golf Professional and Junior Golf Coordinator Jeremy Hibbard said there's about 120 kids ranging from 4 to 18 playing in the annual junior golf program. Some of the age groups play just one hole, while the high schoolers play 18.

"It's a good time," Hibbard said. "The program has grown over the past five years, but we've stayed steady at 120 the past two years, so we are assuming it will be about that this year."

Each week lessons are given to many of the competitors. Many of the youngest competitors had a little help on the driving range or putting green before they headed to their holes. And with the addition the Masters hosting the annual Drive, Chip and Putt competition at Augusta National Golf Course, the junior program also hosts its own competition.

"Myself and teaching pro Rick Kent give a half-hour lesson before tee off," Hibbard said.

"One week we'll work on the driver, chipping, long irons or fairway woods. The first week we teach player conduct and how to handle yourself on a golf course. We also teach them how to handle the clubs."

Hibbard enjoys working with the kids.

"I enjoy when the kids understand what we are asking them to do," Hibbard said. "Maybe we are working on drives and one is able to get the ball



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(Above) Kruz Kruska, 6, warms up for his Spring Meadows Junior Golf day at the driving range with many other competitors on Thursday. (Below) Ashlyn Charder, 5, celebrates making her putt.

in the air. They get excited and I enjoy when the kids get it and are having fun. When they are having fun, I am having fun. When they succeed, I succeed."

Hibbard also coaches a special group of junior golfers at Spring Meadows. He has 20 kids competing in a six-team golf league with squads from three other courses. Spring Meadows has two teams of 10. Each squad consists of five boys and five girls between the ages of 9 and 13. During the regular season, the players compete at the home courses of those competing in the league.

Last year, many of Spring Meadows' participants made the All-Star match and went to play at Cog Hill, located near Chicago.

"That was a lot of fun," Hibbard said. "We got beat in both matches, but to be 12 or 13 and to be able to play a PGA course and represent your state are memories those kids will remember the rest of their life."

It seemed many memories were made on Thursday morning as well.



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support and all of the players I played with, I'd like to thank everyone in Fenton High School. It's a great honor."

"My family was there for me the entire time," said Barclay who was a four-year softball player and basketball player. "Ma and pa never missed a softball game. ... I'd be in the backyard until it was dark (with my dad)."

"I want to take a moment to thank everyone here — family and friends."

Price-Torok's athletic career at Fenton resulted in a college career at Texas A&M playing four years of volleyball and a year of basketball. She is the current assistant volleyball coach at the University of Arkansas.

"Overall, I wouldn't change my high school experience for anything — great teams, great people, great individuals," Price-Torok said. "You giving one thing creates 12 to 13 things in return from your teammates. That's a powerful thing, being a part of a great team is a powerful thing."

"I played with both of my sisters and made life-long friends in volleyball and basketball. I was fortunate to have great coaches. They were great influences in my life, not only teaching basketball and volleyball but teaching me things I took with me down the road and with my coaching now."

Barclay posted a 45-0 record against Metro League foes during her final two years and had an overall record of 61-5 in her four years on the softball team as the squad's star pitcher. She led the team to state championships in 1978 and 1979.

"I wouldn't be here without my team," Barclay said. "I hung out with



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The members of the 1967 Fenton football team take time for a photo during the 2014 Fenton Education Foundation Athletic Hall of Fame Induction held on June 12. The squad was inducted into the hall during the ceremony.

them in high school. Even after practice was over we hung out."

The 1967 football team's season almost didn't happen due to a failed millage. When it didn't pass, practices were canceled. But the community was able to raise \$16,000 to support the athletic program and allow the squad to play out its season. The rest is history. While there were several close games, the squad ended up capturing the school's eighth consecutive league championship, completing the season ranked second and third in the state in the Associated Press and the United Press International polls, respectively.

"We almost lost it," said end Dan Cypher. "We were seniors, ready to play and start practicing and then the millage was voted down. We didn't have prac-

tice and it was devastating. My dad was on a bowling team and the six of them put money together to buy a ticket to help get to the \$16,000. Giving \$100 or \$200 back then was like a thousand dollars now. It was a big deal to them."

But with the season safe through community donations, the team only had to worry about its play on the field after they returned to practice. Bentley, Atherton and Montrose presented great challenges, but the team prevailed in each. They ended the season outscoring their foes 225-65.

The team had a first-team All-State performer (Ben Lewis) and an honorable mention All-State performer (Vance Huff). Coach Ken Wegener was named the Coach of the Year.

"It was a great time, a great group of guys and a lot of great memories," Cy-

pher said. "We all played together for four years and we did good."

Barletta, who passed away on Sept. 23, was the owner of Johnny's Pizzeria, hosted several Friday night celebrations over the decades after Fenton athletic contests. Many involved the 1967 football program, as Fenton athletic director Michael Bakker mentioned at the banquet. There's a story that some of the players were actually temporarily banned after horseplay and neglecting to pay their bills. But the ban didn't last long.

"He was a regular donor to the athletic program," Bakker said. "In the 1960s and 70s he had the only pizza place in town. Students and fans dominated his place after any sporting event after a game. Johnny's was truly the shared family kitchen where people celebrated."

EAGLES

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"This is where it starts, especially for the little kids. They come to the camp, play football, see how fun it is and that's how we build our teams here at Linden."

Linden co-head football coach Denny Hopkins loves the interaction. Occasionally he has the older players work with the younger ones during the two-day camp.

"The older kids will help the little kids and stuff like that," Hopkins said. "And next week we'll have the seniors instruct hands on in our camp for first-through fifth-graders. You can't beat having the kids they watch play on Friday night, put their arms around them, show them what to do and help them out. You just can't beat that."

But the spread camp is also a good chance to get the team ready for the rest of the summer sessions, which include many seven-on-seven events.

"We are getting back into the swing of it, getting used to a couple of new faces," senior Jake Marshall said. "We are coming together as a family and getting closer, getting down each other's timing."

The Eagles return a large portion of their team from a year ago, but do have two new quarterbacks competing for the starting spot — Holly transfer Jake Zorn and Fenton transfer Ethan Quesnelle. Zorn spent his freshman season within in the Linden program, so he's returned back to his original program.

"It's a healthy competition," Hopkins said. "They both look really good right now."



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Linden's Trent Strang made this catch during the Linden Spread Offense football camp held on Linden's campus on Thursday.

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Car shows bring excitement, nostalgia

► Summer is biggest time for auto events in the tri-county area

By Sally Rummel

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Who doesn't remember their very own first car or an experience they had riding around town as a teenager?

Nostalgia is in the air at every car show, bringing back memories of summers past. You can't help but enjoy the cars, camaraderie, food and fun at area car shows, which are plentiful in the tri-county area this summer.

Here are a few car shows to mark on your calendar:

Fenton

North LeRoy Business District Car Show, North VG's parking lot, Saturdays July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. 13, food by Beale St. BBQ. Presented by Christian Cruisers Car Club.

Vic Canever Chevrolet Car Show, July

17 and Aug. 7 (coordinating with Back to the Bricks Tune-up Party), 3 to 8 p.m. Bring your hot rod, antique or muscle car, free refreshments, drawings and prizes.

Mega Coney Island, July 15, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16, 5 to 8 p.m., 50/50 raffles, 2-for-1 coneys for drivers, D.J. Bob Steele.

Boston Gourmet Pizza Summer Cruise 2014, Tuesdays June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, 5 to 8 p.m., D.J. Bob Steele.

Back to the Bricks Tune-up Party Week, Thursday, Aug. 7, downtown Fenton. This event is a prelude to Flint's 10th Anniversary Back to the Bricks, Aug. 12-16, with car shows, free drive-in movie, rolling cruises, swap meets, yard sales, sock hops, etc. For full schedule, visit backtothebricks.org

Linden

Horizon Air Park (Price's Airport) Car Show, Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Shuttle buses will run between the Air Park and Mills Day events, so visitors can enjoy both car shows.

“Watch for our monster truck display held once a year during our show.”

John Bozart,

Co-organizer of Holly Car Show

Linden Mills Days Car Show, Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Broad Street downtown.

Back to the Bricks Tune-up Party Week, Wednesday, Aug. 6. This event is a prelude to Flint's 10th Anniversary Back to the Bricks, Aug. 12-16, with car shows, free drive-in movie, rolling cruises, swap meets, yard sales, sock hops, etc. For full schedule, visit backtothebricks.org

Holly

Cruise to Battle Alley/Holly Car Show, every Wednesday until October, from 5 to 8 p.m., in downtown Holly, major sponsor is Bar's Leak. D.J., door prizes, 50/50 raffle at Lisa Clark's table. Organizers are John Bozart and Bob Allsop.



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One-tank getaways

► Hop in your car and drive toward three of the Great Lakes for pure Michigan beauty

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Michigan has more shoreline than any other state in the U.S., with four of the Great Lakes lapping against 3,200 miles of Michigan's coast. With all this natural beauty around us, why not hop in the car this summer and visit three of the Great Lakes that are within a one-tank drive in Michigan?

ONE-TANK DRIVE #1

Lake Huron

80 miles — take I-69 and head east

Lake Huron is only 80 miles from Fenton, landing you in Port Huron, known for fishing, boating, freighter watching and access across the Blue Water Bridge to Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

For more of a beach destination,

travel a little further on I-75 to Bay City and head east on M-25 to Michigan's Thumb, where 90 miles of swimming and fishing shoreline await you.

Further north, travel on U.S. 23 to Tawas, Oscoda and Alpena on Michigan's "Sunrise Side" for beautiful beaches, lighthouses and ships.

ONE-TANK DRIVE #2

Mackinac Straits

237 miles — take I-75 north

You can't miss the picturesque beauty of the Straits area, where the Mackinac Bridge separates Lake Huron and Lake Michigan and the Upper Peninsula from the Lower Peninsula. The gem of the area is Mackinac Island, a destination that's a step back in time with horse-drawn carriages, bicycles, fudge, shopping and all kinds of island exploration — no cars allowed. You can even take this trip in a day, as it's

See **GETAWAYS** on 23A

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→ **Check the brake system** and make sure the battery connection is clean, tight and corrosion-free.

→ **Check filters and fluids**, including engine oil, power steering and brake and transmission, as well as windshield washer solvent and antifreeze/coolant. Dirty air filters can waste gas and cause the engine to lose power.

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A: Tyler, I think what you are asking me is how to disable the chime for when the key is left in the ignition. If this is not it, then please write back and give me a better description of what you need help with. As a professional mechanic, I do not tamper with safety devices such as the chime modules unless they are not functioning properly. Even then it is usually something you need time, wiring diagrams and repair info to diagnose properly. These systems are made up of several components on today's vehicles that need to properly communicate with each other and can be very difficult to diagnose even as simple of a function as they may seem.

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only four hours from Fenton. Leave early and stay late, there's a lot to enjoy in the surrounding cities of Mackinaw City and St. Ignace.

If time allows, you still have enough gas to cross the bridge and visit the Mystery Spot, the Cut River Bridge and other U.P. attractions.

ONE TANK DRIVE #3

Lake Michigan

- 200 miles west to Ludington — U.S. 23 north to U.S. 10 all the way to Lake Michigan
- 150 miles to Holland — take I-69, then I-96 west

You can head in two different directions driving west: both ultimately taking you to the beautiful beaches of Lake Michigan. Northwest destinations include the popular tourist towns of Ludington, Traverse City and Petoskey, plus the incredible beauty of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Southwest destinations include Holland, just south and west of Grand Rapids, Saugatuck, Grand Haven and South Haven. Saugatuck was recently named the #1 weekend getaway in the entire U.S. by USA Today, famous for its beaches, unique bed and breakfasts, shopping and restaurants.

ONE TANK DRIVE #4

Lake Erie

150 miles to Sandusky, Ohio on your way to Cleveland — take U.S. 23 south and I-90 east

For an action-packed one-tank trip, visit Cedar Point in Sandusky, voted "best

amusement park in the world," but don't stop there. Lake Erie's unique islands, including Put 'n' Bay, plus specialty sport fishing, make this resort area a must-see visit.

Continue on to Cleveland, just 210 miles from Fenton, and stop at the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Museum, Great Lakes Science Center and the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

ROAD TRIP READY

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→ **Check the hoses and belts** that can become cracked, brittle, frayed, and loose or show signs of excessive wear. These are critical to the proper function of the electrical system, air conditioning, power steering and the cooling system.

→ **Check the tires**, including tire pressure and tread. Underinflated tires reduce a vehicle's fuel economy and uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.

→ **Check that the gas cap** is not damaged, loose or missing, to prevent gas from spilling or evaporating.

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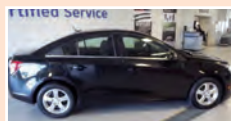
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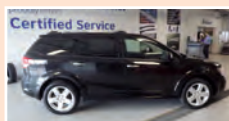
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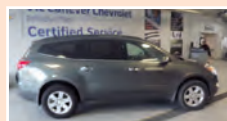
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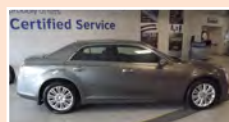
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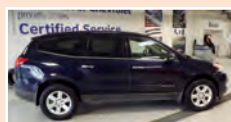
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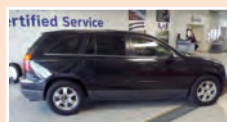
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