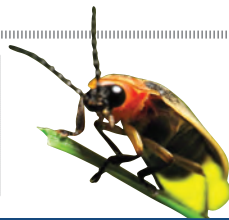


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of our leadership that
they would discuss firing



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one week,
and then beg
them to come
back the next
week. How
many more tax dollars
are you going to waste
on this nonsense.”

“Dear Mr. President,
actions speak louder
than words. Please



come off the
golf course
long enough
to at least
pretend to
the world
that you are actually a
leader.”

“If you watch PGA
golf tournaments, you
are seeing a broken man
who traded
his family and
his career for
a few nights
with tramps
and groupies.
Are all you men paying
attention?”

“I’ve never seen such
a beautiful summer in
my life. The lakes, the
trees, and the flowers
are such a gift. Make
sure you slow down and
enjoy it.”



Another moratorium extension for Fenton?

► **Planning Commission to
discuss medical marijuana
again at end of month**

By **Ryan Tackabury**

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Fenton — A familiar action took place
Monday night at the Fenton City Council
meeting — the moratorium on special
land use for medical marijuana, such as
dispensaries, has been extended.

What’s different this time, as opposed
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Many don’t know it’s illegal to drive under the influence of medical marijuana

By **Yvonne Stegall**

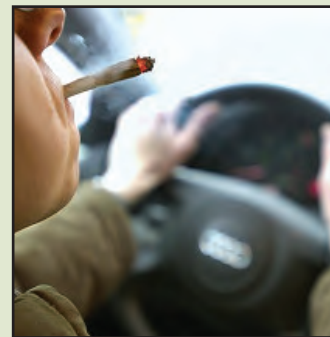
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Drugged driving and drunk driving
are both cases of impaired driving.
They are punishable by law and of-
ficers are not tolerating impaired driv-
ing, which risks the lives of everyone
on the road. But what are the laws?

Drunk driving is the act of driving
a motor vehicle under the influence
of alcohol. It is illegal for a driver to
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“The use of
marijuana,
like any other
drug, can
affect your
ability to
drive.”

Rick Aro,
Fenton police chief



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Downtown oasis

► **Passionate gardener
creates spectacular
tropical gardens in
downtown Fenton**

By **Sally Rummel**

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It looks like Dow Gardens has come
to Fenton. All you have to do is drive
by the home of
Stewart Mel-
rose on Shia-
wassee Avenue
across from
The Laundry
in Fenton, and
you’ll notice a
wall of giant
tropical flow-
ers that make
a spectacular
statement in
this city landscape.

“Tropicals
are my
favorite,
but I love
everything
in the
garden.”

Stewart Melrose
Fenton city gardener

Next door at the home of his parents,
Howard and Sonya Melrose, you’ll see
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Three generations of gardeners (from
back) Stewart Melrose, Howard Melrose
and 8-year-old Angelina Melrose, pose
in front of their Shiawassee Avenue
home on Tuesday.



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Connor
and Spen-
cer Owen,
Bradley
and Brean-
na Trecha,
and Don
and Dave
Wolf pose
for a twin
photo op.

Local twins represented at Twins Days in Ohio

► **Brother/sister twins
take second place for
looking the least alike**

By **Yvonne Stegall**

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Every year The Twins Days
Festival in Twinsburg, Ohio is
the largest annual gathering of
twins in the world. This amaz-

ing annual event takes place the
weekend of the first full week
of the month of August. This
year there were nearly 2,000
sets of twins there competing
in more than 50 different twin
contests.

The Twins Days Festival
is an event that is open to all
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The Linden community held a candlelight vigil to remember Linden High School student Josh Pacheco in this 2012 file photo. Linden schools recently held a district-wide workshop for its employees as it strives to bring more awareness to bullying and ways to prevent it.

Better awareness is district's goal

►Linden Community Schools readies entire staff with anti-bullying workshop

By Sharon Stone

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More than 50 employees with Linden Community Schools took part in an anti-bullying presentation on Wednesday.

The Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation facilitated the event at Loose Senior Center in Linden.

The Foundation brought in Larry Newman and Joe Brancaccio of Newman/Stecher International. The men spent the day training the Linden staff how to deal with several issues including bullying and conflicts.

Linden, like other school districts, has had incidents of bullying over the years. After being on the receiving end of bully-

ing at the high school, Josh Pacheco took his own life in 2012. An outpouring of support followed for his family and many sought to establish a better awareness and to put an end to bullying.

Kathy Hardy, a first-grade teacher at Linden Elementary attended the Bullying Prevention and Conflict Management presentation on Tuesday. A teacher for 23 years, Hardy said the school leaders are working toward bringing the district, and the community, together for better awareness.

If you want to know where bullying is happening, ask the kids. That was an important, yet basic, fact that was discussed on Tuesday.

Once these areas are known, it's important that there be more adult supervision. Bullying doesn't necessarily happen in the classroom, but in areas beyond the watchful eye of adults.

With her first-graders, Hardy said she wouldn't label some of their behavior as bullying, instead she perceives it as the young children becoming more independent and testing out independent behaviors like any typical first-graders. "We need to help them develop how to interact nicely while away from their parents," she said. "This can be their first time away."

Angie Kelley, a counselor at Linden High School said she gained a lot of insight at the presentation by listening to all of the other employees' takes on situations. Group sessions brought teachers, counselors, bus drivers, custodians, etc. together for discussions. "It was positive to me. We were all sitting down and working on it together."

One goal that the staff focused on was to make sure everyone in every building knows how to identify bullying. Often-times bullying can come across subtly as joking around. "One key point was — if you see it, who do you call," Kelley said. She said it's so important to know what to do if you observe behavior that could be considered bullying.

If any form of bullying is observed, Kelley said it needs to be reported. It can't be addressed if it's not reported. To start with, the incident should be reported to any staff member or by calling the hotlines at the middle school and high school. The more adults it is reported to, the faster it can be responded to.

Kelley, who is starting her second year as counselor at the high school, did not deal with any major bullying situations last year. "You hear about it by talking about other things," she said.

“We need to help them develop how to interact nicely while away from their parents.”

Kathy Hardy

First-grade teacher at Linden Elementary

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FAKE \$100 BILL DISCOVERED

On Aug. 9, Fenton police responded to a business in the 18000 block of Silver Parkway to investigate a report of a counterfeit \$100 bill. Lt. Jason Slater said the store manager reported that the fake bill must have come in between 8 and 10 p.m. on Aug. 8 and they discovered it when they were processing the money in the morning. Fenton police took the bill and will be turning it over to the Secret Service for further investigation.

SHOPPER'S WALLET STOLEN

At 5 p.m. on Aug. 9, Fenton police responded to a retail store on Owen Road to investigate a stolen wallet complaint. A 56-year-old Fenton Township woman told police that she was shopping and when she got to the check-out, she realized someone had stolen her wallet from her purse, which was in her cart while she shopped. Loss prevention employees will be reviewing store videos for suspect information.

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Do your research before heading to a dollar store. While some products come with a cheap price, sometimes you get what you pay for.

SHOPPING AT THE DOLLAR STORE

► Quality is the difference between a good or bad dollar store purchase

By Yvonne Stegall

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With the recent news about Dollar Tree buying competitor Family Dollar in a cash-and-stock deal worth about \$8.5 billion, it makes people wonder why there is so much money in the dollar store business. Most people are happy to save a buck or two when it comes to shopping, but are dollar store prices really a good deal?

First, it's important to know that not all dollar stores are equal — in the respect of cost, anyway. Stores like Family Dollar and Dollar General sell low-priced items, but they come at varying costs to the

consumer. Dollar Tree, however, sells all of its items for one dollar.

Once upon a time, it seemed like dollar stores were a rare breed, but now there is one on nearly every corner. Consumerist recently did a couple articles on what to buy at dollar stores, and what not to buy.

There are many items at the dollar store that are worth the trip, but not everything is a good deal and some items can actually be found cheaper elsewhere. Some items aren't as good quality from dollar stores either, which is why people need to know what they should and shouldn't buy from there.

A dollar store that has dollar and up pricing will be more likely to carry some name brand items that are higher quality, but those same items may

“My personal opinion is dollar stores shouldn't be selling cigarettes and alcohol... But other than that it's a great place to buy cards, gift bags, etc.”

Tara Malin
Dollar store shopper

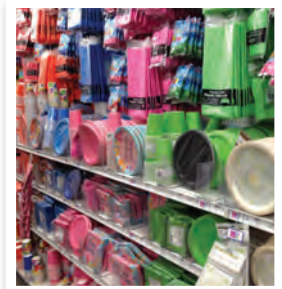
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The Times asked its **Facebook fans** for their input as to good and bad deals at dollar stores in general. **Here's what they said:**



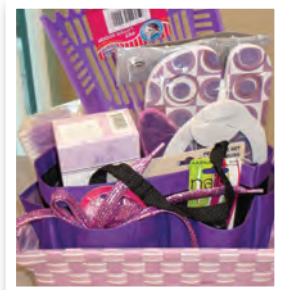
“Awesome cleaner. Also other cleaning supplies. Shampoo, cream rinse, shampoo and soap for kids, toothpaste.”
— Sandi



“Party supplies are the best to buy there! You're going to throw them away anyway, why spend a fortune?”
— Michelle



“Glow sticks and sunglasses for my kids! My boys love to wear sunglasses but are still very rough on them, but dollar store sunglasses, I can handle to replace!”
— Rachel



“Gift basket items: mugs, candy, popcorn, baskets, plastic wrap, tall beer glasses. Then adding some higher price fill in items as well from VG's and such.”
— Ally

...and what not to buy

“Worst — Some of the kids' toys are cheap but only wasted a dollar.”
— Sandi

“Pregnancy test — WORST.”
— Erin

“Worst: Frozen foods.”
— Cheryl

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**To fight social chaos,
build good neighbors**

There's a hidden side to today's poverty debate that traditional politicians on the left and right too often overlook or undervalue: the decline in neighborliness.

My column-writing colleague Timothy Carney at The Washington Examiner linked a decline in 'neighborliness' to the recent wave of stories about parents getting arrested for letting their children play alone.

For example, a mother in North Augusta, South Carolina was thrown in jail earlier this summer for leaving her 9-year-old daughter at a neighborhood park while she went to work nearby.

More recently, a Port St. Lucie, Florida mom was similarly charged after she allowed her 7-year-old son to walk a half-mile to a park alone.

Well-meaning people call the cops when they see a child without parents, writes Carney, but 'neighborly adults look after other adults' kids when the parents are unavailable.'

'We're arresting parents,' observed Michael Brendan Dougherty of 'The Week' magazine, 'because civil society is retreating from children altogether.'

Indeed, that should concern all of us. Edmund Burke, the 18th-century father of modern conservatism, highlighted the importance of churches, trade groups, civic associations and others for providing the glue that holds a society together.

We see that glue coming apart in many of today's social crises.

For example, in the recent surge in gun violence in Chicago, police complain of a lack of cooperation from witnesses in high-crime neighborhoods.

Yet witnesses, who have had bad experiences with some police officers on one hand and with gangbangers on the other, often feel too stranded and intimidated to get involved.

The anxiety and frustration calls for more than the traditional liberal answers, such as more day care and higher wages, which are largely out of reach in today's political climate anyway.

Taxpayers could cut out middle men and receive a full credit from their income taxes for contributions to an approved list of community-based non-profits that show a good track record of results.

Ideas like that won't solve all of our social problems, but at least they would help build good neighbors.

I'M DIFFERENT. I'm a woman who is a dog person, always have been. In photos of me as a toddler and small child, I was cuddling a stuffed toy dog. As a teen, I had a pet dog. Today, I still love doggies.

WE HAVE PEOPLE complaining about low voter turnout in the Hot lines along with an article listing the Kim Kardashian smartphone app as one of the most downloaded. Nobody who has the Kim Kardashian app should be allowed anywhere near a voting booth. Low voter turnout isn't always a bad thing.

BOLD? YOU PARKED illegally on private property and you are the victim? No, shame on you!

TO THE PERSON who complained about having their truck towed from the 'empty' lot at the Taste in Fenton. There were 'no parking' signs posted that you chose to disregard. Follow the rules or pay the consequence.

IF YOU DON'T know anything about the candidates or proposals on the ballot then you have no business voting. It's not a shame that so few people voted. It's a shame that so few people took the time to educate themselves on the candidates and issues we were voting on.

NO FOOL WHO voted for Proposal 1 can complain when the lost tax revenue from manufacturers is made up by raising the use taxes that we all pay on our phone bills, cable bills, etc. You've just voted for another mass transfer of the tax burden from large corporations to consumers.

THE PROBLEM ISN'T where Obama

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was born. I don't care if he was born in Hawaii, Kenya, Timbuktu, or even our great town of Fenton. The problem is where he lives and governs now — The White House.

SHAME ON THOSE celebrity smokers in the August 15 issue. If I were smart enough to have one of their successful lives, I would not smoke it away. I'd be too grateful for that. They think their lives are stressful, but they should try struggling to pay bills.

I HAVE A burning question that I would like answered: How many psychics have ever won the lottery?

WHILE TRAVELING NORTH on U.S. 23 on Saturday, Aug. 9, just past Clyde Road, just before 6 p.m., I believe I saw what appeared to be a dead lion on the left shoulder of the highway. Can anyone tell me if that's what I actually saw?

I HAVE BEEN thinking about the \$180,000 to be used to renovate the library. You know when you put lipstick on a pig, you still have a pig.

YOU CAN PROVE that Obama lied about his religion? Why, because of his name? Like Kareem Abdul Jabaar and Muhammad Ali, right?

THE IRS JUST audited my tax return. It clearly asked me to: 'List all dependents.' I replied: 12 million illegal immigrants; 42 million on food stamps, 2 million in prisons; half of Mexico and 535 persons in the U.S. House and Senate.' Evidently, this was not an acceptable answer.

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FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Nixon's resignation 40 years later**

On the occasion of last week's 40th anniversary of Richard Nixon's resignation from the presidency, The Washington Post sponsored a reunion featuring Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the Watergate reporters who 'brought down' the 37th president.

In fact, Nixon committed political suicide. He thought he could get away with what other politicians had done, but forgot the rules are different for Republicans.

Lyndon Johnson 'stole' the 1948 Senate election away from Coke Stevenson, allegedly by use of voter fraud. It is also no secret how Kennedy money and a little mafia influence delivered the 1960 presidential election to John F. Kennedy.

Nixon was different. While Kennedy expertly schmoozed the press and Johnson was a master manipulator and arm-twister, Nixon brooded about slights and injustices he felt had been done to him.

Nixon, or someone on his staff, likely pre-cleared the speakers in order to avoid the potential embarrassment of one of them criticizing Nixon for not immediately ending the Vietnam War.

I found these events uncomfortable and a contrast in content and form from my own church experience. An explanation came when the secretly recorded Oval Office conversations became public and Nixon is heard taking God's name in vain and disparaging Jews and his 'enemies.' On hearing the tapes, Graham expressed shock and dismay at Nixon's language, though on one recording Graham is heard agreeing with Nixon about Jews controlling the media, a comment for which he later apologized.

Nixon defenders have always contended that he did nothing different from other presidents. Maybe, but he certainly appears to have done a lot more of it than other presidents.

Nixon was not a conservative Republican. He imposed wage and price controls, created the Environmental Protection Agency and two of the four justices he appointed to the Supreme Court — Harry Blackmun and Warren Burger — were part of the 7-2 majority vote in the Roe v. Wade case, which ushered in abortion on demand.

Still, he remains one of our most fascinating presidents and one we can be sure historians will 'kick around' for at least another 40 years.

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What's the most unusual job you've had?**street talk**

"I worked for the FBI as a fingerprint examiner. It was fun to put that on my resume."

— Paul Lennox, Fenton



"I worked for about seven years fitting cancer patients with a prosthesis, until the company was bought out."

— Dawn Burrell, Fenton



"My most energetic job was as the 'lunch lady' for the middle school in Holly. I still have a hearing loss from those three hours every day."

— Joan Snitget, Holly



"I worked on a horse farm as a teenager and had to get up at 4 a.m. to go to work before school, then worked after school there until 10 p.m."

— David Carter, Linden



"I manage a DNA-sequencing lab at University of Michigan, serving all the labs at U-M and other universities in the U.S."

— Connie Esposito, Fenton



"I worked at a junkyard and drove a crane that cut iron, and also wrapped boats for winterizing."

— Dennis Wolverton, Linden

Have you seen the fireflies?

► Some areas are overrun, others have none

By Yvonne Stegall
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It really depends on where you live and what type of area surrounds your house on whether you have seen fireflies this year.

According to entomologist Howard Russell, MSU Extension, people surrounded by trees and wooded areas are more likely to see these flashing lightening bugs than those who live in the city, or in more urban areas.

"The woods are the perfect firefly habitat," said Russell. "The larvae live in dead trees and on the forest floor. The presence of larvae determines how many adults there will be."

Russell said that reports have come in from various areas in Michigan on the sighting of fireflies:

- Grand Rapids had more this year.
- Wexford County didn't see many.
- Allegan County had a lot this year.
- The U.P. had a lot the last two years, but not so many this year.

Firefly.org points out one of the reasons fireflies are being seen less is too much light. Because fireflies use their flashing lights to attract mates, many aren't seeing each other in more urban areas, which means fewer are being produced. There are ways to help keep the fireflies alive and reproducing though.

Turn off outside lights at night. Fireflies use their flashing lights to signal each other, attract mates and warn others of danger. While the science is still preliminary, it's likely that human light pollution can disrupt their flashes—making it harder for fireflies to find mates and breed.

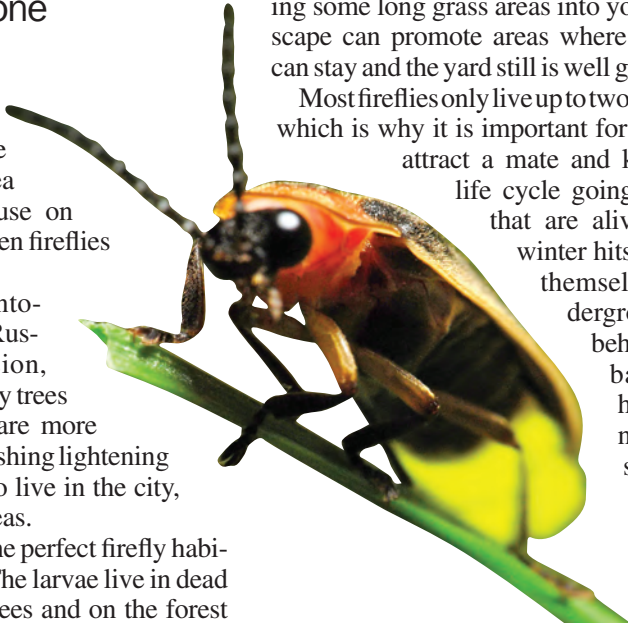
Let logs and litter accumulate. This is a great place for firefly larvae. Litter, such as leaves and fallen branches give baby fireflies a place to grow.

Avoid using pesticides. These things can have a negative effect on the firefly population. They may ingest poisons on plants, or be exposed to it other ways.

Don't over-mow your lawn. Fireflies like to stay on the ground during the day

and mowing can disturb their habitat. Adding some long grass areas into your landscape can promote areas where fireflies can stay and the yard still is well groomed.

Most fireflies only live up to two months, which is why it is important for them to attract a mate and keep the life cycle going. Those that are alive when winter hits burrow themselves underground or behind tree bark and hibernate until spring.



Summary

► Fireflies may seem scarcer this year in some Michigan areas, but not everywhere.

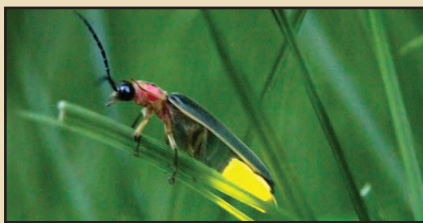
Interesting firefly facts

- There are more than 2,000 species of fireflies, and it is a type of beetle. Only some species produce adults that glow.
- Males that do glow use their flash to attract females.
- Each species has its own pattern of light flashing, and sometimes fireflies synchronize their flashes.
- Firefly light can be yellow, green or orange.
- Firefly larvae may glow, which is why they are called glowworms.
- Firefly Larvae are carnivorous and particularly enjoy snails. However, adult fireflies usually live off nectar and pollen, and some don't eat at all.
- A chemical reaction within the firefly's light organ produces the light.

Source: firefly.org

“The woods are the perfect firefly habitat.”

Howard Russell
MSU Extension Entomologist



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Untreated hearing loss tied to lower earning potential

Maximizing one's ability to hear well should be part of any smart career strategy. Individual performance in an organization is found to be directly related to listening ability or perceived listening effectiveness. In fact, listening is one of the top skills employers seek in entry-level employees and in those being promoted.

People who both hear and listen well are also more likely to establish positive working relationships with bosses, clients, and colleagues.

An alarming new study by the Better Hearing Institute (BHI) reveals a direct correlation between unaddressed hearing loss and earnings. The national survey, entitled "The efficacy of hearing aids in achieving compensation equity in the workplace," clearly demonstrates that hearing loss has a significant impact on people's ability to earn a livelihood. The study underscores how critically important it is for workers to treat hearing loss early in order to maximize their job performance and earning potential.

According to Sergei Kochkin, PhD, author of the study: "The real tragedy

in delaying hearing loss treatment is that when left unaddressed, hearing loss negatively affects individuals and their families for the rest of their lives in the form of lost wages, lost promotions, lost opportunities, lost retirement income, and unrealized dreams. But when people with even mild hearing loss use hearing aids, they improve their job performance, increase their earning potential, enhance their communication skills, improve their professional and interpersonal relationships, stave off depression, and improve their quality of life."

Key Study Findings

- People with untreated hearing loss lose as much as \$30,000 in income annually.
- There is a strong relationship between the degree of hearing loss and unemployment for those who do not use hearing aids.
- Use of hearing aids was shown to reduce the risk of income loss by 90%–100% for those with milder hearing loss, and from 65%–77% for those with severe to moderate hearing loss.

Why 22 million Americans delay trying a hearing device to solve their hearing problem

Inadequate Information. Most people lose hearing gradually and may not realize they have significant loss. Your family and friends adapt by speaking to you more loudly and clearly.

Stigma and Cosmetics. Some people reject hearing aids because they are concerned of what others will think. This does not need to be a barrier to improving your hearing. With advances in technology your hearing solution can be nearly invisible to others. Once your quality of life is improved, cosmetics will be of less concern to you.

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MICHIGAN VOTES

KEY VOTES OF THE
2013-2014 SEASON

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. While the Legislature is on a summer break this Roll Call Report, released on Friday, Aug. 8 reviews key votes of the 2013-2014 session.

Initiated Legislation 1: Ban abortion coverage through federal health care law exchange

To prohibit health insurance policies sold in Michigan through the federal health care law's "exchange" from including abortion coverage. Individuals could use their own money to purchase a policy "rider" for this outside the exchange if they choose, but no federal subsidy would cover the cost. The measure was placed before the legislature through a petition drive organized by Right to Life of Michigan, after Gov. Rick Snyder vetoed a 2012 bill with the same measure.

Passed 27 to 11 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich
(D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson
(R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 62 to 47 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves
(R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 661: Prohibit mandating issue-ad contributor disclosure

To establish that third party political "issue ads" need not include a disclosure of who paid for the ad, which preempts a proposal made by the Secretary of State. The bill would also allow the Republican and Democratic caucuses in the legislature to raise and spend money promoting their preferred candidates in primary elections, and increase the maximum campaign contributions allowed by state election law.

Passed 20 to 18 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich
(D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson
(R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 56 to 52 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves
(R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 443: End automatic school tax increases to pay union contract lawsuit judgments

To revise a provision that requires school property taxes be raised to pay off lawsuit-related judgments against a school district, by establishing that this does not apply for judgments to enforce union labor or other contracts that specifically relate to school operations.

Passed 27 to 10 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich
(D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson
(R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 76 to 33 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves
(R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the
judge

Some significant changes in the law coming, Jan. 1, 2015 – Part I

Whenever a defendant has been charged with a crime there are certain rights that are afforded to the accused. Included among these rights are the right to remain silent, the right to have an attorney present at any questioning the defendant consents to, and the right to have an attorney at all subsequent court proceedings.

These subsequent court proceedings may include pretrial conferences and hearings, motions, and the plea or the trial as the case may be.

In Michigan, one of the types of hearings that a defendant is entitled to in a felony case is a preliminary examination, where a district court judge hears the evidence from the prosecution and the defense and decides if there is sufficient evidence to have the case set for a trial or other proceedings in the Circuit Court.

At a preliminary examination the Michigan Rules of Evidence apply. These are rules that generally ensure evidence is admitted or excluded pursuant to established protocols. One of the oldest rules of evidence is that hearsay evidence is not admissible unless there is an exception, which has a guarantee of trustworthiness. Hearsay is an out of court statement offered in evidence to prove the truth of the matter asserted.

In 2001, the Michigan Supreme Court amended the rules to specifically provide that in preliminary examinations in criminal cases hearsay is admissible to prove with regard to property, the ownership, authority to use, value, possession and entry. This means that a witness who is given this information by a non-testifying person is allowed to testify in spite of the testimony being hearsay.

On May 21, 2014 Governor Snyder signed into law Act Number 123 of Public Acts of 2014, to be effective January 1, 2015, which makes some rather significant changes to the hearsay exclusionary rules at preliminary examinations. Additionally some of the duties of district court judges will also be changed as well as some new district court procedures, which will be implemented in felony cases.

In next week's column, I will summarize the new provisions.

POLICE

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A 26-year-old Fenton woman reported to Fenton police that between 9 p.m. on Aug. 11 and 7 a.m. on Aug. 12, someone broke the rear window out, and broke the side mirror from her '02 Buick, which was parked in her driveway on East Ellen Street. The doors remained locked and no entry was gained.

Most populous counties in state have most crashes

►Fortunately, few crashes are fatal

By Tim Jagielo

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So far in 2014, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates 6,800 died in a motor vehicle crash, which is a 4.9-percent decrease from last year at the same time.

In 2013, 32,850 died in traffic crashes nationally. Since 2006, fatalities have dropped each year, except for 2012, where there was a 3.3-percent increase.

Any traffic deaths are too many — but at least in Michigan, they happen only about 0.3 percent of the time.

Today, there are more than 210 million licensed drivers in the U.S., according to the Federal Highway Administration. Michigan has more than 7 million drivers, ranking just below Ohio and Illinois. California has the most, at more than 22 million drivers.

Each year the Michigan State Police (MSP) compiles detailed tables of traffic crashes within the state.

In the tri-county area, Oakland County had the most crashes, with more than 37,000 last year, with 54 fatal, and 3,700 injuries. Of course, Oakland County is home to bigger cities like Pontiac, not to mention much of metro Detroit. Again, fatalities seemed to only happen in about 0.3 percent of crashes.

In the same period, Wayne County had more than 44,000 crashes, with 151 of them involving a fatality. Overwhelmingly, they happen on local streets versus expressways.

In all of last year, there were 9,811 crashes in Genesee County, with 29 of

them with fatalities, and 2,257 with injuries. Livingston County's 4,500 crashes lead to 15 deaths. Like others, many of the crashes happened on local streets.

All of the 83 counties in Michigan have traffic crashes, but amazingly a few had zero fatalities in 2013. Oscoda, Presque Isle, Luce and Keweenaw counties had no fatal crashes in 2013.

In any county, drivers between the ages of 24 and 44 have the most crashes, but The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that teenagers drive in lesser numbers than any age group but the oldest in the country, but are involved in a disproportionate amount of crashes.

Between ages 16 and 19, the fatal crash rate per mile driven, is three times than that of the rest of the population, and the risk drops significantly after age 20. Those between

See **CRASHES** on 15



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Fenton police responded to more than 445 crashes in 2013, many of which were at intersections within the city.

MORATORIUM

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to the past moratorium extensions, is that the city may have a final decision in near sight.

Fenton's Planning Commission is set to address the issue on Thursday, Aug. 28, while the current moratorium is set to expire on Sept. 1. The next scheduled city council meeting does not take place until after Sept. 1, however.

"Therefore, I am requesting the city council to extend the moratorium to Oct. 1, 2014. This will provide the city council time to take action on the ordinance before the end of the moratorium," wrote City Manager Lynn Markland to the council in a memorandum.

The council unanimously agreed to extend the moratorium.


Since the law was enacted in 2008, municipalities have struggled to understand the reach and scope of control they have over land use for medical marijuana. Many have chosen to enact moratoriums to avoid legislating on the issue until the framework of dealing with them becomes clearer.

The village of Holly was one of the few local municipalities who have enacted an ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries.

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Changing jobs

► Millennials will have more varied career path than previous generations

By Sally Rummel

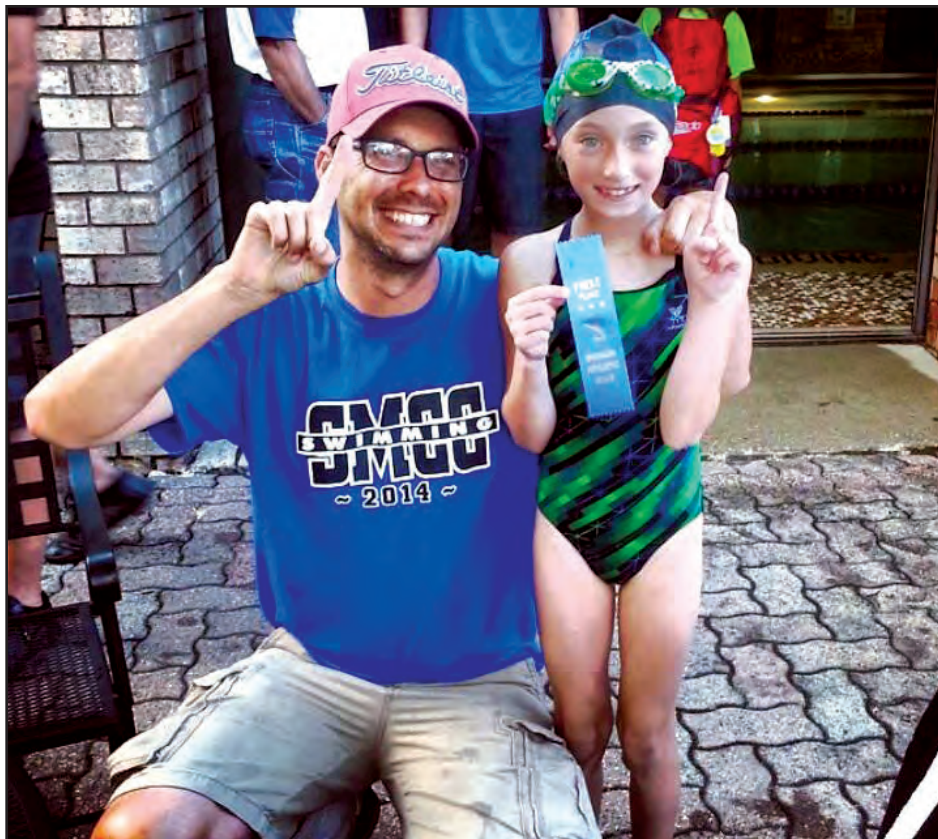
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Aaron Brooks, 34, has worked as a swimming coach, a pool manager, substitute teacher and an entrepreneur planning to build a home-based coffee roasting business.

As a father of two working hard to support his young family, Brooks works more than 40 hours a week, but not for any one company.

"I don't foresee that I'll be working just one job in the future," said Brooks of Fenton. "I'll probably always have more than one job, working around what I hope will be a full-time teaching position in the future."

That's a huge contrast to Linda Ralston of Linden whose father, Ernie Nagy, had a newspaper career spanning 50 years, starting out as a paperboy at age 11 and working up to publisher, retiring from Mellus Newspapers in Lincoln



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Aaron Brooks spends part of his week as a swim coach and pool manager at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden.

Park at age 62.

With today's shifting corporate climate, many young people are re-inventing their skills by "job hopping" through several different career hoops rather than staying at one job for a lifetime.

Today, the average worker stays at each of his or her jobs for about 4.4 years, according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Ninety-one percent of Millennials (those born between 1977 and 1997), expect to stay in a job for less than three years, according to a Future Workplace Study.

"I never planned to have so many jobs. These were just the opportunities that were open to us."

— Aaron Brooks
Coach, pool manager,
teacher sub, entrepreneur

Today, a third of the U.S. workforce is either self-employed or hired on a contract basis, with few of any benefits that used to provide a lifetime tie to a company. There's little loyalty on either side of the desk — as an employee or an employer.

Employers who hire young people today do so with the realization that they aren't likely to stay around long. With the expense of training and development, some employers never get a full return on their investment for an employee who isn't on the job very long.

For an employee, changing jobs can help develop his or her skill set and make them more employable in the future. While Brooks is seeking a full-time elementary teaching position, he is using his certifications as a lifeguard and pool operator to "fill in the gaps" with several part-time positions.

Employees who change jobs often do so as part of their plan for more of a balance in their work and personal lives. While Baby Boomers started working with an eye on gaining stability, raising a family and settling down, today's younger workers know that there is no guarantee for this kind of future, and they try to make the best of it. "I never planned to have so many jobs," said Brooks, married to the former Sonja Peters of Fenton. "These were just the opportunities that were open to us."



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- Find a common thread among your jobs, so they tell a story about your journey.

Don't . . .

- Change jobs without showing growth.
- Flee without fixing problems, thinking the grass is always greener somewhere else.
- Be less than truthful about your reasons for changing jobs.



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Stewart Melrose is continuing the tradition of gardening with his father, but has more of an interest in tropical plants. There are about 140 feet of gardens in the front yard.

OASIS

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a continuation of the floral beauty that is so breathtaking, people stop to questions and meet the gardener.

But the show-stopping beauty of these landscapes is even more evident when you're able to see the colors, textures and floral architecture up close. The flowers aren't your "garden variety" annuals and perennials. Many of the flowers and plants are rare, tropical finds that Melrose scours for on botanical garden websites and on his travels as a historical preservationist.

Where else will you find a Jack in the Bean Stalk plant that towers above many other garden plantings, or a Popcorn Cassia plant, with a stem that smells like buttered popcorn when rubbed (it does, I tried it.) Among Melrose's favorite plants are a fiber banana tree, a record-growing amaryllis, a giant Thailand elephant ear, to name just a few.

"Tropicals are my favorite, but I love everything in the garden," said Melrose, 45. "I enjoy getting outside after a large preservation job that usually keeps me indoors."

Melrose admits he got the gardening bug from his father, Howard, with whom he still spends many working hours outside. His dad always grew beautiful tall red salvia flowers, providing a striking contrast to rows of silvery dusty miller. "My likes have always been the traditional and formal gardens," said Howard. "Then we planted a lot of canna lilies and the garden began to get more tropical under Stewart's influence."

Melrose admits that gardening is much more than a hobby for him; it's a passion. "I'm out here every day. I water every day, even if it rains." He also brings his interest in architecture out to the garden, creat-



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The fibrous and detailed giant cockscomb flower of Spain, is one of about 700 flowers in the garden.

ing rock art out of stacked stones, even a unique garden gate he made himself.

Both he and his dad say that it's not just their garden, it belongs to the community, because so many people stop to see it up close. "On a typical weekend, I might have 30 people stop to see the garden," said Melrose. "When there's a festival going on, it might be closer to 100 people. I don't mind, though. I like people and I like to talk about gardening."

Howard recalls that a month ago, about 40 people in a group stopped and asked if they could have their photo taken in their front yard. "They were celebrating someone's 70th birthday," he said. "We've also had couples married at the gazebo, who want photos taken in our yard. It's interesting. We enjoy people, so we don't mind."

Sludge cleanup – necessary step in water treatment process

► Bi-yearly cost of \$185,000 is approximately 50 percent less than in previous years

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — You can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs — and the Fenton water plant can't properly treat water without producing some dried lime residue.

The sludge-like residue, a byproduct of the water-softening process, finds itself discharged in one of the two ponds by the Water treatment facility. The sludge collects for a two-year period, where it dries and becomes easiest to be removed.

"We clean them, one pond every two years. Part of the water making process utilizes making slime, and the leftover sludge is left out at the pond," said Public Works Director Daniel Czarnecki.

The lowest bid for the job came from ProLime Corp. of Washington,

Michigan with the a cost of \$91,500 to clean out the North pond, and \$93,500 to clean out the South pond.

The city has past experience working with ProLime. "They have done this for us on two other occasions and we had no complaints with that at all," Czarnecki said.

The sludge cleaning is a necessary step that has been going on for years. The city however, has worked to lower

the cleanup costs, which used to be quite a bit more expensive.

"When we first started doing this the price was a lot more than we are paying now," City Manager Lynn Markland said. "I just want to thank Steve Guy for

what he has done to get those prices down, it's costing us basically 50 percent what we used to pay then."

A 2010 article in the Times reported that cleaning lime from just one pond at the water treatment plant cost the city as much as \$148,700.

“When we first started doing this the price was a lot more than we are paying now.”

Lynn Markland
Fenton city manager

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

THE NEXT DATE for headstone cleaning at Great Lakes National VA Cemetery in Holly is set for Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. Please provide your own buckets and brushes. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP your headcount to pardoncarl@yahoo.com or (248) 318-2042. Thank you!

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. I belong to no special interest group but like to see the diversity in our community in the parades.

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and see how many local people show up to support your disturbing agenda? Note the part about local attendees, not bused in from out of town.

AMERICANS HAVE A right to vote. It's a shame how few do. Primaries are so important to who is running in the General Election. Wake up America..Giving up your choice to vote is not a good choice.

I'M CURIOUS, IS the 'King' a veteran of the Great War? He sounds like he's 125 years old.

JUST A LITTLE FYI for you Obama hater — Africa is not a country.

Police, fire, ambulances arrive at park — for fun

► Kids get hands-on with Holly Protect and Serve Day

By Tim Jagielo

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Holly — On Saturday, children were in and out of the backs of ambulances and police cars, but for all good reasons. They could also see fire trucks and heavy-duty equipment, like the Jaws of Life, up close as well.

Holly Protect and Serve Day came back to Crapo Park after a one-year hiatus, letting visitors chat with local police, firefighters, and paramedics under the

pleasant summer sun, instead of at an emergency.

Holly Police, North Oakland County Fire Authority (NOCFA) Holly/Groveland Fire Department and ambulances were there, doors open, and personnel ready to answer questions.

Holly Area Schools (HAS) provided free hotdogs to visitors, and a \$5 raffle was held for the toys situated on a table near the park benches. There was also face painting, crafts, live acoustic music and an inflatable slide.

“They bring us in here, to bring the community in to get the kids acclimated to what we do, and have a little fun doing it,” said Holly Police Chief Michael Story.

He credits police and fire staff for putting the event on, namely Capt. Dan Meyers of the fire department, and Det. Heather Wolkow and Officer Bob Godeertier of the police department, along with fire chiefs Jeremy Lintz and Steve McGee. “They just put on a great event,” he said. “It’s a kid friendly event that we know will continue to go on.”

“They bring us in here, to bring the community in to get the kids acclimated to what we do, and have a little fun doing it.”

Michael Story, Holly police chief



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Protect and Serve Day is meant to be fun, while it introduces children to the police.



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NOCFA EMT and firefighter Greg Allen explains standard life-saving equipment with Duncan Minnick, 5, of Holly Township on Saturday as parents Mike and Janell watch from outside. Allen hopes kids like Duncan understand that in an emergency situation, people like him are there to help.



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Claudia Klemp, 7 (right) and sister Trinity, 8, get free hats at the activities table during Protect and Serve Day in Holly.



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Mikael, 8, and Ava Putnam, 3, of Holly Township explore the back of a police car, while family reminds them, “That’s not where you want to be sitting.”

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Need a ride? There's an app for that

►Personal vehicle taxi app that started in San Francisco, now in Flint

By Tim Jagielo

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In the trend of rentals akin to Airbnb, which is the world leader in travel rentals, Internet service/smartphone app Uber has come to Flint, as of late July. The Delaware company has only existed since 2009 with its first market in San Francisco, but it has expanded to 70 cities in the U.S. and 30 more internationally.

In Michigan, Uber is also in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

The basic premise is that riders coming to a city need an economical way to get around, and drivers in that area who have a car, and some free time can make some extra money.

Uber is an app for your smartphone that connects drivers to riders in a certain area.

If a driver wants to shuttle people around, they have to provide documents and information about themselves to the company. If the company decides to let the person drive, they download the app, and then turn the app on to let potential riders know they're available. According to the company, drivers are paid automatically.

Riders also have the app, and use it to find someone in their area. It works with the GPS of their phone, and much of the operation happens easily, and automatically. Riders are charged automatically on their credit card, and sent a receipt.

Riders in certain markets can request basic vehicle styles, like "low cost," "SUV," or "Black." It basically lets riders decide how much room they want, and the rate changes accordingly. The minimum fare is \$25 for an SUV, or down to \$6 for a small car.

In Flint, for now, the options are limited to the "X" economy option, which happens to be the cheapest.



To get the app

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News briefs

Linden saw great turnout for Back to the Bricks

Linden saw a large turnout for Back to the Bricks. It was so large that at one point they were turning people away because there was no place to park. Other than some concern for the children and elderly with all of the traffic, city officials were very pleased with how everything went. Councilor Ray Culbert said, "This is the hugest event Linden has seen in 35 years." Mayor David Lossing added, "I hope we can host it again in years to come."

Linden's Music by the Mill moves

On **Wednesday, August 20**, beginning at 7 p.m. Linden's Music by the Mill will be held at the Mill Pond in Downtown Linden. The city hopes to have people ride over in their boats, canoes and kayaks in order to enjoy the music from the water. There will still be plenty of places to sit on land for enjoying the music, including the hill by the gazebo. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the music from beside the pond. The Saucecats will be playing a mix of New Orleans Funk, Zydeco, Blues, Latin and Caribbean.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO TIGER WOODS, nah, nah, nah, nah, hey, hey, hey, good-bye. Oh, and good riddance.

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NORMAL PEOPLE WHEN coming up to a stop sign look both ways. The life you save could be yours.

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THE PERSON WHO got their vehicle towed. Shame on you for parking in

somebody else's driveway. I am glad you got towed. You shouldn't have been there in the first place.

■■■■
DOGS, WHO NEEDS them? They are nothing but a pain in the neck. They are expensive, they are filthy, and they are absolutely useless. What good are they?

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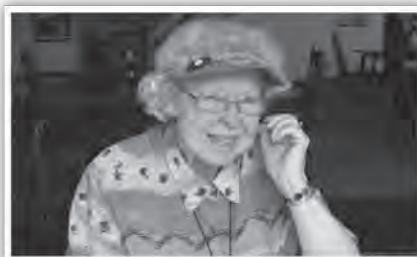
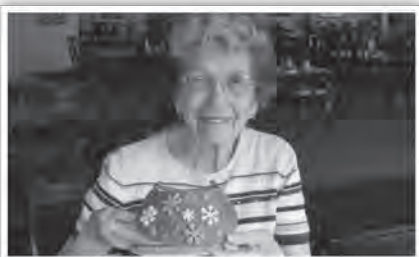
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ESSENTIALLY, THE BARGAIN that I think every President strikes with the American people is, 'you give me this office, then in turn my fears, doubts, insecurities, foibles, need for sleep, family life, vacations, leisure, is gone. I am giving myself to you.' - BHO 2008

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FENTON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA 2014 fall rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Fenton High School band room. Hope you can join us.

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IF ALL THE scientific jibber jabber on the Big Bang Theory show has any validity, then that would explain the thinking of the Tea Party Republicans as Jibber Jabber.

■■■■
IF FOSTER CHILDS is not a hate monger, he surely has me fooled. He often writes hateful things about anyone with whom he disagrees. Mr. Childs is a talented writer — he should be using that talent to spread reason, not anger and hate.

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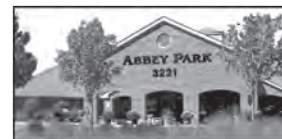


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be cheaper at the big box stores. The items found at a dollar store where everything is a dollar, and no more, will

Summary

► Sometimes great bargains can be found at the dollar store. Other times it's just a waste of money.

carry more off-brand items, and often more items that are only made for limited use. For example, picture frames might

fall apart when you put your picture inside, a new spatula might break when you try to flip your pancakes, and that off-brand box of cereal might not taste as good as the real thing.

A few keys to successful dollar store shopping include doing some research on the best pricing in the area, looking at the quality of items before checking out with them, and remember you get what you pay for!

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Source: Michigan.gov

MARIJUANA

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have a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or greater if over age 21 or .02 or greater if under 21. In addition, Michigan has a high-BAC law with enhanced penalties for anyone caught driving with a BAC of .17 or higher. Numbers aside, drivers can be arrested at any BAC level if they exhibit signs of impairment while operating a motor vehicle.

Drugged driving is driving a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, including medical marijuana. Drivers with any amount of a Schedule 1 narcotic, like marijuana or even heroin, are subject to the same fines and penalties as drunk drivers. Even if they are showing no signs of impairment, they are still in the wrong.

Cannabis metabolites, however, are excluded under the law MCL 257.625(8), as this testing only shows recent use of the drug and not whether it is at an impaired level. Instead it goes by how much THC is found in the test. In Michigan the per se law is in effect, which means that a driver can be solely convicted for the amount of THC in their system, even though THC can stay in the body for days.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said, "The use of marijuana, like any other drug, can affect your ability to drive. It is very important to assure that your ability to operate a vehicle is not impaired before getting behind the wheel."

In order to avoid the possibility of being pulled over and arrested for drunk and/or drugged driving, there are things a person can do:

- Designate a sober driver before drinking alcohol and using drugs.
- Call a friend, cab, ride service, walk, or take the bus.
- Stay overnight at a hotel/motel or friends.

In Michigan, a person is guilty of driving under the influence (DUI) if he or she operates a vehicle in any place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles while under the influence of a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.

Some of the common penalties for driving drugged or drunk include: Community service for not more than 360 hours and/or imprisonment for not more than 93 days and/or a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500. The court may also order vehicle immobilization for not more than 180 days.

With risks such as fines, jail time, and loss of a vehicle, it seems a wise choice not to drive under the influence.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I WANT TO give a big kudos to the funeral home in Linden for letting us use their parking lot during the warm-up cruise in Linden and for the flotilla on the following Saturday, not so much to the business that had the cars towed during the Fenton cruise.

CONSIDERING THE UNBELIEVABLE mess the Bush administration left behind, I think Obama has done a very good job of trying to get this country back on track. I voted for him both times. As for IQ, I will match mine against yours anytime.

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TWINS

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multiples; identical, fraternal, young and old, twins, triplets, quads and their families.

This year's festival hosted a great representation of Fenton twins, including Connor and Spencer Owen, Bradley and Breanna Trecha, and Don and Dave Wolf. The Wolf brothers are stars of the hit TV reality show Big Rig Bounty Hunters.

“It's a fun weekend to hang out with your twin.”
Breanna Trecha
Twin
“We have been going to Twinsburg for 13 years and have enjoyed meeting other twins from all over the world,” said Breanna Trecha. “It's a fun weekend to hang out with your twin.” Her twin brother Bradley said, “The twins parade on Saturday is really cool and we get to walk down the street throwing candy to the people.”

Bradley and Breanna took second place in Least-Look-Alike male/female in the 6-15 year old category.

Twin Facts

- A woman's age increases her chances of having twins.
- There is a “twin gene” - fraternal twinning, which is the result of a woman releasing more than one egg at the same time, is genetically predisposed.
- Identical twins are the result of a random split of a single egg and cannot be genetically predisposed.
- Male twins will not have twins unless their wives have the ability to produce two eggs.
- Identical twins share the same DNA but do not have the same fingerprints.
- About one in 250 pregnancies results in identical twins.
- Some estimates suggest 1 in 8 people started life as a twin while 1 in 70 is actually a twin.
- Once you have fraternal twins, you are 3 to 4 times more likely to have another set!
- 40 percent of twins invent their own language.
- The average birth weight for a twin is 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

Source: modernmom.com

CRASHES

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16 and 17 are at the very highest risk of all teen drivers.

Of the more than 16,000 crashes, 398 in Genesee County involved alcohol, and most were between the ages of 25 and 44, with 20 being under-age.

The most populous counties had the most people involved in crashes, Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Kent counties were the highest. Wayne County, home of the city of Detroit had 85,980 people involved in a traffic crash.

Oakland had 71,273, while Genesee had 16,723 involved in traffic crashes.



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Did you know? — Fenton football has earned at least a share of the Metro title each of the last three years.



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OLYMPICS

Q Which American track star won four gold medals at the 1984 Summer Olympics?

A This should've been an easy one. Carl Lewis won the 100 meters, the 200 meters and the long jump individually. He also was the anchor leg of the 400 meter relay team which won a gold medal.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

With the fall prep sports season right around the corner, this seemed to be a good time to address some interesting issues surrounding the topic.

Flushing in the Metro

Fenton High School has won the Metro League's All-Sports Trophy every season since the 2003-04 school year, but there will be a new threat to the Tigers' run during the 2014-15 school year. With Flushing joining the Metro League, there could end up being a new sheriff in town.

The Raiders should fair well in a lot of sports in the Metro League. Now, should the Tigers just give up now and admit defeat? Of course not, but winning an 11th straight All-Sports Trophy will be a challenge.

Changes in football practices

Teams won't be able to wear full pads until Friday. Once the season begins, teams will be allowed just two "collision" practices a week. It's a good move. It won't impact the caliber of play and it could help protect the student-athletes themselves.

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INSIDE SPORTS:
WATER FUN
Winch Wars event is a hit



Football teams hit the field at midnight

►Fenton continues tradition of beginning practice at 12:01 a.m.

By David Troppens

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Fenton — If one drove into the Fenton High School parking lot near Ivan Williams Field about 11:50 p.m. on Sunday, there would've been a sense that something big was going to happen.

For the first time in months, the football field lights were on, but all that was easily seen on the field were some helmets and bags. But a turn to the field's locker room suggested a bit more activity. In one of the open doors Fenton varsity coach Jeff Setzke's voice is heard. He is talking to his team. Roll call is being done, and after that, there is a little discussion about what is going to happen during the next week with the ending of that talk surrounding next week's scrimmage against Midland.

"They are going to play physical football and that's a good thing because that's what we want to do," Setzke says to the players.

"That will be a nice way to start our season."

By 12:01 a.m. on Monday, the meeting was over, and it's time for the real reason why the Tigers everyone is around at such a late hour. It's practice time.

The Tigers charged on to the field to begin their first official practice of the 2014 prep football season. Since Jeff Setzke took over at Fenton High School eight years ago (2014 will be his ninth) the midnight practice on the opening day of football practices have become tradition. And while remaining awake for the practice can be a challenge to some of the athletes, the atmosphere always seems to be pretty festive prior to the start.



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(Above) Lake Fenton's football team charges to their starting spots during a drill Monday at about 12:40 p.m. Before the Tigers could take the field for their practice (right), they had to move a large tire located on the field. Prep football practices started on Monday. Lake Fenton and Fenton began their sessions at 12:01 a.m.



Fenton player Dominic Weiss was excited to get the season going despite the fact it was a long day for him.

"I'm a night person, but I had to be up at 6 to work this morning, so I'm exhausted," Weiss said. "I pressure wash trucks, so it's pretty tiring."

"But I've been counting down the days. It kind of seemed like

it was farther away, but it's here now, so I'm psyched."

The Tigers' first practice is never too difficult. It's about 50 minutes long and it always involves special team work for many of the skill position players. However, many defenders did work on some of their block techniques as well.

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►Devils' fans join the festivities during late-night session

By David Troppens

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Lake Fenton — When it comes to the opening day of the prep football season, a lot of teams like to make it special by starting practice at 12:01 a.m. on Monday.

The Lake Fenton football program agrees, but they like to make it feel like an event.

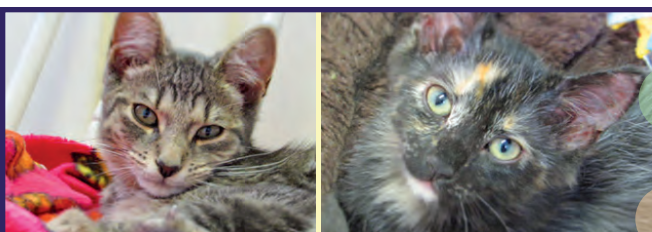
Most schools who participate in the midnight practice only involve their varsity squad. That's not the case for the Blue Devils. All three teams — varsity, JV and freshman — were on the football field at 12:01 a.m. preparing for the approximately 60-minute practice. Also, there was something other midnight practices don't have — there were a nice number of fans at the Devils' session. While the offense drove the field, the fans cheered. All that was missing were the hot-dog sales.

"It's fun," Lake Fenton player Mason Rinks said. "It's fun to come out in front of the fans and get everyone excited. It's night, it's under the lights and it's an exciting time."

"I'm not a night person, but I'd get up for this team any time of the day. We are a brotherhood. It's not easy (being here at midnight), but we have our adrenaline going and we have our fans here to support us. It's easy right now. If it were not for the fans it wouldn't be as easy. We do this because it's fun."

This was the fourth year the Blue Devils have hosted the first official practice of a season right after midnight. Lake Fenton

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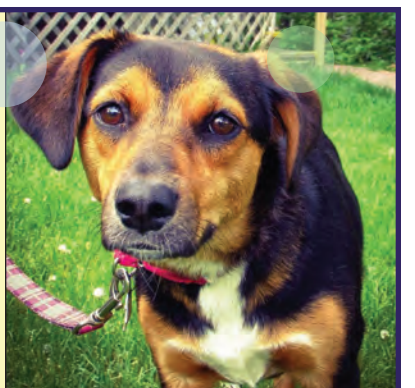
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Winch Wars bring out competitive side of water enthusiasts

► Pond in front of Action Water Sports hosts its sixth-annual event

By David Troppens

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It's not a very big pond.

It's likely a football player could punt a football from one side of the shore to the other.

Action Water Sports' man-made lake positioned in front of their business hardly looks like a place where something like a wakeboarding competition could take place. But once a year that's exactly what happens.

Action Water Sports, located on 8051 Old US 23, hosted their sixth-annual Winch Wars water sport event on Friday afternoon and evening.

Twenty-nine competitors from as far as Denver, Colorado and Cincinnati, Ohio, of various skill levels competed in the event. However, most of the competitors are from Michigan, with quite a few from the tri-county area. The DeLong family was represented in this year's event.

"I've been doing this for two years," said 15-year-old Derek DeLong after competing in the Advanced Division of the competition. "I am able to do it just every once in a while. This is one event I do ever year, though. I like this one."

Unlike most water sport trick events, there isn't a boat powering the competitors through the course. At Action Water Sports, a winch at one end of the lake is used. A winch is a hauling device consisting of a rope which can be pulled out but then brought back to the device by a power source. This enables to the competitors to hold on to the rope and be "rode" across the water as though they are behind a boat. The competitors begin on a wooden dock-like surface, are pulled into the water by the winch. Competitors must choose one of three apparatuses to attempt their tricks on. One of the apparatuses is a ramp called the kicker. The other two look more like water versions of apparatuses you'd expect a skateboarder to try their tricks on. Because the competitors are not attached to their wakeboards, perhaps the biggest challenge is completing the tricks by landing back on the wakeboard without falling.

The competitors seem to enjoy the event.

"I was here last year. I had some friends that went up to it two years ago, so they invited me and I came up," said Cincinnati resident and Wake Skate Division winner Guenther Oka. "My dad water skis and he put me on a wakeboard when I was 3. It's a lot like skateboarding (on water)."

It's a sport for both sexes and any age. Shannon Sahinbas is 13 and from the Walled Lake area. She took second in the Girls Division. On one of her practice runs during Friday afternoon, she did what is called a heel-side 180. She nailed the landing.

"I tried wakeboarding when I was nine, got hooked on it and started doing things," Sahinbas said. "I just enjoy doing the sport and how everyone is so nice."

Shannon Sahinbas, 13, attempts a trick off of what is called the kicker, but looks a lot like a ramp, at the Winch Wars hosted at Action Water Sports on Friday.



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Evan Beaudrie heads to shore after one of his successful practice runs at the Winch Wars competition held at Action Water Sports on Friday.

The beauty of the competition is it gives rookies, as well as professionals a chance to compete. Realizing there were only two other women in the girls division, Action Water Sports employee and Linden resident Jordan Garcia, 22, was prodded into competing. She struggled with entering the water on her first couple of practice runs, but eventually got

the hang of it and finished her final practice run without falling.

"This is my first ever dock-start, going across the pond. I was pretty nervous," Garcia said. "I've wakeboarded behind a boat, but haven't done it in two to three years. It's completely different than being in a boat, though."

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Shannon Sahinbas, 13, attempts a trick off of what is called the kicker, but looks a lot like a ramp, at the Winch Wars hosted at Action Water Sports on Friday.

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coach Eric Doyle appreciates the event.

"It's fun. It's growing every year," Doyle said. "The first year we did it it was up to (the players), we had a couple of kids and that was about it. Now, it's a happening. It's an event. It's a credit to them to help build this. People are excited about football."

Probably the neatest aspect of the Blue Devils' event is the fact all three teams do compete during it. At the end of the practice, the Blue Devils do an event called the team pursuit drill. In it, there are four lines of players and four pylons. Each line begins in a defensive stance near a tire. Once there's a snap, the players put their hand in the tire, rotate around the tire and then run to the pylon. Once there, they must do knee lifts until a whistle blows. The next player begins on a whistle, and when that person comes to the end, the people who have already completed the

drill encourage the other players to finish the knee lifts as strong as possible. Each line has a variety of varsity, JV and freshmen players within it, helping create a program bond.

"We have the whole program together which makes (the drill) a little easier," Rinks said. "It's great having all the programs here, especially for the upperclassmen. We get to see the freshmen, get to see who is coming up. We can adopt them as little brothers in school. We are a brotherhood from the smallest guy to the biggest guys. We like to have each other's back."

"We do run things as a program as opposed to three separate teams, but this is (one of the few times all the teams practice together)," Doyle said. "We tell the kids this is fun."

The Blue Devils put together a busy summer. Rinks likes what he saw from the squad during the summer events.

"A lot of guys made a lot of steps in their football and athletic careers," Rinks said. "A lot of people got stronger. A lot of

people got faster. A lot of people got smarter. We had team sessions with players and coaches. We had some people stand up and start leading the team and that was a cool experience."

When the practice session ended, there was one last breakdown and a couple of comments from Doyle.

"Let's bring it tomorrow," Doyle said, reminding the players that the festive practice was just the start of a gruelling week.



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Lake Fenton players huddle up near the end of their first football practice held on just after midnight on Monday.



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Fenton resident Derek DeLong tries to land on his wakeboard after doing a trick at the Winch Wars competition held at Action Water Sports on Friday.

WINCH WARS

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"It's really nice everyone was so supportive and patient while I learned."

Four winners were declared. Highland's Megan Bolend won the Girls Division, while Oka was the Wake Skate Division victor. Colorado's Mike Tanz won the Advanced Division and Cincinnati's Jonnie Paul won the Pro Division. Five of the top three performer in the four divisions were tri-county competitors, with DeLong taking second in the Advanced Division

and Davisburg's Steven Jesinowski taking second in the Pro Division. Fenton's Al Morrison was third in the Advanced Division, while Tyler DeLong took third in the Pro Division. But one gets the sense that just competing in front of fellow wakeboarding enthusiasts makes the tourney well worth it for everyone involved.

"I look at it as a fun barbecue," Derek DeLong said. "Everyone is having fun. When everyone comes out and shows their talent, it's nice."

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“It’s kind of symbolic,” Weiss said about the first practice being right after midnight. “It’s also kind of fun.”

It was a busy summer of travels for the Fenton football squad, as they hit several 7-on-7s around the state and performed well at them. They included trips to Notre Dame and Detroit’s Ford Field. The team likes what they saw this summer as well.

“The commitment is different from last year,” said player Connor Kovacs during the recent Metro League media day.

“We had a lot of returning seniors that weren’t as enthusiastic (last year) and enthusiasm is a really big part of our team this year. They really want to be here. That’s a big plus for us.”

Based on the recent Metro League media day, the coaches selected the Tigers as the favorites to defend their co-title this year. The Tigers hope to do just that, and a little bit more.

“I want to win the Metro, but I want to win it outright,” said senior quarterback Ross Ebert at the media day.

“I don’t want to share it with anyone. Obviously, a state championship, is the ultimate goal, of course, but what we want is to go to regionals and be the first Fenton team to win 10 games. It would be a big accomplishment.”

The Tigers have a ton of talent. The program consistently produces outstanding records at all levels, meaning once the kids get to the varsity level they

What’s up next?

Here’s a list of some of the significant dates coming up for prep sports players, coaches and fans.

Today: While prep football teams began on Monday, the rest of the fall sports teams can start practices today. Also, today is the first day football teams can practice with their shoulder pads on.

Friday: This is the first day football teams are allowed to wear a full-padded outfit.

Aug. 20: This is the first day girls golf and girls tennis can compete in an actual event this season.

Aug. 21: Football teams will compete in scrimmages all around the state.

Aug. 22: Cross country, boys soccer, volleyball and girls swimming can compete in actual events.

Aug. 28: Most varsity football teams will begin their seasons on this date.

are accustomed to winning. The biggest key may be to keep an even keel.

“To make that work (become league champions), we just have to stay humble,” Weiss said.

“I see a lot of times people will get a big head. When they think they are the best, they don’t think they have to practice as hard. We need to work hard.”

All of that hard work, officially, began at 12:01 a.m.



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Fenton lineman Reid Thompson does a drill during the Tigers’ midnight practice at around 12:15 a.m. on Monday. All state prep football teams were allowed to begin their first practices of the 2014 season on Monday.



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Michael J. Ashley 1942-2014

Michael J. Ashley - age 71, of Holly, died Friday, August 8, 2014. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at St. Rita Catholic Church of Holly with Father David Blazek, Celebrant.



Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation was held from 2-9 PM Monday and Tuesday at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Mr. Ashley was born in Detroit on December 7, 1942 the son of William and Marjorie (King) Ashley. He was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church, the Holly Moose, and Holly American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, golfing, bowling, ice fishing, attending his grandchildren's activities, and spending time at his pool for the past 30 summers. Surviving are his wife Barbara; 3 children, John (Catherine) Ashley, Renee Ashley Scott, and Michele Ashley (Vernon) Wilson; 5 grandchildren, Jennifer, Sean, Lauren, Zachary, and Jillian; siblings, Dennis (Monica) Ashley, Brian (Kathy) Ashley, Patricia (Aaron) Kleckner, Dan (Christine) Ashley, and Colleen (Tom) Cianciolo. Memorial donations may be made to Reunion With A Cause. **www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com**.

Paula Ann Gilreath 1966-2014

Paula Ann Gilreath - age 48, of Linden, died Friday, August 8, 2014. Funeral services will be held 12 Noon Saturday, August 16, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 East Broad Street, Linden.



Visitation will be held 1-8 PM Friday with a 7 PM prayer service, and 10 AM - 12 Noon Saturday. Those desiring may make contributions to University of Michigan Cancer Center. Paula was born April 30, 1966 in Hamtramck, the daughter of James and Frances (Topolski) Kalisz. She worked as a dental technician. Paula is survived by husband, Clarence "Al" Gilreath; children, Angela (Jeff) Vadasz, Brandon Gilreath, Kara (Sean) Boillat, Scott Gilreath; grandchildren, Nicholas Hiers, Chloe Palmer, Cade Vadasz and Casey Vadasz; sisters, Louise Prusac, Jenny Ream, Francine Kalisz; brother, James (Teresa) Kalisz; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her mother, Frances Ann Kalisz. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of **www.sharpfuneral-homes.com**.



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Loretta Frances (Young) LaForest 1935-2014

Loretta Frances (Young) LaForest - of Ralph, MI, formerly of Linden, age 78, died Saturday, August 9, 2014 at home. Funeral service will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Pastor Joel Smeby officiating. Burial in Fairview Cemetery in Linden. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Metropolitan, W4703 Metropolitan Road, Felch, MI 49831. Visitation was held 2-8 PM Monday and Tuesday and also will be held 10 AM Wednesday until the time of the service at the funeral home. Loretta was born in Yawkey, West Virginia on October 30, 1935, daughter of Nellie and John Young, and their eight children moving to Michigan in 1940 and they had two more children. She was a resident of Linden, MI and Ralph, MI (in the Upper Peninsula). Loretta attended Beaverton Rural Agricultural School, graduating in 1954. She married Lloyd Joseph LaForest in Flint, MI on July 2, 1955 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. They had five children, Rebecca, Stephen, Cynthia, Lisa and Karen. She worked for General Motors while Lloyd served eighteen months in the military. She remained a "stay at home" mom until 1973, when her political career began at Argentine Township as a Deputy Registration Clerk. She held several elected positions until her retirement from Argentine Township in 1997. She was very active, serving on the Board of Review, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer. Loretta was named "Business Associate" of the Linden Chapter of ABWA (Ameri-

can Business Women's Association). In 1992 she ran successfully for Argentine Treasurer. She served her four year term, was re-elected in 1996 and served one year. She resigned to move to the Upper Peninsula, where she and Lloyd built a beautiful home on the 120 acres they had purchased. Loretta kept busy after moving



to the U.P., being very active at Zion Lutheran Church as financial secretary and a quilter. She continued her political career by being elected trustee of West Branch Township. She was also a member of the Board of Review, the Planning Commission and the Tri-County Ambulance Authority. Surviving are children, Rebecca Kosal, Cynthia (Bryan) Umphrey, Lisa Eby (Robert Mathis) and Karen (Carl) Smith; grandchildren, Joshua (Jessica) Harris, Michal Kosal, Kyle (Brianna) Harris, Jennifer (George) Gfall, Ryan Eby (Kayla Powell), Tyler Wells, Samantha Smith and William Smith; great-grandchildren, Oliver and Henry Harris and Alianna Eby; siblings, Luther (Lola) Young of West Virginia and Lucille Scheele of Tennessee. She was preceded in death by son, Stephen M. LaForest, who was killed in an auto accident the night of his high school graduation in 1977; her husband, Lloyd J. LaForest, in 2007 after fighting a courageous battle against lung cancer. Loretta was also preceded in death by seven of her siblings; her parents, John and Nellie Young; in-laws, Lawrence and Elizabeth LaForest and many other close friends and relatives. **Your condolences may be shared with the family at www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com.**

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ANSWER: In my opinion, timed-release versions for high blood pressure are preferable to non-timed-release because the level of the medication in the blood can go up and down to a greater degree with the regular-release formulation. However, it does depend on the medication, and her cardiologist knows more than I do about her particular situation.

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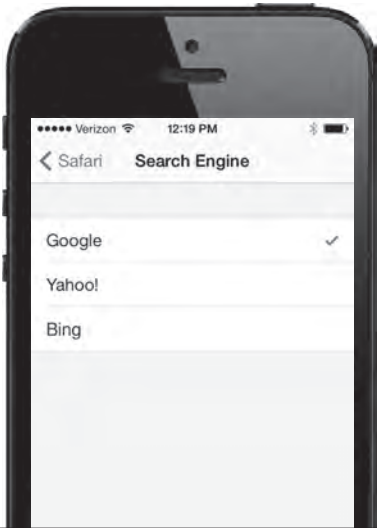
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RAGE
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(the Lethal Weapon films), Rachel Nichols (G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra) and Peter Stormare (Fargo) co-star in this heart-stopping thrill ride that shows no mercy. Unrated, 1 hr. 38 min.

MUPPETS MOST WANTED



Disney's "Muppets Most Wanted" takes the entire Muppets gang on a global tour, selling out grand theaters in some of Europe's most exciting destinations, including Berlin, Madrid, Dublin and London. But

mayhem follows the Muppets overseas, as they find themselves unwittingly entangled in an international crime caper headed by Constantine-the World's Number One Criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit the Frog-and his dastardly sidekick Dominic, aka Number Two, portrayed by Ricky Gervais. The film stars Tina Fey as Nadya, a feisty prison guard, and Ty Burrell as Interpol agent Jean Pierre Napoleon. PG, 1 hr. 47 min.



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- 4 Halves of 24-Down
- 5 Monument
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