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## ONLINE COMMENTS

**I sure wish** the automakers would put turn signals on all of their makes and models. Seems like so many don't have them."

**I would love** the mural, if this was downtown Bombay."

**How can one** be shocked that all don't agree with your personal taste in alleged art? Typical liberal ram-it-down-your-throat mentality. If you don't agree with it, there is something wrong with you, not them."

**Before you vote**, use your brain. Being a 'party line' voter is always an option but, try something new — think for yourself."

**Thank You Times**  
 For the explanation of the proposal on your website. Very helpful."

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## Drunk driving arrests for 2014 surpass 2013

►Fenton saw peak in 2006 with 186 arrests

**By Sharon Stone**

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Over the past 10 years, drunk driving arrests peaked in the city of Fenton in 2006. That year, Fenton police made 186 arrests. Three years later, in 2009,

this same department made 63 arrests.

So far this year, Fenton police have made 87 arrests.

Not surprising, Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said that a significant percentage of Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) arrests occur between midnight at 4 a.m. Arrest numbers vary somewhat

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According to Michigan State Police, law enforcement agencies in Michigan made 35,725 OWI arrests in 2013.

## Mud, fire and fun make Warrior Dash a blast



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPEMS

One of the nearly 20,000 competitors at the Warrior Dash competition does a somersault over the fire pit. Competitors faced 12 different obstacles while running the 3.2-mile race.

►Tri-county runners enjoy annual endurance event

**By David Troppens**

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**Mt. Morris** — The Warrior Dash seems to start innocent enough.

When participants began their runs during the fourth annual Warrior Dash held at the E.A. Cummings Center in Mt. Morris, it's quite the festive atmosphere.

Some runners are dressed as their favorite superheroes. Others dress as farm animals and others won't run the 3.2-mile course through fields and woods without a tutu on. Everyone looks fresh and ready to take on the course.

Over the next 30 to 60 minutes, while facing 12 obstacles, those appearances change.

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**The water slide is just fun. People would stand in line to do that without doing the race."**

**Eric Larsen**  
 Warrior Dash participant,  
 Fenton resident

## 2014 one of the worst pollen seasons in years

►There is relief for allergy sufferers

**By Yvonne Stegall**

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Have you been sneezing a lot more this year, even after the spring allergy season passed? It could be because the pollen season is lasting longer this year. It could also have something to do with the misconception that spring is the only season for seasonal allergies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**See POLLEN on 6**

### Summary

►Allergists confirm that this is the worst pollen season in years due to our extra long and cold winter.

### COMMON SYMPTOMS OF SEASONAL ALLERGIES

- sneezing
- wheezing
- itchy throat
- hives
- fatigue
- irritability
- stuffy and runny noses
- watery and itchy eyes



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Ominous clouds rolled across the western skies Sunday afternoon reminding everyone to stay alert for sudden and violent Michigan storms.

## Be prepared for severe weather

►Staying safe when Mother Nature gives you the worst

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While we generally think of spring as the time for thunderstorms, they can happen any time of the year. A simple

thunderstorm, such as the one that rolled through a few days ago, may seem harmless, but once winds pick up or hail starts to fall, a simple thunderstorm begins to present a whole lot of dangers.

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## \$130 to avoid drunk driving? Smartphone app and device let you know when you've had too much to drink

By Sharon Stone

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You're having dinner and catching up with old friends at a local pub, you're enjoying an afternoon boat ride with friends or you're planning a college football tailgate. These are all likely scenarios for consuming a few beers or cocktails.

While these can be fun and relaxing get-togethers, you'll eventually have to safely drive yourself home if you haven't already made travel arrangements.

Every person is different and if they are consuming alcohol, each of their bodies will react differently to the amount and ingredients of the beverage. It's all about drinking responsibly, just as the fine print in TV commercials promotes.

Well, how can you tell if you've had too many beers to drive, other than blowing into a breathalyzer when a police officer pulls your car over

for weaving?

Growing in popularity are apps and devices that will allow smartphone users to test their blood alcohol content (BAC) to see if they can drive legally or if they should wait for their BAC to return to within a legal limit.

One such app and device is the BACtrack Mobile, with a price tag of about \$130. According to its literature, it uses a fuel cell sensor and a miniature internal breath pump to ensure reliable, consistent results every test. This device, which can test one or more drinkers, will reveal each of their BAC. The company is convinced that talking and sharing this information will help educate and bring awareness of how much is too much.

As an experiment, BACtrack Mobile is also testing its BACtrack WorldView where users can choose to opt in and share their results in real time. This is optional and users can keep their results as private as they wish.

After reviewing the app and device, USA Today reported that the BACtrack Mobile Breathalyzer is a professional-grade alcohol-testing device that works in conjunction with an iOS app to track blood alcohol content.

This system is compatible with the iPhone 5S, 5C, 4S; the iPad 4, 3 and Mini 1 and 2 and the iPod fifth generation. It also works with Samsung Galaxy S4 and S3 and other smart devices running Android 4.3 equipped with Bluetooth 4.0.

Once you know your phone is compatible, download the free BACtrack app from the App Store. An easy, one-button pairing syncs the breathalyzer with your phone. There are no cords or adaptors.

When you are all set up, the fuel cell sensor technology will provide professional-grade accuracy. An on-screen timer will tell you when to blow into the device, for about five seconds, and an on-screen display will then signal when the test is successful.

When the BACtrack Mobile reveals that you have had too much to drink to drive legally and responsibly, it will also tell you how long you need to wait for your body to return to a zero percent BAC.

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## Police & Fire report

### BASEBALL BAT DAMAGES CARS AND MAILBOX

On Sunday, July 27, Fenton police received six malicious destruction of property/larceny complaints involving five vehicles and one mailbox. Police Chief Rick Aro said unknown suspects possibly using a baseball bat damaged vehicles in the area of Orchardview Drive, Hillview Street and South LeRoy during the nighttime hours. Livingston County also had reports of similar offenses. If anyone has information, they are to call Fenton police at (810) 629-5311.

### MISSING PERSON

Fenton police received a missing person report on Saturday, July 26 involving a 70-year-old Fenton man. An out-of-town relative asked that Fenton police check his home since his family had not heard from him in several days and there was word that he missed an important event. Det. Scott Townsend checked his home, however, the man was not there. Based on additional information the family provided, Townsend located the man's vehicle at a medical facility on Sunday in Flint that he had an appointment at last Tuesday. The man was found in his vehicle, deceased from natural causes.

## 'A very tough journey'

### ► Argentine police chief earns rare distinction with fourth black belt

By Tim Jagielo

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**Grand Blanc** — It's easy to understand why Dan Allen describes Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) as a chess match, on a mat.

It can look like a couple of people in their uniforms just rolling around, struggling on the mat, but a lot is happening that is too quick, or subtle for a lay-person to notice. He said moves are planned far in advance — in his case, 10 moves ahead.

"The Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioner is going to tie you up in knots and you won't be able to escape, you won't be able to breathe," he said. "It's a brutal martial art."

Allen is the police chief for Argentine Township, and he just earned his black belt in July. He could be the only police chief in the state with that distinction.

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Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen demonstrates a single wing choke, a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu move, on training partner Nicholas Burnett in Allen's gym on Tuesday. Burnett is tapping out.



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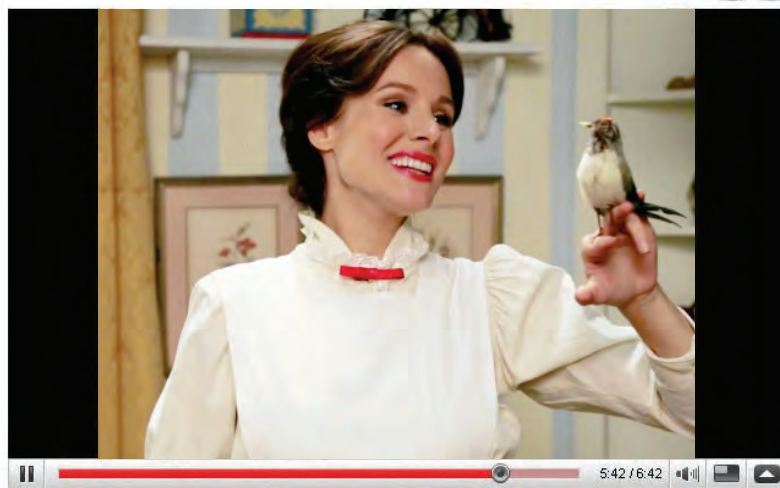
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The classic song, "A Spoon Full of Sugar" made famous by Mary Poppins takes on a different meaning in this 'viral' 'Funny or Die' video. Videos that spread like wild fire are considered to be "going viral."

## 'Going viral ...'

► YouTube, Vimeo, etc. are the popular 'fast food' of entertainment

By Tim Jagielo

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On Tuesday, the top video on YouTube was a video by comedian/talk show host John Oliver. On Monday, Kristen Bell sang a song about raising the minimum wage to Mary Poppins' "A Spoon Full of Sugar."

There's a good chance you recently sent a link to a funny, amazing or emotional video across social media, or if you're old school, through an email. Viral videos are a constant topic, they have been for nearly 10 years, and they aren't going away.

See **VIRAL** on 7

**The tri-county area has even had several videos go viral, like Justin Hang's promposal, Alexandria Stack's flying truck and a Fenton High School anti-bullying video.**

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## FROM THE LEFT



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**Vote fraud myths meet voting rights reality**

Before she was allowed to register and vote for the first time in Franklin County, North Carolina, Rosanell Eaton had to read the entire preamble to the U.S. Constitution out loud in front of three men in the county courthouse.

Eaton is black. The three men testing her were white. The time was the early 1940s, when trying to vote was difficult and even dangerous for African-Americans. Contrived 'literacy tests' were one of the milder obstacles that were deployed to suppress the black vote in the South.

Now 93, Eaton is back in court. This summer she is the lead plaintiff in one of two lawsuits brought by the North Carolina NAACP and others to prevent her state from raising a batch of new hurdles to voting in this November's midterm elections.

For example, Eaton fears she could run afoul of a new state requirement beginning in 2016 to show a photo ID at the polling station. The name on her driver's license does not match that on her voter registration card.

'What's so racist about asking for photo ID?' proponents of photo IDs reasonably ask. Not much, except when such requirements are biased, burdensome, ineffective, deceptive and elitist.

If Republicans really want to catch and stop election fraud, they're barking up the wrong polling place. Instead of focusing on voter impersonation at polling places, they should be looking at absentee ballots. Nevertheless, the new wave of Republican pursuers of vote fraud seldom mention absentee ballots. Maybe that's because absentee ballots tend to be used more often by Republicans than Democrats.

Justice Department lawsuits this summer and fall in Texas and North Carolina mark the first tests of voting rights since the Supreme Court's Shelby v. Holder decision last year gutted key provisions of the 1965 law. Those provisions required 'preclearance' by the Justice Department before any changes could be made to election.

We'll see. Justice Department lawyers can now present witnesses like Rosanell Eaton to say whether the '40-year-old facts' are still relevant today. I wish they weren't, but in many ways they still are.

**IS THAT A** misspelling in last week's Hot line — did that say psychologist or proctologist? Either way, I am sure that was his unbiased opinion in that diagnosis of abnormal behavior, including homosexuality being developed during the formative childhood years. I'm sure he's totally unbiased.

**CORRECTION MY IGNORAMUS**

friend. The legislators are in session 86 days this year, but they work tirelessly for 10 to 15 hours per day 365 days. If you are capable, do the math and see if you would work for that wage. I vote to increase their salary.

**DO YOU LEAVE** your two basset hounds out to bark all day while you are at work, to drive everybody crazy?

**OUR GOVERNMENT AND** current affairs constantly remind me of the children's story, 'The Emperor's New Clothes.' This should be mandatory reading for all of us while we wait for the honest child to speak.

**ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FLOOD,** IRS, Benghazi, VA, Obamacare, EPA, gay marriage, Fast & Furious, AP, Bergdahl, GTMO, pot, unemployment, HHS, energy, Common Core, sealed records. Some change. Thanks,

**FENTON IS USUALLY** a wonderful place to live, but during our vacation, someone decided to help themselves to a good amount of our wood. What a rotten thing to do to a neighbor.

**PROPOSAL 1. CAN** someone explain how the Local Community Stabilization Authority is going to provide revenue to local governments to replace the state

## Hot lines

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use tax? Where is the 'magic' money coming from, without raising taxes? Another DDA? I will vote NO unless this is answered.

**DON'T USE THE** polar bear to try to prove that global warming, climate change, or whatever liberals are calling it now, exists. Al Gore used the polar bear in his documentary to try to prove this theory and yet he flies around in his

private jet. Liberals are very hypocritical.

**I SUPPOSE IF** the gays did not feel compelled to throw their lifestyle in everyone's face there wouldn't be such uproar. Keep your sexuality to yourselves and don't impose it upon others.

**WE NEED TO** find out why nothing gets done to close the trailer park. It's nothing now but drugs and pit bulls. Someone should contact the Mobile Home Commission and the Township and find out who is lying to us.

**WHILE I DON'T** know what occurred to make that person feel compelled to leave their car to go spit on another person, it reminded me there are people out there with no self-control and can only handle certain situations with vulgar acts. Your family must be so proud of you.

**THE 'PRACTICING PSYCHOLOGIST'** quoted in the Hot line is stating an opinion, NOT in keeping with the American Psychological Association. It is dangerous for the Times to allow this statement of opinion to appear as a fact accepted by practicing psychologists.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## FROM THE RIGHT

Cal Thomas

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columnist

**Are black voters turning against Obama?**

It may be too soon to label it a trend and there is insufficient data to confirm it, but President Obama and his party may be losing their iron grip on their most loyal and enthusiastic voting bloc: African-Americans.

Last Friday in Chicago, a group of black residents of the city's South Side, staged a protest against the violent shootings that are becoming as commonplace as White Sox games. It wasn't just the protest that should concern the administration and Democrats; it was the language used by some of the protesters, many of whom at the time of the president's 2009 inauguration likely joined other African-Americans in worshipping at the Obama shrine.

One woman was quoted in The Washington Times: 'Mr. President, we're asking for you. You're spending billions of dollars in Texas, but we've a problem here in Chicago...'

Last weekend on several Sunday talk shows, Attorney General Eric Holder asserted that criticism of President Obama is, for some, borne of racism. Since the critics in Chicago last week were black, are they racists, or can only white critics be racists? Are those who criticize conservative and Republican African-Americans also racists or does that overused label only apply to whites who criticize black liberal Democrats?

The president's policies have made those Chicago protesters angry, not his skin color. If President Obama's policies and those of his fellow Democrats in Congress and in Chicago worked, Democrats would be boasting of their successes and ignoring critics.

Blacks rightly feel jilted after pledging so much loyalty and emotion to a man they thought was one of their own. They are painfully learning that President Obama is like the fast-talking peddler of magical elixirs who promises a cure-all, then skips town before you find out you've been bamboozled. The protesters feel used and now the president and the Democrats seem to have jilted them in favor of the Hispanic vote. That's what the unbridled illegal immigration debate is all about.

I'll tell you what the race card has become. It is the Joker.

## Attention Parents:

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Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

## What is your favorite viral video?

## streettalk



"The video on Warped Tour with Less Than Jake and the Brewers. Two of the guys are from Fenton."

— Leona Kidd,  
Fenton



"The Bruno Mars flashmob proposal. It makes you happy."

— Deanna McCrate  
Linden



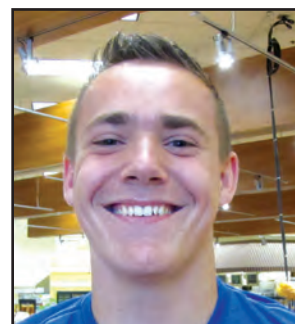
"Antoine Dobs video when they turned what he said into a rap. It's hilarious."

— Jeanette Warner  
Linden



"The dad singing 'Why you gotta be so rude.' You have to see it, it's funny."

— Terri Howley  
Fenton



"The 'Charlie bit my finger' one. I thought it was really funny."

— Zach Appleberg  
Linden



"'America.' It's about telling the truth on comments the left makes like capitalism."

— Tom Root  
Flushing



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## POLLEN

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(CDC) reports that about 8 percent of adults in the U.S. suffer from seasonal allergies.

Because winter, and its unseasonably cold temperatures, lasted into the beginning of spring, it caused more plant life to bloom at the same time rather than spread out. That means the pollen hit allergy sufferers harder than usual. In addition, those that suffer from both tree allergies and grass allergies were impacted even more with both blooming at the same time.

For those who are allergic to pollen, it causes an allergic reaction because the immune system treats it like an invasion on the body. This is where symptoms come into play, like sneezing and itchy eyes.

### DIFFERENT SEASONS CALL FOR DIFFERENT POLLENS

Shawky Hassan, MD, board certified allergist and immunologist at McLaren, said that there will be an extended pollen season this year. "It was a very cold winter, followed by a delayed spring and lots of rain. The plants and trees are very healthy, which also means they produce a large amount of pollen."

**Springtime allergies** — pollen from the trees normally begins its release between January and April. This greatly depends on the climate and location.

**Summertime allergies** — grass pollen starts to be released, both in colder and warmer climates.

**Autumn allergies** — weed pollen is a problem in the fall months.

Ragweed is one of the worst for many allergy sufferers.

To break this up a little more, Hassan added that, "There are three seasons for allergies: March to April is usually plant and tree allergies, May to June is usually grasses, and August to September is weeds. I believe all of the allergy seasons will be extended by a month or so."

### Tracking pollen levels

As surprising as this may be, those who suffer from allergies can actually track the pollen counts in the area with a few simple websites. Pollen.com provides the tools to track pollen in your hometown and across the nation, just in case you are going on vacation. Many weather websites, including weather.com and wunderground.com also show pollen counts and have warnings when the pollen count is high.

### Dealing with the symptoms

There are many ways to deal with your allergy symptoms, from over-the-counter medications to eye drops that help stop the itch.

Hassan said, "Allergy symptoms can be mild, moderate to severe. Allergy symptoms that are contained to just the nose and throat can be treated with antihistamine and decongestant."

"I have found it is a lot of work and not effective to try to eliminate pollen exposure. Pollen is microscopic, airborne, and unlimited and people cannot live in a bubble."

"Eighty-five percent of people with upper respiratory allergy symptoms are susceptible to developing asthma. Asthma is considered a severe allergy symptom and those experiencing it should be seen by their doctor to discuss treatment options."

**"I have found it is a lot of work and not effective to try to eliminate pollen exposure."**

**Shawky Hassan, MD**  
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## ARRESTS

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depending on third-shift staffing, as well as other factors.

"OWI enforcement is an important factor in keeping our community safe," said Aro. "We do our best to provide our officers the best training available in OWI detection and enforcement. We maintain a pretty tough policy when the cases are adjudicated in regard to plea negotiations."

**“OWI enforcement is an important factor in keeping our community safe.”**

**Rick Aro**  
Fenton police chief

Drunk Driving (MADD), in 2012, 10,322 people were killed and approximately 345,000 were injured due to drunk driving. Each crash, each death, each injury impacts not only the person in the crash, but family, friends, classmates, coworkers and more. Even those who have not been directly touched help pay the \$132 billion yearly price tag of drunk driving.

Michigan State Police, which keeps records for the entire state, reports that there were a total of 35,725 drunk driving arrests in 2013 and 36,650 in 2012. Figures for 2014 have not been released.

### Fenton City OWI arrests

2014	87 year to date
2013	80
2012	89
2011	62
2010	75
2009	63
2008	154
2007	128
2006	186
2005	133
2004	107

### Did you know?

• Drunk driving is often a symptom of a larger problem: alcohol misuse and abuse.

• Alcohol-impaired motor vehicle crashes cost more than an estimated \$37 billion annually.

• In 2012, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes — one every 51 minutes.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



**Mark McCabe**

67th District Court

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**judge**

### The Readiness is All

The title of today's column is from Act five, scene two of the William Shakespeare play, 'Hamlet.' Although this play is more than 400 years old, the words still ring true.

My uncle John McCabe was a Shakespearean professor and held a doctorate from the Shakespeare Institute of the University of Birmingham in England.

He once wrote that these four words are almost like a trumpet call. They are the philosophy of life. Once you have that, you truly have a good life.

I thought about this line the other day when I received a letter from a local Boy Scout scoutmaster proudly informing me that one of their own was about to become an eagle scout. Of course, their motto is 'Be Prepared.'

You may now be wondering what this all has to do with the law?

The answer comes from none other than Abraham Lincoln who, in 1850, wrote the following:

'Extemporaneous speaking should be practiced and cultivated. It is the lawyer's avenue to the public. However able and faithful he may be in other respects, people are slow to bring him business if he cannot make a speech. And yet there is not a more fatal error to young lawyers than relying too much on speech-making. If anyone, upon his rare powers of speaking, shall claim an exemption from the drudgery of the law, his case is a failure in advance.'

Of course what Mr. Lincoln was telling young (and old lawyers) is both 'The readiness is all' and 'Be Prepared.'

In my legal career, I have seen that the best lawyers are the prepared lawyers.

This idea of being prepared and working hard is not unique to the law. No matter what one's occupation or profession, the best philosophy is to do one's best.

I will leave you now with one of my favorite quotes from Vincent J. Lombardi the former head coach of the Green Bay Packers, which underscores this point:

'The quality of a person's life is in direct preparation to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field or endeavor.'

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## VIRAL

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University of Michigan-Flint Marketing Lecturer Dan Lake said there is no pure metric he knows of to decide when something is "viral." Viral just means it got really popular really quickly, but Lake uses the 100,000 views mark, achieved in a short amount of time, as viral.

His personal favorite viral video is the one of the cat playing a piano, because he loves cats.

Lake said he started hearing the term around 2001. YouTube was formed in 2005 and the first viral YouTube video might have been rock band Ok, Go's synchronized treadmill performance to "Here it goes again." The band has striven to release clever, compelling videos since then.

Videos were shared long before that too. Remember back to the mid to late '90s and the "dancing baby" computer-generated video that was shared through email.

There happens to be a perfect set of conditions to make even more viral videos possible today. Digital devices for recording video have been relatively affordable for a long time. It started with camcorders, then small Flip Cams and now, cell phones and GoPro cameras.

GoPro cameras are small, durable, and

are usually mounted to helmets while the user does stunts on a bike or a surfboard. "You're either gonna get amazing stunts, or people hurting themselves," he said.

Upload times and content hosting for the web are better, and Google buying YouTube in 2006 also helped to push videos to the top of Google searches. That, coupled with everyone having a digital camcorder makes for a lot of videos being uploaded quickly, said Lake.

Many YouTube users, especially younger ones (he said under 35) have thousands of followers already, much like on Facebook, and they'll share and tag each other across different social media sites and cross promote, causing a multiplier effect.

People like to laugh, and also see themselves on video, or see people do dumb things. Many viral videos are funny, shocking, or grippingly emotional, and they're all short.

As a lecturer, Lake can take samples of how his students consume entertainment. About 25 percent of young people actually watch TV on an actual television, at the scheduled air times. Most will watch on a laptop, while also bouncing from different social media sites.

Lake, 40, still prefers his shows played on a TV, while they air. "I'm going to go

home to watch a WWII video because I'm old and geeky," he said.

There are also two kinds of viral video—organic and non-organic. If it's "organic," the video spread quickly without advertising or help from a business. He gave the example of a pair of Domino's Pizza employees "doing bad things" to pizza, and then putting them out to sell. The videos went everywhere, and the workers were eventually fired. They claimed, however, that they didn't actually tamper with any pizzas.

For an example of non-organic, watch "Devil Baby Attacks." It's a clever, well shot and staged video of an animatronic baby in a stroller who scares passersby, and it's caught on camera from multiple angles and takes.

It was conceived, shot, and promoted by a company, as a subtle ad for the movie "Carrie" that came out early this year.

Lake doubts viral videos are going away anytime soon. "What's beyond is hard to say," he said.

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## WEATHER

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weather events. About 300 people are injured, and 80 people are killed, every year in the United States due to lightning, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). An estimated 1,000 tornadoes occur in the United States each year, more than any other country in the world.

According to the Weather Channel, 10 percent of all thunderstorms are classified as "severe." That means that they produce hail at least ¾ inch in diameter and have winds reaching 58 mph or higher. Any thunderstorm that produces a tornado is also classified as severe.

Fenton Fire Chief Robert Cairnduff shared some insight on severe weather safety. He said that, "When a tornado warning is issued everyone should seek shelter immediately. The sirens can be sounded for not only a tornado but also straight-line winds of 70mph or more."

Cairnduff added that these straight-line winds are more common in Michigan and can be quite destructive. When a tornado warning is issued or if you hear the severe weather sirens, you should seek shelter immediately. This shelter area should be in the lowest level of the home or business in the most central location in a smaller room such as a bathroom where there are no windows.

Those seeking shelter should turn on a radio or TV to listen for weather updates. The sirens will sound for three minutes on 10-minute cycles for as long as the warning is in place. That means three minutes of siren then off for seven minutes. Then it would start again if the warning is still in place.

Make sure that you and your family know the difference between a warning and a watch, when it comes to both thunderstorms and tornadoes. Cairnduff said that the difference between the two is that "a watch means conditions are favorable for storms to develop, and a

warning means there is an active storm and it is approaching.

"A warning is issued when there is radar indicated or actual conformation of a tornado and it is approaching," he added.

The fire chief advises that people should prepare themselves ahead of time and be prepared to be self-sufficient for a few

days. That means they should have flashlights, a radio, fresh batteries to power them, and some non-perishable food and bottled water.

Nothing is scarier than driving down the road when hail suddenly starts to strike your vehicle,

or you see a tornado up ahead of you. So what do you do? Cairnduff said, "If someone is in their vehicle they should never drive toward the storm to watch it. Always head in the other direction and if you have time, take shelter in a strong building."

Cairnduff added, "I encourage everyone to pay attention to the weather especially when they are outdoors and exposed to the elements such as at sporting events or out on one of the many local lakes.

"Weather changes and moves quickly and you do not want to be caught out in a storm. No one ever wins when you go up against Mother Nature."

### Summary

While severe weather and tornadoes are most common in the springtime they can happen any time. Because of this, it is important to be prepared.

**“No one ever wins when you go up against Mother Nature.”**

**Robert Cairnduff**  
 Fenton fire chief

### A few tornado facts

- While tornadoes usually accompany thunderstorms, they can come by themselves.
- Sometimes the air is calm before a tornado hits, rather than being preceded by strong, gusty winds.
- A tornado can come when the sun is shining, or it can be shrouded in heavy rain and dark clouds.
- The sound of a tornado has been compared to a freight train or a jet engine.

## HOT LINE CONTINUED

**ON JULY 2,** I had my fishing motor stolen from my boat, at my dock on Lake Fenton. If you have a small motor, lock it on your boat. The police said this was the second one stolen that week

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**PLEASE TEAR DOWN** the old seminary. Every day we see people there, with their kids even. It's not historical; it's a hazard.

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**HERE'S PART OF** Proposal 14-1. 'Reduce state tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.' Obviously written by a lawyer. Can anyone explain what this even means?

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**NEW PARENTS, IF** your child cannot attend a nice sit-down eating venue without crying, do not bring them. Have some consideration.

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**DORRIE, MAY YOU** find Peace and Love in Heaven above. I miss you.

■■■■  
**MILLAGE ISSUES ARE** on the ballot. Note that a percentage of the revenue does not go for what is stated. A large percentage goes for entitlements known as authorities such as DDAs. Read the fine print before you vote. Example senior services get only a portion of their millage revenue.

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**TO EVERYONE WHO** does not like the new mural in Linden, you need to open your eyes to art. I personally know the artist and she has spent countless hours working on it, and has spent none of your tax money.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

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■■■■  
**TO THE GUY** saying Obama is Muslim.

You should get your facts straight before opening your mouth. You don't have to be a Christian to be president but you have to be born here and over the age of 35. The only prejudice here is you! You're against educated people.

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Shoe art created by all ages entered into the Artzy Shoe Prize at this year's Fenton Artwalk. Shown here are the first-place winners.

Shoes turn into works of art

►Artzy Shoe Prize contest brings out the bling, creativity

**By Yvonne Stegall**

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Fenton Artwalk shared a plethora of arts, including a Chef Throw Down and ice carving demos. One of the most fun things they offered this year was the Artzy

Shoe Prize.

The Judge for the Artzy Shoe Prize was Dana Crane, Linden Middle School art teacher. Crane said she "was amazed at the creativity of the shoes." There were 60 entered into the competition.

The premise was for artists to create a piece of art with one real shoe. They were to use found objects, and any medium and organic materials were acceptable. First-, second- and third-place prizes were given out in six different categories. First-place winners took home \$100, second won \$50, and third won \$15. The Artzy Shoe prize first-place winners are on display in various areas in downtown Fenton.

**"I was amazed at the creativity of the shoes."**

**Dana Crane**  
Linden Middle School teacher

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3<sup>rd</sup> — Luke Stratton, Holly

• **Ages 8-14**

1<sup>st</sup> — Katie Stricket, Linden

2<sup>nd</sup> — Erin Tesner, Fenton

3<sup>rd</sup> — Breana Vachon, Grand Blanc

• **Ages 15-18**

1<sup>st</sup> — Mailnee Saniribhan, Flint

2<sup>nd</sup> — Jamie Wolanin, Byron

3<sup>rd</sup> — Emily Griffiths, Fenton

• **Ages 19-54**

1<sup>st</sup> — Brenda Wehrli, Fenton

2<sup>nd</sup> — Kelly Griffiths, Fenton

3<sup>rd</sup> — Anna Goss, Linden

• **Ages 55+**

1<sup>st</sup> — Audrey Swartz, Holly

2<sup>nd</sup> — Sherie Peruski, Fenton

3<sup>rd</sup> — Karen Heinecke, Fenton

• **Business Category**

1<sup>st</sup> — Laura Legant, Holly

2<sup>nd</sup> — Brown & Brown, Fenton

3<sup>rd</sup> — Fenton City Fire Dept.

News **briefs**

**Fenton to turn teal in support of ovarian cancer awareness**

For the second year in a row, Fenton will turn teal this September. The "Turn the Towns Teal" campaign is a national even to create awareness of ovarian cancer. Volunteers tie teal ribbons and post signs around town centers such as Fenton's downtown. This year, lawn signs will also help to spread the word. The campaign lasts from Sept. 1-30.



# MICHIGAN VOTES

## LEGISLATORS' KEY VOTES OF THE 2013/2014 SESSION

*MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. While the Legislature is on a summer break from voting, this Roll Call Report, released on Friday, July 25, summarizes key votes of the 2013-2014 session.*

**Senate Bill 542: Permit more generous government employee health benefits** To increase from \$11,000 to \$12,250 the "hard cap" on the amount that a local government or school district can spend for an "individual-plus-spouse" employee health care policy under a 2011 law limiting the cost of such benefits.

**Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate**

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 108 to 1**

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Senate Bill 272: Authorize corporate and developer "port facility" subsidies** To expand the mission of the Michigan Strategic Fund to include providing undefined subsidies for corporations, developers and other entities involved in port facilities. The House has not taken up the proposal, which was introduced by Sen. Mike Kowall in this and the previous Legislature.

**Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate**

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Senate Bill 114: Revise commercial rental assessment occupancy formula** To eliminate the use of occupancy rates in determining the taxable value of commercial rental property. This essentially reverses a 2002 Supreme Court ruling, that the 1994 Proposal A property tax assessment limitations restricted increases for higher occupancy but not decreases for lower occupancy.

**Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate**

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 98 to 12 in the House**

State Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Senate Bill 283: Repeal annual union PAC contribution "re-up" requirement** To repeal a requirement that union members or employees of a corporation who wish to have contributions to a union or corporate PAC automatically deducted from their paycheck must affirmatively give consent on an annual basis by means of signing a permission form. The bill would repeal the annual "re-up" requirement. The House has not taken up this measure.

**Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate**

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

## BLACK BELT

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Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a take-down and ground fighting form of martial arts. It was made famous by the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), and the Gracie family. In practice, strikes can be used, but not in matches or testing.

It can be similar to both Judo and Japanese Jiu-Jitsu, but Allen said BJJ's emphasis is on the ground fighting itself, and holding the opponent to the mat doesn't mean the match is over.

The main goal is to win by submission though chokes, arm bars and joint locks. Locking a joint forces the opponent to either submit, or have something broken, like a wrist, finger elbow, or other joint.

**"I'm just extremely happy to reach that goal, because it was the last major goal I had."**

**Dan Allen**  
*Argentine police chief,  
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt*

He said both forms of Jiu-Jitsu along with hapkido use the opponent's leverage against them — but BJJ takes the ground fighting much further, he said. "If you see it fought with a high level, it's a very beautiful martial art." He said BJJ is intricate and complicated. "You can be in a bad situation on the ground and completely reverse it."

Of course, as a career police officer, he has used his practical knowledge to restrain people, and without hurting them if possible.

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) has also made ground fighting and defense as part of training a requirement.

Allen used to run the Flint Police Academy, and preached to his officers in training to be well rounded, and he seems to live by his own advice. At 52, he said chokes are a go-to move because of the way it forces his sparring partner to react. Restricting the breathing of the opponent is one of the goals.

"I'm just extremely happy to reach that goal, because it was the last major goal I had," he said. "It was hard to get, it took time, to get." After his other three black belts, he concluded this was the toughest one.

When asked about the difficulty of the test, he laughed. Allen sparred on the mat for an hour, fighting against a fifth-degree BJJ black belt instructor. The goal wasn't to win — he knew that wasn't happening — the goal was to test Allen's abilities. When it was over, he was awarded his black belt.

He said earning the degree could be compared to a four-year college degree. He started on BJJ in 1998, and has already



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Dan Allen has three black belts already. He said earning his fourth was the most difficult.



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Dan Allen demonstrates an over the shoulder throw on Nicholas Burnett on Monday. In this case, Allen guided Burnett down because he has a fractured wrist.

been tested 16 times. "It was a very tough journey," he said. There are four color belts before black, and each belt has four stripes to be earned.

Allen is already unique in holding four black belts. He has a fourth-degree in combat hapkido, a third-degree in tang soo do, and first-degree in Japanese Jiu-

Jitsu. "Once I started, I just kept going," he said. He instructs combat hapkido, mixed martial arts and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at his Burton school, Warrior's Den.

He may not have a specific goal next, but he said he'll keep sharing martial arts with others. "It changes people, it in my opinion it makes them more confident."

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## SPORTS TRIVIA

### FOOTBALL

**Q** This NFL player wrote 12 No. 1 country singles. Name him.

**A** Unless you are a Cincinnati Bengals fan, this one is pretty tough. Two-time Pro Bowler and offensive lineman Mike Reid also sang a No. 1 country hit.

### TRI-COUNTY RUNNER'S LOG

#### Run Through The Flames 5K, 10K Run

Fenton Firefighter's Charities is hosting their fifth-annual 5K walk/run and 10K run on Aug. 9 at 8:30 a.m. starting at the Fenton Fire Hall. Registration is \$25 before Aug. 1 and \$35 beyond that date. For more information go to [www.Fenton-FireCharities.org](http://www.Fenton-FireCharities.org).

#### Linden Cross Country Alumni Race

The Linden Cross Country Alumni Race will be on Aug. 16 with the men's race beginning at 8:45 a.m. and the women's race starts at 9:15 a.m. The race will be run on Linden High School's cross country course and costs \$30. For more information contact Clint Lawhorne at [clawhorn@lindenschools.org](mailto:clawhorn@lindenschools.org).

#### St. John Applefest Road Race

There is a 5K and a 10K run, and a 5K walk. It also has a mile run and 1/4-mile run for younger competitors. Early registration for the longer races is \$20 prior to Sept. 14 and \$25 after Sept. 14. For more information, go to [www.stjohnapplefest.org/](http://www.stjohnapplefest.org/).

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## Football squads working hard for fall

By David Troppens

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**Holly** — In many ways it felt like football season had already officially began.

It was a nice sunny summer day. However, the temperature felt a bit more like something out of mid-September than late July.

The Holly varsity football team was hosting one of its weekly seven-on-sevens on Thursday with five other teams in attendance. One of the others was the Lake Fenton Blue Devils, making it an ideal place for a tri-county fan to go if they wanted a sneak preview of half of the area prep football squads. The two teams even faced off against each other during one of the sessions. There was some sun upon occasion, making it feel a tad warmer, but for the most part it was cool and Thursday night was a productive night for the teams attending the scrimmage. And that's good considering many teams are still trying to recover from what happened last winter — yes, last winter. Due to the snow days, most schools started summer football sessions later than usual. Lake Fenton was one of those schools.

"It's been a gorgeous summer," Lake Fenton varsity foot-

ball coach Eric Doyle said. "But we are all behind. I think all football programs are in this boat. We suffered because of the snow days and have had everything cut back a full week. It feels like we are a bit behind because we haven't had as much time to get things in we normally get in. But it is what it is and everyone is dealing with it."

"We are doing really well," Holly varsity football coach Ryan Culloty said. "You remain cautiously optimistic about (the good weather). We love to be able to work in it, so you can push them a bit harder because you don't have to worry about the heat index. But in the back of your mind, you worry about what August is going to look like."

After three straight winning seasons (and playoff appearances in 2010 and 2011), the Bronchos finished last year with a 4-5 mark. The Bronchos lost a lot of players, including their quarterback. Alex Mazzone appears to be near the top of the depth chart in terms of filling that spot. He was the JV signal-caller last year.

"It's going good right now. It's going better than in past years in my opinion," Mazzone said. "The 7-on-7s help me with my confidence in the passing game and helps me with decision making."



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The Holly Bronchos hosted a 7-on-7 on Thursday at Holly High School. (Above) Holly coach Ryan Culloty (cap) talks to his team prior to starting action against Lake Fenton. (Right) Lake Fenton's Liam King (front) attempts to catch a ball while Holly's Adam Tooley defends.

Holly's season begins on a Thursday this year. The Bronchos host non-league Berkley for the season-opener on Aug. 28. Most teams will start on Thursday this season because of Labor Day being on Sept. 1.

See **FOOTBALL** on 11



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The Linden varsity linemen won the Lineman Challenge held at Fowlerville High School recently.

## Eagles capture second straight Lineman Challenge title

By David Troppens

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The 2014 football season hasn't even officially began yet, and the Linden football team already has defended one title.

The varsity and JV linemen competed in the 12th annual Lineman Challenge held at Fowlerville High School recently, and came home with first place for the second straight year.

"It's just something fun," Linden co-head varsity football coach Nick Douglass said. "The receivers and the skill kids get to run around and do fun things all summer, and this gives the linemen an opportunity to do seven events to show their endurance, stamina and stuff like that while having some fun."

The events include an ob-

stacle course, a tire flip and a sled push among other things. Not only did the Eagles win, but they convincingly exceeded their totals from a year ago. Last year, the Eagles were a young team. This season they'll be a veteran squad.

The varsity team included Andy Roberts, Austin McNeil, Kyle Korman, Andrew Kost, Ray Ballard and Sawyer Bengé.



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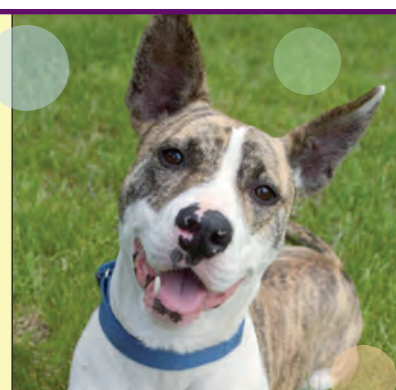
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## WARRIOR DASH

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Some obstacles challenge your ability to balance, such as the Goliath. The Goliath forces competitors to walk on a board about 10 feet high in the air from one platform to another. Other obstacles will test your ability to climb. The Diesel Dome is a perfect example. It includes a frame that looks like a barn. Competitors must climb the boards and work themselves to the other side before moving forward.

Other events include running through trenches, crawling through a maze of tires and leaping a fire.

Finally, as one expects, the race ends with water and mud, and a lot of it. The runners crawl in a mud pit below a bunch of barbed wire, ending any chance of a competitor finishing with a clean head of hair.

However, the obstacles don't seem to mind the nearly 20,000 runners that decided to take on the Warrior Dash Saturday and Sunday. In fact the Warrior Dash is a big hit in the Genesee County area.

"I've done every one of them," said Fenton resident and well-known long-distance runner Eric Larsen. "I just like the whole thing — going in the mud, climbing the obstacles. It's so much different than a regular run because you have the element of having to go over and under things. It's not like running. It's more like playing."

Larsen isn't the only tri-county resident who has made the Warrior Dash must-do competition on an annual basis. Ed Furmanczyk and his daughter, Jessica, are on that list, too. On Saturday, they wore shirts declaring them as part of the #Merica team.

"It's just fun being out there with family and friends," Ed Furmanczyk said. "That's what it's all about, being together. It's not that competitive."

"Me and my dad get to do it together and that makes it fun," said Jessica, 22. "We come back and try to improve each year, or at least have fun. My mom waits for us at the finish line and takes our picture."

That photo included a lot of mud this year. However, that didn't seem to bother the family pair.



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Fenton resident Jessica Furmanczyk crawls through some muddy waters as she nears the end of the Warrior Dash on Saturday morning.

"I want to get as dirty as possible," Jessica said. "The obstacles are changed. The whole end is different from last year. At the end you are kind of exhausted, but then you see the end and you are kind of excited to finish it."

"One year I got almost to my neck in mud," Ed said. "I was black from the neck-down. It was kind of gross."

The #Murica group had at least one rookie this year, Fenton resident Wendy Woodby.

"It was super fun. It's a blast," Woodby said. "It was kind of more than I thought it was going to be. I'm scared of heights, so a couple of them were challenging. I'll come back next year."

There are hundreds of volunteers at the event as well. Helping tend the fire was Grand Blanc resident Taylor Howard.

"You just have to make sure you watch it," Howard said. "If there is a low spot, you have to make sure you get it even."

Attending to the fire is a pretty entertaining spot in the race. Close to the end, most runners are drained by the time they reach the wall of fire, which in reality is less than 3 feet high. To a tired runner, the visual is probably more suspenseful than the actual

danger. A couple of tutus suffered a tiny bit of damage but even a competitor with a full-body chicken suit was able to leap the fire without any trouble. It seems the leap is a highlight for many runners. One group of five ran and leapt the flames together while holding hands. Quirky comments like, "I'm on fire" are heard frequently as runners jump the flames.

It is easy to see why one would get addicted to the event.

"It brings a whole different element than a race does. Not only are you trying to run faster than the other guy, but when you hit an obstacle, you are trying to climb, get out of it and recover," Larsen said.

"I really do (plan on going every year). I'm ready to do another run. It's a lot of fun."

## FOOTBALL

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Lake Fenton also has a lot of new faces on its squad. However, running back and linebacker Mitchell Bollinger likes how practices have gone so far.

"It's going pretty good," Bollinger said. "We've been working hard in the weight room and we are getting commitment from pretty much everyone."

The goals remain the same. The Blue Devils have made the playoffs each of the last three years, and have never made the postseason four straight seasons. That's the goal.

"We are going to be young this year, but I think we can step up, get to the playoffs and make some noise," Bollinger said. "We'd like to make the playoffs and win a league championship. Those are our goals."

The Blue Devils open the season with a home game at home against Freeland on Aug. 28. Their first three games will be at home. However, five of the final six are on the road.

"We are going to be extremely young in spots and inexperienced in spots, but that doesn't mean we won't be talented in those spots," Doyle said. "It just means we are going to be young. We are going to have to rely on a lot of underclassmen. We need our seniors to step up and be contributors — the seniors who didn't necessarily contribute last year will be called upon to do some big things this year. I think they're ready."



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The Warrior Dash invaded the E.A. Cummings Center in Mt. Morris on Saturday and Sunday, capturing the imagination of its over 20,000 competitors, volunteers and spectators. The 3.2-mile course had its share of obstacles like the mud bog (above) and the cargo net (left) near the end of the course. Many competitors dressed in costumes while doing their run.



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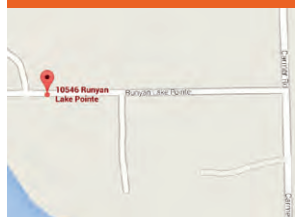
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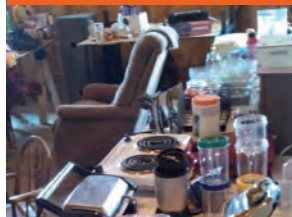
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son of Clayton and Donna  
(Graff) Van Auken. He was  
a 1951 graduate of Holly  
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and Guestbook on www.  
sharpfuneralhomes.com.**Earl  
Lockwood**  
1945-2014Earl Lockwood - age 68,  
of Byron, died Wednes-  
day, July 23, 2014. Grave-  
side services will be held  
11:30 AM Wednesday,  
July 30, 2014 at Great  
Lakes National Cemetery,  
4200 Belford Road, Holly,  
MI. Pastor Marty Shouse  
officiating. Those desiring  
may make contributions  
to the family. Earl was  
born December 14, 1945  
in Rural, TN, the son of  
Earl Lockwood and Ollie  
B. (McAdams) Lockwood.  
He was a graduate of  
Cody High School. Earl  
was a veteran of the U.S.  
Navy. He worked as a  
Railroad Conductor at  
Conrail Northfolk South-  
ern for 34 years. He was  
a member of the Byron  
Masonic Lodge # 80.  
Surviving are: beloved  
wife, Wendy; 4 children,  
Shawn Lockwood of Ten-  
nessee, Wayne Lock-  
wood of Grand Blanc,  
Brittany Lockwood and  
fiancé Chad Bradley of  
Fenton, and Jeffrey Hen-  
ning of Toledo, OH;  
8 grandchildren, Adrianna  
Lockwood, Robert Guldi,  
Andrew Guldi, Tyler Ste-  
venson, Oliver Lockwood,  
Devon Lockwood, Jace  
Gonzales, and Jeffrey  
Henning III; 2 great-  
grandchildren, Autumn  
and Anthony; 2 sisters,  
Alice "Faye" Sarvis and  
Barbara Lister; brother,  
David Lockwood; and  
many nieces and neph-  
ews. He was preceded  
in death by his parents.  
Online tributes may be  
shared on the obituaries  
page of www.sharpfuner-  
alhomes.com.**Donald Raymond  
Bedwell**

1925-2014

Donald Raymond Bedwell  
- born June 16, 1925 in  
Ann Arbor, Washtenaw,  
Michigan and died July  
27, 2014 in Mio, Oscoda,  
Michigan. He went to  
high school at Dearborn  
High. After he graduated  
he went into the service  
at the start of World  
War 2, USMC. He had  
A.I.T. at Fort Pendelton  
in California. He was  
sent to the pacific island  
of Guam as a mechanic  
for aircraft repair and  
maintenance becoming  
a sergeant by the end of  
the war. Returning from  
the war he was hired by  
Kaiser-Frazer and was  
a foreman at the Willow  
Run plant until it closed  
about 1954. He then  
bought a Pure gas/ser-  
vice station and operated  
it as owner/mechanic until  
about 1957, when he then  
bought and ran a party  
store until about 1959,  
he then returned to the  
gas station business and  
became the owner/oper-  
ator/mechanic of a Sunoco  
service station which he  
had until about 1970. Don  
and his family moved  
from Dearborn to Fenton,  
Michigan. Don then went  
to work for Boron Oil  
Company in a mainte-  
nance capacity, maintain-  
ing all the Boron stations  
in Michigan and northern  
Ohio until his retirement.  
After his retirement Don  
and Evelyn moved from  
Fenton to Mio, Michigan.  
Don was a mason, and  
auxiliary police officer for  
the city of Dearborn. Don  
is preceded in death by  
his parents, Earl Wesley  
Bedwell and Louise Clara  
Marx Bedwell; his wife,  
Evelyn Irene Bedwell;  
two brothers, Wesley  
Bedwell and Rodney  
David Bedwell; stepson,  
Danny Lee Lowe Bedwell,  
and son, Gary David  
Bedwell. Left to mourn  
their loss is his children,  
Donald Earl (Rebecca)  
Bedwell, Nancy (Ron)  
Buchanan, Dale Bedwell,  
Darrell Bedwell, Janice  
(David) DeNell and sev-  
eral grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren. In  
accordance with Don-  
ald's wishes, cremation  
has taken place and no  
services are planned.**Arrangements by Lash-  
ley Funeral Home, Mio.**

## INVITATION TO BID

**Interior Painting at Jack R. Winegarden Public Library**t he City of Fenton Downtown Development Authority, Michigan will receive sealed  
bids at the City Clerk's Office, 301 South Ler oy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-  
2196 for painting of the library for the City of Fenton until Friday August 15, 2013 at  
11:00 am.Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the conference room of the  
Fenton City Office, 301 South Ler oy Street, Fenton, Michigan. Bids should be  
submitted in sealed envelopes plainly marked "Interior Painting Library - City of  
Fenton".Bids are being solicited only from responsible and established bidders known to  
be experienced and regularly engaged in this work. Satisfactory evidence that the  
bidder has the necessary capital, equipment and personnel to do the work may be  
required.Proposal forms and specifications are on file for the inspection of bidders at the Fen-  
ton City Offices, 301 South Ler oy Street and copies may be obtained by qualified  
bidders. Bidders can also go to [www.cityoffenton.org](http://www.cityoffenton.org) to receive a copy of the bid.t he City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid, or  
portion thereof, which, in their opinion, is most advantageous to the City.Michael t. Burns  
Assistant City ManagerObituaries updated  
daily online!Visit **www.tctimes.com****CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
OF DEQ STORMWATER PERMIT APPLICATION**t he Charter township of Fenton has submitted a *National Pollutant Discharge  
Elimination System Permit - Application for Discharge of Stormwater to Surface  
Waters from a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System* to the Michigan Depart-  
ment of Environmental Quality. A copy of the permit application is available for  
review at the Fenton township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI  
48430 until September 15, 2014. t he application may also be viewed on the  
Fenton township website at [www.fentontownship.org](http://www.fentontownship.org).r OBErt E. Kr UG  
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Answer in this Sunday's edition of the Tri-County Times

To your Good Health

KEITH ROACH, M.D.



dear dr . r OaCH: In a recent column, you wrote, "Some people can't absorb fructose." What are the side effects of the inability to absorb fructose? — I.N.

anSWer : Fructose is a sugar naturally found in fruits, but also in sweeteners, especially honey and high-fructose corn syrup. Other sugars, such as glucose, improve fructose absorption. Few people get symptoms just from natural foods, because these contain the other natural sugars that improve fructose absorption. On the other hand, sorbitol (a "sugar alcohol") decreases fructose absorption. Almost half the population cannot completely absorb fructose, and the more fructose people take in, the greater the risk of the symptoms of malabsorption, including diarrhea, gas and bloating. I recommend against HFCS for many reasons, but this is another one. For people with symptoms of malabsorption, I recommend a trial of reducing fructose and sorbitol.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

USSOE

NAISE

PYTSHU

POURRA

A: THE

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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iPhone Tip of the week

Quickly post photos

You can now send a photo directly to Facebook or Twitter from the camera app's gallery. Simply press the arrow button when viewing a photo and the Share menu will pop up, which includes Facebook and Twitter shortcuts. You'll naturally need to have those accounts linked to your phone, though, by installing the respective social client apps.



Tip provided by trustedreviews.com

CITY OF LINDEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BYRAM LAKE

t he Linden City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to hear citizen's comments on continuation of the Byram Lake Improvement Project. t he project will be financed by a special assessment district which includes all properties in the city within 500 feet of Byram Lake which about the lake. A copy of plans and cost estimates for the project are on file with the City Clerk.

t he current aquatic plant control program on Byram Lake is scheduled to end this year. It is proposed to continue the project through 2019 with a combination of herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting for aquatic plant control and continued water quality monitoring to gauge the effectiveness of the project. Estimated project costs for the proposed project 2015 through 2019 are:

Improvement	Cost
Aquatic Plant Control (h erbicide t reatments/Mechanical h arvesting)	\$27,000
Aquatic Plant Control Coordination/Field Evaluations	6,000
Water Quality Monitoring	4,000
Administration and Contingency	3,000
Total	\$40,000

In order to ensure assessments levied are proportionate to the benefit derived from the project, it is proposed that lot size be considered when determining individual assessments. Under this plan, a "unit" assessment would be levied against lots with a mean lot width of 300 feet or less. Lots greater than 300 feet in width would be assessed two units in the proposed Byram Lake special assessment district. t his equates to a unit assessment of \$264.90 per year for 5 years.

Any person wishing to comment may do so in person or in writing by addressing written comments to Lynn M. h enry, City Clerk, at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

KING FEATURES

ACROSS

- 1 "Cheers" supply
- 5 Vicinity
- 9 Pitch
- 12 Lotion additive
- 13 Stead
- 14 Rd.
- 15 Karaoke event
- 17 Solidify
- 18 Without difficulty
- 19 Frost-covered
- 21 Yours truly
- 22 Glorify
- 24 Advantage
- 27 Round Table address
- 28 Georgetown athlete
- 31 Commit perjury
- 32 Khan title
- 33 Without delay
- 34 Crumbly cheese
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- 52 Troop group
- 53 Crazy
- 54 Crone
- 55 Cincinnati squad
- 56 Unforeseen problem
- 6 Carnival city
- 7 Still, in verse
- 8 Zero
- 9 Join the group
- 10 State with conviction
- 11 Hinge (on)
- 16 1-Across kin
- 20 "— -la-la!"
- 22 Square
- 23 MRI
- 24 Sprite
- 25 Conk out
- 26 Be congenial
- 27 Lip
- 29 Second
- 30 Shock and —
- 35 Carte lead-in
- 37 Coral constructs
- 39 Bring upon oneself
- 40 "Eureka!"
- 41 Trig, e.g.
- 42 Brainstorm
- 43 Cats and dogs, usually
- 44 Benefit
- 45 Erstwhile
- 46 Enthusiastic
- 49 Dollar bill
- 50 Central

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CLOSED	<b>9:00am</b> Zumba GOLD-TONING® <b>10:00am</b> Zumba GOLD® <b>6:00pm</b> Zumba GOLD® <b>7:00pm</b> Zumba BASIC® <b>8:00pm</b> Zumba STEP®	<b>9:00am</b> Zumba BASIC®  <b>10:00am</b> Zumba STEP®  <b>8:00pm</b> Zumba BASIC®	<b>9:00am</b> Zumba GOLD-TONING®  <b>10:00am</b> Zumba GOLD®	<b>9:00am</b> Zumba BASIC®  <b>10:00am</b> Zumba GOLD®  <b>7:00pm</b> Zumba TONING®  <b>8:00pm</b> Zumba BASIC®	<b>9:00am</b> Zumba BASIC®  <b>10:00am</b> Zumba STEP®	<b>8:30am</b> Zumba GOLD®  <b>9:30am</b> Zumba STEP®  <b>10:30am</b> Zumba BASIC®



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