Drunk driving arrests for 2014 surpass 2013

Fenton saw peak in 2006 with 186 arrests

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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 from year to year, but if this was downtown, you would stand a better shot of catching the same person more than once in a short span of time. While it is not a regular occurrence, it happens often enough to make it necessary for officers to use every tool at their disposal to ensure 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

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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 you’re consuming.

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.

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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 areas 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.

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FEATURES

‘A very tough journey’

Argentine police chief earns rare distinction with fourth black belt

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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.

‘Going viral …’

YouTube, Vimeo, etc. are the popular ‘fast food’ of entertainment

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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.

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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 wildfire are considered to be “going viral.”

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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.

“We are afraid that a 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.”

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.

PROPOSITION 1. CAN someone explain how the Local Community Stabilization Authority is providing to revenue to local governments to replace the state use tax? Where is the ‘m ajo magic elixir who promises a cure-while I don’t believe the polar bear in his documentary 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 he files as纵横 in his private jet. Liberals are very hypocrisi-cal.

I SUPPOSE IF the dads did not feel compelled to throw their lifestyle in everyone’s face there wouldn’t be such uproar. Keep your sexuality to yourself 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 Removal Commission 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 ‘PRACTICAL PSYCHOLO-GIST’ 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.

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What is your favorite viral video?

“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 Rael, 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 allergists 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, or severe. Al-lergy 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 expo-sure. Pollen is microscopic, airborne, and unlimited and people cannot live in a bubble.

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

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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 ad-judicated in regard to plea negations.”

The chief added that officers in his department have been recognized at the state level for their OWI enforcement efforts.

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

Rick Aro
Fenton police chief

According to Mothers Against 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 bil-lion 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

**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 Shake-sperean 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 law-ayer’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 speak- ing, shall claim an exemption from the draft duty 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 work-ing hard is not unique to the law. No mat-ter 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:

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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 are there to provide a warning and it is important to prepare.

The fire chief advises that people should prepare themselves ahead of time and be self-sufficient for a few days. That means they should have flashlights, a radio, fresh batteries to power the radio, 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 spring, they can happen any time. Because of this, it is important to be prepared.

A few tornado facts
• While tornadoes usually accompany thunderstorms, they can come on their own. “We’ve had them 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

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University of Michigan-Flint Marketing Lecturer Dan Lake said there is no pure relationship of views of debt 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 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 “Open Broad” which was another synchronized treadmill performance to “Here it goes again.” The band has striven to release clever, compelling videos since then.

Videos are shared long before that too. Digital devices for recording video have been relatively affordable for a long time. It started with camcorders, then standalone digital cameras 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.

Users will watch videos on the web and browse the web to see more, 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 link their channels to 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.

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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.

Artzy Shoe Prize winners
• Ages 1-7
  1st — Page Harrison, Fenton
  2nd — Dane McKee, Fenton
  3rd — Luke Stratton, Holly
• Ages 8-14
  1st — Katie Stricket, Linden
  2nd — Erin Tenner, Fenton
  3rd — Brenna Vachon, Grand Blanc
• Ages 15-18
  1st — Malinie Saniribhan, Flint
  2nd — Jamie Wolanin, Byron
  3rd — Emily Griffiths, Fenton
• Ages 19-54
  1st — Brenda Wehrli, Fenton
  2nd — Kelly Griffiths, Fenton
  3rd — Anna Goss, Linden
• Ages 55+
  1st — Audrey Swartz, Holly
  2nd — Sherie Peruski, Fenton
  3rd — Karen Heinecke, Fenton
• Business Category
  1st — Laura Legant, Holly
  2nd — Brown & Brown, Fenton
  3rd — Fenton City Fire Dept.

_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.
### 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 it 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.

He said both forms of Jiu-Jitsu along with hapkido are 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 (MCDES) 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 how 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.”

Dan Allen

Argentina Police chief, Brazilian Jiu-jitsu black belt

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.

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

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### 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.

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<td>To repeal annual union contribution “re-up” requirement To repeal a requirement that unionized corporations or corporations that 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.</td>
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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 begun.

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 peek 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 football 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.”

Eagles capture second straight Lineman Challenge title

By David Troppens
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The 2014 football season hasn’t even officially begun yet, and the Linden football team already has something to shout about.

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 obstacle course, a tire flip and a sled push among other things. Not only did the Eagles win, but they convincingly exceed- ed 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 Benga.
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 competitive.”

“We and my dad got 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.

“... I want to get as dirty as possible,” Jessica said. “... The obstacles are changed, so 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 leap the flames together while holding hands. Quicky 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 ever 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 committment 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 as 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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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memorials

Jack Holmes VanAuken
1933-2014
Jack Holmes VanAuken - age 80, of Fenton, died July 23, 2014. Funeral Services were held at 11 AM Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton.

Earl Lockwood
1945-2014
Earl Lockwood - age 68, of Byron, died Wednesday, July 23, 2014. Grave services will be held 11:30 AM Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Bedford 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 Olle B. (McAdams) Lockwood. He was a graduate of Cady High School. Earl was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked as a Railroad Conductor at Conrail Northfolk Southern for 34 years. He was a member of the Byron Masonic Lodge # 80. Surviving are: beloved wife, Wendy; 4 children, Shawn Lockwood of Tennessee, Wayne Lockwood of Tennessee, Brittney Lockwood and fiancé Chad Bradley of Fenton, and Jeffrey Henning of Toledo, OH; 8 grandchildren, Adrianna Robert Guldin, Andrew Guldin, Tyler Stevenson, Oliver Lockwood, Devon Lockwood, Jace Gonzalez, and Jeffrey Henning III; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Alice “Faye” Sarvis and Barbora Lisler; brother, David Lockwood; and many nieces and nephews. Those desiring may make contributions to the family. Earl was an avid hunter and enjoyed woodworking. He is survived by his children, Mark, Teal (David) Roe, grandchildren, Katelyn Roe, Andrea Roe, Kimberly Roe; brother, Robert. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dean & Faye Lockwood.

Donald Raymond Bedwell
1925-2014
Donald Raymond Bedwell - born June 16, 1925 in Ann Arbor, 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.T. in the Pacific and served in California. He was sent to the pacific island of Guam all for the same reason 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/ service 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 an owner/opera- tor/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 Lewis 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 several 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. Winegardner Public Library

The City of Fenton Downtown Development Authority, Michigan will receive sealed bids at the City Clerk’s Office, 301 South Leroy Street, Fenton, Michigan 48430-2196 for painting of the library for the City of Fenton until Friday August 15, 2014 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 Leroy 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 Fenton City Offices, 301 South Leroy Street and copies may be obtained by qualified bidders. Bidders can also go to www.cityoffenton.org to receive a copy of the bid.

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Michael T. Burns
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City of Linden
Notice of public hearing on proposed improvements to Byram Lake

The 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. The project will be financed by a special assessment district which includes all properties in the city within 500 feet of Byram Lake which abut the lake. A copy of plans and cost estimates for the project are on file with the City Clerk.

The 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:

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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. This 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. Henry, City Clerk, at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451.
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