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## “ ” tctimes.com ONLINE COMMENTS

**“We built the Panama Canal. We built an intercontinental railroad. We built the Hoover Dam. We build coast-to-coast expressways. We put men on the moon. And we cannot build a fence?”**



**“I thought the psychologist/proctologist description was pretty accurate based on my experience with both.”**

**“Leaving outdated garage sale signs up indicates that the people living at the address on the sign are selfish and lazy. Show a little respect for your neighbors and community.”**

**“Clearly the populace of Fenton does not agree that personal agendas should be part of a civic parade. Show some leadership and do what's best for the city, not a special interest group. It really is that simple.”**

**“What a wonderful evening in Fenton. We brought out-of-town guests and they were blown away by the energy and activity of downtown Fenton. Great job to all.”**

**“Buying a lotto ticket is similar to filling MSU stadium with rice and hoping the one grain with your name on it is chosen from the tens of millions.”**

## “ ” **HOT LINE OF THE WEEK**

**“There's a government billboard on I-75 by the airport that states 'Distracted Driving is Dangerous.' Government logic: view a billboard while driving that states 'Distracted Driving is Dangerous.' Morons.”**



## Fenton police go live with new crime-mapping website

► Maps, alerts, reports just a click away for residents

**By Sharon Stone**

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Have you ever found yourself peeking through your living room blinds in an attempt to find out why police are at your neighbor's home? If you live in Fenton City, a new nationwide mapping service could reveal some clues if an arrest occurs.

Fenton City is one of 43 municipalities that have joined this program. Flint, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Ypsilanti, East Lansing and Troy are just a few

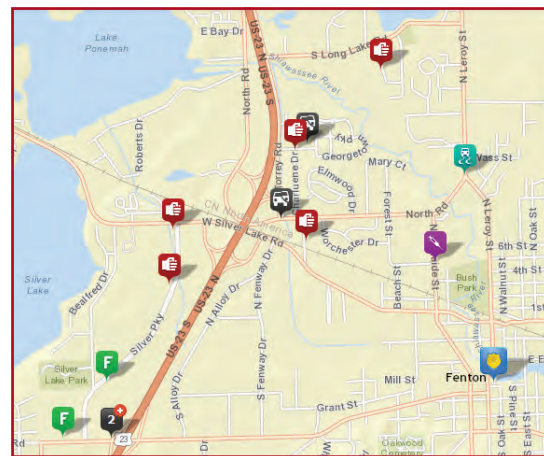
other cities in Michigan that show crimes on this website.

In an effort to help reduce crime and further strengthen local community-oriented policing efforts, the Fenton Police Department (FPD) decided to go live at CrimeMapping.com.

Police Chief Rick Aro said through this website, which is free to the police department as well as the residents, crime could decrease **See CRIME-MAPPING on 19A**

CRIMEMAPPING.COM

This Crime-Mapping.com screen shot of Fenton City Thursday morning shows about a dozen crimes that recently took place within city limits.



## Less than 10 percent of Fenton bothers to vote

► **Proposal 1 passes, Holly millage fails**

**By Sharon Stone**

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On Tuesday, residents across the country took part in the Primary Election, an election that gave people an opportunity to vote on local and statewide proposals and to narrow the list of candidates for the General Election, which will take place in November.

Voter turnout in Genesee County lagged behind Oakland and Livingston counties. Of the 331,885 registered voters in Genesee County, 14.28 percent cast a ballot in Tuesday's Primary Election. Oakland County reported a 20.61-percent voter turnout and Livingston County reported a voter turnout of 20.63 percent.

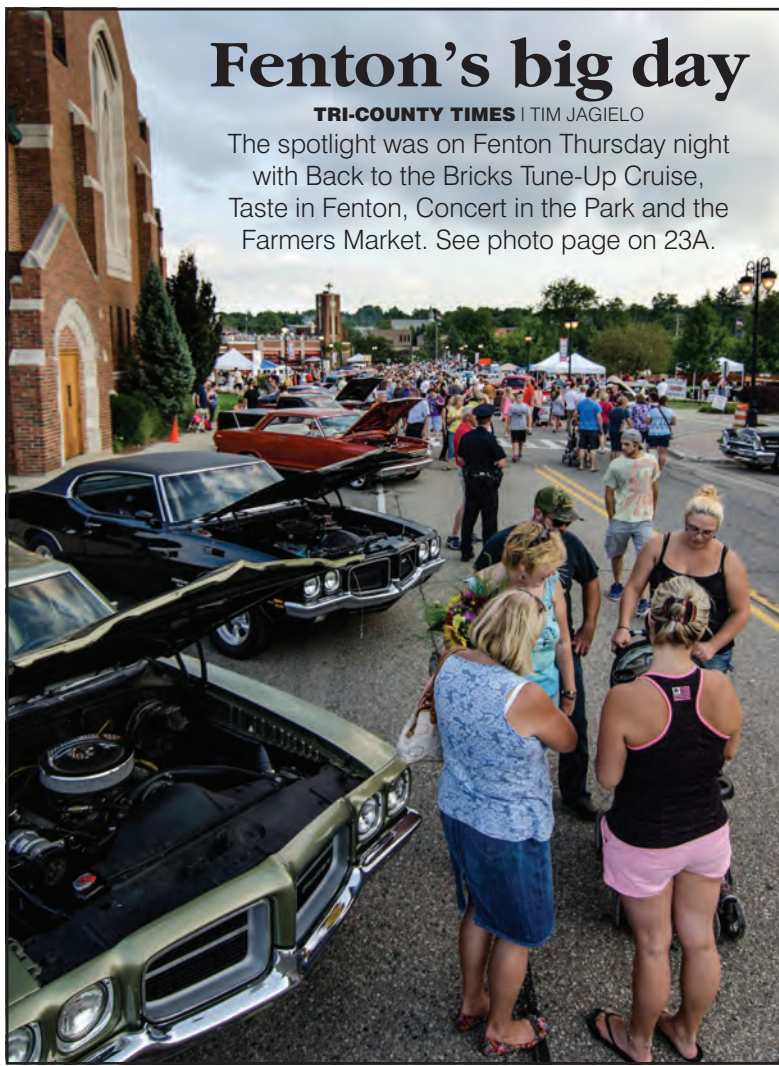
The state's Proposal 1 was approved by a noticeable margin of 862,953 to 382,361.

**See VOTES on 22A**

## Fenton's big day

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The spotlight was on Fenton Thursday night with Back to the Bricks Tune-Up Cruise, Taste in Fenton, Concert in the Park and the Farmers Market. See photo page on 23A.



## One out of five Americans still smoking

► Michigan at 20 percent, slightly higher than U.S. average

**By Sally Rummel**  
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Smoking may be cool on retro 1960s TV shows like "Mad Men," but it's considered mostly taboo in today's more educated, health conscious society.

While about 18 percent of Americans call themselves smokers today compared to 40 percent more than half a century ago, about 42 million Americans are still hooked on cigarettes, according to the Centers for Disease Control **See SMOKING on 9A**



## CELEBRITY SMOKERS

Jack Nicholson  
Kate Winslet  
Mary-Kate Olsen  
Elijah Wood  
Kate Moss  
Gwyneth Paltrow  
Kate Hudson  
Christina Ricci  
Kelly Osbourne  
Simon Cowell

Source: celebs.answers.com

## Kentucky Derby not out of the question for area thoroughbred

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TIM JAGIELO

Chrissy Kutlenios watches trainer Manual "Turu" Pérez work with Thunder, her promising 1-year-old thoroughbred.

► Grandfather won the 'Run for the Roses' in 1995

**By Tim Jagielo**  
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**Holly Twp.** — Although simply playing alongside barn mate Dorian Gray, Thunder, a Holly thoroughbred, already exhibits the will to win. **See THOROUGHbred on 11A**







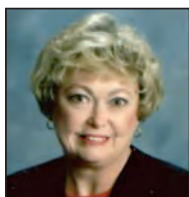
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### New Price



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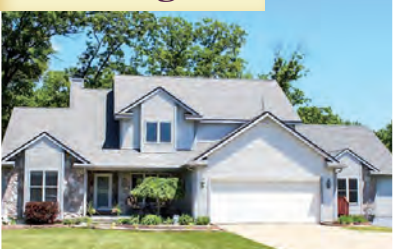
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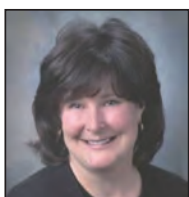
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## Police & Fire

### report

#### WOMEN SHOPLIFT CLOTHING

At 12:07 a.m. on Aug. 5, Fenton police responded to a store in the 3700 block of Owen Road to investigate a retail fraud complaint. Lt. Jason Slater said the store had a 33-year-old Holly woman in custody. The Holly woman and another unidentified woman shopped together in the store and selected more than \$400 worth of clothing. They proceeded to the checkout and processed their purchases. While the Holly woman tried to pay, the other woman pushed the cart out of the store, entered a car and drove away. The Holly woman was unable to pay for the clothing. She was arrested for retail fraud and has a Sept. 8 court date.

#### TINTED WINDOWS LEAD TO ARREST

At 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 2, Fenton police pulled over a '99 Olds for having highly tinted windows, which are illegal. A computer check showed the driver, a 24-year-old Holly man, had an outstanding warrant from Grand

See **POLICE** on 14A



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A group of mostly Boy Scouts and instructor Kimberly Collingham jump into Lake Fenton for their final open waters test to become certified divers.

## From Lake Fenton to Cozumel to Alaska... you can SCUBA dive anywhere

By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton Twp.** — At a small boat slip off North Long Lake Road, a group of teens from Saginaw Township are checking their SCUBA equipment.

They test their regulators and tanks and then test each others' equipment just to be safe.

Equipment is serious when it comes to diving 30 feet into the cold Lake Fenton waters, and these Boy Scouts are taking it that way. Don't feel bad for them though — some of the scouts testing day will take their skills to the Bahamas.

Kimberly Collingham is a trainer for The Dive Shop in Flint. She's leading the group on Lake Fenton for what is called an "Open Waters" activity, which is both a final class component and test for being dive certified.

It's a pass/fail test, and is part of the training. These scouts have

**“Anyone who thought an aquarium is cool, should be a diver.”**

**Kim Volz**  
Co-owner,  
The Dive Shop



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A group with The Dive Shop of Flint explores a shipwreck in the Straits of Mackinac in late June.

already completed their classroom hours and pool training. She'll also take groups with both kids and parents, grandparents even, and some training to be marine biologists.

"It's local diving so it's a place where we can grab our gear and go, being in Michigan," she said. "We're surrounded by the Great Lakes."

Locally, water 35 feet down is approximately 55 degrees. These scouts will do a test,

See **SCUBA** on 20A

## How local people use the Internet to make money

### ► Finding success with crowdfunding

By Yvonne Stegall

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Crowdfunding is not a new term, but it has picked up popularity as a way to make money for specific projects and causes over the last few years. Some crowdfunding sites, like GoFundMe, allow people the option of getting their money right away as donations come in. Others, like Kickstarter, are set up so that money is only made if the monetary goal is reached.

Recently, a Kickstarter campaign was started in order to earn \$10 to make potato salad. Soon the funding went out of control, and when it was all said and done, one person who never made potato salad before walked away with more than \$55,000. While he has said in online interviews that he plans to donate a good portion of the money to charity, what does it say to people who want to use these crowdfunding sites for something serious?

One local singer/songwriter had a successful campaign using IndieGoGo to raise money to promote her music, and to engage her fans. "As an independent singer/songwriter, I know that my best chances of long-term success lie in the hands of my 'superfans,'" said Jackie King of Fenton. She added, "Crowdfunding served as a way to give my 'superfans'

See **CROWDFUNDING** on 6A



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# Why boys should be boys

If you have any boys in your life, take a moment to read this book commentary I have adapted from free-lance writer Tom Purcell.

Summer is not over. That means there is still time for the boys in your life to read 'The Dangerous Book for Boys.'

Go out and buy it today. I promise you won't regret it. This gem unapologetically celebrates boyhood to its fullest in a completely politically incorrect manner.

The book rejoices in the fact that boys are inherently different from girls — that boys are fundamentally wired to play outside in the mud, to construct go-karts, to build tree houses, to climb, explore, discover and invent, and to revel in the delight provided by all these activities.

It is brimming with time-honored boy information, such as how to tie knots in a rope, how to craft a homemade bow and arrow and how to survive in the wild. There are multiple short chapters on such variable topics as: dinosaurs, the moon, the Declaration of Independence, poetry, how to play marbles and chess, how to make invisible ink and create secret spy codes, historical battles, the basics of latitude and longitude, the Ten Commandments and much, much more. There's even a

chapter on how to (gasp!)...talk to girls, the first tip being 'listen to them.' This chapter alone is worth the cost of the book.

But, I digress. 'The Dangerous Book for Boys' is not just about practical

advice. It's a guidebook to boyhoods of the past when we lived in a world where boys and men were celebrated, not denigrated. The '80s ushered in the advent of the idiot TV dads — such as Archie Bunker, Homer Simpson and Al Bundy — bumbling fools who required more mothering from their wives than their kids did. The TV women were constantly solving the problems created by their TV men, promoting the woefully misplaced theory that moms make good dads.

The social effect was that in the next couple generations many moms became the dads in their households — to the detriment of all involved. Fundamental boy life-experiences were denied to sons by well-intentioned but over-protective moms. The moms failed miserably because...well, because they're not dads.

This resulted in a population anomaly where boys were taught to spurn the historical customs of the men in their life — fathers and grandfathers — who were villainized as closed-minded, archaic

and sexist by society and the media. This resulted in the father pool being watered down by a generation peppered with overly-mothered 'sensitive' males who attended couples bridal showers and got misty-eyed when little Junior took his first porcelain-based 'number two.'

'The Dangerous Book for Boys' can help correct these social blunders by encouraging boys to experience traditional activities that boys have delighted in for generations. When boys are set free to catch crayfish, play baseball and build ramps to jump their bikes on they are far more likely to become dads who will ensure that their sons are raised as boys, not girls. And that's good — for our country and our future.

Speaking of girls, you can unleash the imagination and senses of your girls too, through the equally fascinating 'The Dangerous Book for Girls.'

See you at the bookstore.

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## Hot lines

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

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**SHAME ON THE** owner for having our truck and many others towed from his empty lot at the Taste in Fenton. He made \$180 for us to get our truck back. You spoiled our first event as new residents.

**IF A PERSON** will lie about their religion, they will lie about anything and everything, which Obama has, which was my point. I question the IQ of anyone who voted for him the second time; after all the blunders he made in his first term.

**FYI, A DOG** was left in a truck at a fast-food restaurant on Saturday for eight hours with only the window cracked. The staff called police and because the owner left food and water (dish empty) the police said that there was nothing they could do.

**THE GCRC SHOULD** leave the asphalt. It is much smoother and nicer than the chip and seal and doesn't have grooves that hold the rainwater.

**LOVE HOW OUR** congressmen vote in more generous healthcare benefits for themselves but don't want anyone else to have them.

**THE WALL STREET** Journal says Michigan is #2 at giving corporate welfare, \$6.5 billion worth. Why aren't the Republicans

I put in office screaming about this? They can't find \$2 billion to fix our roads. Now I know why.

**REPUBLICANS ARE WASTING** their time trying to impeach Obama. The Constitution states one of the reasons for impeachment are high crimes and misdemeanors which are hard to prove. Fortunately, for Obama and his administration, being incompetent buffoons is not one of them.

**IF OBAMA REALLY** wants to help Africa, he could also help America. He could move to Africa. That would help both countries.

**I WAS JUST** down in New York and they have the same epidemic we do. They do not know how to turn on their turn signals or stop for stop signs.

**YOU SHOULD KNOW** who is on the losing side of history. You're on it.

**I DO NOT** understand why these stores do not give the cashiers a little stool to sit on. Nothing is harder on your back and legs than standing on cement floors for hours. Why not be kind to their employees.

**I WAS JUST** reading about the low turnout this past primary in Genesee County. It is disgusting. We have young men at war all around the world and citizens are too lazy to get out and vote.

**A GUY THREW** a baby out the window of a car. Instead of executing him, he will spend the rest of his life in prison enjoying TV and food. What sense does that make?

**THE COMMENTS ABOUT** homosexuality in the Hot lines have gone from just plain

wrong to downright homophobic and filled with pure hate. I can't believe that the otherwise nice people around here could actually be so hateful.

**SOME CLAIM THE** wealth gap is hurting our economy, and others disagree. However, one thing is certain — rich people are paying rich people to tell middle-class people to blame poor people.

**KUDOS TO THE** Argentine Police and Fire departments for their quick action recently regarding the downed power lines on Silver Lake Road and Knob Hill, due to a vehicle hitting an electrical pole.

**I WAS THOROUGHLY** disappointed to read that four out of five registered voters in Oakland County did not make it to the polls to vote in the Primary. I spent less than 15 minutes at the polls. People are so busy they can't spare 15 minutes? Frustrated at the apathy.

**CAN SOMEONE EXPLAIN** why Carl Gabrielson is still the director of Loose? When Margie Hodges passed away in June 2011, Carl was put in the position of 'acting' director. Did the board ever seek out applicants for this job? Did the board just appoint him?

**THE SUPREME COURT** 13 times stated Obama illegally exceeded his Constitutional authority. When Obama arrogantly doesn't follow the law, either the liberals stay silent or they hoot and holler with joy. I wonder what a liberal's reaction would be if police officers and judges decide to not follow the Constitution?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

## Readers write

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### Commissioner scolds council

Dear Editor,

Let me first point out that County Commissioners have absolutely no authority over Township Boards. On several occasions over the last two years, Oakland County Commissioner Bob Hoffman has attended Holly Township Board meetings with malicious intent. He has continually mischaracterized the facts of the Smith v. Holly Township case, in an attempt to discredit the Holly Township Board of Trustees. Mr. Smith filed a lawsuit against Holly Township. The case has been proceeding through the judicial process for the past four years. Not one judge involved in this case has agreed with anything Mr. Hoffman has alleged. Mr. Hoffman is not an attorney and he is not Mr. Smith's legal representative. One question remains unanswered, 'What is Mr. Hoffman's true motivation?' Your article also failed to mention that Mr. Hoffman's behavior at our last Board meeting was so outrageous, that the police had to be summoned.

Very truly yours,  
Mark C. Freeman,  
Holly Township treasurer

Compiled by Torrey Christopher, intern

## Have you ever gone SCUBA diving or snorkeling?

## streettalk



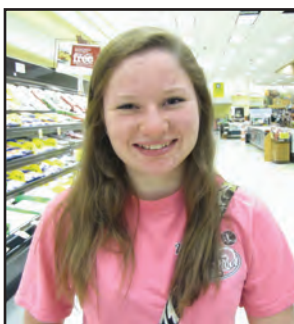
"I've been snorkeling. I went in Hawaii and I really liked it."

— Peggy Van Eckoute  
Linden



"I've gone snorkeling in Grand Cayman. It was like exploring a whole new world."

— Chris Major  
Tyrone Township



"No I haven't, but I want to. I would like to go in Mexico."

— Hunter Hawk  
Fenton



"I went diving in Cancun and snorkeling a number of different places, like the British Virgin Islands."

— Ron Maygar  
Fenton



"I've gone snorkeling in Maui, Hawaii. The aurora of Maui was beautiful."

— Dennis Johnson  
Fenton



"I've snorkeled in Jamaica and St. Thomas. The closer you got to the coral reefs the prettier it was."

— Wendy Domke  
Linden





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Expansion continues at Vicinia Gardens as residents surrounding the facility express their concerns.

## Care center's growth worries neighbors

►Road condition and traffic not popular with residents

By Yvonne Stegall

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**Fenton Twp.** — While Vicinia may be the Latin word for “neighborhood,” some residents in the neighborhood surrounding this Fenton Township facility are not feeling neighborly.

Several residents of the surrounding area, including Silver Chase Boulevard and Autumn Wood Drive, were at the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting Monday to voice their opinions about this project.

Vicinia Gardens, an assisted living facility under construction on Jennings Road near Owen Road, continues to grow. As this happens, some residents who live near it are growing more anxious, concerned about road destruction due to the construction vehicles. Others are worried about the view they will have when the up to 47-foot-tall building is finished, and others are not happy that more changes have been made to the original plans.

Vicinia Gardens plans include apartments, facilities for residents such as a theater and hair salon, a memory care wing, and a convalescent home.

As far as the height of the building goes, the original plan called for 40 feet, in order to construct three stories. The

addition of the extra 7 feet was to allow for a sloped roof, rather than a flat one.

Clerk Robert Krug agreed with the higher height and said he would prefer they have the height in order to have the sloped roof. The sloped roof would add to the aesthetics of the building.

The biggest complaints expressed by nearby residents were worries about the safety of seniors living on the third floor of the building, not being in the reach of fire trucks if something were to happen, and the potential traffic coming in and out of the business from visitors.

Steffey said this building will be built under the rules and guidance of the state fire marshal's office, under the rules for NFPA 13R. “We will have a fire suppression system throughout the building and doors that segregate certain areas in case of fire or smoke,” he said.

There may have been some confusion over the plans for a theater and hair salon within Vicinia, however, Developer Steve Steffey assured those present at the meeting that these facilities are strictly for use by the residents of Vicinia Gardens.

Steffey assured residents that the construction vehicles would follow posted signs for “construction entrance,” in order to cut down on road damage.

A second reading for this assessment will be held at the regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 18.

**“There will be a theater, gathering area, hair salon area and more for the residents.”**

**Steve Steffey**  
Developer

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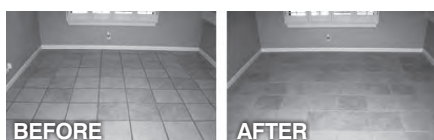
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## CATCH OF THE WEEK



**Peyton Giovannini**, 6, of Orlando, Florida caught this 5-pound, 21-inch bass at a lake in Livingston County while visiting with family in July. He caught three bass by himself and the total weight was 13 pounds. He used a plastic worm as bait.



**Isla Czarnecki**, 5, of Fenton caught this bass on Aug. 30 while fishing on Tupper Lake. She caught it using her Shakespeare Princess pole.

## Apps that smartphone users download the most

►Vast array of free or paid apps available for any need, interest

By Sharon Stone

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It seems as if everyone with a smartphone is busy checking their Facebook page or their email whenever they have a few free minutes. Have you ever wondered what apps people have on their phones?

The iTunes store and Google have compiled lists of the top free, and fee-based, apps that users are downloading to their smartphones. Check out these lists to see how your downloads compare to the most popular ones.

### Top 15 FREE apps on iTunes

1. Facebook Messenger
2. Crazy Taxi City
3. A Dark Room
4. No One Dies
5. Family Feud 2
6. Instagram
7. YouTube
8. Snapchat
9. Hungry Shark
10. Kitchen Scramble
11. Facebook
12. Kim Kardashian
13. Free Music
14. Pandora Radio
15. Spotify Music

Source: [www.apple.com/itunes](http://www.apple.com/itunes)

### Top 15 PAID apps on iTunes

1. Micromom - \$0.99
2. Heads Up - \$0.99
3. Minecraft - \$6.99
4. Afterlight - \$0.99
5. Plague Inc. - \$0.99
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10. Geometry Dash - \$1.99
11. 7 Minute Workout - \$1.99
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14. Magic Theme - \$1.99
15. Camera+ - \$1.99

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### Top 15 FREE apps for Android phones

1. Google Translate
2. NASA app
3. Twickets
4. Audible for Android
5. Navfree
6. AIRNB
7. Any.do To-do list & task list
8. Comics
9. Zoopla Property Search
10. Cocktail Flow - Drink Recipes
11. Money Tracker
12. Hangouts
13. Duolingo: Learn languages free
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### Top 15 PAID apps for Android phones

1. Minecraft - Pocket - \$6.99
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14. Rayman Jungle Run - \$0.75
15. Wipeout - \$1.99

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## CROWDFUNDING

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ownership in my album, sort of a stake in the game, as well as raising general awareness in my social media communities that I was working on a new project.”

One of the important things about most crowdfunding sites, especially with IndieGoGo and Kickstarter, is the perks that are offered by the person looking for a donation. For King, “A particularly effective ‘perk’ was the Wonderful T-shirt. I chose the name of the album based, in part, on the vision of my fans being labeled ‘wonderful’ when they wore my merchandise,” King said.

Another local musician is seeking donations through crowdfunding, but not for his music. Kevin Tyler, someone you might recognize as a regular face at many Michigan Renaissance fairs, is looking for some help to cover some medical expenses he will soon have when he starts getting some work done on his teeth.

With coaxing from family and friends, Tyler opted to try crowdfunding. Being a performer, he spends a lot of time in

front of people, and after a troubled time in his life, his teeth are in need of some work. Since starting his campaign in June, Tyler has received about 20 percent of his goal, using GoFundMe. For some people, using crowdfunding is a little difficult, especially when it is for something this

personal. Tyler said, “I am still a little overwhelmed and embarrassed, but I would like to live long enough to see my only child happy and maybe married.”

Not everyone uses crowdfunding to make money for him or herself either. An 11-year-old Fenton resident, Hannah Weaver, decided to

use GoFundMe to raise money to donate, as her birthday “pay it forward” fun.

Hannah’s mom, Kaitlin Weaver, heads the donation page for Hannah, and said, “We would definitely use crowdfunding again if needed.” Even though Hannah’s campaign is still open and has not reached its full funding yet, it has already been a success with 15 bags of donations, a box of books, sleeping bags, and \$250 raised online through GoFundMe.com for Foster Closet of Michigan-Genesee County Branch.

“We would definitely use crowdfunding again if needed.”

Kaitlin Weaver  
Hannah's mother

## Having a successful crowdfunding campaign

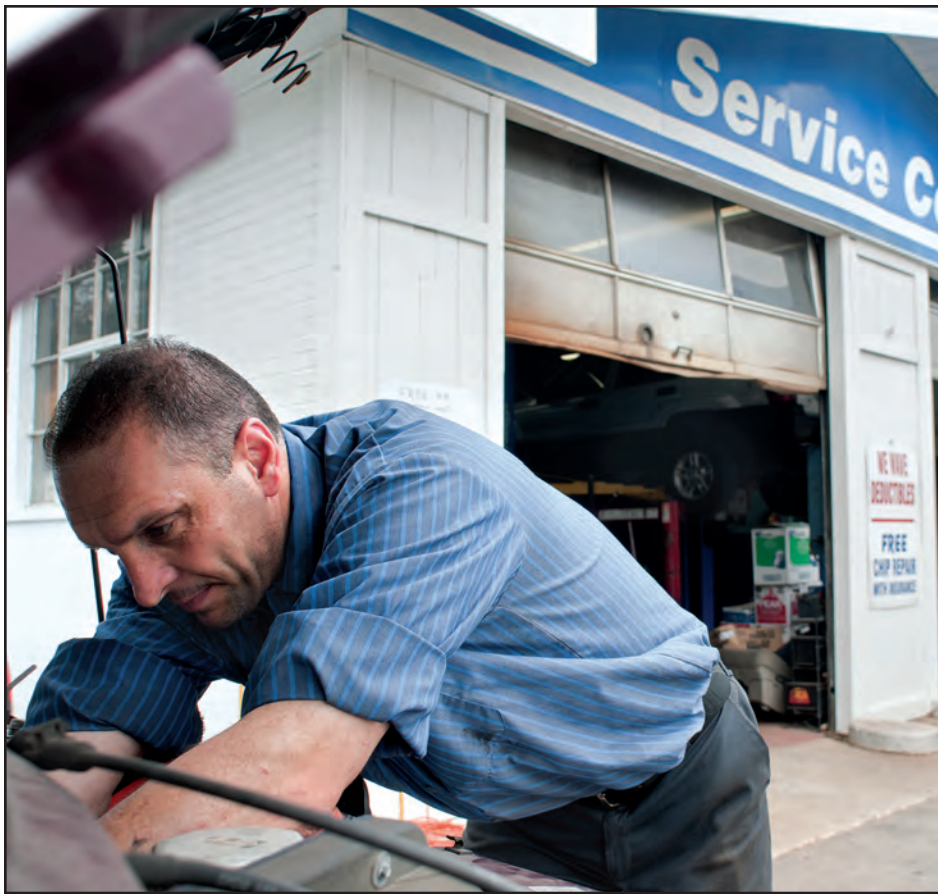
### BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN

- It is important to know exactly what your mission is, whether it is to get money for medical expenses or to launch a career. Make a plan.
- Decide how much money is needed to be successful. Remember with Kickstarter, money is only paid out when the goal is reached.
- Start letting people know even before the campaign is launched. Make a video and have plenty of photos.

### DURING THE CAMPAIGN

- Update the campaign every few days.
- Talk about it and share links on social media daily.
- Get personal with friends and family. Do not reach out just by social media — get on the phone.
- Do not be afraid to adjust perks, or make additional changes as time goes by.





TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

John Yousif works on a Chevy van at his Marathon Service Station in Fenton in this 2012 file photo. He came from Iraq and has been in the U.S. since 1993.

## Red tape, for red, white and blue status

►At least five years, several forms and fees required to become U.S. citizen

By Tim Jagielo

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In fiscal year 2013 (ending in May), the U.S. naturalized 503,104 people, and 6.6 million in the previous decade.

Recently, the debate over immigration reforms flared up again concerning children — 92 unattended, some ending up in Vassar, according to the Detroit Free Press.

According to CNN.com, 40 percent of those naturalized in the U.S. in 2013 are from Asia, while 32 percent were already born inside the U.S.

To become citizens, “Individuals must demonstrate a commitment to

the unifying principles that bind us as Americans,” read the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (UCIS) website. “In return, (they) will enjoy many of the rights and privileges that are fundamental to U.S. Citizenship.”

To become a U.S. Citizen (called naturalization), they must first be permanent, legal residents, by attaining a green card through UCIS. This is different from a temporary vacation or work visa.

There are several cases in which one can attain a green card, though most common is through a current family sponsor inside the U.S. Other common routes are through marriage or a job, or through political asylum or refugee status.

Depending on the green card application circumstances, it could take 180 days

to get a decision, and it costs \$165 in fees.

While the process seems cut and dry here, there are dozens of variables that can complicate and add time to the process. Some reports, like one in USA Today, state that some have waited, or could expect to wait, 20 years just for the green card.

What does the government require for full, legal naturalization into the U.S.?

For those living here for five years already as legal residents, it all begins with the form N-400, for those over 18. It is

a 21-page document, and it looks a little like a college financial aid work sheet.

It includes questions about marital status, criminal history, residences, family and how long you’ve stayed in the U.S. It even asked if you’ve ever advocated the overthrow of a gov-

ernment, directly, or indirectly — or if you were involved with the Nazi party between 1933 and 1945 in Germany.

If you’re currently residing in Michigan, you’ll send your application to the UCIS center in Arizona. The filing fee is \$595, or if coming from Mexico, 7,870 pesos, or \$782, with the exchange rate disadvantage. Those emigrating from the Euro zone will actually pay less, at \$444.

On top of the filing fee, there is also a \$75 “biometric” fee that many applicants will have to pay.

The UCIS literature lists several benefits to becoming a full U.S. Citizen, namely, the right to vote, apply for federal jobs, get a U.S. passport, obtain citizenship for children and family members abroad and becoming an elected official.

### Where are new U.S. citizens born?

40-percent: multiple Asian countries  
32-percent: born in U.S. to non-U.S. citizens  
14-percent: Mexico  
7.2-percent: China  
6.9-percent: India  
5.5-percent: Philippines  
4.2-percent: Dominican Republic

2013 statistics, CNN.com

**“Individuals must demonstrate a commitment to the unifying principles that bind us as Americans.”**

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**LIBERALS SAY PEOPLE** who criticize Obama are racists. Well, I'm not fond of Obama, Biden, Harry Reid, and Nancy Pelosi. Does that make me a racist? As an American, it pains me to witness these four destroying the country I love.

**WANT TO** say thank you to the staff at the Times for the weekly text you send informing me of all garage sales that week. I found the bunk beds we so desperately needed.

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**Social media language and oddities of the written word**

► **Most common mistakes most everyone makes**

By Yvonne Stegall

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The English language is funny sometimes. Some things are odd when spoken, and some are even stranger when it comes to the written word. As well, there are differences in the way we speak and say certain words depending on what area of the U.S. we hail from.

On top of all of that, it seems that the advent of the Internet world has also affected the way we write. According to Dave Larsen, Interim Writing Center director at University of Michigan-Flint, sites like Facebook and Twitter have changed our way of writing, but have also added to our ways of communicating.

"People aren't forgetting traditional language; they are learning new, more efficient ways of expressing ideas because the tools they have to communicate allow it to happen (or require it in the case of Twitter)."

While most people may look at the writing on social media and cringe at all of the abbreviations and slang words, Larsen said, "I read hundreds of placement essays each year for incoming first-year students, and rarely do students use the social media abbreviations or conventions. Social media and our electronic devices encourage speed and brevity, efficiency in language. Writers aren't getting worse; they want to go faster."

The need for speed is what spells disaster when it comes to writing errors.

"Writers have always been lazy about proofing their writing before publishing; now, it's even worse," said Larsen. "The tools and conventions almost demand that we 'send' immediately for the 'flow' of the communication. That 'lose' the writer wanted becomes 'loose' (one of the biggies. We are close to losing the word lose). 'Definite' becomes 'defiant.' (Nothing is definite anymore, and we're all defiant.)"

Larsen also pointed out that autocorrect is harming the written word as well, "I think autocorrect, which helps us with our speed, has perhaps given us some

**Writers today might seem unsophisticated or unskilled, but really, they are navigating more writing situations than most of us ever had to..."**

**Dave Larsen**  
Interim Writing Center director,  
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Are you typing too fast and sending the wrong message, as in the wrong words? You are not the only one.

new misused words along with the usual suspects (it's and its — that apostrophe still confounds many students; weather/whether will always be a big one)."

He added, "It is all really new and scary to people who did not learn how to write in this era of software-assisted texting and

the hyper-casual nature of Facebook statuses, so they might get upset. They might think that all the 'rules' they know are being thrown to the wind."

Larsen does not believe this is so. Instead, he sees it as an evolution for language. "Writers today might seem unsophisticated or unskilled, but really, they are navigating more writing situations than most of us ever had to, and doing it pretty well — and quickly!"

Mistakes can be more than just spelling errors, or picking the wrong use of a word. Sometimes grammar mistakes can happen, and maybe the serial comma trips up a few people. Pluralizing is also another tough one, when trying to figure out where the "s" goes in mothers-in-law. Another proper example of pluralizing something is attorneys general. However, both poets laureate and poet laureates are correct. No wonder people get confused!

**Most commonly misused words**

• **Accept, Except** — Accept is a verb meaning to receive. Except is usually a preposition meaning excluding.

• **Affect, Effect** — Affect is usually a verb meaning 'to influence.' Effect is usually a noun meaning result.

• **Allusion, Illusion** — An 'Allusion' is an indirect reference. An 'illusion' is a misconception or false impression.

• **Capital, Capitol** — Capital refers to a city, 'capitol' to a building where lawmakers meet. 'Capital' also refers to wealth or resources.

• **Elicit, Illicit** — 'Elicit' is a verb meaning to bring out or to evoke. 'Illicit' is an adjective meaning unlawful.

• **Emigrate from, Immigrate to** — 'Emigrate' means to leave one country or region to settle in another. 'Immigrate' means to enter another country and reside there.

• **Principle, Principal** — 'Principal' is a noun meaning the head of a school or an organization or a sum of money. 'Principle' is a noun meaning a basic truth or law.

• **Than, Then** — 'Than' is a conjunction used in comparisons; 'then' is an adverb denoting time.

• **There, Their, They're** — 'There' is an adverb specifying place; it is also an expletive. 'Their' is a possessive pronoun. 'They're' is a contraction of they are.

• **To, Too, Two** — 'To' is a preposition; 'too' is an adverb; 'two' is a number.

• **Your, You're** — 'Your' is a possessive pronoun; 'you're' is a contraction of 'you are.'

• **Lie, Lay** — 'Lie' is an intransitive verb meaning to recline or rest on a surface. Its principal parts are lie, lay, lain. 'Lay' is a transitive verb meaning to put or place. Its principal parts are lay, laid.

• **Set, Sit** — 'Set' is a transitive verb meaning to put or to place. 'Sit' is an intransitive verb meaning to be seated. Its principal parts are sit, sat, sat.

• **Who, Which, That** — Do not use 'which' to refer to persons. Use 'who' instead. 'That,' though generally used to refer to things, may be used to refer to a group or class of people.

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SMOKING

Continued from Front Page and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. That translates into big numbers for aggressive cigarette companies that are targeting new groups for marketing, and promoting new products from menthol cigarettes to 'natural' smokes and e-cigarettes.

How likely you are to be a smoker is determined by many factors, from gender to race, income, education and even the region of the U.S. in which you live.

More men than women smoke, 20.5 percent to 15.8 percent, and the largest smoking age demographic are those who are 25 to 44 years old, according to a recent article in USA Today. Income level and smoking are still highly correlated, with 27.9 percent below the poverty line smoking and just 17 percent for those above the poverty line. In households with annual incomes topping \$100,000, the smoking rate is only 9.3 percent.

Smoking rates are higher in gay, lesbian and bisexual groups at 27.7 percent. These higher smoking rates may be tied to greater social stress, more frequent visits to bars and higher rates of alcohol use, according to Legacy, an antismoking group.

Where you live also determines your likelihood to smoke. Kentucky, a major tobacco producing state, had the highest smoking rate in the country last year at 30.2 percent, followed by West Virginia and Mississippi. Utah had the lowest rate at 12.2 percent, followed by California and Minnesota.

The highest rate of the nation's smokers reside in Kotzebue, Alaska, where 41.5 percent of men and 40.8 percent of women smoke.

About 20 percent of Michigan residents smoke, according to the most recent statistics by the Genesee County Health Department (GCHD). The Genesee County smoking rate stands at about 23 percent, said Ann Goldon,

“The Genesee County smoking rate is 23 percent, slightly higher than the 20 percent of Michigan residents who smoke.”

Ann Goldon  
Health educator at Genesee County Health Department

How to quit smoking

- **Put it on paper.** Consider what you like about smoking and why you want to quit. Each time you pick up a cigarette or have the urge to, re-read your list.
- **Enlist support.** Tell family, friends and co-workers that you are quitting. Consider joining a support group.
- **See a specialist.** Contact a local treatment program, use a Tobacco Quit Line, and ask your doctor or hospital for more information.
- **Take it slow.** If quitting cold turkey doesn't work for you, then try ways to gradually cut back. Build on each success until you've quit entirely.
- **Avoid smoking triggers.** Recognize places and situations that make you want to smoke and avoid them. Replace old behaviors with new habits.
- **Try a stop-smoking product,** including nicotine replacement like patches, gum and lozenges, along with counseling.
- **Manage stress.** Take breaks when you need them and practice relaxation exercises.
- **Take it one day at a time.** Focus on what you can do today to quit smoking.
- **Celebrate your successes.** Reward yourself for not smoking by doing something you enjoy every day.

Source: Mayo Clinic

health educator at the GCHD.

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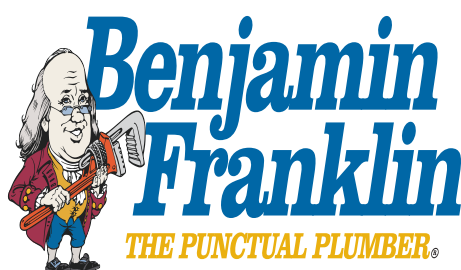
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## THOROUGHBRED

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"Even when he plays, he only wants to be first," said owner Chrissy Kutlenios proudly. The year-old stud colt just finished a break-through training session, and Kutlenios said it could not have gone better.

This is done under the watchful eye of Chrissy Kutlenios, who runs the farm, and The Holly Hotel, with husband George.

Thunder was born last April during the storm that leveled homes in Fenton Township, and damaged several others.

Thunder's grandfather is Thunder Gulch, the famous thoroughbred that won the Kentucky Derby in 1995. Kutlenios calls that "excellent breeding," and "good parentage," which when combined equals a potentially better race horse. If he's a successful race horse, he could also be a lucrative stud.

Thunder's registered name with the Michigan Jockey Club is Mr. Thunder, and he very likely has a bright racing future ahead of him.

This week, Thunder is going through ground training, where he'll learn that sometimes people sit on him, and he has to wear some racing equipment. He already has been broken to lead. He is still too young to be ridden because his knees aren't closed yet, but a trainer will climb on him a little at a time to get him used to the idea. He's also getting used to a saddle, which Kutlenios said is not their favorite thing. She said he is doing phenomenal.

Horses are measured in hands, and

Thunder is 15 hands, and about 900 pounds. Kutlenios said he'll probably reach 17 hands and max out at 1,200 pounds, which is bigger than average. His color is bay, or dark brown. He is still intact, technically making him a stud colt, and he may or may not be gelded, so he can be bred later.

Kutlenios describes him as playful, calm, curious, nice and not aggressive. "We raise our horses that way," she said. Rider training can start closer to age 2, when their knees are closed. They will take X-rays to make sure he is safe for riding. This November and December, Thunder will go to a training facility in Northville where he will become familiar with having a rider, and the idea that he will be a race horse. Afterward, he'll go back to Holly to rest, and maybe be gelded.

Training starts again in March, when he'll be in Hazel Park, and learn about being on a track, in a stall and at a gate. He'll have to earn a "gate card," which means he knows how to act at the starting gate. When he gets his gate card, his upper lip will be tattooed with the corresponding number on his Michigan Jockey Club foal certificate, essentially making him a real race horse.

The team is of course Chrissy, who handles most of everything on the farm, and George, who handles all the outside training and administration of racing.

When Thunder is 2, he can race in a special "maiden" race, which can draw prize purses of its own. There are also races for 2-year-old horses, all of which George has



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Trainer Manual "Turu" Pérez works with Thunder. He has already had two break-throughs — allowing Pérez to ride partially on his back, and stepping over an object on the ground.

to decide where he stands a fighting chance.

"What he does with the horses when they leave the farm is what makes them professionals," she said. This process of putting him in races is called "campaigning," and it takes a lot of research and careful planning.

It's likely his first race will be in Hazel Park, a little over a year from now, which is exciting for them, because an enthusiastic race culture has formed around that track.

The Kentucky Derby, the most famous of the thoroughbred races, is for 3-year-old horses, meaning that against all odds, Thunder could be up in 2016.

"You always dream you want to go to the Kentucky Derby," said Chrissy. "It's not an unrealistic dream, (but) you're competing with the best of the best around the country." She added that never has anyone from Michigan made it through the nomination process.

Kutlenios said that it will cost \$20,000 to get a horse like Thunder from the barn floor



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Thunder is already displaying a competitive streak, even when playing with barn mate Dorian Gray.

to the race track with all expenses included. A solid performer can make \$100,000 to \$500,000 in its career, before retiring at 10 and changing careers. Generally, she said her horses do well.

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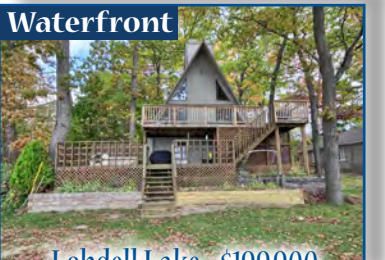
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Blanc Township. The driver told the officer he knew about the warrant. After detecting the odor of marijuana, the driver also admitted to having marijuana in the car. The man was taken into custody and processed at the police station. He was later turned over to Grand Blanc Township police on the warrant.

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**A** Pittsburgh Maulers' president Paul Martha said this in 1984 after USFL team folded after just one season in existence.

### SPORTS PRACTICES

Those who are excited to see the beginning of the 2014-15 prep sports season don't have to wait too much longer to see action on area high school fields and courts.

Monday is the first official day for football teams to practice.

For other fall sports the first date for practices will be Wednesday.

The first day football teams can begin the regular season is on Aug. 28, which is a Thursday. The majority of prep football teams will play on Thursday due to it being Labor Day weekend.

### TRI-COUNTY SOFTBALL TEAM

Fenton's Katey Cairnduff was mistakenly excluded from our 2014 Tri-County Softball Team.

Cairnduff batted .483 with a team-high seven home runs for the Fenton varsity softball team in 2014. She also hit a team-high 19 doubles and had an .810 slugging percentage.

The sports staff apologizes for Cairnduff's omission on the original story.

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# Sports

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## Frederick leaps to the top of our boys track team

►First-year track performer makes his mark with Linden

By David Troppens

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Kyle Frederick knew he was a pretty good jumper when he was on Linden's eighth-grade track squad.

But he didn't know what he was capable of when he entered the spring of his senior year about five months ago.

Why? Well, Frederick didn't compete on the track team during his previous three high school seasons. But that was going to change during his senior year.

"Basically, I wasn't going to play soccer any more and I wanted to see how far I could jump," Frederick said. "I knew I

could jump decent in the eighth grade, so I wanted to find out how well I could do."

Frederick found out he was pretty good. He was good enough to become the 2014 Tri-County Male Track Athlete of the Year.

Frederick ended his senior year as the top point scorer on Linden's varsity track team. In fact, he was the highest point scorer Linden varsity coach Nick Douglass had ever experienced as a track coach during his career at Linden or Fowlerville high schools.

Frederick earned a lot of those points by doing the long jump and hurdle events. The long jump ended up being his best event, as he placed third in the Division 2 state meet with a leap of 21-feet-9 3/4. He also had the best time in the area in the 300 hurdles, posting a 16th-place finish at the state meet

with a time of 42.44. His best postseason time in the event came with his second-place finish at regionals in 41.03 seconds. He just missed having the top time in the area in the 110 hurdles as well, posting a time of 16 seconds at the MITCA meet. He also did some high jumping and sprint work for the squad.

"He came out for the first day of practice and I remember him being a good athlete who could See **FREDERICK on 17A**



photo by Klari Frederick

## Sage leads our team once again

By David Troppens

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Ellen Sage isn't one to talk too much about herself.

She has plenty of reasons to if she wants. After all, she made a huge splash during her junior season at Fenton High School when she joined the girls track team and eventually became the Tri-County Times' 2013 Female Track Athlete of the Year.

But if given the chance to talk about her track career, she'll typically return the

conversation to her team.

"The most memorable moment (of the 2014 season) was when we won the Metro League and finished (the league season) undefeated. It was really important to us because it hasn't happened in a long time in Fenton, so we were excited and totally into it. We came together as a team and worked as hard as we could every single event. Everyone was so supportive of each other. You have to be to go undefeated."

Teamwork is important, and Sage, who graduated this spring and is headed to Michigan State University in the fall,

clearly is a team-minded individual. However, she's much more than that. Once again in 2014, she proved just how much of an asset she is for a track team, earning the 2014 Tri-County Times' Female Track Athlete of the Year award, defending her title.

"She's a very strong runner and a talented kid," Fenton girls track coach Todd Mills said.

"She puts a lot of hard work and effort into it. She's always looking to improve."

When one looks at the 2014 Tri-County Girls Track Team, Sage's name pops up five times, including three occasions in individual events.

Best known for her sprinting speed, Sage posted the area's best time during the track postseason in the 200 dash (26.0 seconds),

See **SAGE on 16A**



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Fenton's Ellen Sage is our Female Track Athlete of the Year for the second straight season. Sage helped lead the Tigers to a Flint Metro League title with her sprinting and leaping ability during the spring of 2014.



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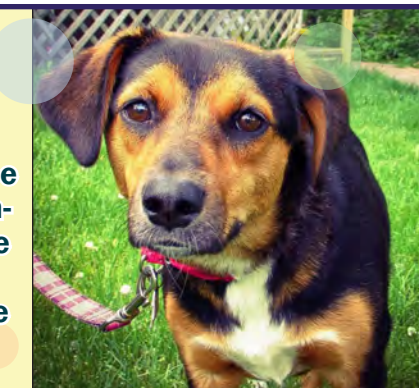
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## Fenton, Linden predicted to finish 1-2 in Metro poll

By David Troppens

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If the Flint Metro League coaches are correct, the 2014 football season should be an exciting one for Fenton and Linden fans.

The Fenton Tigers were selected the preseason favorites among Metro League football coaches in a poll conducted for the 2014 Metro League/Volleyball Media Day held at Kearsley High School on Thursday.

Fenton collected 60 points, edging out Linden for first place. The Eagles had 57 points. Swartz Creek was a distant third with 41 points, while Metro newcomers Flushing were fourth with 40 points. The rest of the Metro predictions went Brandon in fifth (29), Kearsley in sixth (28), Holly in seventh (26) and Clio in eighth (9).

The Tigers have finished in at least a share for first in the Metro every year since 2011. Linden has earned at least a share of four titles since 2008.

Fenton volleyball is a holder of a 53-match Metro winning streak, but were selected second in the league poll behind Flushing. Linden was selected third, while Holly predicted to finish in eighth according to the Metro coaches.

Fenton volleyball will begin the season with new head coach Jerry Eisinger replacing Linda Rusaw. Rusaw retired after last season.

## SAGE

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the 400 run (1:00.95) and a member of two of the relay teams that also made our squad. She teamed up with Kayla Stiles, Hannah Sage and Tori Chapin to post the area's best time in the 400 relay (50.64 seconds) and with Emily Bemis, Kinser and Stiles in the 800 relay, posting a 10th-place time of 1:43.34 at the Division 1 state meet. Sage's time of 12.68 seconds in the 100 dash also ranks right up there with her teammates as one of the best of the season. She's also an accomplished field event performer, leading our area high jump performers with a leap of 4-foot-10 at the Metro League meet.

"She's a great team leader," Mills said. "And being able to maneuver her and put her in different events against other teams is key."

### From rookie to veteran

While she proved herself to be extremely talented during her junior, and first, season with the girls track team, Sage will be the first to admit she found that first year a little jittery because there was so much to learn.

"My first time I ran track was at a big meet and there were a ton of people running the 200," Sage said. "I checked in about an hour-and-a-half before the start of my race. This year was a lot less stressful and less scary. I never did that this year. I knew how a track meet works and where to go by certain times instead of wondering where to go."

Despite those rookie nerves, Sage ended up with the area's top time in the 200 and 400 dashes as well as three relays. This year, because of her talent, her team-first mentality and her leadership as a senior, it was others who looked up to Sage.



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The Fenton varsity girls track team celebrates winning the 2014 Flint Metro League title during the spring. Ellen Sage considered winning the championship the highlight of her senior season.

"I was more relaxed and I was able to help other people who were new to the team," Sage said. "I tried to make it more fun for them, too."

She also felt some pressure to perform because of her past standards. But that was fine with Sage.

"I think my coaches expected more out of me, but that's totally understandable because it was my second year," Sage said. "It was my senior year and I liked that. I try to rise to the occasion and go over my expectations. I had more goals this season. I didn't have many goals my first year."

"This year I became a leader because I was a senior. Seniors have to play the leadership role because on a track team you have girls of all ages."

Sage's ability to think team first shows when one asks about her event highlights from 2014. The biggest ones involve memories with the 400 and the 800 relay teams.

"The 4-by-200 relay was my best memory because we bettered our time this year compared to what we did last year at

states," Sage said. "We didn't get in the top eight but our girls were happy with our performance because we cut some seconds off of our time. We were pretty happy with that."

### What could have been

In two track seasons, Sage put together some impressive credentials. That leads to one question — one can't help but wonder what she could've done in four years.

"I don't know what she could've done," Mills said. "That's the thing. It was a great two years, but I wish it was four. If she had four years I know she would've done a lot more."

But sometimes one needs to enjoy the fact of what happened as well. After all, if not for her sister encouraging her to join the track team a couple of springs ago, there may not have been two years.

"I'm really happy I joined the track team," Sage said. "You learn how to communicate, how to be a leader, sportsmanship and lessons that will help you through life. There's a lot more to sports than people think."

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## Female Track Athlete of the Year

# ELLEN SAGE (Fenton)

It's the second straight year Sage, has won the honor. Individually, Sage is our top performer in the 200, the 400 and the high jump. She also is a member of our 400 and 800 relay teams.

All Tri-County Girls Track and Field Team			
Event	Name	School	Time
100	Hannah Sage	Fenton	12.68 seconds
200	Ellen Sage	Fenton	26.0 seconds
400	Ellen Sage	Fenton	1:00.95
800	Jenna Keiser	Fenton	2:26.40
1,600	Maggie Schneider	Holly	5:18.67
3,200	Maggie Schneider	Holly	11:09.42
100 hurdles	Rebecca McDonald	Linden	15.66 seconds
300 hurdles	Breyanna Turnipseed	Linden	49.89 seconds
400 relay	Kayla Stiles Hannah Sage Tori Chapin Ellen Sage	Fenton	50.64 seconds
800 relay	Emily Bemis Emily Kinser Kayla Stiles Ellen Sage	Fenton	1:43.34
1,600 relay	Emily Bemis Emily Kinser Jenna Keiser	Fenton	4:17.48
3,200 relay	Emily Battaglia Emily Bemis Mackenzie Figueroa Torrey Christopher Jenna Keiser	Fenton	10:07.80
Shot put	Allyssa Copley	Holly	39-feet-11
Discus	Emily Alvarado	Holly	111-feet-11
High jump	Ellen Sage	Fenton	4-feet-10
Pole vault	Madeline Gross	Holly	10-feet-9
Long jump	Kayla Stiles	Fenton	17-feet-4

**Note:** Positions on the team are based on the best times/distances posted during a league meet, a regional meet or a state meet since these three events are recognized as the most important meets to the prep track season. No area females participated in the MITCA meet or the Midwest Meet of Champions.





**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** | KLARI FREDERICK  
Linden's Kyle Frederick was one of the area's best hurdlers during the 2014 track season, helping earn him the Male Track Athlete of the Year award.

Male Track Athlete of the Year

KYLE FREDERICK (Linden)

*Frederick came out for his senior year and had an outstanding season. He placed third at state in the long jump (21-9 1/2) and also was the area's best hurdler. He scored well over 150 points for the Linden boys track team. His top competition was Holly's Javon Barr and teammate Justin McKenzie.*

All Tri-County Boys Track and Field Team

Event	Name	School	Time
100	Javon Barr	Holly	11.28 seconds
200	Javon Barr	Holly	23.14 seconds
400	Antonio Wells	Holly	52.07 seconds
800	Dino Vivanco	Holly	2:02.68
1,600	Dominic Dimambro	Fenton	4:30.7
3,200	Jacob Lee	Holly	9:38.78
110 hurdles	Tim Symons	Lake Fenton	15.95 seconds
300 hurdles	Kyle Frederick	Linden	41.03 seconds
400 relay	Aaron Steedman	Linden	45.54 seconds
	Jacob Cox		
	Josh Smith		
	Justin McKenzie		
800 relay	Antonio Wells	Holly	1:33.80
	D'Anthony Austin		
	Matt Porter		
	Austin Chmura		
1,600 relay	Antonio Wells	Holly	3:29.14
	Blake Staffne		
	Matt Porter		
	Kurtis Cooley		
3,200 relay	Dino Vivanco	Holly	7:58.59
	Kurtis Cooley		
	Vincent Cantu		
	Blake Staffne		
Shot put	Andy Roberts	Linden	48-feet-0 3/4
Discus	Alex Kissel	Linden	148-feet-6
High jump	Evan Renush	Holly	5-feet-10
Pole vault	Justin McKenzie	Linden	15-feet-9
Long jump	Kyle Frederick	Linden	21-feet-9 4/4

**Note:** Positions on the team are based on the best times/distances posted during a league meet, a regional meet, a state meet (Individual or MITCA) or the Midwest Meet of Champions since these events are recognized as the most important meets of the prep track season.

FREDERICK

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do a lot of things in middle school, but he was concentrating on soccer," Douglass said. "They were in the gym and Mike Gold jumped up and touched the (basketball) rim. I don't recall if it was immediately afterward, but Kyle then went up and hung on the rim. (Girls track coach) Dave (Elmer) and I looked at each other and thought, 'Wow.'"

But that was just the start of Frederick's athletic displays. During the team's indoor meet at Michigan State, Douglass was unable to attend the meet due to sickness, but then he heard from Elmer what Frederick did in his first long jump competition.

"I thought if I heard 19 feet, I'd be happy, and then he jumped 21 feet indoors," Douglass said.

"And that was just the beginning of it. We kind of figured out he could hurdle with his speed and athletic ability. ... And as the season continued he got better."

"I didn't expect to do as good as I did. It definitely was a surprise," Frederick said.

"I never thought I'd run hurdles or anything. I always heard about the 300 hurdles and figured it was a death race, but I was pretty good at it.

"Track was very enjoyable. I wish would've started sooner, but I didn't. I enjoyed the experience overall. I made myself a new group of friends."

Douglass was impressed with Frederick's work ethic.

"He's a great kid," Douglass said.

"He was such a pleasant surprise, such a hard worker and a humble kid.

He's the type of kid who puts the hard work in, finds out it's fun and reaps the benefits of his hard work."

Frederick's State experience

Frederick qualified for the state meet in two events. He placed second at regionals in the 300 hurdles and second in the long jump (21-2 1/4). Once at state, he opened the long jump by putting himself in second place early on. He fell to third place entering his final jump. While doing his final attempt, Douglass said Frederick cleared enough distance to further his distance, and possibly place in second, but his arm dragged into the sand, taking a couple of inches off his jump.

"The last jump where my feet landed was past the 22-foot mark, but I dragged my hand and brought it to 21-9," Frederick said.

"It was great being at state. I didn't realize at the time how big of a deal it was. The track thing was all new to me. But now I'm All-State and have my picture on the wall of the (Linden) cafeteria. It's quite an accomplishment."

Douglass was happy to get Frederick for one year, but he does wonder what Frederick could've done with a couple of more years of experience.

"I wish we were able to give him another year of experience," Douglass said.

"He doesn't need to be a year older, but just have the added year of experience. If he had more experience, he probably cleans things up (like the hand swipe at the state meet). But he exceeded my expectations."

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## Road repairs for Dartmouth Drive hot topic

►Residents voice opinions about poor construction causing flooding

By Yvonne Stegall  
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**Fenton Twp.** — One of the hot topics for the Fenton Township board right now is improving Dartmouth Drive, where drainage is reportedly not working properly. Fifty-one percent of residents on this road petitioned to get it fixed, but some don't think there is a problem with the road.

Many residents of Dartmouth Drive expressed concern about water in their yards that is believed to be coming off the poorly designed road that is now 25 years old. For some, this water causes not only yard damage, but it also pools up in the road during winter causing dangerous ice patches. While some residents said they were affected by this issue, other residents do not believe there is an issue and that drainage works fine.

**“Drains are higher than the road. It is like a river when it rains.”**

Kathy Smith  
Dartmouth Drive resident

The board agreed to meet again with another public hearing to discuss this topic further and they plan to have a representative come in from the road commission, per suggestion by Clerk Robert Krug. Krug said, “Maybe they could answer some of the questions prior to the new design.” His suggestion came after some residents asked about having only certain portions of the road fixed even though the road commission said they would need to do the entire road.

The Genesee County Road Commission will need to come in to assess the road to find out if the water is draining into people's yards, or if the water is coming from homes that are on higher ground levels. They cannot make a design for the repairs until they are approved to do the assessment.

The board plans to have a representative from the road commission at its next meeting, Monday, Aug. 18, to answer questions from the residents before a decision is finalized.



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While West Africa is dealing with an epidemic of Ebola, experts in the U.S. report there is no cause for alarm in this country.

## Should this area be worried about Ebola?

►There is no risk to Michigan at this point

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According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Ebola first appeared in 1976 in Nzara, Sudan, and in Yambuku, Democratic Republic of Congo. Because of the location of Yambuku, near the Ebola River, the disease became known as the Ebola virus.

The current Ebola outbreak in West Africa is the worst-ever for this disease, and because of American doctors being sent over to look into it, it has now found its way to the U.S. Because Ebola is stoppable, by early treatment and basic health practices, it is unlikely that it will become wide spread in the states.

Symptoms of Ebola virus disease (EVD) include ‘sudden onset of fever, intense weakness, muscle pain, headache and sore throat. This is followed by vomiting, diarrhea, rash, impaired kidney and liver function, and in some cases, both internal and external bleeding,’ according to WHO.

According to an interview by Michigan Radio, Eden Wells, an epidemiologist at the University of Michigan, said the U.S. has the knowledge and ability to control the disease's spread. Moreover, Ebola is relatively less infectious compared to many diseases, including measles.

In the same interview, Wells pointed out that Ebola needs direct contact with

## Ebola facts

- **Ebola virus disease (EVD)**, formerly known as Ebola haemorrhagic fever, is a severe, often fatal illness.
- **EVD outbreaks have** a case fatality rate of up to 90 percent, although the current outbreak is only at 60 percent.
- **EVD outbreaks occur** primarily in remote villages in Central and West Africa, near tropical rainforests.
- **The virus is** transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human-to-human transmission, via bodily fluids.
- **Fruit bats of** the Pteropodidae family are considered to be the natural host of the Ebola virus.
- **Severely ill patients** require intensive supportive care. No licensed specific treatment or vaccine is available for use in people or animals.

Source: who.int

bodily fluids in order to be spread, and cannot be spread until symptoms are evident. The CDC has four facilities in the U.S. set up to deal with Ebola, and have no fear of wide spread dangers. The Michigan Department of Public Health said, “There is no risk to Michigan at this point.”

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## Hundreds attend inaugural pig roast, picnic

►New annual event celebrates, recognizes area seniors

By Yvonne Stegall  
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**Linden** — Loose Senior Center and Caretel Inns hosted a huge community picnic and pig roast recently. Their inaugural event was held at Caretel Inns of Linden on Tuesday, July 29 in recognition and appreciation of the area senior citizens. More than 350 people attended.

There was a live a band for entertainment as well as live radio broadcasting. Linden city officials were on hand,

including Linden Fire Chief Brian Will and his department, which provided free smoke detectors as well as installation for seniors who were in need.

There was good food, entertainment, tours of the recent expansion at Caretel Inns, and numerous prizes throughout the event.

Rodney Roberson, general manager of Caretel Inns, said, “Numerous donations from local businesses and vendors helped make this first-time event a success. This will certainly become an annual event. We cherish our relationship with Loose Senior Center and its members and this is one thing we can do together to show our appreciation!”



# Tickets going fast for Black Tie Dinner

►Fenton Education Foundation to recognize two for their longtime contributions

By Sharon Stone

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The Fenton Education Foundation has announced that Jim Leh is this year's recipient of the Nancy and Edward Petruska Lifetime Achievement to Education Award. Leh was a dedicated middle school teacher, coach, and assistant principal during his 38 years with Fenton Area Public Schools.



Jim Leh

Leh was known for his love for science and he instilled that love to his students for 34 years. In addition to his role as teacher, he coached boys basketball for 34 years, girls basketball for 30 years, track for 32 years and girls volleyball for two years. He also spent his last four years with Fenton as assistant principal at Fenton Intermediate School.

Edward Petruska, for which this award is named, was Leh's assistant principal when he first started teaching at the middle school.

Barry Tiemann, FEF board member and former colleague said, "Jim is a great example of a lifetime educator whose passion for helping kids expanded way past a normal teaching day. Jim was someone who not only his students and athletes respected and looked up to, but his colleagues, parents, and community members did as well."

Leh and his wife, Kim, now reside in Cheboygan.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was established by way of a gift from the Petruska family to the Fenton Education Foundation. The award recognizes the contribution that educators make to our community. Edward and Nancy Petruska devoted a combined 52 years of educational services to the Fenton Area Public Schools, for which we will always be grateful.

## The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award

The Fenton Education Foundation has also announced that Jennifer Fleck is the recipient of The State Bank Community Contribution to Education Award for 2014.

Fleck has been a volunteer for Fenton schools for 14 years, working to support teachers and students in their classrooms. Examples of her dedication to students in the district include supporting the Fenton High School Band Program as an officer of the Band Boosters for more than five years, working with the Theatre Boosters and co-founding the Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO). She serves as president of the FCO board and is the executive director of the orchestra. She has been the Marching Band camp coordinator for several years, has volunteered to chaperone international trips and events and has been active in partnering with the Flint Institute of Music as well as other regional organizations.



Jennifer Fleck

Joe Kryza, FEF chairman, said Fleck is a "great example of an active community leader and has been instrumental in creating collaboration between students, teachers and community members. The wonderful Fenton Community Orchestra, a true achievement for Fenton, has flourished and is a great example of her dedication and passion."

Andy Perkins, Fenton Band instructor, said, "Jennifer is a tireless worker, dedicated to extremely high standards. She always thinks of the students, schools and the community as the beneficiaries of her efforts and has organized trips and performances for the public, bringing in individuals from local assisted living facilities, our schools and beyond."

Fleck lives in Fenton with her husband, Greg, and their three sons.

## TICKETS

These awards will be presented to Leh and Fleck during the 10th annual Black Tie Dinner for the Education Foundation on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. at The Laundry. Seating is limited and tickets are available at The Laundry, the Fenton Administration Building or online at [www.FentonEducationFoundation.org](http://www.FentonEducationFoundation.org).



Above is a screen shot of crime activity in Flint Thursday morning.

## CRIME-MAPPING

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if people would pay more attention to what is happening around them. Aro explained that if someone learns that there has been a rash of larcenies from autos in their neighborhood, they might be inclined to lock their doors and to pay more attention to suspicious activity.

"It brings it home a little bit," said Aro.

CrimeMapping.com allows residents to analyze interactive maps of recent crime activity. Visitors to the site can generate reports, search by location and filter for different time periods as well as crime types. Keeping the public well informed has been proven effective as

a crime fighting strategy and Fenton police are proactively sharing information within the city limits.

Crime Alerts are one of the most popular features at CrimeMapping.com. Residents can register online to receive free updates via email whenever new crime activity occurs in their area. Users choose the distance as well as the type of crimes of which they wish to stay informed. A single user can register multiple times in order to learn about activity occurring near their residence, place of business or even their child's school.

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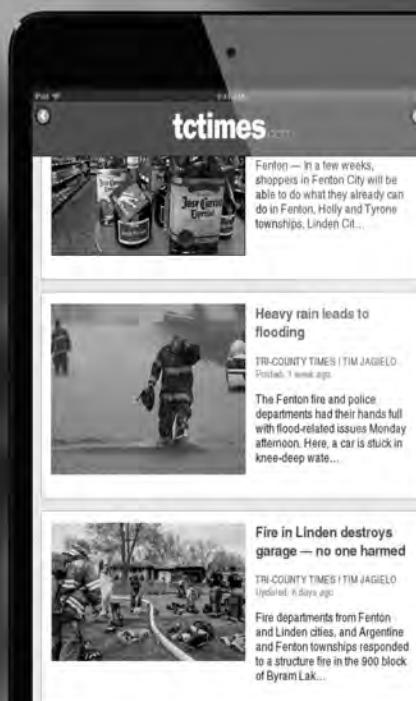
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Instructor Kim Collingham helps Scott Inman, 20, (crouching) and Jonathan Inman, 15, with equipment. (Below) Scott Inman and Alex Prenzler, 16, have been well-versed in safety already and are just one test away from certification.

## SCUBA

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which lasts three hours with two dives of 20 to 25 minutes.

She'll take divers to Silver Lake and Lake Fenton once a week, lately every day, on her pontoon which fits four people and their gear.

"You have great visibility," said Tracy Rogan-Miller, 50, as she completed her test run and returned to shore. She was joking about Lake Fenton — she could only see about a foot in front of her face.

"I think it's a great sport and there's just so much to see, so much to do. Honestly, I rather enjoy the Great Lakes," said Collingham. There are phenomenal chances to see underwater ship wrecks.

Kim Volz of Mundy Township is co-owner for The Dive Shop, and director of training. You can see by the sidebar how expensive it can be. But Volz pointed out, that the earth is three-quarters water.

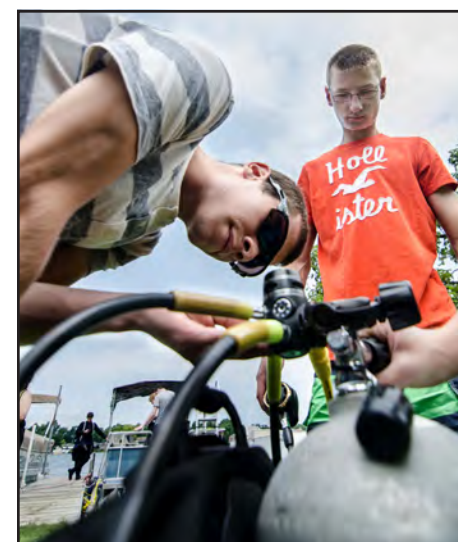
"You guys who don't dive only use a small portion of it, I get to use all of it," he said. "There's a whole lotta cool looking stuff under water."

He compared SCUBA to diving inside an aquarium, versus just looking at it, or just watching a TV.

"Anyone who thought an aquarium is cool, should be a diver," he said. Volz was inspired by a spirit of adventure from travel shows he watched in the '70s.

He said SCUBA affords the diver flexibility to go as "deep" as they want. When on trips, he'll have divers stay near the boat, or disappear until it's time to leave. Grandparents and grandchildren can learn and dive, side-by-side.

Aside from regular open water diving, he cave dives, and dives for the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. His furthest dive was 275 feet down to a shipwreck in Lake Superior — which is 175 feet past the recreation limit.



## What does it cost to get started?

For someone to buy lower-end equipment, they can expect to spend roughly \$1,200 to \$3,000. But to simply get started and take lessons, expect to spend about \$300 for goggles, fins, snorkel, and wet suit boots. The good news is that all equipment can be rented for about \$50 per day. A wetsuit of about 7 mils thick, and the above equipment is also handy in case you want to snorkel around in the cooler Great Lakes. It should be noted that there is specific equipment for the planned water temperature and depth of use. Equipment used in the Great Lakes is tougher and more expensive than equipment used in the Caribbean.

## Here is the cost of some no-frills SCUBA equipment: Regulator set-up: \$350

This is the thing you actually breathe through. An additional mouthpiece is \$200, which each diver has, in case you or your buddy has a problem with your equipment. You can lend, or borrow some air from your tank until back at the surface.

## A buoyancy control vest (BC): \$350 to \$700

A BC is what allows you to float, sink, or just hang out in the water where you are, using air in a plastic vest. "That way we're like fish," said Volz.

## A gauge package: \$200

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# MICHIGAN VOTES

LEGISLATORS' KEY VOTES  
OF THE 2013/2014 SESSION

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## House Bill 4770: Restrict accident-related commercial solicitations ("ambulance chasing")

To restrict public access to vehicle accident reports for 30 days after the crash by requiring outside parties who want the report to file a statement that they will not use it for commercial solicitation ("ambulance chasing"), subject to a \$15,000 fine for violations. The original bill's attempt to limit access by defining "journalist" was removed.

**Passed 98 to 10 in the House**  
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

## House Bill 4768: Limit DEQ groundwater discharge sodium limits

To prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality from imposing restrictions on the amount of sodium in groundwater discharges that exceed limits specified in the bill.

**Passed 65 to 43 in the House**  
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

## House Bill 4688: Repeal licensure mandates for dietitians and nutritionists

To repeal a law that imposes a licensure mandate on dietitians and nutritionists. The mandate has not been enforced since it was authorized in 2006 because the state licensure agency was unable to devise acceptable credentialing and education requirements.

**Passed 71 to 39 in the House**  
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

## House Bill 4546: Increase marketing "assessments" imposed on potato growers

To increase the maximum "assessment" that can be levied on growers under a government potato marketing scheme, with exceptions for smaller growers.

**Passed 73 to 37 in the House**  
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

**Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate**  
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

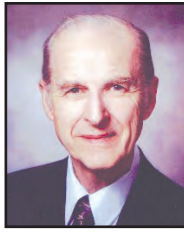
☒ YES ☐ NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

## Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



## The power of childlike faith

The minister who sat across the desk from me had been diagnosed with a slow dying disease. We had been friends for many years and he had come to share his inner struggles with me. He wasn't afraid to die, having settled that question long ago by placing faith in His Lord, but there were some battles in life he longed to win and these desired victories had kept eluding him.

He needed to forgive someone and found that difficult to do. He needed to overcome a temptation that had plagued him for years. He was depressed enough to die without the aid of the dreaded disease and had, he confided, often asked the Lord to end his life when unable to overcome these old weaknesses.

In my friend's search for answers, he had gone to hear many well-known speakers and had attended numerous 'deeper life' conferences. When possible, he would meet with leaders of these conferences thinking they might be able to help him, but nothing worked for long.

Confronted with this troubled preacher's story, I felt overwhelmed. What could I tell him that he had not already heard? Then, almost surprised at my own action, I reached into a drawer in my desk where I kept copies of the Gospel of John and handed one of them to him. "I think you're trying to get too deep," I said, urging him to think of himself as a new believer. After hearing of his fruitless search in trying to find some spiritual secret, I felt he needed to return to the basics of faith, refreshing himself in the simplicity of the Gospel.

This proved to be exactly what he needed. Weeks later, I heard him sharing his newfound victory with other ministers. What the supposed 'spiritual secrets' could not do was accomplished through a return to the simple message of Christ and His love.

Often I have been asked why there are so many long names in the Bible.

'Don't blame God,' I always reply. 'He started us off with an easy one: Adam.' The long names are the work of parents.

## News briefs

### MORE CHIP SEAL TO BE APPLIED IN FENTON TOWNSHIP

The Genesee County Road Commission has announced that Chip Seal will be applied to **North Fenton Road** between **North Long Lake** and **Butcher roads** in Fenton Township. Work on this road will begin during the morning of **Friday, Aug. 8**. Sweeping operations for primary chip sealed roads are scheduled this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6 a.m. until approximately 6:30 p.m. in Fenton, Argentine and Grand Blanc townships.

And that's the way it is with the life of faith. God has made it easy and people have made it difficult. He has offered a personal walk with Himself through faith and we have allowed this wonderful walk to become complicated by supposed secrets for happiness and peace that can be marketed for a price.

Think of the hymns that have endured: 'Amazing Grace,' 'The Old Rugged Cross,' 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee,' to name a few. These are uncomplicated expressions of childlike faith.

Joni Eareckson Tada, paralyzed since she was 17 from a swimming accident, yet helpful to so many through her books and other ministries, said it well: "Christianity isn't all that complicated...it's Jesus." Faith is refreshed in His love.

*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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## VOTES

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This approval by voters endorses the Legislature's plan to phase out the Personal Property Tax. The Legislature agreed to offset the lost revenue by diverting some of the state's Use Tax back to local communities. A Use Tax is a tax paid on all taxable items brought into the state, and on certain services like telecommunications and hotels.

Genesee County residents approved the Senior Services millage renewal as well as the MTA millage renewal. Board members of Loose Senior Center in Linden, which benefits from the senior services millage, hoped the renewal would be approved by voters.

Oakland County residents approved an MTA millage renewal in their county as well.

While these millage renewals saw support from residents, voters in the Holly Area Schools district were di-

vided with a proposed 1.2 mill Sinking Fund millage. It was a close race, however, the "no" votes came out on top with 1,936 to 1,733 "yes" votes — a difference of 203 votes. School officials had hoped to make improvements at all of the school district's six buildings.

Locally, Fenton Township reported a voter turnout of 14.88 percent, while Fenton City reported a turnout of 9.5 percent. Tom Broecker, deputy clerk/operations manager for Fenton Township said the election went smoothly and voter turnout was as expected. He said he had predicted a 15-percent voter turnout for the 13,027 registered voters of the township.

Fenton City Clerk Renee Wilson said the turnout was down from previous August Primary elections, but not a significant decline. "Everything went smoothly and there were no major problems or issues," said Wilson.

Rose Township Clerk Debbie Miller said there was an 18-percent voter turnout in her township. Turnout was what she expected.

Argentine Township Clerk Denise Graves said of Argentine's 5,188 registered voters, 15 percent took part in Tuesday's election. She added that for the first time, she used an absent voter counting board. "It was a time saver," she said. With this process, all absentee ballots are counted in one precinct. Most larger cities and townships use one.

With the Primary Election out of the way, Republican and Democrat candidates who captured the most votes for their respective political party on Tuesday will now focus their attention to the General Election in November.

Below are the results of races and proposals that affect residents in the tri-county area.

## GOVERNOR RACE – 4-YEAR TERM

• **Gov. Rick Snyder** – R (advances)

613,906 votes overall  
Genesee County – 14,726  
Livingston County – 18,895  
Oakland County – 90,244

• **Mark Schauer** – D (advances)

511,921 votes overall  
Genesee County – 27,185  
Livingston County – 5,689  
Oakland County – 77,386

## STATE PROPOSAL 1-14

Referendum: Public Act 80 of 2014

**Yes – 862,953 overall**

No – 382,361 overall  
Genesee – 30,233 yes, 13,286 no  
Livingston – 18,368 yes, 7,895 no  
Oakland – 124,561 yes, 58,179 no

## U.S. SENATOR – 6-YEAR TERM

• **Terri Lynn Land** – R (advances)

583,648 votes overall  
Genesee County – 14,302  
Livingston County – 17,987  
Oakland County – 84,646

• **Gary Peters** – D (advances)

502,813 votes overall  
Genesee County – 26,315  
Livingston County – 5,559  
Oakland County – 78,248

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 5, 2-YEAR TERM

• **Allen Hardwick** – R – 13,567 (advances)

• Tom Whitmire – R – 12,859

• **Incumbent Dan Kildee** – D – 45,795 (advances)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 8, 2-YEAR TERM

• **Mike Bishop** – R – 35,465 (advances)

• Tom McMillin – R – 23,376

• **Susan Grettenberger** – D – 11,948 (advances)

• Jeffrey Hank – D – 3,059

STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 14, 4-YEAR TERM

• **Dave Robertson** – R – 16,700

(advances)

• Tim Terpening – D – 3,891

• **Bobbie Walton** – D – 6,807 (advances)

STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 15, 4-YEAR TERM

• **Mike Kowall** – R – 11,345 (advances)

• Matt Maddock – R – 9,715

• Ron Molnar – R – 1,708

• Tom Crawford – D – 4,330

• **Michael Smith** – D – 6,864 (advances)

STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 22, 4-YEAR TERM

• **Joe Hune** – R – 22,597 (advances)

• **Shari Pollesch** – D – 9,701 (advances)

STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 27, 4-YEAR TERM

• **Brendt Gerics** – R – 4,370 (advances)

• **Jim Ananich** – D – 17,007 (advances)

STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 32, 4-YEAR TERM

• **Ken Horn** – R – 18,190 (advances)

• **Stacy Erwin Oakes** – D – 11,257

(advances)

• Garnet Lewis – D – 6,959

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 46, 2-YEAR TERM

• **Bradford Jacobsen** – R – 5,552

(advances)

• John Reilly – R – 4,367

• **David Lillis** – D – 3,009 (advances)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 47, 2-YEAR TERM

• Phil Campbell – R – 1,656

• Wendy Day – R – 3,436

• Harold Melton – R – 274

• Theodore Ring – R – 73

• **Henry Vaupel** – R – 3,917 (advances)

• **Jordan Genso** – D – 2,024 (advances)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 51, 2-YEAR TERM

• Sheila Barr – R – 1,452

• **Joe Graves** – R – 4,687 (advances)

• **Ken Thomas** – D – 4,114 (advances)

67TH DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
6-YEAR TERM

• Matthew Karr – 3,228

• **Jennifer Manley** – 4,176

• Lori Tallman – 2,058

GENESEE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER  
SIXTH DISTRICT

• **Tony Brown** – R – 2,322

LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER, THIRD DISTRICT

• **Dave Domas** – R – 2004

OAKLAND COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER, FIRST DISTRICT

• **Michael Gingell** – R – 4,114

• James W. Goebel – R – 1,265

OAKLAND COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER, SECOND  
DISTRICT

• **Bob Hoffman** – R – 4,754

HOLLY AREA SCHOOLS  
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING  
FUND TAX LEVY

Yes – 1,733

**No – 1,936**

OAKLAND COUNTY PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE  
RENEWAL

**Yes – 73,420**

No – 26,306

GENESEE COUNTY  
MTA MILLAGE RENEWAL

**Yes – 29,623**

No – 13,937

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**Yes – 31,463**

No – 12,154

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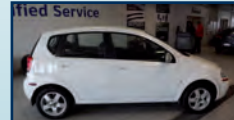
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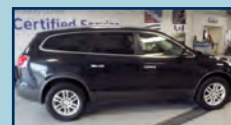
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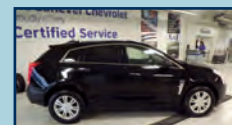
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