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## ONLINE COMMENTS

**“Does anyone have a good photo of Linden’s lost downtown? I would love to look at a mural of the old downtown every day.”**

**“So there is an ordinance for barking dogs, but the idiot kids down the block can legally fire off exploding rockets and M-80s at 11:30 at night? What am I missing? It doesn’t make any sense.”**

**“Why are you so certain that the psychologist – or proctologist – is a man?”**

**“Could someone look back at some old issues of the Times and tell us what the original finish date of the Cornerstone building was? If the exact date isn’t available, just give the year.”**

**“To the person who insulted the psychologist who took the time to shed light on a complex question, why do you assume it was a man? I can safely say that you are a woman, based on your Hot line. Tit for tat, honey.”**

## HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

**“This is for the hot-liner who quoted from the bible. Here’s a quote for you: ‘Better to keep quiet and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.’”**

810-771-TEXT (8398)  
**TEXT YOUR HOT LINE**



## Dive teams deal with dangerous, murky water when searching for bodies

► Missing Flushing man was found in 43 feet of water

**“They’re kind of unsung heroes, if you will.”**  
**Maj. Phil Hart**  
Genesee County Sheriff’s Department

**By Tim Jagielo**  
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When sheriff’s department divers search in Lake Fenton for cars — or missing people — they’ll often search by feel, because visibility is only a couple feet. Because of this, Maj. Phil Hart of the Genesee County Sheriff’s Department is glad he does not have to dive for work. He’s an experienced recreational diver, but having to search for the bodies of missing people could ruin that for him.

See **DIVE TEAMS** on 15A

**TIMES FILE PHOTO**  
Many searches in local lakes are joint operations. In July 2012, the Michigan State Police scanned for a missing person, and the Genesee Sheriff’s Department extracted the body, similar to the circumstances with the fisherman last week.



## Mural, mural on the wall...



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Gregg Bugala of Fenton Township works on a section of the 2,000-square-foot mural of the old Durand “Diamond District” he’s painting in downtown Durand. He guesses he has 50 hours in so far, and will be done in less than two weeks. It’s the biggest mural he’s done in his 20-year career. (Below) Bugala closed the sidewalk for pedestrian safety.

## Fenton Township artist paints ‘larger than life’



**By Sally Rummel**  
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To local artist Gregg Bugala, painting murals on buildings and walls is like being on stage. “I like working big,” said Bugala, 54, a graduate of Lake Fenton High School and Western Michigan University with a bachelor of fine arts degree. “I like the attention. I’m a bit of a rebel at heart.” Many of Bugala’s murals have become landmarks in the Fenton community.

See **MURAL** on 11A

What does mural artist Gregg Bugala think of the mural recently painted on the side of Linden City Hall?

**“I approve of it. It adds color to the town, rather than just tans, taupes and grays.”**

**Gregg Bugala**  
Mural artist

## Understanding confusing Proposal 1

► Voters to decide on controversial tax change

**By Sharon Stone**  
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As voters head to the polls on Tuesday for the Primary Election, in addition to local and statewide races, residents across Michigan will be voting on Proposal 1.

See **PROPOSAL 1** on 13A

Go to **tctimes.com** for audio and written explanation of Proposal 1

## Gas prices down, likely to rise by Labor Day

**By Sally Rummel**  
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If you haven’t taken your road trip yet this summer, you might want to take advantage of lower gas prices now before they swing up again.

See **GAS** on 17A



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO**  
This weekend, gas prices will be down to an average of \$3.59, down \$.09 cents from last week.



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#### FENTON

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**Spacious home** includes first floor master, bath and laundry room.

Bright eat-in kitchen, large living room with fireplace and skylights. Powder room for guests on main level.

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**Paradise in the city!**

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maintained home. Nice original woodwork,

spacious rooms, Michigan room for

those summer evenings and

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#### LINDEN

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**\$62,500**

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## Police & Fire report

### POLICE TRY TO IDENTIFY CAR THIEF

At 1:45 a.m. on July 21, Linden police learned there had been a rollover crash on Sharp Road in Fenton Township and the license plate on the now unoccupied Buick Regal was registered to a Linden couple. Linden police made contact with the residents at their home on Creekwood Circle. The residents said they last saw their car at about midnight and the keys were inside. There were tire tracks across their lawn. Police are attempting to identify the suspect who stole and crashed their car, causing heavy damage.

### USED CAR MISSING FROM LOT

On July 30, Fenton police responded to an auto dealership on Owen Road to investigate a missing vehicle from its used car lot. Police Chief Rick Aro said the manager reported they were unable to locate a 2003 Chevy Monte Carlo, blue with gray pinstripes. The car was last seen a couple of weeks ago. The car was entered into LEIN as stolen.

See **POLICE** on 12A

# Are you a cat person or a dog person?

►How to tell the difference between feline fanatics and canine connoisseurs

By Yvonne Stegall

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If you enjoy pets, it is likely at some point in life you have been asked if you are a dog person or a cat person. If not, then it will happen eventually.

Scientific studies have actually shown that there are differences between those people who consider themselves cat people and those who are dog people.

Ball State University did a study in which they surveyed pet owners about their personalities and pet ownership. The results of this study showed that people believe that their own personalities are similar to those of their pets.

Sixty-two percent of homes have at least one pet in them. Approximately 86 million people own cats, and 78 million own dogs.



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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cat person, Lara Pittman, Assistant Cat Intake Manager at Adopt-A-Pet, with Traveler.



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YVONNE STEGALL

Dog person, Tara Sikorski, volunteer at Adopt-A-Pet, with Bear.

## Are you a dog person or a cat person?

### FACEBOOK FANS SPEAK OUT

**Sandy:** "30 years of veterinary practice have taught me I am a dog person when with a dog, a cat person when with a cat, and a horse person when with my horse. God gave them all to us for our needs are different on different days."

**Dawn:** "Dogs. Because their love for you is totally unconditional. Because no matter what kind of day you're having, a dog is always happy to see you. They're loyal, loving."

**Carrie:** "Dogs! They are an active part of your family. They reciprocate the love given to them, unconditionally. They comfort you, give you purpose, and protect you. They teach your children responsibility, the role of a caregiver, and respect for others (including the animal world). Dogs are a wonderful addition, to the right family."

**Kelly:** "Cats, because you can go away for the day or a few days and they are fine. Nobody has to come feed them or let them outside to go to the bathroom."

See **DOG/CAT** on 14A

# Got the 'hots' for horseradish?

►You either love or hate this 'ugly brother' condiment

By Sally Rummel

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You either love it or you hate it, and one national restaurant chain has built its reputation on it.

Horseradish is a "cousin" to other strong-flavored perennial plants in the Brassicaceae family, including mustard, wasabi, broccoli and cabbage. It's also considered "the ugly brother" of the condiment world — ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise.

Today, horseradish is known as a flavorful accompaniment for beef, chicken and seafood, and "horsey sauce" (in which horseradish is one ingredient) has become synonymous with Arby's roast beef sandwiches. However, this 3,000-year-old plant



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | SALLY RUMMEL

A giant jar of horseradish is ready to spice up a hot corned beef sandwich at the dining table of Mark and Sally Rummel at Walden's Lounge last Wednesday night.

has also been used as an aphrodisiac, a treatment for rheumatism and a bitter herb for Passover Seders, according to the Horseradish Information Council.

If you're not prepared for it, horseradish can bring tears to your eyes and a burning sensation to your throat. That's because when you eat horseradish, your body heat evaporates the compound in the plant called Allyl Isothiocyanate, and it travels up your nose and throat passages as a gas. The nervous system responds by stimulating mucus glands in the nasal passages

See **HORSERADISH** on 5A

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# The sounds of summer

I feel bad for most kids today. They are missing out on one of the most wonderful sensorial experiences in the world — the sounds of summer.

When I was a kid, almost every home kept their doors and windows wide open 24 hours a day in the summer. The main reason was that very few households had air conditioning and the summer breezes blowing through the screened doors and windows were necessary to provide relief from the heat. Additionally, there was little or no crime, and houses and lots were much smaller then, so most of us lived in tightly packed subdivisions or neighborhoods where everybody knew everybody, and everybody looked out for their neighbor and their neighborhood.

But, I digress. The result was that sounds from inside the homes could be

heard from the outside, and sounds from outside the homes could be heard from the inside. It was a win-win for all involved.



Most kids today have never awakened to the sound of birds singing and chirping outside their window at the crack of dawn. Nor have they ever heard a noisy milk truck chugging down the street, stopping at every home to place milk, butter and ice cream into the two-way chutes that nearly all homes had back then. Few know what the slap

of a morning newspaper landing on the front porch sounds like or the hydraulic whine of garbage trucks stopping at every home. Clocks ticked, bees hummed, toilets flushed and babies cried. It was a sunrise symphony repeated each summer morning that was as comforting and reassuring as a mother's voice.

Evenings provided an even more entertaining cacophony. The Missouri twang of Ernie Harwell as he broadcast Detroit Tiger baseball games could be heard throughout the neighborhood.

Crickets chirped and cicadas buzzed. Laughter emanated from windows dimly backlit by TVs. The riff of cards being shuffled at weekly euchre games. The inevitable bickering of children playing hide-and-seek or tag. This ritualistic and reassuring din would wane as the sun sank in the west, replaced by the pop and crack of the streetlights coming on in concert with the mournful, loon-like calls of distant train whistles.

Few kids today get to experience the unbridled joy of those days. Far too many rarely venture outside their homes in the evening, preferring to stay inside, mindlessly clicking away on their electronic devices, watching inane

television shows or listening to music wearing earbuds, oblivious to the opus of life taking place outside.

Nowadays, it is not uncommon for neighbors who have lived next door to each other for years to hardly know one another. Bigger yards and bigger homes are partially responsible for some of this anomaly, compounded by over-protective parents and a loss of the neighborhood comradeship that existed innately on every block a mere two generations ago.

It's a shame that so many kids are missing these magical summer sounds. For me, they epitomize the best of a wonderful childhood where we didn't have much, but wanted for nothing.

The sounds of summer — they're still out there, we just need to listen.

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

## Hot lines

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

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**WHO CARES IF** our president is a Muslim? Everyone, that's who. What an unbelievable statement. You must have a single digit IQ.

**CALLING FOSTER CHILDS** a hate monger just because you disagree with him makes you a hypocrite. You hate him for the simple reason you disagree with him. Look in the mirror to see a real hate monger.

**KUDOS TO GOVERNOR** Snyder on his support of Michigan as a right-to-work state. Recent studies have confirmed that Michigan's per capita income has increased much to the dismay of both the Democrats and the unions. Think the Democrats will figure out they are headed down the wrong road?

**TO THE NAÏVE** individual quoting the bible. Take a class at St. Johns then you will be qualified to make commentary on the best selling book of all time.

**THE GOVERNMENT IS** spying on millions of its own citizens and their allies. It really makes me ill.

**A FAMOUS REPORTER** said, 'the world is in a mess.' That is a good description. The world is in a mess.

**GOD'S WORD CLEARLY** tells us that homosexuality is an abomination to him. Can you confidently stand before God at the judgment and say you were made that way?

**IF GLOBAL WARMING** is taking away the habitat of polar bears, they can always move to Fenton.

**I AM IN** the mental health field and I agree with the psychologist on the innate determining factor regarding sexual habits. If you dig deep enough, you will always end up at the father's door. This is true even when the father is absent, or even unknown.

**IN A COLLEGE** paper, Obama blamed the USA for past conflicts, including war with Mexico, war with Spain, WWI and II, Korea, Vietnam, etc. We should not be involved in world affairs and use the money saved for entitlements.

**I HAVE FOUND** that when reading the hot lines I too generally visualize the submitter as either male or female based on the content. Here's the formula: The intelligent ones are female, and the stupid ones are male. It's that easy.

**A HUGE THANK** you to the gentleman at the Walmart checkout on Sunday who surprised me by paying for my purchases. I was too flustered to realize your kindness at the time. Thank you and I will pass your kindness on. God bless you.

**IT HAS BEEN** more than seven years since Linden's Union Block building was destroyed by fire and there is nothing in downtown Linden to memorialize it. A mural of this historic landmark would have been a better choice, for the side of Linden City Hall. Let's honor our past.

**MUSLIM'S QURAN STATES** that if you are not a Muslim, you are an infidel and must be killed. Whereas our Lord tells us to love all... Christianity — love and compassion. Muslim — kill unbelievers. Whom do you want as a president?

**WHILE WALKING DOWNTOWN** Fenton, there was a young couple in front of me. Cute man and woman, holding hands and looking happy. Then I thought to myself, why must they flaunt their sexuality in front of me and how am I going to explain their behavior to my kids (Sarcasm).

**YOUR STORY ON** phone alerts missed the point. Am I supposed to be elated that our dysfunctional, lawless government now has my cell phone number? The title 'Big Brother is calling' would have been more accurate.

**SO PROUD OF** the beautiful mural in Linden that depicts Linden history and Genesee County. It is also makes a statement that community members helped paint and contribute financially for supplies. Please speak up and let the artist know how fantastic this mural is in Linden.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## Readers write

Letters, 150 words or less, must be signed and include a phone number. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and liability. Letters must be written exclusively for the Times.

### Half-day kindergarten

Dear editor,

Since 2012, when per-pupil funding was reduced for half-day kindergarten, the opportunity for families seeking half-day kindergarten has nearly disappeared. Thankfully, Fenton Area Public Schools continued to offer this valuable program for those children who would benefit from it. Unfortunately, we are now at risk of losing this opportunity. A group of concerned parents and community members has formed to work with the district as well as the state legislature to ensure that this class does not disappear. We are the Mid-Michigan Parents for Half-Day Kindergarten. We can be found on Facebook or by contacting burwell48430@aol.com. If anyone is looking for this class now or in future years, we will work with you to demonstrate your interest to the school. Our petition to the legislature is available at our page via change.org.

Sincerely,

— Rachel Perantoni, Fenton

Mid-Michigan Parents for Half-Day Kindergarten

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

## What do you still want to do this summer?

## streettalk



"Visit my son in Tennessee, go to Mackinac Island, go on the boat with my son on Silver Lake and finish editing my book."

— Christine Shrive, Linden



"Take our boat up north to Tawas. We just bought a pontoon this year."

— Donna Schneider  
Fenton Township



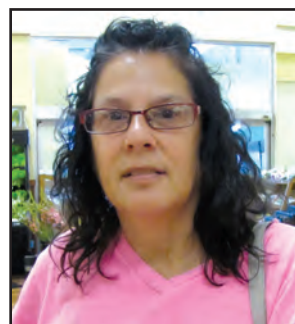
"Get some warm weather. I want to go boating."

— Michael Elliott  
Linden



"Go to the beach. I like to go to Silver Lake."

— Mike Millmine  
Fenton



"Take a boat trip to the inland waterway with my friends and family."

— Carmen Watkins  
Roscommon



"Learn how to surf. I want to surf in California."

— Hannah Curran  
Fenton



## Fenton man found deceased in car at doctor's office five days after appointment

By Sharon Stone

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Funeral services for David C. Smith were held Thursday. Smith, 70, of Fenton was discovered deceased in his vehicle by a Fenton detective last Sunday.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said his department received a missing person report on Saturday, July 26 involving Smith. An out-of-town relative called and asked that an officer go over to Smith's Whisperwood condominium since family had not heard from him in several days.

Det. Scott Townsend checked Smith's home, however, Smith was not there. After obtaining additional information from family, Townsend's investigation led him to a doctor's of-

fice at Ballenger and Beecher in Flint where Smith had an appointment on Tuesday, July 22.

On Sunday, five days later, Townsend located Smith slumped over in the backseat of his car, which was parked in the lot near the medical center. There were no signs of foul play and it appeared that Smith had died from natural causes.

Aro said security cameras at the medical facility showed Smith leaving his appointment and getting into the backseat of his car. The police chief could not say how or why Smith's car went unnoticed in the parking lot for nearly a week. He added, "Townsend did an excellent job locating him though."

The case has been turned over to Flint police for follow-up.



David Smith

### HORSERADISH

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and the tear glands in the eyes to produce extra fluids.

Walden's Lounge in Fenton has been serving horseradish along with its locally famous, hot corned beef sandwiches and ham sandwiches for all of its 80-year history. "Just about everybody orders horseradish on the side for their sandwiches," said Nancy Walden, who was busy serving a full crowd of diners and drinkers on Wednesday night. She's been known to warn customers to put just a tiny amount on a sandwich, especially when the jar is first opened and the flavor is at its most pungent.

"I put horseradish on pert' near everything," said Duane "Fuzzy" Walden, co-owner of Walden's Lounge. "I wait 'til it tones down a bit, and isn't as hot."

Walden gets his horseradish from Brede Foods in Detroit, and also sells it in a pint jar at the bar. "We've also got hot mustard, too," he said.

When buying horseradish at the grocery store, consumers should look

at the ingredient list to choose a simple preparation without sulfites as preservatives. Vinegar is all that's needed. Some sauces, such as Arby's Horsey Sauce, are mixed with mayonnaise, which can up the calorie count and fat content. Horseradish is consumed in such small quantities that its nutritional content barely registers.

Once a jar is opened, horseradish will remain fresh for three to five weeks, although it will be at its hottest when the jar is first opened and not yet exposed to air. The unused portion can be frozen in its original jar, as long as long as the jar's content is not full.

The name "horseradish" is believed to have come from the word "horse," denoting large size and coarseness and the word "radish," coming from the Latin word meaning "root."

Today, 85 percent of the world's horseradish is grown in southwestern Illinois. Approximately six million gallons of prepared horseradish are produced annually in the U.S., enough to generously season sandwiches that could wrap around the world 12 times.

**"I put horseradish on pert' near everything."**

**Fuzzy Walden**  
Walden's Lounge

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**News briefs**
**CHIP SEAL  
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The Genesee County Road Commission announced that, weather permitting, chip seal will be applied to the following roads **Saturday, Aug. 2.** Silver Lake Road from Ripley Road to Fenton city limit in Fenton Township, Bennett Lake Road from Balfour Road to Jennings Road in Fenton Township. The sections will be closed in one-mile increments from approximately 8 a.m. until approximately 8 p.m.

**FREE LUNG SCREENINGS**

Regional Medical Imaging is providing free lung screenings (valued at more than \$100,000) to Genesee and Saginaw County residents Aug. 1 through Dec. 31. As of 2013, there were nearly 230,000 cases diagnosed nationwide each year, and nearly 160,000 lung cancer deaths. Lung cancer and smoking rates in Genesee County are among the highest in the state and nation. Nearly half (104,199) of Genesee County residents fall within the high-risk age range and may qualify for CT lung screening. The exams are endorsed by the American Lung Association and numerous other medical societies. At RMI, patients are eligible for a FREE screening if they have a physician's order and meet the following criteria:

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- No history of lung cancer or obvious lung problems.

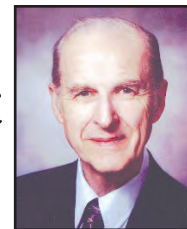
RMI has five locations including one in Fenton (810) 732-1919. Appointments need to be made in advance for patients who meet the specific criteria and have a referral from a physician.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ON  
SUNDAY**

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will said that the Linden Fire Department, along with members of the Fenton Fire Department and Fenton Township Fire Department, will be conducting various training exercises at a soon-to-be demolished building on North LeRoy Street in Fenton on **Sunday between 8:30 and 11 a.m.** The one-story building on the west side of the road, just north of Fenton Glass has recently been purchased and the fire departments have permission to conduct training. There will be no intentionally set fires, however.

**Featured  
columnist**

By Roger Campbell


**A fishing story to remember**

There I was at one of my favorite places doing one of my favorite things: standing on the shore of a nearby lake fishing. Soon the sun would sink down over the horizon behind me and I would head home to polish a few more pages on a book I was writing.

Fishing often reminds me that our Lord loved to be near the water and that He had called humble fishermen to be his disciples, saying He would make them fishers of men. These unlearned men of the sea would soon leave all to follow Him and later become known as world changers who brought thousands into the family of faith and launched a spiritual adventure that continues to change lives today.

The serene scene before me, as is often the case, moved me to worship. That was the setting when my few hours of fishing were transformed from a time of routine relaxation to an unforgettable experience.

I had just made a long cast and settled back while reeling in the bait when I heard a fluttering of wings and suddenly a dove landed, not more than an arm's length away, on my casting rod. I'm grasping for words to describe an indescribable moment: one that seemed frozen in time (or eternity) for as long as this beautiful bird was there resting on my pole.

'Well, you're a pretty bird,' I remarked, a comment I might have made to a cardinal, a robin or even a sparrow. But this winged one was different. This was a dove that had arrived uninvited to my worship service.

Forty days after the tops of the mountains began to appear, following the great flood of Noah's time (Genesis 8), Noah sent out a dove to see if the water had receded enough to embark from the ark. The dove's return and subsequent second mission let Noah know that by God's grace he had weathered the storm and saved the race.

When Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, Matthew says the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove came to rest on Him (Matthew 3). So doves have come to symbolize peace or the presence of God.

Imagine then my surprise when one of these carriers of good news had come to visit me while I was singing, praying for others and giving thanks.

'Cut to the chase,' some reader says: 'Did you catch any fish?'

Yes, a northern pike, which I soon set free to roam the depths and grow, just as a beautiful dove had arrived out of the blue to help me grow in my understanding of God's love and share this unforgettable story with you.

How long did the dove stay?

Those magic moments weren't timed, but their memories remain today.

And the peace God brings to a troubled heart confirms His love will never depart.

Roger Campbell is an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. He can be reached at rcministry@ameritech.net.

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# Afraid of DEET?

## More natural solutions are out there

By Yvonne Stegall

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It may be wonderful news to many people to hear that DEET now has some good competition when it comes to repelling those annoying mosquitoes. That competition is welcome, especially since it is a more natural alternative.

In some tests, it has been shown that the competition, Picaridin, repels almost all the mosquitoes that come in contact with your skin. While DEET repels all of them, Picaridin comes in at a very close second, and has many other great benefits over DEET.

Bayer created Picaridin (pih-CARE-aden) in the 1980s. It is a synthetic compound developed from a plant extract from the genus Piper, which shares the same plant genus that table pepper comes from. Though Picaridin has been available since 1998 in Europe and Australia as an insect repellent, it was only approved for sale in the U.S. in 2005. Just like DEET, the EPA has concluded that the normal use of Picaridin does not present any health concerns.

Picaridin is odorless and non-greasy, and unlike other DEET alternatives, people who use it do not seem to get bit. While DEET will keep the mosquitoes from even landing on you, those that land on the Picaridin are quick to fly off without having a drink.

It is important to work toward winning the battle against mosquitoes, not just because they are annoying and leave you with red, itchy welts; mosquitoes are carriers of many diseases. A couple of the most common diseases transferred from mosquito to human include the West Nile

Virus and Malaria.

The percentage of DEET or Picaridin in your bug repellent makes the difference in how long you are protected. DEET is available in concentrations from 4 percent to 100 percent; Picaridin levels range from 7 to 20 percent. The higher the concentration, the longer your protection.

Boyd Huneycutt, founder of Mosquito Squad in Fenton, offered some tips on reducing the amount of mosquitoes around your home, allowing you to use less repellent sprays in general.

• **TIP** — Tip anything outside that could hold water, because mosquitoes can reproduce in the amount of water that fills a bottle cap.

• **TOSS** — Keep your yard clean and toss all grass clippings, leaves and mulch piles so standing water cannot collect.

• **TURN** — Similar to the first suggestion, take five minutes a day to walk through your outdoor spaces and turn over anything that might hold a bottle cap's worth of water.

• **TARP** — Check any tarps that may be in the backyard to make sure they are nice and taut, as water can easily pool in a loose tarp crevasse after it rains.

• **TAKE CARE** — Manicuring your outdoor spaces in the first place can also help

decrease breeding locations as it further eliminates standing water (think hollow trees, irrigation systems, gutters, etc.).

• **TEAM UP** — All of these tips work best when you and your neighbors team up against the mosquitoes; your yard may be mosquito free, but if your neighbor's is not, their mosquitoes may find their way into your life.

• **TREAT** — Have your yard treated to ensure the mosquitoes cannot continue to breed. Having your yard treated can also reduce the amount of bug repellent on your body when using your outdoor spaces.

If the possible toxicity of DEET keeps you away, try a bug spray containing Picaridin. Use these tips for keeping the amount of mosquitoes low in your own yard too, and enjoy warm weather with less annoying bug bites.

**“Your yard may be mosquito free, but if your neighbor's is not, their mosquitoes may find their way into your life.”**

**Boyd Huneycutt**  
Founder of Mosquito Squad

## Safe usage tips for DEET

- **Do not apply** over cuts, wounds, or irritated skin.
- **Do not apply** to hands, or near eyes or mouth.
- **Do not allow** young children to apply this product.
- **Use just enough** repellent to cover exposed skin and/or clothing.
- **Do not use** under clothing.
- **Avoid** over-application.
- **After returning indoors**, wash treated skin with soap and water.
- **Wash treated** clothing before wearing it again.
- **Do not spray** in enclosed areas.
- **To apply to face**, spray on hands first and then rub on face.



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While DEET keeps mosquitoes at bay, it is not the only repellent out there, and there are ways to cut down on the mosquito population in your yard that will lessen the amount of spray you need.

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Foreclosure signs may be less likely now that rates are at an all-time low since 2006.

## Home foreclosures lowest since 2006

► Now is a great time to sell

By Yvonne Stegall  
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It seems that Realtors are in agreement that foreclosures are down, but many may be wondering how long it will last. Chris Hendrix, president of Coldwell Banker Professionals in Fenton, said, "I do not anticipate them going back up to the levels we have seen in the past, but I don't think we are completely out of the woods yet." He added that the market is definitely healthier, especially in the Fenton area.

RealtyTrac's midyear foreclosure report on July 15 showed improvements to the foreclosure housing market. It showed the numbers of foreclosures were reported to be the lowest level since 2006. The numbers of foreclosures have fallen 2 percent from May and 16 percent from June 2013.

The decline in foreclosures is wonderful news for homeowners. It means there are fewer homes on the market holding prices down. As home prices rise, homeowners have the incentive to sell their home. More homes for sale means there will be a more competitive market for sellers, too.

In Michigan, foreclosures and short sales that are on the market are down at a minimum of 50-percent of what they were as recently as a couple years ago, according to Hendrix. Why are they down? "I think there are a lot of factors as to why they are down, starting with the improved automotive industry and the economy in general, in

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**Chris Hendrix**  
Coldwell Banker  
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southeast Michigan," he said. "We have worked through a lot of the problem loans where homeowners' payments were ballooning at the same time we had significant job loss, and I believe the banks are working harder with homeowners in order to control the amount of foreclosures."

It is believed that the number of foreclosures will continue to go down over the next six months, even in

Michigan. According to Hendrix, "What foreclosures are out there banks are really starting to look at alternatives to sell them, such as both sales and auctions, in addition to just traditional marketing."

Home values are rising, so it is a good time for people to start thinking about selling if they have any interest in doing so. Hendrix said, "The market is 'red-hot' right now and it is a perfect time to sell. Inventories are at a six-to-seven-year low right now." That means that while the foreclosure rate is down, there are fewer homes available on the market.

### The reasons behind the foreclosure slow-down

- In many states, the market has worked through the bad loans that triggered the foreclosure crisis.
- The rise of home prices has helped troubled homeowners regain equity.
- Aggressive foreclosure prevention efforts have helped people avoid foreclosure.



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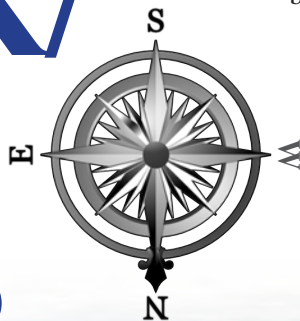




## OUR AREA LAKES

— Series Part 2 —

# SILVER/MARL LAKES



## A combined 385 acres of recreation, 15 acres of islands

By Tim Jagielo

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The namesake of the Silver Lake Road business district is overrun on July 4 with fireworks spectators. It also the only public beach in Fenton.

Silver Lake Park is home to daytime cookouts, and the beach is the home of the Silver Lake Ski Team, which performs shows regularly throughout the summer.

Tom Murphy of the Silver-Marl Lake Homeowners Association said it is a all-sports lake, though boaters

take care to be good neighbors, and the lake tends to not be too crowded. "It's rather pleasant for everybody," he said.

Murphy, as a GM employee, sought a centrally located home on a lake. He narrowed his choices down to Silver Lake, and knew he didn't want to live anywhere else. "It's a beautiful lake, just about from every angle," he said, of visiting many of the homes on the lake. "I don't think there's a bad view from any of them."

He describes the lakes as picturesque, with marshlands and a healthy animal population, which includes snapper and leatherback turtles, and fish, including bass and perch.

Lake access to Silver Lake is at one of the two marinas, Silver Spray Sports and White's Landing, both off Silver Lake Road.

The association has cooperated with the city of Fenton on goose removal, and

lately uses nest and egg destruction to keep the population, and eColi down. He said the lake is also pretty clean, with decent visibility.

Marl Lake is named as such because it was a sight for mining marl, a type of clay, through the 1890s to 1930s. He said the first paved concrete road in the world was in Detroit, and cement came from the Marl Lake plant.

Silver Lake Village was a small, platted community, which became the early cottages on the lake, located on Silver Lake.

The operations enlarged Marl Lake, and also created the deepest parts of Silver Lake. Lake levels today are consistent, and kept at court-ordered levels by a weir, or a dam-like structure.

### SILVER-MARL LAKE BASICS

- Both lakes are kettle, or glacier fed.
- Silver Lake is 310 acres with 14 acres of island. Its maximum depth is 64 feet, with a mean depth of 19 feet.
- Marl Lake is 75 acres with a one-acre island. It has a maximum depth of 36 feet, and a mean depth of 10.8 feet.

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Silver Lake, located between Owen and Silver Lake roads, is also part of Marl Lake to the south, and the unofficial "Green Lake" named after a founding resident.



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**Senate Bill 397: Expand a corporate/developer subsidy regime.** To authorize creation of a sixth "Next Michigan Development Corporation," which is a government agency that gives tax breaks and subsidies to particular corporations or developers selected by political appointees on the entity's board for projects meeting extremely broad "multi-modal commerce" criteria (basically, any form of goods-related commerce). The new entity would be in the Upper Peninsula.

**Passed 33 to 4 in the Senate**

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 87 to 22 in the House**

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Senate Bill 307: Let 278 cities impose additional public safety property tax.** To allow cities with less than 70,000 residents to impose "special assessment" property taxes to pay for police and fire services. These taxes would be imposed over and above regular property taxes, and require voter approval. According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, this could allow 278 cities to impose these additional taxes. The House has not taken up this proposal.

**Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate**

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Senate Bill 652: Make state Appeals Court venue for suits against the state.** To establish that the venue for all legal claims against state agencies, commissions, boards, etc. (the state "court of claims") will no longer be the Ingham County circuit court, and instead will be the state Court of Appeals (which consists of 24 judges elected in four regional elections).

**Passed 26 to 11 in the Senate**

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 57 to 52 in the House**

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Senate Bill 636: Facilitate "land line" transition to cell phones.** To streamline regulations on "landline" telephone service providers so as to facilitate transitioning customers to a wireless (cell phone or VOIP) system, and allow phone companies to discontinue landline service after 2016. The bill authorizes appeal procedures for individual customers for whom the replacement service does not work well.

**Passed 32 to 3 in the Senate**

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 71 to 39 in the House**

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Senate Bill 509: Authorize new state Senate office building.** To authorize the sale of the Farnum Senate office building in Lansing and construction of a new building for Senators' offices. The House has not taken up this bill, but Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville recently revealed that the Secretary of the Senate has issued a Request for Proposals from developers and contractors.

**Passed 22 to 14 in the Senate**

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

## MURAL

Continued from Front Page

If you've driven down LeRoy Street in Fenton, you've experienced the mural art that defines the exterior of two local buildings — CycleFit Multisport and the former C.J. Motorsports.

The CycleFit mural, painted more than a decade ago, almost didn't happen. The project was the brainchild of owner Ron Stack and Bugala's own love of history. Together, they decided on a black and white rendition of the historic Fenton Bicycle Club.

"The city made a fuss about it at the time and wanted me to pay \$400 for a variance," said Bugala. "I skirted around the issue and did the mural in record time. The city ended up being glad I did it and has sort of given me a 'pass.'"

How much did he make on that job? "I bartered for bicycle parts," said Bugala, with a laugh. "I'm an avid bicyclist like Ron and we're good friends. It worked for both of us."

He has also painted many interior murals, from Chasse Ballroom & Latin Dance Studio to therapeutic murals at the Rose Cancer Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Crittenden Hospital in Rochester, Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc and Outpatient Children's Surgical Center in Southfield. He has also painted murals in many local school hallways.

"I feel like this is my town," he said. "A mural becomes part of history and that sort of grounds me. I feel like I'm helping put Fenton on the map, so to speak." Bugala said that the life expectancy of a mural depends on its position facing the sun. "Facing south, a mural will last about 20 years. Facing north, it will last 40 years or more."

While Bugala would love to make 100 percent of his living through art, he's thankful that he's able to provide for his family through commissioned work like murals, and by painting kitchen cabinetry for clients. "Painting murals requires so much concentration, that it's good to also do another kind of painting," he said. "I can only work on a mural for about six hours at a time, because it requires so much focus."

Bugala has just begun the largest commissioned mural of his career — a full 61-foot-wide and 30-foot-tall mural on the building of Dr. Rajiva Tirtha, DDS & Associates on the corner of Clinton and Saginaw streets in Durand. He began the work last Wednesday, and expects to complete the mural within a few weeks.

One of the challenges of the job will be using big tools like a spray gun, rather than brushes, plus an electric boom truck to get him up to the height he needs to do his work.

"I'm scared of heights more than 20 feet, so this will be a full 10 feet higher than my comfort zone," said Bugala. "I'll be praying for safety, claiming Psalm 121 that 'The Lord will steady my foot.'"

Murals are unique from other painting in that they are designed for a broader audience. "They're not as personal," said Bugala. "That's what makes them special; the community rallies around the artwork and it becomes theirs."

“A mural becomes part of history and that sort of grounds me.”

Gregg Bugala  
Mural artist



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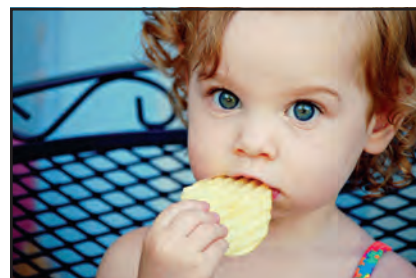
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#### CASTEEL-MITCH

Clark and Nancy Casteel of Linden are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Casteel, of Linden to Carl Mitch of Linden. The bride-to-be graduated from Linden High School in 2002 and the University of Michigan-Flint in 2011, majoring in Elementary Education. She is employed by Above and Beyond Childcare and Education Center in Rochester Hills. Carl graduated from Linden High School in 2005 and Michigan Tech University in 2010, majoring in Management Information Systems. He is currently employed as a computer engineer in Bay City. The groom's parents are Michael and Donna Mitch of Linden. The celebration will take place on August 23, 2014 at 4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Fenton. A reception will follow at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Flint. The newlyweds will reside at their new home in Clio, Michigan.

## ArtWalk photo contest winners



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These are the top three winners of the People's Choice Food Photography Contest for the Fenton ArtWalk conceptualized by the Lakes Area Arts Council Art Walk Committee and orchestrated by Billmeier Camera. First place went to Wendy Armstrong, second to Deborah Gillespie and third to Amy Casteel.

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## POLICE

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### TEEN ATTEMPTS TO STEAL BEER

At 3 a.m. on July 30, Fenton police responded to a grocery store on Silver Parkway to investigate an attempted larceny complaint. The loss prevention employee observed a male enter the store, walk to the beer aisle, select three cans of Bud Light, conceal them under his jacket and attempt to exit the store without paying. The suspect, a 19-year-old Bancroft resident, was taken to the police station for processing. Police determined the teen had been drinking and lodged him overnight. He was issued court appearance tickets for retail fraud and under 21 consumption.



## PROPOSAL 1 (Ballot language)

Approval or disapproval of amendatory act to reduce state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs. The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. **Reduce the state** use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.
2. **Require Local Community** Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.
3. **Increase portion of** state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
4. **Prohibit Authority from** increasing taxes.
5. **Prohibit total use** tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.

### BACKGROUND:

- **Proposal 1** is a Referendum on Public Act 80 (PA80) of 2014, which allocates State Use Tax revenue to replace the Personal Property Tax (PPT) levied by local units of government. The Legislature repealed the PPT in 2012 to phase in over a multi-year period beginning in Fiscal Year 2016, partially using dollars freed up by expiring business tax credits.

- **Personal Property** Tax is a tax on property (not land) such as machinery, equipment, furniture, tools and computers and is paid by businesses directly to local units of governments. Each local unit sets its rate and uses the revenue to pay for police, fire, local schools, etc. Businesses pay about \$590 million annually.

- **State Use Tax** is assessed for the privilege of using, storing and consuming certain tangible personal property, plus the services of telephone, telegraph, and other leased wire communication; used auto sales between individuals; and use of transient hotel and motel rooms. The rate is 6 percent of which 1/3 is earmarked for school aid. It brought in about \$1,356 million in 2011-12 in state revenues.

- **Under PA80 of 2014**, a portion of State Use Tax revenue will be redirected to a newly created special authority for distribution to local units of government to replace local governmental unit revenues lost by phasing out the PPT. Also certain eligible industrial and/or commercial personal property will have an essential services assessment levied on it to lessen the financial impact of these changes on the state budget. It is estimated by the Senate Fiscal Agency that state general fund/general purpose (GF/GP) revenues would be reduced by \$126 million in FY2016, the first year of PPT exemption, and would be reduced by \$483 million in FY2023 when fully phased in.

Source: League of Women Voters Michigan  
**Those in favor of Prop 1 claim**

- **Businesses and local** communities have not liked the personal property tax in part because it is difficult to administer
- **The state will** be responsible for collecting funds and reimbursing local units of government
- **Local units of** governments receive 100% reimbursement
- **Education funding from** the use tax is not changed

- **A 'YES' vote** puts Public Act 80 of 2014 into effect and allows elimination of Personal Property Tax because replacement funding is committed.

Supporting Organizations: Michigan Citizens for Strong & Safe Communities, a coalition of local government and manufacturing members, including the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Township Association.

### Those opposed to Proposal 1 claim

- **Businesses receive** a large tax cut of approximately \$590 million annually. Businesses already received \$1.7B annual tax cut in 2012 with Michigan Business Tax change.
- **State general fund** budget pays for lost revenue from the repeal of the personal property tax
- **Legislature can change** reimbursement as they did for revenue sharing - over \$500M cut since 2000.

- **A 'NO' vote** repeals PA 80 of 2014 and puts elimination of Personal Property Tax on hold because full replacement funding is not provided.

Opposing Organizations: None identified  
Source: League of Women Voters Michigan

## PROPOSAL 1

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The ballot language for Proposal 1, which, if approved by voters, would do away with the Personal Property Tax, in favor of a State Use Tax. It was written by the state's legislature and many have the opinion that the wording is confusing.

In an article for Michigan Public Radio, writer Mark Brush explained Proposal 1. He said that Michigan residents are being asked to vote on a measure that represents a big change in how local governments collect revenue across the state, and in how the state shares revenue with local governments.

According to his article, a "yes" vote would endorse the Legislature's plan to phase out the personal property tax in Michigan. A "no" vote would essentially nullify the Legislature's plans, and keep the personal property tax in place.

Local governments in Michigan rely on the taxes they collect to run their cities and communities. Property taxes pay for roads, police and fire, support schools, etc. In Michigan, local governments not only collect those typical property taxes — the taxes you might pay on a house, for example — they also collect something called a "personal property tax," wrote Brush. That's a tax businesses pay on all kinds of equipment they might own. It could be heavy machinery for a carmaker, or a dishwasher in a restaurant.

Brush went on to write, "To alleviate this burden that would be placed on local governments, the Legislature agreed to offset the costs by diverting some of the state's use tax back to local communities."

"The state's 'use tax' is not the same as the sales tax. A use tax is taxes paid on all taxable items brought into the state, and on certain services like telecommunications and hotels."

According to the House Fiscal Agency's (HFA) analysis of the proposal, the legislation would represent a major shift of current revenue from state budgets to local units of government in order to provide the reduction in personal property taxes for manufacturers, small businesses, and other commercial enterprises. In other words, the use of this money for local unit reimbursement means it is not available for other purposes. Other major uses of General Fund revenue currently include the state's Medicaid and other health care programs, Corrections spending, operational support for public universities and community colleges, human service programs, the Michigan State Police, and transportation spending.

With new taxes and expiring credits on businesses, the HFA estimates the losses at \$75 million to \$125 million a year through fiscal year 2024/25. According to the HFA, voters are being asked whether this proposal is a worthwhile way to spend the state's revenue. If voters reject the proposal, the Citizens Research Council (CRC) notes that it essentially cancels the whole set of reforms and re-establishes the personal property tax.

For complete ballot language, go to [tctimes.com](http://tctimes.com).

Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland said he has never been a fan of the Personal Property Tax. "It's not a tax that I like," he said. "It's difficult to collect



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For Fenton residents, elections for all precincts are held at the St. John Activity Center.

when a business doesn't pay." He added that municipalities sometimes are forced to padlock or seize enough property from a business to make up for what the business owes in taxes.

"No municipality wants to do this to a business," he said. "We want to keep their doors open, especially during a recession."

Markland said the city has worked with some businesses when paying the PPT has become difficult. He said payment plans have kept the business in operation.

If the PPT is replaced with this new Use Tax, Markland said it will be important for Fenton, as well as other municipalities, to keep that stream of revenue coming. "It's important to us," he said. "Our revenue is down about \$1 million from the recession and it will be a long time to recover that loss."

To Markland's understanding on Pro-

## Polling locations

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**Precinct 3** - Persons residing in Rose Township on Milford Road, west of Milford Road and in the Holly Area School District vote at the Rose Pioneer Elementary School, 7110 Milford Road.

posal 1, the state will guarantee to replace the PPT revenue with revenue from the Use Tax, mostly from expiring tax credits and increased use tax revenue.

If Proposal 1 is approved, Markland knows it will take time to see how it all works. He said there would be an implementation period and learning curve.

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While cat owners saw themselves as more independent, dog owners described themselves as being friendly. If you have owned either type of pet, you know there are basic qualities each one has. According to a poll done by Associated Press/Petside.com, there are more dog people than cat people; 74 percent said they liked dogs a lot, and 41 percent chose cats.

The differences between cat people and dog people is a topic many people have an interest in, as far as studies go. A psychologist at the University of Texas in Austin and his graduate student did their own web-based study on the topic. In that study, 4,565 individuals were asked whether they were dog people, cat people, neither or both. They were also given a 44-item assessment to measure the Big Five personality dimensions psychologists often use to study personalities.

Dogs are more sociable than cats, so it makes sense that dog people would be more sociable. Dog people prefer to make plans, rather than being spontaneous. Nikki Radzinski, receptionist at Animal Health Clinic in Fenton, said she is a dog person even though she has a cat, too.

“Dog people tend to live a more active lifestyle, but I think it is a personal thing when it comes to people believing there is a different personality to people who prefer dogs and people who prefer cats.”

Cat people, like their pets, were usually about 12 percent more neurotic. However, they were 11 percent more open than dog people were. Openness shows that they have a general appreciation for art, emotion, adventure, imagination, curiosity, and more.

One local cat person, Lara Pittman, assistant cat intake manager at Adopt-A-Pet in Fenton, said that she sees cat people as being more introverted. “Cat people keep to themselves more,” she said. If you are a cat person then you “get” all the personalities, meaning that cat people love all cats, while dog people do not always “get” it and often pick and chose what cats they like and dislike.”

Whether it is believable, a person's choice in a pet may actually speak volumes about who they are.

## “Cat people keep to themselves more.”

**Lara Pittman**  
 Assistant Cat  
 Intake Manager  
 at Adopt-A-Pet

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- 33 percent more likely to live alone

## 1 Traits of dog PEOPLE

- More likely to be men
- 15 percent likely to be extroverted
- 50 percent more conservative
- 11 percent more conscientious
- 13 percent more agreeable
- More trusting
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While diving, sheriff's deputies use rope tugs to signal those on the surface. Two tugs means to change direction, three tugs is that they've found the object they're seeking.

DIVE TEAMS

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Sgt. Dan Stemper of the GCSD has been a diver for 15 years. He was on the scene at Lake Fenton last week, though as a supervisor, he didn't have to get in himself. He said the man's body was recovered in 10 minutes once he was located.

He said search diving is always in the worst conditions, and always right along the trash, silt and plant life. They also know the family is up there waiting. He said divers sometimes have to block the emotions of searching for a person, and just focus on the job. "I don't think you really get used to it, you accept it and move on," he said. "It's what you're brought into the team to do."

Last year, the GCSD had to dive six times, sometimes for people. This year, there have been three dives. The Michigan State Police (MSP) dive team found the missing Flushing man in Lake Fenton last week. When a vehicle or person needs to be found in Genesee County, often it's the GCSD Dive Team that shows up to dive under ice, in murky water, or in rivers with currents.

"It's a very dangerous function, but like most anything with law enforcement, these guys volunteer to do this," said Hart. "They're kind of unsung heroes, if you will."

Sgt. Randy Parros, of the MSP Underwater Recovery Unit has done searches in Genesee County. He said when searching for a person underwater, "you want to be mentally prepared for that, those could be long days, long hours, and you know that family is distraught."

Really, with no visibility in inland lakes, divers can be spared from seeing the person — and therefore they may also not be startled by it. "I'm here to do this for my family that's missing a loved one," he said.

"It's not as startling or traumatic, because you know you're down there looking for a person," he said. Mentally, they are prepared knowing they are looking for a person in a specific area, and they are out there to find and bring them back.

To people like Parros, this is second nature — except the time he had to find a child. "That's difficult. I don't see how anybody can't be affected by bringing

up a child."

His first dive was also difficult, but through repetitiveness, he is able to treat the job like a job and even discuss it freely.

The sheriff's dive team doesn't just search for a person, they also search for missing vehicles to help solve crimes — this was the case on Tuesday. Sometimes there is even a body inside the vehicle, under water.

For whatever they're searching, they first narrow down the search area, and try to mark out likely areas to search, and also consider eyewitness accounts. Hart said they'll use math equations in the case of a current affecting the person or object they're looking for.

Today, finding objects in the water can be done with side-scanning sonar, as was utilized last week in Lake Fenton. All these tactics are used before a diver is sent down. An MSP dive team's side scanner located the missing Flushing man in 43 feet of water.

The side scanning machine works using sonar, and a clear outline, or white shape appears on the screen above. These scanners are important because water in area lakes, especially Lake Fenton, is especially murky. He said dive members will have a couple feet of visibility at most.

Searching by feel, along the body of a murky river or lake bed can be especially dangerous. Michigan lakes tend to be cold, so hypothermia is always a concern. There are also a lot of sharp metallic objects in the water, like old shopping carts. Not only are lacerations a problem, so is getting equipment tangled.

He said that with today's technology, finding a missing person is very likely, and his divers are rarely unsuccessful. Factors like temperature, visibility, underwater plant life, and depth all matter. Also the object's proximity to a structure like a dam is a factor. "It can be extremely dangerous," Hart said.

When a dive team member finds a body, the body will be extracted using a gurney, like ones used in aerial rescues. He said it's the most respectful way, as damage could have been caused by marine animals. A diver will signal the surface that they need a gurney.



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- **A total of 41.4 percent** take the benefits as soon as they're eligible at age 62.
- **Half of Americans** 65 and older rely on Social Security for at least 50 percent of their family income.
- **A total of 23 percent** rely on Social Security for 90 percent or more of their family income.
- **The average monthly** Social Security benefit is \$1,294.



# Confused about Social Security?

## ► Research your specific situation and contact a professional retirement planner for best advice

By Sally Rummel

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Maximizing your Social Security benefits can be a tricky business, especially when your own circumstances of life get in the way of a "cookie cutter" answer.

One misstep can result in the loss of thousands of dollars in benefits, so it's important that you strategize well in advance. You may want to consider using a financial planner who can spell out your own specific scenarios.

There are a few clever and legal ways to time the collection of your retirement benefits to increase their worth, according to Kiplinger.com. It may mean the difference between thousands of dollars of annual household income, plus larger benefits later.

Although you can collect Social Security at age 62, it may be wise to

hold off. The key to maximizing your family's Social Security income is to wait until your normal retirement age, currently 66 for anyone born between 1943 and 1954, before you begin to collect benefits. For people born in 1960 or later, the normal retirement age will gradually increase to 67, under current law, unless Social Security reforms change the rules.

Once you reach that normal retirement age based on your year of birth, two things happen:

- You are no longer subject to the earnings cap, meaning you can continue to work without jeopardizing any of your Social Security income.

- You can get creative with your collection strategy to maximize your benefits.

### Strategies for married couples

Couples can greatly increase their lifetime Social Security wealth by coordinating

### Summary

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their benefits. Here are two examples from AARP, assuming a bread-winning husband with a slightly younger wife who has a modest Social Security benefit of her own.

**Claim and switch** — the wife takes her own retirement benefit at 62. When her husband reaches full retirement age, he files for spousal benefits on his wife's account (called a "restricted application," he has to be at least 66 to qualify). He would get half of her benefit. At 70, the husband switches to his own benefit, which has grown by 8 percent a year, plus cost-of-living increases. If he dies first, his wife switches to her survivor's benefit, now enhanced by those 8-percent gains.

**File and suspend** — the husband files for his own retirement benefit at 66, but asks that it be suspended. That lets his future benefit continue to grow. His wife immediately files for spousal benefits on her husband's account. She would get one-half of his benefit. At 70, he claims his payments, including those 8 percent increases.

If both partners had high earnings, they'd play it differently.

The husband might file and suspend at 66. When the wife reaches 66, she'd request spousal benefits on his account. At 70, each would claim retirement benefits based on their personal earnings record.

Obviously, the optimum strategy is different for all couples, depending on their ages and which spouse has the higher earnings.

### What about divorce?

For the most part, Social Security provides divorced spouses benefits just as they do spouses, if certain requirements are met. A divorced spouse can collect a Social Security retirement benefit on the work record of their ex-husband (or ex-wife), if they are at least 62, were married for at least 10 years, are unmarried now, and are not eligible for a higher benefit based on their own work record.

To collect, a former spouse must also be at least 62 and eligible for Social Security benefits. Even if your ex is remarried, it won't affect your right to divorcee benefits, nor will it affect your ex's retirement benefits or his current spouse's benefits.

However, remarrying makes you ineligible for divorced spouse's benefits, unless the later marriage ends.

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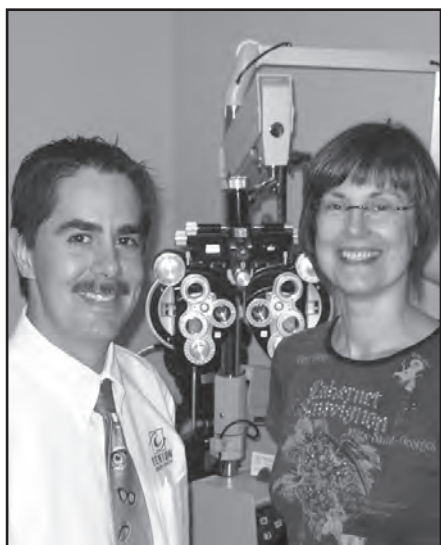
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## ► Vision therapy can help all ages with common problems or difficulty reading

If your child has difficulty with reading in school, glasses aren't always the answer.

Vision therapy — a type of physical therapy for the eyes and brain — may be more effective in resolving visual problems which interfere with reading, learning and educational instruction.

Common vision problems such as lazy eye, crossed eyes, double vision, convergence insufficiency and some reading and learning disabilities may be treated well with vision therapy. Adults who are literate but have difficulty with getting past the mechanical phase of reading and into the automated phase will also benefit from vision therapy.

Juan Alvarado, O.D. and Cynthia Cupal, O.D., F.A.A.C., of Fenton Vision Center in downtown Fenton are both licensed in vision therapy and have a trained vision therapist on staff.

“The kids who need vision therapy are the ones who hate school, because the classes that require a lot of reading are so difficult for them. We can turn that right around with vision therapy so they can feel an overall enjoyment of school.”

### What is vision therapy?

It's a progressive program of vision exercises or procedures that begin after a child or adult has had a routine eye exam and undergone functional testing to determine that they will benefit from

vision therapy.

“Typically in our office, patients will come in once a week for therapy, then will do ‘homework’ five nights a week, although this process varies depending upon each individual case,” said Alvarado.

Depending on the case, vision therapy procedures are prescribed to help patients develop or improve fundamental visual skills and abilities; improve visual comfort, ease and efficiency and change how a patient processes or interprets visual information. “A child who has double vision doesn't realize that's not normal vision,” said Alvarado.

Unlike other forms of exercise, vision therapy is not to strengthen the eye muscles. Eye muscles are already incredibly strong.

### Some of the in-office vision therapy tools used may include:

- Corrective lenses
- Therapeutic lenses
- Prism lenses
- Optical filters
- Occluders or eye patches
- Electronic targets with timing mechanisms
- Computer software
- Balance boards
- Visual-motor-sensory integration training devices



## Holly water meter project targets reduced waste

By Terry Connell

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**Holly** — Holly Village Council unanimously approved a proposed plan on July 22 to install a master water meter servicing Sun Communities, Inc.

Sun Communities owns and manages Hawaiian Gardens and Holly Village manufactured home communities for a combined 419 home sites. Both are located on Grange Hall Road and served by the village of Holly water. Sun is responsible for the water infrastructure and distribution to the individual home sites, each fitted with a water meter.

Village of Holly Public Works (DPW) Director Brian Klassen estimates it would take three to six months to install the meter system. He said once approved, installation could begin in September.

Clerk/Treasurer Cathrene Behrens supplemented Klassen's report with figures used to gauge current rate of loss and estimate recovery. Referring to Sun's water system, she said, "They know that their system is not tight. In other words,

there's a lot of leaks there. People could be taking water illegally — we don't know — but we don't have any way to check that."

Behrens said, "Industry standards is 30-percent water loss in situations like that. Over January to June, the Village suffered a loss of \$15,109.50." Based

on records and forecasts, the \$100,000 installation would pay for itself in less than three years, according to Behrens.

Council Member George Kullis highlighted three ways the Village of Holly would save money, beginning with a reduction of loss due to leakage. He said,

"Transient homes are hard to keep up with. People move out and we are unable to track them down, and yes, over time, it ends up going on the property taxes for Sun, but we were looking at \$30,000 in arrearage at one point in time."

Kullis added, "Not to mention, we're going to save money — 420 customers times 12 months that we don't have to spend postage on. This thing is a win-win all the way around."

**“They know that their system is not tight.”**

**Cathrene Behrens**  
Holly Village  
clerk/treasurer

## GAS

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The average price for regular gas has dropped 9 cents per gallon, according to the Lundberg Survey, a nationwide survey group. Refineries are said to have processed more petroleum, which has resulted in the price decline.

In the tri-county area this week, the lowest gas was priced at \$3.28 per gallon for cash at the BP station on Owen Road and the highest price gas for cash, was \$3.69 per gallon at the BP on Thompson Road and U.S. 23, according to gasbuddy.com. The current average price for gas in the U.S. this week was \$3.67.

Analysts suggest that the drop in fuel prices has come about despite rising tensions in the Middle East and a surge in the global crude oil price. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg suggests that U.S. refineries are believed to have abundant supplies of crude oil and now they are reducing the wholesale price to achieve higher sales.

"It's really a mid-summer gift," he said, in a report on michiganprices.com. "Refiners have been on a kick to run more crude, run at high prices and to cut price. There's an abundance of gasoline, inventories are high and refiners are cutting to chase those summer sales."

But before you get too excited about the price drop, talk to a local gas station owner like Doug "Smitty" Smith, of Exit 80 Sunoco in Fenton.

"In the last three days, the price I pay for my gas has gone up 6 cents. It hasn't been reflected in the price I charge at the pump yet, but you'll see it go up at the beginning of next week. I don't pass the price hike to my customers 'til I start using the higher priced gas."

He buys his gas from Corrigan Oil, paying the rack price set at 6 p.m. every evening. "I have no idea why it's gone

## Why gas prices jump around at the pump

- **Gas prices generally** rise in the spring and summer and usually drop in the fall and winter.
- **Gas prices rise** after hurricanes or other natural disasters, because most refineries border the Gulf of Mexico.
- **Major threats to** the world's oil supply can drive up prices of both oil and gas. The threat usually starts in the Middle East, which supplies most of the world's oil.
- **Commodities traders can** create a price bubble through sheer speculation. They buy now, hoping that the actual price will rise so they can sell the contract at a profit. They anticipate and therefore exaggerate actual supply and demand trends.
- **Gas prices vary** regionally, depending on state taxes and regional formulations. California prices are usually the highest, because of taxes of \$.66 per gallon. Michigan gas tax is currently \$.19 per gallon.
- **The value of** the dollar can affect oil and gas prices, because oil contracts are priced only in dollars.

Source: About.com U.S. Economy

**“In the last three days, the price I pay for my gas has gone up 6 cents per gallon.”**

**Doug "Smitty" Smith**  
Exit 80 Sunoco

up, but I think it may be because of the upcoming Labor Day holiday in late August. I can see the gas prices creeping up until then."

With a profit margin on gas of just 3 percent, cool summer nights and recent cold weather hasn't helped gas sales any. "Usually, people buy more gas in the summer for their boats, jet skis, etc., but it's been too cold to boat lately. I'm glad I also sell snack foods and bait," he said.

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FOOTBALL QUOTE

**Q** Who were known as the 'G Men' in Detroit Tiger history?

**A** You'll have to go back to the 1930s for the answer. Hank Greenberg, Charlie Gehringer and Goose Goslin led the Tigers to the 1935 championship.

DAVID'S LISTS

Here is a list of four of my favorite girls soccer players I've watched play in the tri-county area. They are listed in alphabetical order.

Tori Bailey

Bailey was so short and yet so talented. And she may have been the most unselfish superstar I've seen in my time in the tri-county area. I wondered if at her size she could play college soccer at the SEC level. She did and did so impressively.

Mary-Kathryn Fiebernitz

Fiebernitz was willing to put her body on the line to get the job done. She has had the injuries to prove it over the years. She's at Michigan State.

Jordan Newman

There's a reason she ended her prep career as the all-time leading scorer in state history — Newman's very good. It seemed every time she had possession, you thought she could score. You thought she could score.

Jaime Tomaszewski

She's a lot like Newman in that you felt she could score any second. She had a great ability to drive vertical, scare the three defenders between her and the goal and figure a way to score. No one attacked on a straight line better.

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INSIDE SPORTS:  
HANNAH JOSLIN  
Spring Meadows' girls junior champion



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Record-breaking Newman leads our girls soccer team

LF grad ends career with 195 goals

By David Troppens  
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When it comes to soccer, Jordan Newman is a pretty special player.

That became pretty obvious early in life. How early? How about when she was 4.

"I don't remember it that well, but my parents told me when I was 4 in AYSO, a whole bunch of parents came up to my mom and dad and said, 'Your daughter is a natural, and is going to do good things.' A couple of them even came to my open house and said, 'I told you so.' It's kind of funny."

Those people were right. But maybe they couldn't have guessed just how good the Lake Fenton graduate ended up being. Newman became the greatest female prep goal scorer in Michigan history this year, capping her career with 195 goals. She completely destroyed the old record of 168 posted by Newaygo's Jaleen Dingledine (2004-07), making her an obvious choice as our repeat Tri-County Female Soccer Player of the Year.

Lake Fenton's Jordan Newman

PHOTO BY  
SCOTT SCHUPBACH

Despite all of the goals, it's other reasons why Lake Fenton girls soccer coach Lenny Glasstetter is going to miss Newman next year.

"I think of all the good times we had, and I'm not even thinking about soccer," Glasstetter said. "She has a great bubbly personality and she really likes to help people. I have never seen her talk bad about anyone. She's just a great person. And when she plays, she's electrifying on the pitch anywhere she plays. She can score from anywhere."

WORKING ON GETTING THE RECORD

Glasstetter has had his share of great goal scorers during his time as Lake Fenton's girls soccer coach. Back in the day there was Rene LeBlanc. And just a bit after her came Jaime Tomaszewski. The 2008 graduate scored 132 goals during her career. At the time that tally was dauntingly impressive. However, it wasn't long after that when the Newman era began.

During her freshman season, Newman showed what she was capable of, scoring 40 goals and collecting eight assists. She only got better with each year on the pitch. Her sophomore season, Newman collected 56 goals and 17 assists, and she followed that season with 58 goals and 15 assists her junior season, placing her just 14 goals behind that all-time state record.

Newman missed a few games this season due to injury, but those injuries couldn't keep her from destroying the state record. She finished her senior season with 41 goals and 11 assists.

"The one thing all three had in common was we always had fun, but once all three stepped on the field, they were dead serious," Glasstetter said about his three scorers. "All three would do anything they could for the team. Jordan is like that."

"Whenever a coach gets a player as talented as Jordan, you learn a bit from that player. They play at such a high level that they do things differently. She taught me a lot."

See **NEWMAN** on 19A

Here is a list of the players that made our All Tri-County Girls Soccer Team as selected by the sports staff.

All Tri-County Girls Soccer Team

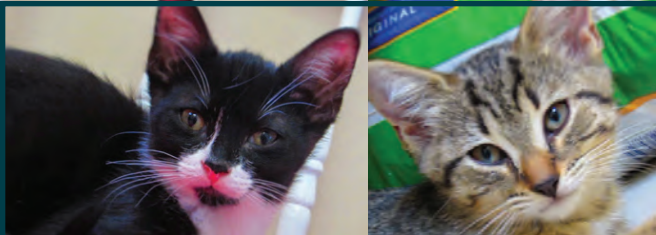
FEMALE SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Jordan Newman, Lake Fenton junior

A First-Team All-State selection, Newman broke the career prep goal scoring record in the state of Michigan by scoring 195 during her four seasons. She scored 41 this season.

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Name	School
Bri Costigan.....	Fenton	Ashlyn Skidmore.....	Lake Fenton
Grace Walterhouse .....	Linden	Jessie Magalski.....	Linden
Brennan Sullivan .....	Fenton	Maddie Zayan .....	Linden
Kaitlyn Begley .....	Lake Fenton	Ann Fetzer .....	Holly
Miranda Quick.....	Lake Fenton	Mackenzie Murphy.....	Fenton
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Hannah Joslin recently captured the 18-hole girls title at Spring Meadows' Junior Golf Tournament.

# Joslin, Sutika win top junior golf honors at Spring Meadows

By David Troppens  
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One defended her title. The other earned his first in the last chance he had to get it.

Hannah Joslin captured the 18-hole girls Junior Golf title at Spring Meadows for the second straight season, dominating the field by 18 strokes.

Joslin shot a 90-91-181 to earn first in the 36-hole tournament. Molly Gundry finished second. Zack Sutika was the men's winner.

"I wasn't happy with the score, but I won," said Joslin, who will be a senior at Linden High School. "Usually I shoot in the mid- to low-80s. I don't know what happened.

"It's nice to win because I like to feel that I had an impact. It's almost a small society (at Spring Meadows Country Club). They've all helped me so much and I wanted to win to show how much I appreciate what they taught me."

Joslin had a nice lead after the first day but then shot a 41 on the front nine of her second day to blow the tournament open.

Sutika dominated the boys 18 hole tourney, posting a 36-hole score of 75-79-154, defeating Alec Bond who finished second with a 172. Bond won the tourney last year.

"I finally won on my last chance," Sutika said. "It was pretty sweet to come out with a win during my last year, because this way no one can beat me (next year to win the title)."

Sutika is having a strong summer of golf. He's playing on the Top 50 Junior Golf tour and is currently second in the point standings. He has a 78.4 average on the tour.

"My irons are getting better. I've been getting lessons from Jeremy Hubbard. He's been helping me out with my swing," Sutika said. "My iron play has been better than the last couple of years."

## NEWMAN

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Newman's career-breaking 169th goal came in an 8-1 victory at home against Perry. It came on a pass from Brenna Meicher with Newman at the right side of the net. Newman dribbled the ball by a defender to the center of the net, shot and scored. Newman ended the contest with five goals, placing her at 171 for her career. At the time Newman didn't get too concerned about the record. However, she's admitted time has changed her viewpoint.

"It's weird because at first it didn't mean as much," Newman said. "People will bring it up, saying 'You know she holds the Michigan goal scoring record?' I'll just smile and go with it.

"It doesn't mean more than before, but it's cool knowing that I'll be able to look back one day and tell my kids (about the record)."

### SILENCING THE CRITICS

It seems these days whenever someone breaks a record, there is someone out to discredit it. And Newman's crushing of the career goal scoring record hasn't come without critics. There were occasional whispers whenever Newman played. People would wonder if she played for a stronger team, or maybe if the Blue Devils played stronger competition, would she still hold the state goal record? Newman has heard the questions herself. She's heard it from the players on stronger teams, squads like Powers. She doesn't let it bother her too much and lets her record do the talking for her.

"They say things like, 'You wouldn't

have the record if you played against us,' and I'll mention, 'I scored against you, too.'

"People spent practices working on trying to stop me. They double- and triple-team me and it's frustrating to hear comments like that. When I'm playing Powers it's not just average players double-teaming you. They are girls going to Michigan State and Wake Forest, and I scored against them too."

### SCORING GOALS

So how does Newman score all those goals? It might have something to do with the way her mind is able to focus on the action around her.

"It's almost like everything in my mind slows down," Newman said. "I am not the type of player to rush it, to speed things up when I'm under pressure."

Of course, hard work has something to do with it as well.

"She's such a hard worker," Glasstetter said. "She's driven to be the best player she can be."

Newman's talent is readily on display for anyone who wants to see it. She averages about a goal a game with her travel squad and is headed to Division 1 Charleston Southern University.

"I can't wait to see the level of play," Newman said. "It's going to be more similar to club ball, and it's the highest level you can play. I'm excited."

Charleston Southern is probably pretty excited as well.

## Newman's Numbers

Here are Jordan Newman's scoring numbers during her first three seasons with the Lake Fenton varsity girls soccer team.

SEASON	GLS	ASTS	TPTS
Freshman	40	8	48
Sophomore	56	17	73
Junior	58	15	73
Senior	41	11	52
Totals	195	51	194

Newman broke the Michigan state girls prep record of 168 goals set by Newaygo's Jaleen Dingleline.



Jordan Newman

## Spring Meadows Junior Golf results

Here is a list of the winners in the recent Junior Golf tournament held at Spring Meadows Country Club.

### 1 Hole Boys

Flight A: Rocco Caponigiro  
Flight B: Evan Clay

### 1 Hole Girls

Amelia Wittbrodt

### 3 Hole Boys

Kaden Latreille

### 3 Hole Girls

Flight A: Paige Craft  
Flight B: Darielle Miller

### 5 Hole Boys

Flight A: Riley Carroll  
Flight B: Kyle Dunfield

### 5 Hole Girls

Flight A: Delany Jones  
Flight B: Hannah Covert

### 9 Hole Boys

1st: Dylan Huck  
2nd: Jack Reese Miller  
3rd: Braden Lapa

### 9 Hole Girls

1st: Brooke Herbstreit  
2nd: Zoey Howieson

### 18 Hole Boys

1st: Zack Sutika  
2nd: Alec Bond

### 18 Hole Girls

1st: Hannah Joslin  
2nd: Molly Gundry

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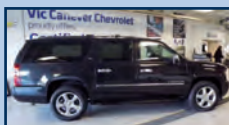
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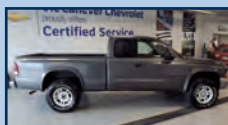


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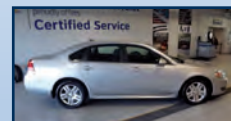
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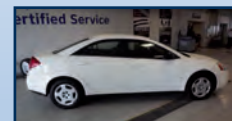
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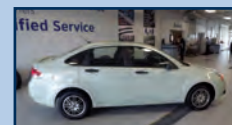
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