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“I always look forward to the Freedom Festival Parade. Fenton always does such a good job on July 4th, plus we like the food. We're bringing family from elsewhere, too.”



“Most don't know that the Fenton Fourth of July parade is the biggest in Genesee County. Please don't ruin it with political or social agenda statements. It's a family event, not a political event.”



“President Barack Obama, self-described constitutional scholar, has decreed that there are three branches of government: Me, Myself, and I.”



“I wish experts would determine soon if e-cigarettes are safe. Some products claim to have no nicotine, but does that mean they have no dangerous chemicals?”



“ ” HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“On this wonderful American holiday, try to simply be an American, a Michigander and a Fentonite. For one day, let's leave politics out of the discussion. Happy 4th of July.”

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Cruising with the Sheriff's Marine Patrol

►Deputies out to educate, promote safety this weekend

By Tim Jagielo
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Fenton Twp. — A few weeks ago, some teens were flying through the no-wake zone. They were stopped, and found to be in possession of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia.

Last July 4, there were a couple fights. This weekend, the Genesee County Sheriff's Department Marine Patrol will be out
See CRUISING on 14A

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Deputies Brian Ross (left) and Alex Demock cruise from one side of Lake Fenton to the channel, on a sweep last Friday. The sheriff's marine patrol tries to balance allowing people to have a good time, with safety on the water.

34-year-old Byron man critical after shooting

►Durand man charged with assault with intent to murder

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A 34-year-old Byron man is in critical condition at Hurley Medical Center after he was struck with a bolt cutter and then shot over the weekend in Argentine Township.



Timothy Ward

The suspect in the shooting, 59-year-old Timothy Ward of Durand, remains in custody at the Genesee County Jail. He is facing felony charges of assault with intent to murder, two counts of felonious assault and one count
See ASSAULT on 10A

GM continues to recall vehicles



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General Motors is still recalling vehicles for faulty ignitions and electric shorts that could possibly cause fires.

►Local dealerships doing best they can to keep up with extra workload, inventory of parts

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General Motors continues to find faulty parts in their vehicles and has recently recalled 8.5 million vehicles. The latest round of recalls comes after the auto giant recalled 1.3 million vehicles in April and 2.6 million vehicles in February.

GM has been facing mounting criticism for the high volume of cars that are being recalled, with CEO Mary Barra attending congressional hearings since the beginning of this year.

For local dealerships, more recalls compounds their already tough workload.
See RECALL on 9A

Warrants needed for cell phone searches

►Supreme Court rules phones protected by Fourth Amendment

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The Supreme Court unanimously ruled this week that police must have a search warrant in order to search through a suspect's cell phone. The ruling comes in an age when digital privacy from authori-

ties continues to be a controversial topic.

Some courts and police agencies argued phones found on a person should be treated as any other item and thus open to inspection. In the court opinion written by Chief Justice John Roberts, the justices ruled that phones contain a significant amount of information about a single person and should not be treated as other items such as a journal or address book.

See WARRANTS on 5A

“(Searching phones) is particularly valuable with drug investigations. You can see pictures and who they're contacting.”

Rick Aro, Fenton police chief

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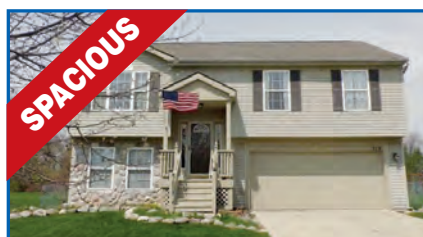
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Police & Fire report

LOUD MUSIC LEADS TO ARREST

Just after 2 a.m. on Tuesday, July 1, Fenton police responded to a residential neighborhood off Owen Road to investigate a loud music complaint. Responding officers located the home in question and made contact with a 21-year-old Fenton man who claimed his roommate was responsible for the loud music. While in the home, officers observed marijuana. The man was arrested for possession of marijuana and has an Aug. 4 court date.

FIREWORKS COMPLAINTS

Fenton police have received multiple complaints regarding fireworks. Lt. Jason Slater said many people believe they can shoot off fireworks anywhere, anytime. He said the police department's main goal is to educate offenders and to make sure everyone is safe. Most likely, the offender will receive a warning and be told of when and where fireworks are legal. If offenders are intoxicated or a scene is unsafe, the responding officer could take other action.



Jesse Hopton, 7, and Jacob Wyanciow, 8, grab some ice cream Wednesday in downtown Linden with Sarah Barton.

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July is National Ice Cream Month

► Tasty treat generates \$10 billion annually

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From Uncle Ray's on North LeRoy Street to the Ice Cream Garage in downtown Linden, the tri-county area is a prime location to get a bite of the tasty treat.

As an industry that makes a cool \$10 billion a year, according to the International Dairy Foods

“Ice cream just goes with the hot weather.”

Colleen Brazelton
Owner of the Ice Cream Garage
in downtown Linden



Association (IDFA), ice cream is a staple of the American diet and ruler of the summer. Locally, ice cream vendors opt for quality over mass production.

“We make all of the ice cream right here. It all comes from our dad, Ray, who started making ice cream 35 years ago,” said

Dave Durant, co-owner of Uncle Ray's. “We make 24 flavors and it's all hand-made.”

Durant said the process of making ice cream begins with 15 percent butterfat, which is put into a batch freezer. The ice cream then moves to a flash freezer, which is about 20 degrees below zero. The ice cream stays frozen overnight and then transferred to a softening freezer, which Durant said is kept at zero degrees but is still too hard to dip. Finally, the ice cream is transferred into a dipping cabinet, which is kept at 5

degrees and ready to be scooped.

At the Ice Cream Garage in downtown Linden, ‘hard’ ice cream is all that's served or ice cream that has to be scooped. Owner Colleen Brazelton, who has ran the ice cream store for the past two years, said she makes some specialty flavors such as dairy-free sorbets for the lactose intolerant and gluten-free cones. From May 17 to the first frost of fall, Brazelton serves everything from banana to cotton candy flavored ice creams.

“We're known for big scoops. Sometimes people have told us to stop making them so big,” Brazelton said. “Ice cream

See **ICE CREAM** on 15A

‘I hate fasting’

...and other deep thoughts from not eating for 54 hours

By Tim Jagielo

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The Times is not in any way offering medical advice, nor are we suggesting anyone fast for 54 hours. We are not medical professionals, you may wish to consult a doctor before fasting.

I weighed in at 175.2 to start, and the last meal I had was breakfast with Dad Sunday morning — a ‘coyote’ omelet from Kearsley Creek Café in Goodrich.

After that it was water, coffee and tea, and that's it, with the end goal of breaking fast Wednesday morning. An almost daily habit, I abstained from exercising during that time.

My roommate, who wrote a book about religious fasting, suggested the fast have a higher purpose than just for a news story.

In reality, I was just curious if it would boost my immune system. I also wanted to see how much food I truly needed to function and to get work done.

Kelly from the Times' Composition Department said it was dumb, and I didn't tell my sister about it, because she would assume I'd be dead by morning. She still thinks I need a full Michael-Phelps-worth of calories each day. Really, for such a high energy person, I probably eat the minimum of calories.

See **FASTING** on 8A



Tim Jagielo

About fasting

Fasting doesn't always mean eating nothing at all for a certain period of time — it can mean abstaining from stimulants like coffee, or avoiding alcohol or meats. According to WebMD, fasting doesn't clear the body of toxins, nor does it really help lose weight once the fast breaks. Fasting for a few days may be safe for healthy people, but after that, the body will need vitamins.

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A Hollywood ending!

I often bemoan the fact that it is my lot in life to regularly educate my meager audience with regard to the actions and activities of many of the idiots, imbeciles and fools we share the planet with. Not so today.

Oscar-nominated actress Amy Adams was in the limelight last week for a genuinely kind and unselfish act not generally associated with the demented denizens of Hollywood.

On a flight from Detroit to Los Angeles, the 39-year-old 'American Hustle' star, with class and grace, quietly gave her first-class seat to

an American serviceman who had been booked in coach. Adams, whose dad was an officer in the U.S. army, first noticed the man in uniform at the gate. Once on board, the five-time Oscar nominee quietly asked to switch seats with the soldier so that he could enjoy her plush, and expensive, accommodations.

Why should this be surprising? Well, most actors in Hollywood will only travel if they can get a first-class seat so as not to be forced to mingle with the lower-class commoners who travel via coach. Being more accustomed to fools like Alec Baldwin (he

recently was thrown off a flight for refusing to turn off his cell prior to takeoff), the selfless generosity of her actions is a breath of fresh air.

Now granted, Amy Adams didn't sell everything she owned in order to work with orphans in Haiti, but in a time where our troops are \$#!+ on by the VA, slighted by our President, ignored by the media, dissed by Hollywood and generally unappreciated by the citizens they risk their lives for each day, I found her simple act of kindness to be a wonderful example for the rest of us on how to show our soldiers that we appreciate them.

Amy Adams was not only classy in giving up her first-class seat to one of our warriors, but she also didn't do a shout-out about her good deed. Think the exact opposite of the disgusting Kardashians. We wouldn't even know what she had done

except that a fellow passenger from ESPN recognized her, watched the seat exchange go down, and then tweeted about it.

What Adams did was old-school stuff, folks. It showed genuine reverence and respect for our military personnel. She may be the only one in Hollywood who actually recognizes her true place in the pecking order of life. What a great example for all of us.

In the post 9-11 era we live in today, when most air travel experiences read more like a horror story than a vacation, it's nice to hear that — for this soldier anyway — his trip had a Hollywood ending.

On this Fourth of July, I'd like to thank Amy Adams for her grace and our soldiers for their service.

May God help us to follow her lead.

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Hot lines

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I'M A BICYCLE enthusiast. I have bicycles American and foreign made. I ride on public roads and quite frequently I'm treated terribly by vehicle drivers. I need an ordinance where they need to go see the city manager when they treat me poorly.

I WOULDN'T MIND spending a few hours cleaning up trash on the sides of McCaslin Lake Road. Unfortunately, the slobs out here just keep trashing it.

I LOVE THE mural for the side of Linden City Hall. It will brighten things up and get people to talk.

JUST READ THE Hot line about the mural in Linden. I drove by it the other day and a bunch of kids were out there painting. It looked wonderful. You shouldn't criticize something until it's finished.

I THINK THE Linden City administration has lost their minds. They allow a mural to be painted on a historical building before updating the mill building.

TO THE PERSON who has chickens coming into their yard and tearing it up, here's a quote for you: 'Chicken soup is good for the soul.'

THERE GOES FOSTER Childs again, opening his mouth about things he doesn't know about. It's not the liberals who are trying to change the Redskins name, it's the Oneonta nation in New York. Redskin is a slur against Native Americans.

AFRICAN LIONS SHOULD be offended by Detroit.

NOT A BIG marijuana supporter, but blaming Democrats for that doesn't make sense. Look at the Republican Party and their stance on it.

TO THE IMBECILE who is too stubborn to learn other languages, most people in Europe are at least bilingual. You wouldn't make it far if you left your neck of the woods.

WENT TO THE alleged '50s song concert at the park. Didn't hear a single song from the '50s, people were rude parking their chairs in front of the bathrooms. Baby Boomers are one of the largest groups in the nation and we can't get our music played anywhere. What's with this?

I'D LIKE TO apologize to the person who had a bad experience at the Loose Center. We've been going there for years and have never had a problem. Please give it another try. We'll see you there!

IF IT'S OK for a motorcyclist not to wear a helmet, why do motorists have to wear a seatbelt? What sense does that make?

SAW ON THE news that Obama was going to offer Israel some intelligence help. He's beyond being funny, he's just being pathetic now. Israel has more intelligence than the president does.

IF THE NATION paid \$100 million a day, how long would it take to eliminate Bush's \$1.4 trillion deficit? It would take 38 years. That's how deep of a hole Obama was in when he started.

HILLARY AND HER boss stood over four lives lost in Benghazi. Who stood over the thousands of deaths from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq?

WE AS AMERICANS are learning a big

lesson. Never vote a pacifist as president. If you know anyone who's been in the military, they'll tell you that the world can be dangerous and you need to be on guard. A pacifist has no business leading our great nation.

IT'S ABOUT TIME the city the Fenton considered cutting down the cottonwood trees, a most disgusting pollutant. The cottonwood trees are on the city's properties.

MAYBE THE 'FRIENDS of the Shiawassee River' could remove the very large tree directly over the river on the north side of North Road.

I WONDER WHAT the trickle-down effect of the Hobby Lobby ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court will have on all of the other privately owned businesses.

WELL PLAYED LAST 15 minutes of game, USA. Tim Howard, you rocked the whole game!

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE for mowing the tall grass off Thompson Road at U.S. 23? It is an obstruction when attempting to turn on to Thompson from the off ramp. Can someone please do their job?

I THOUGHT THERE was going to be an ice cream stand behind the Fenton Fire Hall, down by the mill pond. Is that still going to happen?

PEOPLE ARE COMPLAINING because of these new Supreme Court rulings, but they really only affect a few hundred people in the nation. The Obama people have already given the public other ways of aborting babies. They just can't use these few drastic ones.

A RECENT NATIONAL study said these new 'walk-don't walk' signs with timers are causing more rear-end car crashes, as the

front car slows down to stop and the one behind it speeds up to go through. They are considering taking down the number signs and doing the timer with a voice, which drivers won't be able to see, so they slow down. But, walkers will still be able to hear the voice. Makes sense to me.

WE NEED A stop light in front of the new Fire Hall, since people drive so slowly as they get near it. People trying to turn off Ellen Street almost never can turn left. They should move the light from Caroline and Adelaide instead. That one is not needed.

WHERE'S THE FENTON police when you need them? I have witnessed just this week — three U-turns being done in downtown Dibbleville after the stop sign, Owen Road by KFC and North LeRoy Street near Spa Naturelle.

LOVED THE HOMETOWN USA section this past weekend in the Tri-County Times. What a great community we have!

WHAT CAN YOU do about abandoned homes that look so worn down and the grass is 6 feet tall? Can the city or township officials do anything?

THERE ARE SOME terrible drivers in Fenton. Yesterday I was stopped, waiting to turn left, my view blocked by a van coming from the opposite direction, also stopped waiting to make a left turn, when the driver behind me started honking the horn. That's just reckless.

OBAMA IS A bully by threatening to bypass Congress if it doesn't do what he tells them. Congress is elected to represent their constituents, not to rubber stamp whatever a President wants.

SERIOUSLY, YOU CAN buy coffins on walmart.com?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

What is your best summer memory?

streettalk



"I just moved to Michigan, so far it has been Memorial Day. I went up north to my friend's cabin to kayak."

— Tony Bonura
Fenton



"Going to Boblo Island on the boat. My father made me go on a roller coaster and I was scared to death."

— Ron Marsh
Champaign, Illinois



"Going to the cottage as a kid. It was in Brighton."

— Toni Gorris
Fenton Township



"Being in Oscoda with my cousins every summer. We were on the lake and went swimming and roamed the forest."

— Marilyn Burke
Argentine Township



"Going to Lake Michigan to the beach to swim with my friends."

— Ed Anderson
Fenton



"My family reunion near Niagara Falls in Canada in June. It's my wife's side of the family."

— Robert Leclercq
Holly



NEWSONWELLNESS
People will have to put away their e-cigarettes when they enter any Genesee County building. The Board of Commissioners recently voted to ban them to provide a safer and healthier environment.

E-cigarettes banned in county buildings, vehicles

►Deemed unsafe by FDA, commissioners vote to prohibit their use

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices in all Genesee County buildings and work vehicles.

This policy, which was approved on June 23, applies to all county employees, visitors, volunteers, students, contract workers, delivery personnel, and anyone who enters any Genesee County building.

After testing a number of e-cigarettes, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) determined that various samples tested contained not only nicotine but also detectable levels of known carcinogens and toxic chemicals, including tobacco-specific nitrosamines and diethylene glycol, a toxic chemical used in antifreeze.

The FDA's testing also suggested that quality control processes used to manufacture these products are inconsistent or

non-existent.

Electronic smoking devices produce a vapor of undetermined and potentially harmful substances, which may appear similar to the smoke emitted by traditional tobacco products. The use of electronic smoking devices in existing smoke-free locations threatens to undermine compliance with smoking regulations, creates a disturbance which impedes employee performance, confuses the public, and reverses the progress that has been made in establishing a social norm that smoking is not permitted in public places and places of employment.

The Genesee County Health Department applauds the Board of Commissioners for taking this step to provide a safe and healthy environment for employees and visitors.

Genesee County Commissioner Tony Brown of Fenton Township said the vote was unanimous. Commissioners are treating e-cigarettes like traditional cigarettes and voted the way they did based on the recommendation of Mark Valacak, director of the health department.

WARRANTS

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According to the Wall Street Journal, the issue of police searching through a suspect's phone for texts and photos stems from two different court cases in California and Massachusetts. In Boston, a federal appeals court ruled that searching a suspect's phone violated the Fourth Amendment's "unreasonable searches and seizures" protection. A California state court ruled completely opposite, believing any objects found on a suspect was open to inspection by authorities.

"Modern cell phones are not just another technological convenience," Roberts wrote. "With all they contain and all they may reveal, they hold for many Americans 'the privacies of life'... The fact that technology now allows an individual to carry such information in his hand does not make the information any less worthy of the protection for which the Founders fought. Our answer to the question of what police must do before searching a cell phone seized during an arrest is accordingly simple — get a warrant."

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said the inability to search through a suspect's phone is detrimental to investigations, especially in cases of drug dealers or thefts. Aro doesn't see the recent Supreme Court ruling as an issue for Fenton police.

"I don't think it'll be a real problem for us. We just have to establish probable cause in order to get a search warrant," Aro said. "For the most part, it will be an extra step, another hurdle for us to jump over."

According to Merriam-Webster, probable cause is defined as "evidence that gives someone a reason to think that a crime has been or is being committed." Aro said establishing probable cause can be somewhat subjective in cases, since there are no "hard and fast rules" on it. Warrants are given to police based on opinions from judges, after police have submitted information and facts.

In the same article, the Wall Street Journal reports Justice Samuel Alito wrote an opinion advocating legislatures to establish laws determining privacy rights, minimizing the involvement of courts.

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The gardens at the Linden home of Ed and Cindy Breeding reflect a love of color and an extension of their living area into their outdoor space.

Garden Tour designed to inspire

►Seven local gardens will be on Open Gate Garden Club tour on Sunday, July 13

By Sally Rummel

news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

Nothing inspires your own garden like looking at other gardens for ideas and inspiration.

The Open Gate Garden Club will share seven gardens in the Fenton and Linden area in their annual Garden Tour on Sunday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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“When I first started gardening, I didn’t have a clue what I was doing,” said Cindy Breeding, whose yard is Garden #6 on the tour. This is her first time to be in the Garden Tour. “I knew I just wanted some color in my yard. So for me, creating beauty is what inspires me to garden.”

Visitors to her garden will find many interesting accents, from a focal fountain to gazing balls, funny garden signs and a picket fence, which defines a relaxing area

to pick up a book and read.

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Advanced tickets are available for \$8 (kids 12 and under are free) from all Open Gate Garden Club members and from: Yard ‘N Garden, 603 Silver Lake Rd.; Bordine Nursery, 9100 Torrey Rd., Grand Blanc; Gerych’s Flowers & Events, 713 Silver Lake Rd.; Heavenly Scent Herb Farm, 13730 White Lake Rd. and The Iron Grate, 103 W. Shiawassee Ave., Fenton.

The admission includes maps and garden guides, refreshments, merchant discounts and entry into a raffle for a garden bench. Tickets on the day of the tour will be \$10 and available at the A.J. Phillips Fenton Museum, 310 South LeRoy St., Fenton.

Monies raised from the tour will benefit Whaley’s Children Center, Adopt-a-Pet, Camp Copneconic, and the Holly Township Library.

For more information, contact Pat Laycock at (810) 210-9637 or visit the club’s website at www.opengategardentour.com

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FASTING

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People at work are used to seeing me eat yogurt, tuna from the can, carrots, string cheese, protein shakes and fruit little by little throughout the day.

Here is something I immediately observed — aside from energy, food structures our day, providing a distraction, and sensory stimuli. While working at home, I got excited at the thought of leaving the editing desk for a cookie and coffee.

Then I sat down remembering I wasn't going anywhere, and the water in my faux-camera lens cup was all I was getting.

The upside is that without cooking, eat-

ing or exercising, I could work on projects forever as long as my energy held. These activities took hours each day, because I am also in the habit of bringing food to work each day.

I learned that instead of eating I felt the need to bother friends more via text, and on Monday, I could feel the normal social filter disappear. The feeling was similar to having a few beers, and I had to remember not to say anything inappropriate at the office.

Although a little sensitive, I was still in a good mood, surprisingly, I actually slept better, and felt more rested.

Tuesday, 48 hours into no food, I finally felt negative effects — weakness, fog-brain and even a little muscle pain. I also wanted to eat everything in sight, and lunch time smells become the worst — this is when I finally hated fasting.

While this experiment was picked randomly, it happens to be Ramadan, the month during which practicing Muslims do not eat or drink or have marital relations while the sun is up, from June to July 28. In this area, this affects a few hundred families.

Iman Meyer-Hoffman of Tyrone Township said it connects her with her religion and community, and forces quite a bit of discipline — the sun rises before 4 a.m. and sets around 9, so food must be consumed between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.

She said fasting also evokes empathy for people who cannot get enough to eat.

This is something I realized myself — obviously, there are people, especially children, who are at risk of hunger at any given time, but not by choice, or because of a dumb experiment like mine.

Someone reading this may be hungry, and hunger, I learned, can be really distracting.

By Tuesday afternoon, I could feel it affecting my concentration along with the heat. While laying in bed unable to work, I decided I'd had enough, and broke the fast at 6 p.m., with mixed nuts and a veggie omelet.

On Monday, I weighed 171.4 pounds, on Tuesday, 169.2, all this down from my average 175.2.

Something Meyer-Hoffman learned during fasting is how much food we have in the U.S.

I felt this as I broke my fast, and looked for something to eat. A cupboard that looked a little sparse was suddenly full of options and I stood there staring at the fruit, canned beans, cereal, rice and protein shakes wondering what I should make.

She said fasting makes her aware of her religion — for me it helped make me aware of what I have, and how much I really need.

In all, I fasted for 54 hours, and I think I would do it one day per month.

News briefs

Duffield Road in Argentine Township to be closed for railroad track repairs

The Genesee County Road Commission announced that CN Railroad will close Duffield Road to through traffic on Monday, July 7, between Ray and Smith roads at the CN (GTW) crossing for track repairs. The closure will last approximately one week. A detour will be posted using Williams, Markley and Ray roads.

First West Nile virus activity of 2014 detected in Michigan

The first West Nile virus (WNV) activity for Michigan this summer has been identified in Saginaw County. The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is urging residents to apply repellents during peak mosquito biting periods, such as dusk and dawn, and to drain standing water around their homes. WNV can cause serious neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis. Symptoms of WNV include a high fever, confusion, muscle weakness, and a severe headache. While everyone is at risk, adults who are 50 and older have the highest risk of illness caused by West Nile virus. "The mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus may breed near people's homes in storm drains, shallow ditches, retention ponds, and unused pools," said Erik Foster, Medical Entomologist at the MDCH. Residents are advised to use mosquito repellent products containing EPA-approved active ingredients, such as DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Draining standing water, and making sure door and window screens are in good repair will also help keep mosquitoes out of the home.

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"We work on an average of 100-120 vehicles a day and roughly 15 to 20 of those are recalls," said Mike Agnone, fixed business development manager for Vic Canever Chevrolet of Fenton, via email. "There are still some delays in the parts availability for some of the other recalls, but we are doing our best to get those parts ordered and at our dealership as quickly as possible."

Ignition key rotations, electrical overload and electrical shorts are some of the issues GM is having with their vehicles. The 2014 Cruze, Camaro, Impala, Buick Regal and Cadillac XTS are some of the vehicles that have been listed for the recall.

Last month, GM announced they will be implementing a compensation program for those who have been seriously injured or those whose family members have died due to the ignition switch failure. According to a GM press release, the program is expected to cover nearly 1.6 million vehicles manufactured between 2003 and 2007 and another 1 million vehicles manufactured between 2008 and 2011. GM is anticipating the program to begin Aug. 1.

According to a June 30 Wall Street Journal article, GM has confirmed there have been at least three deaths, seven crashes and eight injuries related to the recall. The deaths were related to Chevrolet Impalas, where air bags did not deploy during crashes.

"We are taking responsibility for what has happened by taking steps to treat these victims and their families with compassion, decency and fairness," Barra said on GM's website. "We made serious mistakes in the past and as a result we're making significant changes in our company to ensure they never happen again."

As for local dealers, work on recalled vehicles will carry on as GM continues to identify other vehicles that need attention. Agnone said customers who are concerned about their vehicles should call Vic Canever at (810) 629-3350.

"We encourage customers who have recalls

that require inspections to schedule their vehicle for the inspection so that they can get their parts ordered and get on the list," Agnone said. "We also have hired an additional technician to keep up with the increased volume of vehicles in our garage."

So far, GM has recalled nearly 29 million vehicles this year and is expected to earn \$1.2 billion during this quarter.

"We work on an average of 100-120 vehicles a day and roughly 15 to 20 of those are recalls."

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ASSAULT

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of felony firearms.

Ward was arraigned on the charges Tuesday afternoon in Genesee County District Court. Judge John Conover denied bond on the assault with intent to murder count, and then ordered a cash surety bond of \$75,000 each on counts two and three, and a cash surety bond of \$25,000 on the felony firearms charge. A preliminary exam has been scheduled for July 9.

Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen said that at approximately 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, his officers responded to a home in the 12000 block of Rolston Road on a report of a man with a gun. While en route, responding officers were advised that there had been

a shooting.

Upon arrival, police discovered that a 34-year-old Byron man had sustained a gunshot wound to the abdomen and blunt force injuries to his head. He was transported to Hurley Medical Center in Flint, where he was last listed in critical condition.

Allen said the investigation is in the early stages, however, he could say that the incident stemmed from an alleged dispute over the use of personal and real property between Ward and a 62-year-old male relative.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I FIND IT sad that someone thinks the employees at the Loose Senior Center aren't nice. The director does what is best for the members and the center, and the workers are so kind and helpful. I've never had a bad experience there.

THANK YOU TO the person who anonymously paid for our breakfast at Bob Evans on Wednesday. It was a nice surprise. We will be sure to pay it forward.

I THINK THE old Topp's building across from Sawyer's should be torn down.

I WOULD LIKE to thank The Rock Church for a beautiful service at Silver Lake on Sunday. It was a great day enjoyed by all. Thank you Pastor Wes, a job well done. You could feel the spirit of The Lord at the lake. Amen!

DID YOU KNOW that the Loose Senior Center is one of the premier senior centers in Genesee County! Kudos to the awesome director and his staff for their hard work. Linden is so lucky to have the wonderful Loose Center.

Calendar of events

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Chris Wilkinson,
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SPORTS TRIVIA

WORLD CUP

Q When was the last time the U.S. men's national team was involved in a shootout at the World Cup?

A It has never happened.

U.S. AT THE WORLD CUP

It's time to look back and reflect on the U.S. performance at the World Cup.

The top three players

3) Clint Dempsey: He was asked to play a forward holding position after Jozy Altidore was hurt and did it well. As the tourney continued, his performances became a little less spectacular.

2) Jermaine Jones: Entering Monday, he was the team's best player by far. Jones hustled on both ends, providing defense, goals and grit. And he did so playing a disciplined game. The Belgium game was his worst contest.

1) Tim Howard: Some people have listed many of the U.S. defenders as proving their merit in this World Cup. It was Howard's play that really made people think that way. He was outstanding against Belgium.

Rising stock

DeAndre Yedlin was the team's best player off the bench. Who would've guessed that going in? **Julian Green's** first touch was a goal.

Stock fell

What happened to **Michael Bradley**? The U.S. needed possession in the midfield, and Bradley provided none. **Chris Wondolowski** is a poacher goal scorer who missed a poacher's scoring chance when it mattered most.



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Fenton's Cowger soaring with the Cardinals



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Fenton resident and Ball State University softball player Sammi Cowger batted .313 with two home runs during her sophomore year with the Cardinals.

►Past Tigers' star has sensational sophomore season

By David Troppens
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Sammi Cowger experienced some changes during her second season with the Ball State Cardinals softball team.

First off, she had a new head coach, Tyra Perry who came from Western Kentucky University.

She also saw her playing time increase.

After playing mostly in the role of a pinch hitter for the Division 1 school in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) her freshman year, Cowger found herself earning a starting position as the team's designated hitter around the start of April. She also pitched in her first action at the Division 1 level, pitching in six games.

"It was awesome," Cowger said about her second season with the Cardinals.

"It was a new coaching staff, which was kind of cool. We had one returning coach, but it was a new experience playing for a different coach. But I really liked her and the team adapted well to her. It was a bumpy road at first, but that was to be expected."

Working her way into the starting lineup

Cowger finished the season playing in 29 of the team's 52 games. She came in as a pinch hitter in each of her first four contests, and succeeded to the tune of two doubles and two RBI during those plate appearances. Her first two official starts in the lineup didn't go as well, as she went 0-for-6, but she followed those efforts with back-to-back pinch-hit single efforts, and then went 1-for-2 in the team's first

MAC contest against the University of Toledo. From there, she had herself a spot as the team's starting designated hitter, finishing the season with a .313 batting average, five doubles, eight runs scored and 10 RBI. She also collected her first home run of her collegiate career against Akron, finishing the year with two.

"I love the grind (of working my way to the starting lineup)," Cowger said. "I was 100 percent willing to go every day to take extra cuts, to take extra practices, whatever I could do. It made me realize as a person this is what I have to do and it gave me that goal. I had something to work for. The coaches are so eager to work with a kid who wants to do whatever it takes to get on See **COWGER** on 12A

When it comes to the Tri-County Top 16, all teams are graded equally

By David Troppens
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As we continue to reveal this year's 2013-14 Tri-County Top 16, there's one thing a lot of people may notice.

The two prep sports that define any high school academic year are nowhere to be found. Those sports, of course, are football and boys basketball.

Now, that isn't to say there weren't any teams that had fine years. There were plenty who did. In football, Fenton won eight straight games to start the

season and earned a co-Metro League championship. The Linden Eagles qualified for the playoffs and won a playoff game. Finally, Lake Fenton also won a playoff contest. However, each had their tiny blips to keep them off the poll. Fenton, indeed, did lose their final two games. Still, a playoff win would've locked them up a spot on the poll, and that didn't happen. Linden lost three games prior to the playoffs starting, while Lake Fenton lost out on winning a GAC Red title

and had two losses entering the playoffs. If Lake Fenton found a way to beat an outstanding Montrose team and win the conference crown, the Blue Devils would've been here.

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FILE PHOTO

Holly's Kurtis Cooley (left) races with Linden's Ryan Torok during the fall. The Holly boys cross country team is No. 8 in our Tri-County Top 16 Poll.



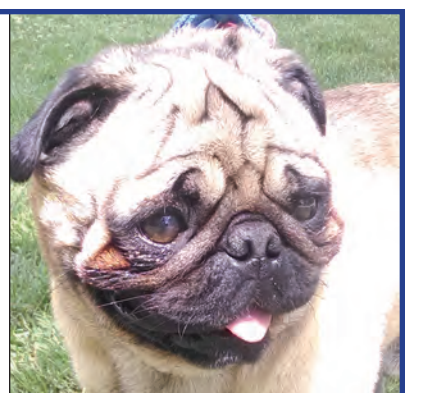
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COWGER

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the field. (Working my way to the starting lineup) was a different experience, but I loved it."

Cowger also found her way on the pitcher's mound. The lefty pitched in six games, tossing 10 innings and posting a 1-1 record. She had a 4.90 earned run average.

However, she did have a perfect 0.00 ERA until a game against one of the best programs in the nation, Arizona. In that contest, Arizona collected three earned runs over three innings, against Cowger. But, still, it was an experience the lefty won't forget soon.

"It was unreal," Cowger said. "We played a doubleheader with them and we just came off our win against Arizona State, so we were feeling pretty good. Their hitters were unbelievable. They kind of shook us up a little bit, but it was a cool experience."

Ball State ended up having a pretty strong season overall, posting a 33-19 record overall and a 12-4 MAC mark, capturing the team's fifth MAC regular season title in the last six years. However,

losses to Ohio and Northern Illinois during the MAC tournament eliminated any shot at getting an NCAA bid, ending the team's season short of the postseason.

Cowger's future

Cowger is excited to have already earned a spot in the starting lineup in just her sophomore season, but she wants to do more than hit next year. Minus the times she pitched, Cowger only played in the field a couple of times last year.

"I want to keep hitting because that was a really big goal for me, and it was awesome I got to reach it so early in my career," Cowger said. "But I want to work my way in on defense wherever I can."

"I've been a utility player my whole life, so wherever I can get the innings, I'll take them — on the mound, in the outfield, on the dirt (infield), wherever I can go."

So far Cowger has enjoyed her experience at Ball State.

"This is completely more fun than I expected," Cowger said. "I love my team. I love my coaches. I've loved the game ever since I was really little, so it's just four more years being able to do something I love."



Wednesday Night CROSS COUNTRY RACES

Here are the results for the first week of the Wednesday Night Races held at Linden County Park. The races continue Wednesday.

HALF-MILE RACE

GIRLS 5 & 6

1. Kendra Kuch 3:44.20
2. Kaitlyn Bowles 4:39.20
3. Jillian Bowles 6:25.90

GIRLS 7 & 8

1. Sarah Learman 3:57.60
2. Paige Lefever 4:28.60
3. Natalie Needham 5:57.10

BOYS 4 & UNDER

1. Nolan Page 5:09.50
2. Brandon Perantoni 6:06.90
3. Abram Larsen 8:11.60

BOYS 5 & 6

1. Carson Kuch 3:50.70
2. Evan Fahrenkopf 5:35.50

BOYS 7 & 8

1. Charlie Larson 3:52.50
2. Justin Parantonia 4:39.90

BOYS 9 & 10

1. Nolan Fahrenkopf 3:32.10
2. Patrick Hamilton 3:32.40

ONE-MILE RUN

GIRLS 7 & 8

1. Ava Fahrenkopf 8:10.10

GIRLS 9 & 10

1. Ella Cox 7:22.60

2. Alyson Kelly 11:04.00

GIRLS 11 & 12

1. Skylar Negri 10:55.70

BOYS 5 & 6

1. Dillan Hamilton 8:20.60

2. Evan Fahrenkopf 15:02.40

BOYS 9 & 10

1. Sean Bowles 7:27.90

2. Nolan Fahrenkopf 8:27.50

3. Evan Katzenberger 8:37.10

4. Zach Hinojosa 10:14.80

5. Aidan Negri 10:52.90

BOYS 11 & 12

1. Nathan Katzenberger 8:54.40

BOYS 13 & OLDER

1. Justin Longworth 7:20.40

TWO-MILE RUN

GIRLS 10 & UNDER

1. Ava Fahrenkopf 18:23.70

GIRLS 11-13

1. Chloe Lefever 18:27.60

2. Coral Lefever 19:31.30

GIRLS 14-16

1. Meghan Hitt 16:01.00

2. Madison Wabel 17:56.80

3. Laylea Biland 19:11.10

4. Rachel Learman 19:35.20

5. Emma Wabel 19:52.70

WOMEN 30-39

1. Rachel Cox 26:37.70

WOMEN 40-49

1. Anna Troppens 20:06.10

BOYS 10 & UNDER

1. Patrick Hamilton 16:37.70

2. Dylan Katzenberger 18:23.50

3. Dillan Hamilton 20:34.80

4. Nolan Fahrenkopf 22:25.20

5. Evan Katzenberger 22:25.80

BOYS 11-13

1. Samuel Cox 13:24.90

2. Justin Longworth 17:10.00

3. Mickey Hinojosa 17:35.00

4. Dominic Loria 21:36.10

BOYS 14-16

1. Connor Brooks 14:31.50

2. Sebastian Lubahn 14:51.50

3. Alex Lay 15:55.30

BOYS 17-19

1. Ryan Torok 13:31.10

MEN 40-49

1. Brian Burnell 14:57.50

2. Kevin Learman 15:24.60

3. Adam Katzenberger 18:27.20

THREE-MILE RUN

GIRLS 11-13

1. Hannah Wabel 24:41.00

GIRLS 14-16

1. Grace Gergel 27:00.00

GIRLS 17-19

1. Savannah Ferrara 23:05.00

WOMEN 40-49

1. Tracy Hittle 34:59.00

WOMEN 50-59

1. Susie Gossett 29:23.00

BOYS 14-16

1. Trenton Schrader 21:39.60

2. Seth Schrader 22:02.50

3. Jack Needham 23:00.00

MEN 17-19

1. Nicholas VanGilder 18:52.30

2. Andrew Skelly 20:18.90

MEN 20-29

1. Eldon Soper 24:34.00

MEN 40-49

1. Eric Larsen 19:10.20

2. Jay Kelly 21:40.60

3. Robert Negri 23:53.10

4. Andrew Smith 34:58.00

MEN 60-69

1. Gary Mundy 24:45.00

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David's Dabblings

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



PROGRESSION AS A SOCCER FAN

Anyone who has paid any attention to my columns over the years should have something figured out — yes, I'm one of those goofy soccer fans.

This wasn't something that came naturally to me. There was a time I didn't care for soccer at all. In fact, I was the complete opposite. But as the years have moved on, my thoughts shifted toward wanting to understand the sport to the point where I am today — a true football (as in soccer) fan who can't get enough of the sport.

The transition started young sometime in my teens when I lived in the Detroit area and I noticed CBC (a Canadian network) were playing all these soccer games from this international tournament. I grudgingly watched them, but eventually found myself looking forward to the next day's games.

The second key stage in my progression was when the World Cup came to the United States. I quickly latched on to the tourney and watched every game that involved the U.S. Of course, it didn't hurt that their first contest was at the Silverdome, but for the most part I found the event entertaining. So with that experience, I was now a 'once-every-four years' football fan.

What really changed my appreciation for the sport was my job. During the 1994 World Cup, I was working at a daily paper in Albion. And while there I would occasionally cover Albion College soccer games. But a few years later, Albion High School got a soccer team. I was now watching soccer about 20 times a year, albeit at pretty low level. It quickly became one of my favorite sports to cover for one huge reason. Instead of spending the game taking a million notes, I could watch it and enjoy the game as a fan, because there weren't a ton of notes to take.

Over about the last eight years, I finally went over the edge. With some nudges from a friend, Pat Moses, I started going to U.S. men's national soccer games. I can say nothing compares to going to a U.S. soccer game as a fan. The fan participation starts an hour before the game with the traditional march into the park and continues right through it. I was at Columbus, along with my nephew, when the U.S. qualified for the World Cup by beating Mexico 2-0 about a year ago. It's a moment I will never forget.

And now, TV has made my fandom only 'worse.' There's hardly a moment when soccer isn't on TV these days, and I watch whatever I can.

I have taken my fandom to ludicrous levels. For about five years I've created a card and dice soccer game based on actual seasons, which are updated every year. And I have people who play my games, recreating history on their tabletops in the United States, the United Kingdom and Italy (among others).

Yes, being a soccer fan is certainly a way to define me these days. And, while I realize the rest of the U.S. may not be where I am, it's nice to see Americans embracing the sport, even if it is just once every four years. While I don't think this year's World Cup is going to start a huge snowball effect of soccer-mania, it's nice to see that with each year the sport is accepted a bit more. After all, the complete transition in just me took about 35 years. I can be patient and wait for the rest of the nation to catch up.

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In boys basketball, the Holly Bronchos won a Metro League crown. However, they did collect three losses toward that league crown, and were unable to earn a district title (albeit they gave Grand Blanc a great battle), so they just missed out as well.

I guess there is one lesson to learn here. The Top 16 isn't a popularity contest. Teams are rewarded based on their performance and not the number of people in the stands.

Now on to the third installment of our four-part series.

No. 8 - Holly boys cross country: Before the turn of the century, the Bronchos were one of the dominant cross country programs in the state. During the fall of 2014, the Bronchos showed that they may be ready to return to such levels again. Holly captured their first Metro League crown since 1996, winning each of the three Metro jamborees. And while the Bronchos cruised through that season, it should be reminded it wasn't an easy challenge. After all, it involved defeating the Linden Eagles, who eventually capped the year as the No. 4 team in the state in Division 2. It can be argued that no Metro League champion from the tri-county schools had a more demanding squad to defeat than the Bronchos, and they made it look relatively easy. Once the postseason started, the Bronchos showed they were pretty good state-wide themselves. They finished third at regionals, earning a spot at the state meet, and while there they finished 15th.

We don't expect this to be a one-year thing. Expect to see the Bronchos to make a return to the list in the near future. A slew of great runners return in the fall.

No. 7 - Holly girls basketball: The Bronchos have come close to winning league titles during the previous three years a couple of times, but were never able to finish the task. This year was the last chance for Holly to capture a league crown during the Allyssa Copley era, and the Bronchos did it downright convincingly.

It was a regular season most Holly fans aren't going to soon forget. The Bronchos not only won the Metro League title, but they earned it with a perfect 16-0 record. And the Bronchos were equally impressive during their four non-league regular season games, sweeping those for a 20-0 regular season. It can be argued that no one in the tri-county area had a more impressive regular season than the Bronchos.

In the playoffs the Bronchos continued their dominance, capturing a district crown in an entertaining contest against the Fenton Tigers. It was their first district since 1993. The Bronchos lost in the regional semifinals to Canton, but anyone who witnessed the 22-1 season, won't soon forget it.

No. 6 - Fenton girls tennis: Oh, the Fenton girls tennis team should be upset with the ol' sports staff. How we forgot to include them in the spring poll is baffling. But, hey, we are all human. That error has been corrected right here.

Metro League tennis used to mean just one squad — the Holly Bronchos. But that's not the case any more. There's a new kid in town, and that's the Fenton Tigers, who have now won two of the last three Metro League crowns. But what we think makes the Tigers' run all the more impressive is that we don't think the



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Kevin Wright (heading the ball) and the Linden Eagles finished at No. 5 of our Tri-County Top 16 Poll for the 2013-14 school year.

Bronchos are any worse of a program than those teams that won nearly three decades of league crowns. We think they are as good as ever, but the Tigers have moved to the top by elevating their game. It didn't come easy. Holly tied them in the dual, meaning the champion would be settled at the league meet. While there, the Tigers proved they deserved the crown by defeating Holly.

Fenton didn't stop there, though. They captured a regional crown and then finished the season by placing seventh in the state with 11 points. By the way, Holly finished 11th at the meet. So it's apparent, Metro League tennis is getting stronger.

No. 5 - Linden boys soccer: The 2013-

14 school year was a pretty nice time to be an Eagles soccer fan. The Linden girls finished 13th in our poll, and now we have the boys at No. 5. Just like the girls, the Linden boys dominated the Metro League, capturing a perfect season. The Eagles were just as impressive during the non-league portion of the season, losing just one game.

Linden entered districts ranked the second team in the state, so the pressure was on. The squad dealt with the pressure by earning a district crown, and then defeated Fenton in the regional semifinals for the third time during the season. However, the Eagles' run ended in the regional title game, when they lost to the eventual state champions, East Lansing.

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making sure everyone is playing nice and following the rules.

The marine patrol derives its authority from the Michigan Marine Safety Act. These deputies do not carry weapons, and have to be licensed and CPR certified. Many are part-time deputies.

Overall, the goal of the Sheriff Patrol of the local lakes is safety, said Dep. Brian Ross, who oversees the Marine Patrol on all large lakes in Genesee County. This means Lake Fenton, Ponemah, Lobdell, Silver and Holloway in Lapeer County are patrolled by deputies.

On Friday, Ross came along on a quick sweep with Dep. Alex Demock, because only Ross is allowed to answer questions on the record. Usually it is two part-time deputies on a patrol, like Demock.

The only stop in that hour period was a man idling a wave runner through the channel between the north and south parts of Lake Fenton, making a wake. In order to keep the wheezing, chugging machine running, he had to break the no-wake rule as it dragged him behind it, by going a little faster.

Ross and Demock stopped him to re-



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Dep. Alex Demock puts a life vest on, next to Dep. Brian Ross. Patrols are done usually by two part-time deputies like Demock. Ross is also a road deputy, who oversees the Marine Patrol.

mind him of the no-wake zone, and sent him on his way.

This is the bulk of what marine patrols do — remind people of the rules to both keep everyone safe, and protect the property of lakefront residents.

While fights and drunken boaters happen, the main infraction they see is expired boat tags, because although a tag will say 2014, tags only last up to March 31 on the current year. Every tag that reads “2014” is actually out of date.

Like police on the road, marine patrollers have zero tolerance for alcohol abuse. It is illegal for a person piloting a boat to be over the limit of .10 percent, though others can be drinking within reason.

If a marine patrol deputy finds a driver over the limit, they are escorted to shore to be arrested by an on-duty road deputy. While waiting for someone to be arrested, they probably won't cuff them while on the water for fear of them drowning.

Deputies must also know local ordinances. For example, locally there are specific no-wake zones that are enforced by the marine patrol, and vessels must be 100 feet from shore if making a wake. You also can't anchor at Cases Island.

Those on the water are treated in a similar manner to those on the road, although boaters are more likely to be relaxed. “They came out here to have a good time and we want to continue that,” said Ross.

The deputies will give the most attention to the most popular areas, like The Point, and The Cove on Lake Fenton.

These areas are much busier on a weekend. The point will see a huge party on July 4, where regular deputies will be standing by, overseeing. “We're not out here to ruin people's weekend or holidays,” said Ross.

In 2013, Ross said some people were trying to swim all the way across Lake Fenton, which may not be illegal, it's just really dangerous.

Fights at The Point on the busiest days are not infrequent, and neither are drunk people. Ross said

alcohol can be especially dangerous on the water because of the combination of sun, heat and physical activity.

Saturday and Sunday are the busiest days, but marine patrols can happen any time.

“They come out here to have a good time and we want to continue that.”

Dep. Brian Ross
Genesee County Sheriff's
Department

Quick boating facts

1. There is a 100-foot, no-wake rule on local lakes.
2. Tags that read “2014” are out of date — 2015 tags are current until next March 31, 2015.
3. The legal blood alcohol content (BAC) on lakes is .10 percent (compared to .08 percent while driving a vehicle).
4. Alcohol has greater affect on the water because of the sun, heat and physical activity.

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ICE CREAM

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just goes with the hot weather.”

Today's ice cream enthusiasts can test their palate with flavors far beyond vanilla and chocolate. Parade magazine lists Avocado, curry and carrot cake ice cream as some of the most creative flavors they could find. At Uncle Ray's, Durant said their Spumoni, an Italian ice cream that has multiple layers of flavors and usually contains candied fruits and nuts, is always a big hit with customers. Uncle Ray's Spumoni is only available between Thanksgiving and Christmas so those interested in trying the Italian treat will have to wait until the holidays.

“We call ourselves a ‘micro creamery,’ because we only make 5 gallons of ice cream per batch,” Durant said.

Durant and his brother, Todd, have tried a myriad of other flavors including popcorn, cool orange pineapple and pistachio.

While so much goes into making ice cream, keeping prices competitive is part of the draw for bringing customers back.

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RECIPE

Easy Vanilla Ice Cream

Makes 1 quart

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups heavy cream
1 cup whole milk
2/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 vanilla bean, scraped

DIRECTIONS:

Combine cream, milk, sugar and vanilla in a saucepan and heat until the sugar is completely dissolved. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean and stir into the cream mixture just before removing from the heat. Pour into a bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Chill in the refrigerator or in an ice bath until completely cool. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions. Store in an airtight container and freeze for an additional 2 hours. If you don't have an ice cream maker, try the bag method. It is simple, but messy. Fill a large plastic bag with ice and salt, and then put a smaller bag inside with a cup of ice cream mix. After some agitation, the mix in the inner bag will get cold enough to freeze into ice cream.

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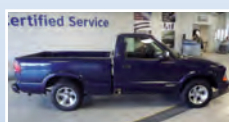
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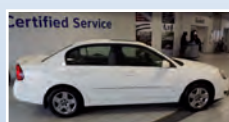
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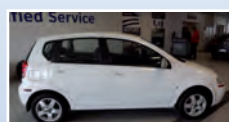
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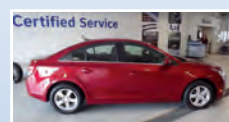
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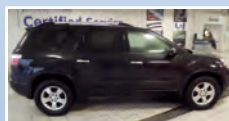
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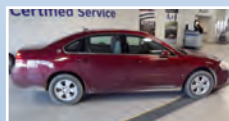
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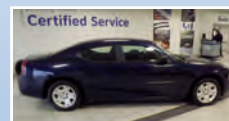
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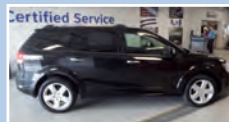
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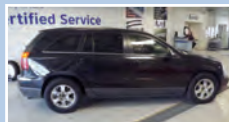
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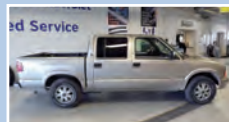
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