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“Police officers are trained to, ‘Fire until your foe falls.’ Most

police officer deaths occur within 6 feet of the assailant.”



“Why are so many trees turning to fall colors already? It’s a little freaky to

see beautiful fall colors in mid-August.”

“Final word on gay float. Is it in the best interest of the community? No, not in any way. End of discussion.”



“More liberal logic. Your tax money pays for school meals

for children of slacker parents, but the children of the parents funding it are not entitled to it.”



“Hope the lazy people who don’t vote enjoyed the sit-com rerun they

likely watched instead of voting. More taxes thanks to you.”

“ ” HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

“Only in America could there be ‘outrage’ by motorists who park on private property clearly marked with ‘No Parking’ signs. It’s actually quite funny when you think about it.”



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**TEXT
YOUR
HOT LINE**



Family, fraternity, ski team, mourn local teen

► Hundreds at candlelight vigil show support to Brady Morton’s family

By Sharon Stone

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A candlelight vigil Thursday evening at Silver Lake Park beach brought Brady Morton’s family, fraternity brothers, ski club members and classmates together to mourn in unison. The hundreds who gathered on the beach held candles, cried, laughed, hugged and remembered the popular teen before launching luminaries into the dark sky.

“He touched a lot of people, not too many people have lived that much in 20 years,” said Larry Morton, who said Brady was his greatest accomplishment.

Morton’s body was recovered from the St. Clair River Wednesday afternoon. The
See BRADY MORTON on 8A



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Larry Morton (left) and his wife Robin, parents of Brady Morton, launch a luminary with Brady’s boss Jeffrey Cox Thursday night. “This is just an example of what kind of kid this was,” said Larry, referring to the group of hundreds that gathered for Brady’s candlelight vigil at Silver Lake Park Beach. “He was special, just so special.” The vigil was part mourning, and part celebration of his life.

Volunteers outraged by conditions at Genesee County Animal Control



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Many animals at the GCAC facility are housed in small cages.

► Reports of inhumane conditions prompt resignation

By Yvonne Stegall

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There have been numerous stories published over the last few weeks about the conditions at the Genesee County Animal Control (GCAC) facility. From rumors of poorly treated animals to some lost pets not being available for viewing by their potential owners.

Earlier this month, the volunteer program was suspended, due to reported threats to employees from volunteers. However, not all volunteers believe that is the reason. Kari Martin, volunteer rescue coordinator for dogs at GCAC,

See ANIMAL CONTROL on 6A

111 convicted sex offenders in tri-county area

► Michigan State Police list 108 men, three women on registry

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Perusing the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry (PSOR), viewers will notice that there are 111 individuals listed in the Holly (48442), Linden (48451) and Fenton (48430) zip codes. Looking a bit closer, one will see that Fenton lists 42 men, Holly lists 42 men and

See OFFENDERS on 16A

‘Mistake on the lake’ to be demolished

► **12,178 sq. ft. Lake Fenton home — never been lived in**

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Fenton Twp. — The “big house” at the north end of Lake Fenton on Bayshore Drive is back in the news.

The white brick home boasting more than 10,000 square feet of

interior space is set for demolition. Salvage began on Tuesday.

At the Fenton Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Township Supervisor Bonnie Mathis said that the home, which has never been

See DEMOLISHED on 14A



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Workers are in the early stages of salvaging items from this deteriorating vacant seven bedroom, seven bath home on Lake Fenton.

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The Laundry makes list of 'top breakfasts'

► Fenton restaurant one of 21 eateries selected as 'best breakfast spots in America'

By Sally Rummel

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Breakfast just may be the most important part of the day.

Just ask Mark Hamel, owner of The Laundry in Fenton, which was recognized by thrillist.com, a national social website, on a ranking of "The 21 Best Breakfast Spots in America" last Sunday.

An editor from the New York-based website went around the country, reviewing restaurants for unique breakfast experiences, and nominated The Laundry.

The review recommended the Bacon 'n Brie Hotcakes, which are described on the menu as "a stack of tender, fluffy pancakes loaded with applewood-smoked bacon and melted Brie cheese, topped with apple-cinnamon compote and served with 100 percent pure maple syrup."

Hamel said these sweet and savory pancakes have been on the menu for just a few months and are a popular "unique" breakfast offering on The Laundry menu. Best-selling entrees include Eggs Benedict, Spanish Conquistador, All Hams on Deck and Loaded Scrambles.

Breakfast has been a daily staple at The Laundry since the restaurant opened in 1997. "We started out serving just breakfast and lunch, then added dinner a few years later," said Hamel. "Breakfast has always been a big part of our menu."

While Bacon 'n Brie Hotcakes sound like quite an early morning



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When critics bit into this Bacon 'n Brie Hotcakes at The Laundry, they added the Fenton restaurant to its list of best breakfast eateries in the country.

splurge, Hamel says he's not surprised that they're so popular. "People don't seem to mind 'splurging' at breakfast, because they feel they have an entire day to work it all off. Trends of meal choices at lunch and dinner tend to be more healthy."

Hamel is still amazed at the response he's gotten from this national recognition. "Within a day of that list coming out, over 20,000 people saw it and shared it on Facebook," he said. "I even heard from a friend of mine in Nepal."

He was also quick to give credit to his staff on Facebook, saying "Congratulations to Executive Chef Jody Brunori and The Laundry staff, both front and back of the house, who serve up the most important meal of the day, every day of the week."

The review can be seen at www.thrillist.com. A simple search of The Laundry will take you to their story.

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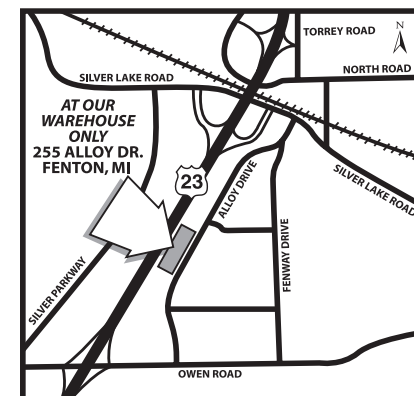
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Police & Fire report

ELDERLY FENTON MAN VICTIM OF PHONE SCAM

An 80-year-old Fenton man was duped into buying a \$180 anti-virus software package, and fraudulent charges showed up on his credit card statement. Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said on Aug. 15, the man reported to police that he had received a phone call from someone claiming to work for Microsoft. The unknown person told the man they detected problems with his computer and that they could fix it. The Fenton man provided access to the caller via the Internet and about one hour later, the unknown person called back saying his computer was fixed. They then sold him a \$180 anti-virus software package. Afterward, the man noticed fraudulent charges on his credit card bill. He reported the charges to his credit card company and cancelled his card. Slater said legitimate companies like Microsoft will not call people for issues like this.



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Encourage independence in young children by teaching them how to tie their own shoes.

First day of kindergarten

► Initial step in long education journey

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If you have a child getting ready for his or her first day of kindergarten, you're probably more nervous and excited than your child.

That's because kindergarten is the first rung on your child's academic ladder, and there are other physical, social and emotional steps that need to be climbed, too.

"The most important thing for parents to do is to be excited for their child and to share that excitement with them," said Kristie Brown, who'll be starting her 16th year teaching kindergarten at Rose Pioneer Elementary School in Rose Township. "It will be a whole new journey of your child learning many new things."

This is the year he or she will become a mathematician, a writer and a reader. "We make our kindergarten students believe they can be all these things," said Brown. "We encourage a can-do attitude!"

With school being just nine days away, here are some suggestions from Brown to prepare your kindergartner for that important first day of school:

Tip #1: Be there after school, so you can have

a conversation together about your child's day.

Tip #2: Read to your child every day. Kindergarten will be the beginning of your child learning how to read by knowing the alphabet, and the sounds of letters.

Tip #3: Set a bedtime and morning routine to reduce the stress on both the child and parents. "If the day starts out well, it will likely go well," said Brown.

Tip #4: Encourage independence in your child. Your child will need to do many tasks at school, from putting on a coat and zipping it to putting on and taking off shoes, emptying a backpack and relaying notes to their parents, etc.

Tip #5: Teach respect and empathy for others. "Kindergarten is like a big 'play date, only with 21 friends,'" said Brown. "They love to hear that. It helps them to learn taking turns, learning about their own emotions and those of others, etc."

Tip #6: Turn everyday activities into an opportunity to learn. "If you're making a bed, put on the pillows and add three more, asking your child how many there are," said Brown. When you give them crackers or grapes, ask them to count them with you.

Tip #7: Encourage responsibility. Teach them how to make their bed, pick up their toys, help set a table, etc. It will make them feel important and a part of a larger community than themselves.

“The most important thing a parent can do is to be excited for their child entering kindergarten.”

Kristie Brown
Kindergarten teacher at
Rose Pioneer Elementary



Freshman year, while often stressful, can be much less difficult if the new students are prepared.

Tips for high school freshmen (and their parents)

► Help ease transition into high school experience

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Freshman year isn't just nerve wracking for the teenagers who are entering high school for the first time, it's also sometimes an anxious

time for their parents. High school is much different from elementary and middle school, so it is important for parents and students to be prepared.

Angela Seyfried, English teacher at Lake

Fenton High School, has plenty of experience working with freshmen. Not only does she teach freshman English, but she was also a freshman mentor last school year. She shared some important tips, for both parents

See **FRESHMEN** on 9A

“Communication is one of the most critical skills needed for college and career success.”

Angela Seyfried
Lake Fenton High School teacher

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What we agree on

This is my paraphrased version of a column by John Hawkins regarding the ongoing events in Ferguson, Missouri.

I believe that most Americans are on the same page with regard to what's going on in Ferguson, Missouri. In fact, I think that all of us are in agreement on a lot more than we realize. So maybe it's a good idea to focus on what we do agree on instead of looking for ever more reasons to further divide America.

I believe that all of us — white or black, liberal or conservative — agree that if the dead teen, Mike Brown, was a threat to the police officer then the shooting death of Mike Brown was justified. Conversely, if Mike Brown was not

a threat to the officer, then the officer — like any criminal — should be held accountable for his actions.

I believe that all of us — white or black, liberal or conservative — would agree that we should wait to find out all the facts before rendering a judgement of any kind. That's why we have a court and legal system — to judge on facts, not rumors from pre-disposed reporters, professional race-baiting 'activists' or hyped up residents.

One reporter stupidly stated that 'white people don't care when a black man gets shot by the cops.' Well, no sh#t Sherlock. We also don't care when a white man gets shot by the cops. If some hophead high on crack — white or black — is waving



a gun at a convenience store clerk, customer or a cop, he should most certainly be shot in order to mitigate the possibility of injury or death to the store clerk, the customer or the cop. I believe that all of us — white or black, liberal or conservative — would agree with that.

It is a fundamental right of the citizenry to assemble and peacefully protest — as long they are obeying the law. Unfortunately, many aren't. They are simply stealing, looting and destroying the private property of their neighbors and fellow residents. I believe that all of us — white or black, liberal or conservative — agree that these thugs should be arrested and prosecuted for their crimes.

I believe that all of us — white or black, liberal or conservative — agree that the effect of the behavior of the rioters, looters and agitators will be felt for generations in Ferguson. Many stores and businesses will close their doors and leave

forever. Jobs and income will be lost, along with their associated payroll and property taxes. The boarded up buildings will stand for decades as an eyesore. Housing values will plummet and many families will lose the equity they built for years in their homes. I believe that all of us — white or black, liberal or conservative — feel their pain.

Let's focus on common ground — what we agree on — instead of allowing politicians, race-baiters, deceitful news organizations and other self-serving opportunists (definition: a person who exploits circumstances for personal gain) further divide America. They will not quit selling until we stop buying. So let's stop buying it and call these jackals out for what they are — traitors to their race and their country.

I believe that all of us — white or black, liberal or conservative — would agree on that.

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Hot lines

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I ENJOYED VISITING with all the nice folks who visited my garage sale this weekend. Such interesting people here in Fenton.

IN ANSWER TO a question on July 31 in the Hot lines. I remember in late 1930s when three brothers came to school excited about their baby sister, Beatrice. In 1982, she won \$250,000 from Publishers Clearing House. It was in the TCTimes Sept. 9, 1982 titled 'A dream come true.'

I STILL SAY dogs are a pain in the neck. You can't even go on vacation without dogs camping next to you. Dogs all over the place.

IF YOU DON'T have consideration for your own life, at least have it for mine. Please stop and look both ways at stop signs.

TO THE PERSON who wished they would turn Poplar Street into dirt, they better be careful. It could be like Ripley in Linden. Poplar is smooth compared to Ripley.

I WAS VERY saddened when I heard that the people who did the CRIM medals had them made in China. Why can't they make them in the USA?

WHEN I TOOK my '48 Chevy to the Tune-Up in Fenton, I had an Arctic Cat chair that I sat in and somehow I left it or somebody

took it. If somebody finds it, can they take it to the Fenton Police Station?

FEDERAL LAW SAYS that when engineers and crew have worked a train for 12 hours they need to stop the train immediately. In Dade City, they tied up school buses and police cars for 90 minutes. A month earlier, they tied up crossings for five hours. What a stupid law.

THE 2014 NATIONAL Military Strategy approved by the White House states, 'Our foremost priority is the security of the American people, our territory, and our way of life.' Do illegal aliens threaten all three?

I PERSONALLY AM appalled that a small handful of parents think it's OK to beg for half-day kindergarten approval. It steals finances from the other areas of the school that are much more necessary. If the state will not fund it then you should pay for it.

IS THERE A fan disease going around? After mine quit, I noticed at least another dozen set out with the recycling.

TO THE PERSON who found my black dragonflies pendant and chose not to return it, I hope you are enjoying it as much as I did. Enjoy your lack of a conscience also.

WELL, YOU GAVE us the answer without even trying, as to why one out of seven children goes without food. Since you are so affluent, why don't you pay for your own children's breakfast and lunch and leave the food at school for those who cannot afford to pay?

MAKING A RIGHT turn, off the exit, onto Thompson Road is permitted when the traffic is clear. I always felt drivers behind

me were eager for me to get out of their way. But, after the recent posting about that spot, I will be waiting for the green light.

THEY SAY HISTORY has a way of repeating itself. So if Reagan, Bush Sr. and Bush Jr. all put us in major recessions while in office, one which we are still trying to recover from. Let's not repeat history.

IF WE ARE paying 58 cents a gallon in gas taxes plus the 6 cent sales tax that Engler gave us, and I have noticed that the average gas station gets at least one 10,000-gallon load a day, I have to wonder where has our state been spending the money.

THE MEDIA IS afraid to report the other story about what is happening in Ferguson, Missouri. The story is 'Why does the black race have to resort to violence, burning and looting their neighbors?' What a disgrace to their race.

WE HAVE A President who goes back to golf after speaking of an American beheaded. We need a President who is strong. He should step down, in my opinion.

SO HOW LONG should we hang our heads and wring our hands because slavery and segregation were wrong? Should the Swedes do the same because of Viking barbarism? Should Italians be forever guilt ridden because of Roman slavery?

HAVE YOU EVER noticed that there are no overweight UPS drivers? Their fitness is a testament to the power of exercise and walking.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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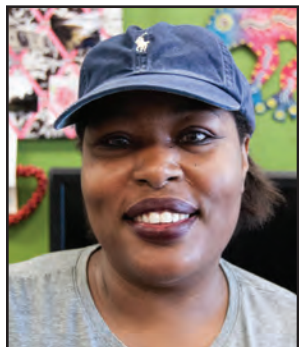
Linden varsity football players

Dear editor,
Last weekend, my husband Wade and I had to bury Wilson, our beloved dog of 13 years. In this moment of sadness and crying, we noticed a young gentleman walking up to the gravesite. He was selling coupons for Linden High School varsity football. Being a former Linden football alum, Wade ran to the house for money. Still crying, puffy faced and red eyed, I walked out from behind the pine tree and explained that we had just buried our Wilson. The young fellow gave me his condolences and quickly returned to his car only to have three more football players follow him. Each one of those wonderful boys came to give me a hug in my moment of sadness. From the bottom of our hearts a huge thank you to those four gentlemen from the Linden varsity football team. It meant a lot!

— Lisa Goble, Linden

Compiled by Yvonne Stegall, staff reporter

I wish I knew how to play...



"Guitar. I can already play the piano."

— Rebecca Howard
Linden



"The Caribbean steel pan drum."

— David Howard
Linden



"The piano."

— Sherrie Titus
Grand Blanc



"I'm a guitar player. But if I had to pick something new, I would go with horns."

— Shannon Dion, Fenton



"Guitar. I love country music."

— Kathy Dennis
Tyrone Twp



"Piano. It just sounds like fun to learn."

— Katelynn White
Fenton

streettalk

Part-time kindergarten is back in Fenton

►Despite \$8,000 cost, school board officials believe program will boost enrollment

By Tim Jagielo

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The Fenton Area Public Schools (FAPS) administration recently reversed an initial decision to cut half-day Kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year. For the first time in the district's history, it was not going to be offered. Demand was not too high, and there was a cost savings of about \$40,000.

But recently, they changed their minds. "We believe there is enough of a demand for a half-day program that will make it financially possible," said Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen.

For this school year, only morning half-day kindergarten is available. School buses will pick up students in the morning, and they will have to be picked up by parents afterward.

Part-time kindergarten is not offered by any other district in the area, as the Michigan legislature cut funding by half, for half-day kindergarten.

Although the building, staff, facilities maintenance and everything is used full-time, the students essentially leave after

half a "shift." The school is reimbursed roughly \$3,500 for that half-time student, instead of \$7,000, which funds all the school's costs. Couple decreased funding with lukewarm enrollment, the district decided to cut it.

But a concerned group of local parents engaged the district through school board meetings, and drummed up support and interest. Now, Jalkanen said that parents should contact FAPS if they're interested in enrolling their child for half-day kindergarten class.

FAPS board member Drew Shapiro said the school board offered suggestions on whether the option should be reinstated, and the administration made the choice. Shapiro personally supported half-day kindergarten. While it will now cost the district about \$8,000 to offer the program, he sees it as an

investment in combating declining enrollment.

"If we can get them into the Fenton school system, it's going to help keep our enrollment numbers up later on," he said.

"We've spent money way worse in the past, in my opinion," he said, referencing a \$30,000 study FAPS has paid for. "If we can spend \$8,000 on curriculum, I'm all for it."

“We believe there is enough of a demand for a half-day program that will make it financially possible.”

Timothy Jalkanen
Superintendent, FAPS

McCasin Lake Road to be resurfaced

►State funding will cover majority of costs

By Sharon Stone

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The Genesee County Road Commission, in conjunction with the State of Michigan, has announced that McCasin Lake Road from Silver Lake Road to Finch Drive in Argentine Township will be under construction beginning in early September.

McCasin Lake Road reconstruction will be predominantly funded using Road and Risk Reserve (RRR) Funds from the State of Michigan. The work will consist of pavement base crushing and shaping, asphalt resurfacing, bridge deck resurfacing, and guardrail.

Expected completion date is Nov. 14.

Through traffic will be detoured via Rolston, Seymour and Silver Lake

roads. The roadway will be open to local and emergency vehicle traffic only. Motorists are advised to allow themselves additional time to reach their destinations.

Supervisor Bob Cole said for years McCasin Lake Road has been the worst road in Argentine Township. He said this project is a part of the state's projects, funded through taxes. Cole credits local state rep. Joe Graves for getting the state to take care of Argentine Township.

Cole said the road was originally paved in 1967, retopped in 1977 and in 1998, chip seal was applied. "That was the last time it was worked on," said Cole. "It's falling apart."

Knowing that the roadwork will inconvenience some of the township residents, Cole reminds everyone that, "you've got to break some eggs to make an omelet."

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- Former Vision Therapy Parent

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-Sue Lambert-Mann,
Former Vision Therapy Parent



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***THE EXPENDABLES 3 (PG13)**
***LETS BE COPS (R)**
THE HUNDRED-FOOT JOURNEY (PG)
INTO THE STORM (PG13)
***@3D TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: REALD 3D (PG13)**
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***@GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG13)**
2D GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY (PG13)
LUCY (R)
#SEX TAPE (R)
PURGE: THE ANARCHY (R)
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ANIMAL CONTROL

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stated that she had received death threats and reported them to the authorities.

Threats or not, reports of the conditions inside the shelter have come from who have actually seen it. Martin said, "I have seen the conditions with my own two eyes. Feces in the water bowls, if the dogs even have a bowl." She has seen dogs soaking wet in their cages after their cages were power washed with them inside.

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners oversee the funding and policies of GCAC.

Pegge Adams, Genesee County commissioner for District 9, and Animal Control committee vice chair said, "There has been a lot of controversy, but much has not been based in fact." She said Wednesday morning that the Board of Commissioners heard from state inspectors, who paid a visit to GCAC last Friday. "It was an unannounced, surprise visit, as they all are," she said. "They have not yet provided a written report, but indicated that they saw no serious violations."

GCAC volunteers aren't the only ones speaking out about the poor conditions though. Roberta Angelo, one of the founders of GRACE (Genesee Residents for Animal Control Evolution), said there are three main concerns when it comes to the conditions at Animal Control. These include the care of the animals, the high kill rate, and the large intake of dogs and cats.

Volunteers are also confused as to why they are not able to view the strays that come in, which are kept in a locked room. Not even people looking for lost pets are allowed in this room and these dogs appear to stay in their cages indefinitely. Adams sites safety reasons for this.

Genesee County Commissioner Tony Brown of Fenton Township said, "As long as the GCAC maintains ownership by the county, it will never get any better." He believes a partnership with Adopt-a-

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Tony Brown
Genesee County
Board of Commissioners



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Food dust accumulates beneath the bars, which can attract bugs if not cleaned up.



The ominous locked ward where strays are kept and not seen by the public or volunteers.

Pet or the Humane Society is the answer.

On Thursday, Aug. 19, Pegge Adams announced that she would be stepping down from her position as chair of the GCAC Advisory Committee on Aug. 22. She will be replaced by District 8 Commissioner Ted Henry. In her resignation letter, Adams stated, "I am happy with the positive goals that have been accomplished during my tenure as Chair, but the constant uproar regarding GCAC has been an unending distraction from every other responsibility."

News briefs

Linden Mayor is challenged for ALS awareness

Davison Mayor Tim Bishop has challenged Linden Mayor David Lossing to participate in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge — with a twist. Instead of the usual videos, they have decided to do an event, called "CHILL THE MAYOR." Both will be letting members of the community pour buckets of water on them for a \$10 donation. They want to see who can raise the most in 45 minutes. Both are hosting this event on Monday, Aug. 25. Mayor Lossing's challenge will run from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Linden City Hall, in front of the Fire Department bay doors on East Broad Street. The Linden Fire Department will provide the buckets and water. Mayor Bishop will be doing his challenge in Davison.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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Unveiling of monument set for Aug. 24

►Holly's American Legion and VFW posts to host public ceremony honoring veterans

Holly's American Legion Post 149 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5587 will unveil and dedicate a monument at the Great Lakes National Cemetery on Sunday, Aug. 24, at 1 p.m. The service is open to the public.

The monument lists both posts and the community of Holly with the following engraving, "Honoring those who answered the call. Let us not forget." The monument also contains the emblems of both posts and a Holly leaf. The monument honors the service of all those people who served in the military throughout the area's long history.

Those who have served include American Revolutionary War Veterans, War of

1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War, Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many other conflicts.

The Holly monument honors the commitment of our veterans not to let those who served and sacrificed be forgotten. Great Lakes National Cemetery is located in Holly Township and is sacred ground.

The Holly monument is located on the Memory Trail toward the back of the cemetery and was designed by Legionnaire Dan Stashko. Both posts worked closely to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

Dryer Funeral Home and Monument Company was of great assistance to the success of the project, according to Joe Mishler, commander of American Legion Post 149 in Holly.



For more information

For additional information, call American Legion Post 149 Commander Joe Mishler at (810) 348-9960, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5587 Commander Sam Alvarado at (810) 955-6799.

Holly to spend \$34,500 on two new tornado sirens

►Enhanced early warning system intended to fill voids

By Terry Connell

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Holly Twp. — The Holly Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the addition of two emergency warning sirens on Wednesday.

The proposed locations, both in northwest Holly Township, have been determined based on studies identifying more densely populated areas where residents are likely to be outdoors away from other types of warning systems like TV or radio, or the existing sirens might be difficult to hear due to distance.

The addition of the two warning sirens supplements the existing seven and is part of a cooperative effort shared by the Department of Homeland Security, Oakland County, and Holly Township.

According to Holly Township Clerk

Karen Winchester, once the proposal is approved by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, contractors will be hired and construction can begin. Winchester estimates the construction could begin within 30 days and could be complete before November 2014.

As part of an ongoing project spanning several years aimed at enhancing the early warning system, the tax-funded cost was accounted for in the current Holly Township budget. The quoted cost to erect and activate the pair of sirens is set to not exceed \$34,500.

Quick facts

- Two additional early warning sirens approved to be erected in northwest Holly Township.
- Expected completion as early as November 2014
- Total cost to taxpayers not to exceed \$34,500 — already allocated from budget

'Be Closer' marketing firm to stay through June 2015

►New Moon Visions reverses decision to continue its work for Fenton's DDA

New Moon Visions (NMV) will continue to provide marketing, public relations, merchant outreach and event promotion and coordination services for the Fenton Downtown District Authority (DDA) through June 2015. Under a separate contract, NMV will also handle marketing for the Streetscape through completion of the project.

"I am pleased to see that New Moon Visions will return to assist with the downtown merchants and the downtown Streetscape," said Mayor Sue Osborn.

The support of the Fenton DDA, the merchants, and the City Council contributed to New Moon's decision to work with the DDA and its merchants to continue to grow in the coming year.

"I am glad that New Moon Visions will continue to provide marketing services for the City of Fenton DDA," said Craig Schmidt, DDA chairman. "As was heard from local business owners and echoed by DDA board members, New Moon has done an excellent job of marketing the district for the past several years and we look forward to continued success moving forward."

At the conclusion of the marketing contract in June 2015, a decision will be made to renew the contract, to move forward with an in-house marketing director or to explore other options.

"We are thankful for the opportunity

to continue to serve as part of the Fenton DDA team in the revitalization effort and to continue to build relationships with the merchants and the community," said Kim Rivera, President, New Moon Visions.

"I am pleased to see that New Moon Visions will return to assist with the downtown merchants and the downtown Streetscape."

Sue Osborn
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Larry and Robin Morton, parents of Brady Morton, stand before the group of hundreds of supporters, along with Sean Affrica of the Silver Lake Ski Team. Affrica described Brady as his little brother, and encouraged friends to share stories about him.

BRADY MORTON

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teen, who was to turn 20 on Aug. 29, went missing during the Port Huron Float Down last Sunday afternoon.

The Float Down is a popular annual event on the St. Clair River where thousands of participants float down the river in different types of rafts and inflatables.

Morton and a group of about 40 of his college friends were taking part in the Float Down when he dove off his raft to swim and drowned. The athletic teen was a longtime member of the Silver Lake Ski Club.

Jacob Rathbun, Morton's Theta Chi fraternity brother at the University of Michigan-Flint was part of the Float Down. He said within seconds of Morton diving into the water one of the girls in their group noticed he hadn't come up as expected and alerted the others. Rathbun, who has worked with the Genesee County Sheriff Department's marine patrol, immediately got up and started scanning the water for his friend. In less than a minute, he was on a marine patrol boat searching for Morton with binoculars.

The St. Clair County Sheriff Department's marine patrol reacted immediately as Morton's friends showed them where they last saw him. "One second he was there, the next he was gone," said Rathbun. "None of it makes any sense."

Some of Morton's college friends scanned the water from shore, some looked from marine boats and the others stayed in their rafts. "It's just tragic," he said. "Brady had so much going for him, you can't explain what happened."

Rathbun went to Morton's ski shows and Morton promised him that he would teach him how to water ski. "He was just an amazing person."

Nick Nivision, Morton's big brother at the fraternity, was also part of the Float Down. He said out of everyone he knows, Morton was the most passionate, dedicated and hard working. "He had so many talents," Nivision said. "So many things he accomplished — this is just mind-blowing."

As his big brother, Nivision and Morton spent a lot of time together and became good friends, especially this summer. "He always talked about his ski team and about his girlfriend, Natalie," he said.

During the panic of searching for Mor-



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Several luminaries were lit and sent up by friends and supporters Thursday night.

ton, Nivision said some of their friends were running back and forth on shore looking for him and others were in the water. "Within minutes the whole group was completely silent," he said. "It was eerie."

Longtime friends Sawyer Hobson and Elliot Bourdeau, along with Bourdeau's brothers, Blake and Elijah, drove over to Port Huron on Monday to lend support to Brady's parents, Robin and Larry Morton, as the search continued.

Hobson and the Bourdeaus met Brady as young kids while attending Lake Fenton schools. Morton transferred to Fenton schools while in high school.

Hobson, a resident of Fenton Township, said they all considered Morton a really good friend. "He definitely had his head on his shoulders," he said. "He was just smart all-around."

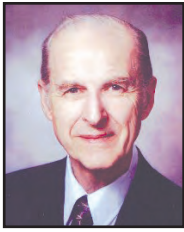
During the search, Hobson and the Bourdeau brothers shared stories with his parents. "It was rough on everyone," he said.

In addition to the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Coast Guard, local and Canadian police and residents, and numerous volunteers, including Silver Lake Ski Club members, assisted with the search, which lasted 70 hours. The sheriff's department indicated that alcohol could possibly be a factor in the drowning. An autopsy was scheduled for this Friday.

Associate Editor Tim Jagielo contributed to this story.

Featured columnist

By Roger Campbell



The preacher and the president

'What are we going to do about the president?' asked my minister friend.

His question took me by surprise. And though many years and presidential administrations have passed since its asking, my response would be the same today.

'Our responsibility is to pray for the president,' I replied, basing my answer on Paul's call for patriotic praying. In his words, we're to pray for all who are in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives (1 Timothy 2:2).

If my answer seems too simple, consider what it demands. Prayer demands faith. We're to pray for leaders and expect the best from them.

During this crisis of confidence, our prayers should embrace all government leaders and ought to be heartfelt cries for both protection from terrorism and a national spiritual turnaround.

Is there any hope of such an awakening in our time? Doubters don't think so but the Biblical account of an unwilling missionary's ministry in Iraq may offer hope for today.

When Jonah was sent to Iraq to warn one of its largest cities, Nineveh, of coming judgment there seemed little hope. Still, shortly after the reluctant prophet's arrival in this sin city the unthinkable happened: the king became so convicted of his evil life that

he repented and urged others to do the same. This surprising royal response to plain preaching may have seemed a bit fishy to Jonah but soon the entire city followed the king's example, sparing it from destruction.

Prayer also demands forgiveness. 'And when you stand praying, forgive,' said our Lord (Mark 11:25). But forgiving political opponents can be difficult to do.

Jonah was upset over the forgiveness granted to the immoral king and his subjects. This seems to have been one of the reasons he hadn't wanted to urge them to face up to their sins; fearing they would be forgiven and the city spared. Their repentance had robbed him of the joy of witnessing their destruction. 'I knew you were a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness,' he complained.

Can you identify with this pouting prophet? Do you know someone you don't want to forgive? Power to forgive comes from being forgiven and both our own forgiveness and the ability to forgive are the results of God's love. Forgiving another person may enable you to pray more effectively for your family, your church, your country, even your president and other national leaders.

Prayer also demands self-examination. A promise given to King Solomon and his people about confessing their sins and seeking forgiveness offers a solution to our present moral and spiritual needs.

'If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land' (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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

FRESHMEN

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and students, to help ease the transition into high school.

Tip #1 — Parents should attend orientation. This is something that many schools are doing now, according to Seyfried. She said that these are usually held in spring or in late summer. While you may have missed orientation for your freshman this year, you can still take time to talk to their teachers when it comes time for parent-teacher conferences.

Tip #2 — Seyfried said, "Many parents step back during high school. While it's good to allow your teens to make choices and learn from them, this is the time in life when they need their parents the most." Even if you think they aren't listening, they are. In fact, her freshmen students have told Seyfried that they do hear what their parents are saying to them.

Tip #3 — There is definitely a bigger workload in high school, including freshman year. Seyfried

said that both students and parents need to be prepared for more work in general, and for an increase in independent work.

Tip #4 — Seyfried suggested parents encourage their teens to advocate for themselves. "If they have a question or don't understand a grade they've gotten, or anything else, they should ask a teacher." She added, "Communication is one of the most critical skills needed for college and career success."

Tip #5 — "Teachers, counselors and principals are there for the students. Seek them out for help, that's why they are there," Seyfried said. "Don't be afraid to speak up and get that help."

While all of these tips can pertain to both students and parents, Seyfried added one special message strictly for students. She pointed out that she has had numerous juniors and seniors tell her that they wish they could re-do freshman year, because GPAs are hard to raise.

"It's a wonderful life experience. You want to be prepared to open doors in the future."

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- Highlighters
- Spiral-bound or composition notebooks
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- A ruler with English and metric measurements

Source: greatschools.org

Ski club to proceed with blood drive

►Members believe Brady Morton would want important event to go on

By Sharon Stone

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To offset the high costs of operating the Silver Lake Ski Club, members of the club are hosting a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28 at Uncle Ray's Dairyland in Fenton. The event has been planned for weeks and the skiers decided to go ahead with the much-needed blood drive even with the tragic drowning of

beloved member and friend Brady Morton.

Morton went missing around 4 p.m. Sunday while participating in the Port Huron Float Down in the St. Clair River. After several days of searching, the St. Clair County Sheriff's Dive Team located his body 45 yards off shore in about 26 feet of water.

If the club can collect 75 units of blood, a donation of \$1,000 will be made to the club. Uncle Ray's Dairyland will be participating with their "Give a Pint — Get a Pint" program and is a sponsor of the Ski Team.

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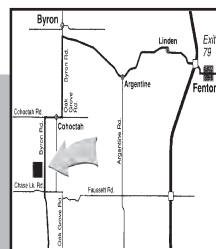
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Pet boarding for dummies

► Follow these tips so that
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By Yvonne Stegall

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Whether you are a first time boarder,
or a pro at arranging care
for Fido when travelling
away from home,
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tips that
can en-
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happy stay
at the kennel
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away.

The first deci-
sion a pet parent
needs to make when it
comes to the inability to
take their pet on vacation
with them is where the pet
is going to stay. Some people
don't think boarding kennel
as their first thought or option.
However, allowing your pet to
stay with friends can have dire
consequences — from a lost pet
to a lost friendship.

Brenda Seabrook, owner of Twin Oaks
Kennel in Holly, suggests, "Finding a profes-
sional that knows the ins and outs of animals."
While it might cost more to professionally
board your dog, "The amount of money is
never worth what the consequences could
be," she added.

Kris Weber at Bennington
Hills Kennel in Fenton offers
some helpful suggestions.
"For first-time boarders, I
would suggest that they visit
the kennel they want to use.
Schedule an overnight for
their pet before leaving them
for an extended stay, that way
they know how they did and
the pet knows the owner is coming back
for them."

Many people, even after boarding their dog
a few times, are unsure of what they really
need to send with their pooch to the kennel.

"Don't over think it, only bring what the
kennel allows you to bring," said Weber.
"First-time boarders should always bring
their pet's own food. It is for their benefit.
They are already in a strange place with

strange people, the last thing they need is to
change their food and then get sick or upset
tummies from the different food."

Weber said that pet owners should also
make sure that their food is in a container
with a sealed lid and marked clearly with
their pet's name and feeding instructions.

While many articles online suggest
bringing something
from home for your
pet, like a blan-
ket or favorite
toy, and many
kennels even
suggest it, We-
ber said "Don't
bring something
that smells like
you, it'll just up-
set your pet when
they cannot find
you."

Lisa Kowalski at
Wag n Purr Elite Pet Boarding in
Holly suggests that first-time
boarders take a complete tour of
the facilities they are interested
in, and look into more than one.
She said that "it is important
to make sure there is a clean
environment and that your
dog will get personal atten-
tion." As far as when to book,

Kowalski's place is often full ahead of
time, so she suggests booking as soon as
you know your plans.

The most important things to remember
when it comes to boarding your family
pet is that you want to make sure they
have fun while you are away, that they are
comfortable in their kennel,
and that you have given all the
information possible to your
boarding facility to ensure
your pet has a safe and happy
visit. That includes letting them
know about any aggression or
fear tendencies, medical needs,
and what kind of treats or toys
they enjoy.

Summary

► It's important to
find the right place
to board your pet.
These tips will help
ensure your dog has
a happy stay away.

**"I would
suggest that
they visit the
kennel they
want to use."**

Kris Weber

Bennington Hills Kennel

Picking a boarding facility

- **Trust your senses** when visiting a kennel as a possible "vacation" spot for your dog.
- **Make sure that** the whole kennel, outdoor and indoor runs included, is clean and orderly.
- **Make sure there** are no offensive odors. There should be adequate ven-tilation. A well-run kennel should not stink of doggy odors.
- **Make sure the** temperature is ad-equate, not too warm and not too cold.
- **Ask to see** the outdoor running area. It should be close to spotless and made of gravel or concrete.
- **Ask how frequently** the areas are cleaned.
- **All responsible kennel** owners and operators will ask you about your dog's vaccinations and will require proof of certain shots.
- **All responsible kennel** owners and operators will show you each area in which the dogs are kept.
- **The outdoor runs** — and the whole kennel should be very secure. Many dogs will attempt to break out, so talk to the kennel owners about this if you're worried.

Source: AKC.org

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This house on Bayshore Drive in Fenton Township has never been occupied. It's currently being salvaged in preparation for demolition.

DEMOLISHED
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occupied, would be demolished due to mold and building deterioration.
The original building permit for the house was issued in June 2007, and according to Operations Manager/Deputy Clerk Tom Broecker, the last inspection recorded was in October 2007. The construction never received final approval and a certificate of occupancy has never been issued. He said, according to the permit, the value of the construction was \$400,000.
The massive home, which dwarfed all others on the lake, included seven bedrooms, seven-and-a-half bathrooms, marble, granite, his and her offices, custom woodwork, in-ground pool and four-car garage.
During the meeting, Mathis said she didn't know who owned the house right now and that the information they were getting was coming through attorneys. According to the township website, the home is owned by an LLC in Ann Arbor.
As far as a timeline goes for the demolishing of the giant house, Broecker said, "We don't have any official information at this point. It is our understanding that salvage operations are ongoing (which do not require a permit) and that an application for a demolition permit is being prepared."
It looks like Kid Rock really isn't moving in... as past rumors speculated.
As the salvage and demolition continues, the Times will keep the public abreast of the home removal, and future plans for the soon to be vacant property.

“We’ve had problems with this house from the beginning, from safety issues with the retaining wall, to the pool. To me, this is the best thing that can be done, and it will make the neighbors happy.”
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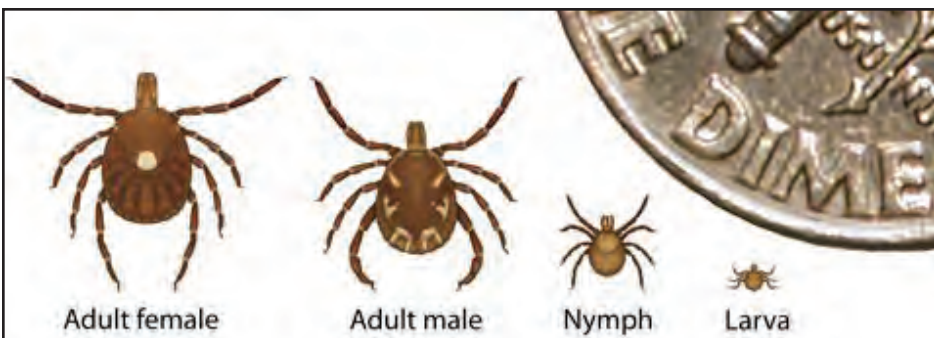
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Single bite from 'lone star tick' could trigger allergic reaction to red meat

By Yvonne Stegall

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Ticks were worse this year in most areas of our state. It had a little something to do with that nasty cold, and long, winter. With that in mind, news has been going around the Internet, from Men's Fitness to Today.com, about one tick's bite that just might cause you to have severe allergic reactions when you eat red meat. That tick is the lone star tick, so named for the yellow spot on its back and the fact that it originated in Texas.

Ned Walker, Department of Entomology at MSU said, "This is the first time I have heard about the allergy problem, but it sounds entirely possible."

Online reports claim that this particular tick has a sugar that humans don't have, called alpha-gal. This sugar is also found in red meat — beef, pork, venison, rabbit — and even some dairy products. The sugar is fine when ingested through foods, but a tick bite appears to trigger an immune response, in which the body sees the sugar as a foreign substance and releases antibodies to attack it. The next time the person eats red meat, the body has the same reaction, often sending them into anaphylactic shock.

If you think there is no worry about a tick from Texas affecting people in Michigan, think again. Walker said, "The lone star tick, *Amblyomma americanum*, is increasing in number of populations in lower Michigan and that does mean that both people and animals (both companion animals and wild animals) will be bitten more frequently by this species of tick, particularly, in the southwest Michigan region where temperatures are warmer along the lake zones."



Meat allergy isn't the only damage the lone star tick can cause

- **They are also** known to spread several serious bacterial infections, such as ehrlichiosis and the potentially deadly tularemia.
- **Symptoms** usually appear within 30 days of a bite and can include: fatigue, fever, headache or muscle pain, swollen glands
- **Circular rash** reminiscent of the Lyme rash, although experts believe that the rash is sparked by a different bacterium.

Source: Today.com

Just like with normal allergies, allergic reactions can be treated with antihistamines. This helps relieve any itching from hives that happen when the body reacts to the tick bite. According to Today.com, some people with the allergy now carry epinephrine shots in case they are stricken again with this strange allergy.

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OFFENDERS

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one woman and Linden lists 24 men and two women.

The Michigan Sex Offender Registry (SOR) is a database containing the names, addresses, and listed offense information of all persons in Michigan convicted of certain sexual offenses. The complete SOR is only available for law enforcement purposes.

When first established in 1996, the PSOR was only accessible to the public by visiting a local law enforcement agency to view a paper copy of the list. In 1999, however the PSOR became available online at www.mipsor.state.mi.us.

Along with the offender's last reported address, the Michigan State Police, which maintains this registry, lists what tier level the individual, is classified. In the tri-county area, the majority of listed offenders are classified as Tier 3 (see sidebar for offenses) due to the crimes for which they were convicted.

Men and women classified as Tier 1 must register for 15 years. Tier 2 offenders must register for 25 years and Tier 3 offenders must register for life. Prison time does not count toward the years.

Registered sex offenders are not permitted to reside, work, or loiter within 1,000 feet of a school. Doing so would be a violation of the Act.

Offenders who move to another state are required to report to their nearest law enforcement agency three business days prior to moving to provide their new address. The MSP Sex Offender Registration Unit then notifies the other state of the offender's reported new address. Offenders who move to another country are required to report to their local law enforcement agency 21 days prior to moving to provide their new address.

Anyone wanting to keep track of a particular registered offender can do so through the MSP's website. Also, anyone can sign up for email alerts if a registered offender moves into a particular zip code.

Fenton Police Chief Rick Aro said that his officers go out and verify each SOR address in the city. "Keep in mind all 42 in that zip code don't live in the city limits," he said adding that state police and the sheriff's department check the remaining addresses.

"We monitor the offenders in our area on a regular basis and enforce the rules. If an offender is not in compliance, they either fix it or we arrest them," said Aro. "We haven't experienced any problems when an offender moves in. Our experience has been that individuals on the SOR list comply with the statute."

Convicted offenses that will require a person to register as a sex offender

Tier 1

- Child sexually abusive activity or material possession
- Aggravated indecent exposure, if the victim is less than 18
- Unlawful imprisonment, if the victim is less than 18
- Criminal sexual conduct 4th degree, if the victim is more than 17
- Assault with intent to commit CSC in the second degree, if the victim is more than 17
- Capturing/distributing image of unclothed person, if the victim is less than 18
- Any violation of state law or local ordinance that by its nature constitutes a sexual offense against an individual who is less than 18 years of age
- Any offense committed by a person who was, at the time of the offense, a sexually delinquent person

Tier 2

- Accosting, enticing or soliciting a child for immoral purposes
- Accosting, enticing or soliciting a child for immoral purposes (prior conviction)
- Child sexually abusive activity or material producing/financing
- Child sexually abusive activity or material distributing/promoting
- Use of Internet/computer system; prohibited communication
- Crime against nature or sodomy, if the victim is less than 18
- Gross indecency between male persons, if the victim is between 13 and 17
- Gross indecency between female persons, if the victim is between 13 and 17
- Gross indecency between male and female persons, if the victim is between 13 and 17
- Soliciting, accosting, or inviting to commit prostitution or immoral act, if the victim is less than 18
- Pandering
- Criminal sexual conduct 2nd degree, if the victim is more than 13
- Criminal sexual conduct 4th degree, if the victim is between 13 and 17
- Assault with intent to commit CSC in the second degree, if the victim is between 13 and 17

Tier 3

- Gross indecency between male persons, if the victim is less than 13
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Cecil Daniel O'Connell (center) poses with grandparents George and Emma Dusenbury and daughter Judith in this undated photo.

Fenton store returns WWII items to family

►Veteran's entire history found in storage unit

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When Rebecca and David Howard purchased the storage unit at Access Storage in Holly to find treasures for their own shop, Howard's Hidden Treasures, they got something they never expected. They found a nearly complete history of a man named Cecil O'Connell.

When Rebecca first discovered O'Connell's WWII Army trunk, she found all of his personal information — his birth and death certificates, marriage licenses (from two marriages), and even his discharge papers from the military.

While she was looking through these personal belongings, her husband, David, came across his memorial flag as well as Purple Heart. "His whole life was in there," said Rebecca.

They pieced O'Connell's life together with letters, photos, and all of his personal paperwork and they were compelled to return these items to his family. They

contacted veterans affairs, but weren't able to get anywhere, and they even posted on their Facebook page.

They contacted a local TV station for assistance, and later worked with Troy Sawada from Phantom Investigations in Clio. Sawada saw the original story on TV and wanted to help out, so he volunteered his time.

"This is what I do for a living," said Sawada. "Cecil would want this to go back to his family. When people can't find someone, they don't have access to the databases investigators do, where they can get a hold of cell phone numbers." It took Sawada just a couple hours to track down one of O'Connell's daughters.

Amongst the items found was a letter to O'Connell's family from the president, who at that time was Bill Clinton. Looking through these items was like stepping into history.

The Howard's were going to donate the items to a local museum if they weren't able to find the family. Cecil Daniel O'Connell was born April 5, 1919 in Detroit and he died Jan. 28, 1994 in Holly.

“His whole life was in there.”
Rebecca Howard
Howard's Hidden Treasures



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Cecil O'Connell's Purple Heart, along with his other belongings were found in a trunk when the contents of a storage unit were bought by a Fenton business. The items were reunited with O'Connell's family. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration. — Source: purpleheart.org

New city administrator quits after just one week

►Recently retired Brad Hissong lends city a hand in meantime

By Ryan Tackabury
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Fenton — Brad Hissong served as Fenton's Building and Zoning Administrator for 16 years before retiring just last month. Today, he is back, lending a hand to the city.

Hissong's return comes after Scott Lindhardt, the man hired to fill the position, left after about a week.

City Manager Lynn Markland said that Hissong was contracted to return on a temporary basis until the position can be filled with a new employee.

The position is not an easy one, and it comes with a lot of responsibilities. "The position is a department head position. He is the chief building official who oversees our building and zoning admission, and he often oversees the code enforcement officer and the person who does building inspections," Markland said.

Markland said that Lindhardt left the position to accept another job offer.

The search resumes to find a new building official. "We're going to go back to our resumes we had. Fortunately, with Brad contracting back for us for a few weeks or so it gives us time to take a breath and find someone," Markland said.

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Young woman lived life to the fullest with CF

► Taylor Campbell, 21, didn't let life-threatening disorder define her

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Taylor Campbell was someone you always remembered after meeting her for the first time.

Her heart and her personality were larger than life, even bigger than cystic fibrosis, with which she had been diagnosed as an infant. She was so outgoing, even as a child, that she was named Junior Grand Marshal of the Linden Summer Happening Parade back in 2002, when she was a third grader at Central Elementary in Linden.

After her health seriously declined about three weeks ago, she took her last breath on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 5:20 a.m., surrounded

by family and friends. She was 21.

Taylor was especially close to her brother, Chris, 24 and sister, Melissa, 27 and her nieces Avannah, 6 and Rilynn, 2.

"Nobody tells you it's going to sneak up on you; it's going to take you," said her mom, Julie Campbell. "Now my mission may be for me to be the 'CF Mom' who goes around and helps other families through this."

Taylor was the "baby" of the family, the third child of Darwin and Julie Campbell, of Fenton. Even as a youngster, people recognized a spirit and wisdom about her that belied her age. "She was insightful and had that special quality to take a CF-riddled life and make it above normal," said her dad, Darwin, in a written statement.

Her friends admit she stood out in a crowd, even though she was just a wisp of a girl.

Colin Gagnon said, "She was a 'people person;' she always knew how to brighten a room. She taught me how to live life to the fullest, without caring what anyone else thought."

Another friend, Amber Gerhart, said, "She always inspired me to be happy, positive and love the life that you have."



Taylor Campbell

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Memorial T-shirt to benefit Campbell family

As a special memorial to Taylor Campbell's family, friend Britni Snively has designed a T-shirt to remember the recent passings of more than a dozen classmates from Linden High School, including Taylor, who graduated from LHS in 2011. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Campbell family, according to Snively. The shirts are available for \$20 each, by emailing the customer's name and size to snaves0404@gmail.com. Deadline for orders and payments is Friday, Aug. 29. To view the T-shirt design, visit www.facebook.com/britni.snively.

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Q Who said “There was a lot of emotion at the Alamo, and no one survived?”

A Ron Meyer said it in 1984 while he was the head coach of the New England Patriots. He argued emotion is overrated in sporting events.

METRO FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT

In each edition the sports staff will take a quick look at one of the Flint Metro League teams not from the tri-county area and briefly preview their squad. The Fall Sports Preview coming out with this edition will feature stories on the three squads from the area.

Kearsley Hornets 2013 Record

1-7 in the Metro
2-7 overall
Kearsley hasn't posted a winning record since finishing 5-4 in 2003, and hasn't posed a threat to the Metro League powers since joining the conference in 2008. Until the Hornets prove they are, there's no reason to think they'll be a threat this year.

The Hornets scored the second-fewest points of all squads in Metro League contests last year. On defense, the team allowed a whopping 348 points against Metro foes, or an average of 43.5 a game. The team returns no one from last year's All-Metro first or second team, so it's hard to see things getting much better.

Prediction

Kearsley should settle in at around seventh place.

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Four area teams are examined



Real hitting begins at Thursday scrimmages

► Tigers look solid on both sides of the ball during their practice session

By David Troppens

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Fenton — There was hitting. There were great plays and mistakes. There were even referees.

It was about as close to a real football game as you could get at Fenton High School Thursday afternoon. But, of course, it wasn't.

Around the state, Thursday was a day most Michigan teams had their first — and for most their only — scrimmage before playing for real next Thursday.

Fenton hosted Midland for its annual event with the Chemics, in front of about 100 fans. It started with the freshmen and JV squads earlier in the afternoon, and was followed by the varsity teams at 4 p.m. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton, Linden and Holly were competing at their own scrimmages at away venues. For the squads, the scrimmages represent the first, and only, time they'll have contact against another team until

the opening games. For the most part, Fenton coach Jeff Setzke was pleased with his squad.

“We are sick and tired of hitting each other and sick of practicing, so when you get a day to actually do some actual scrimmaging (you look forward to it),” Setzke said. “We'll have to look at the film. You expect to see mistakes in these first games — losing the edge, getting hooked a little bit, pass-block breakdowns. We'll see all those things on film and we'll have to get them corrected. But overall I'm pleased. The kids played hard.”

After a summer of 70-something-degree weather, the scrimmage weather was a bit on the harsh side. Temperatures hovered mid-80s with a reasonably high humidity rate. The rains that were possible, however, never came.

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Fenton's Bryce Roney (center) weaves through potential tacklers in the Tigers' scrimmage with Midland on Thursday.



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Linden's Ben Thornton (left) is one of the Eagles two returning All-State players from last year.

Despite graduation losses, Linden appears to be area's elite soccer squad

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Last year it was good to be on the Linden varsity boys soccer team.

The squad was ranked No. 1 for a part of the season and capped the year with a perfect Metro League record, a district title and a 25-2 record overall.

Will it be a repeat story for the Eagles this fall? There are reasons suggesting it could.

After all, the team returns two All-State players — Ben Thornton and Kevin Wright. Linden head coach Kevin Fiebertz said out of his top six players from last year, five are returning this year. However, that's the good news.

That same squad also lost 11 of its players from a year ago due to graduation. And the Eagles also lost who was probably their best player, Zach Bakos, and lost their starting keeper.

So when it comes to Linden, it's a matter of wondering if the glass is half full or empty.

“We lost about three-fourths of our team a year ago, so it's probably fair to say we are rebuilding,” Linden coach Kevin Fiebertz said. “But I like to think of it as retooling a little bit.”

Fiebertz's area rival coaches are concerned about Linden again this fall. “Linden is still the team to beat,”

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Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said. "They have their studs."

"Linden looks pretty solid again this year," Holly coach Mike Steibel said. "They lost some but have most of their best players back."

What may be the best approach is a middle ground. The Eagles are certainly one of the favorites to win the league crown again, but it's hard to suggest they'll be at the same level statewide as they were last year until they prove that to be the case.

Holly only won one Metro game a year ago, but has a good chunk of its team back from last year, creating a reason for optimism.

"I think we will be pretty solid," Steibel said. "If everything clicks and we learn what we have to learn, I think we'll be a good team. I think we can be top three."

Fenton finished second to Linden last year, but is in a bit of a rebuilding mode despite having over 50 kids try out for the team.

"We fit somewhere in the middle of the pack," Sullivan said. "Last year we thought we were close, but we couldn't get by Linden."

At Lake Fenton, there's reason for optimism as well. The numbers on the team keep growing, and a big reason for that is a lot of players return from last season.

"We are working really hard," Lake Fenton's third-year coach Michael Ko-



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One of Holly's top returning players this fall is Austin Parks.

rhone said. "We want to compete in the GAC. We want to be right there with Goodrich and Durand on top. In the past we wanted to be tough to beat, but we are getting to the point when we step on the field, we are expecting to win every single game no matter the opponent."



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LINDEN EAGLES

Coach: Kevin Fiebertz

2013 Record: 8-0-0 Metro champions, 25-2-0 overall, advanced to regional finals.

Graduated All-TCT players: Zach Bakos, Colin Hoeberling, A.J. Brasseur.

Returning All-TCT players: Kevin Wright, Tyler Ziccardi, Ben Thornton.

Team summary: The Eagles were among the elite teams in the state in Division 2 a year ago. Can they return to that level this season? Well, the squad graduated 11 of those players who made last season possible, but at the same time the Eagles return some very good players. Second-Team All-State performer Ben Thornton returns on defense, as does fellow second-team Kevin Wright. Thornton will remain on defense, while Wright will play outside mid, and be a dangerous offensive threat. Tyler Ziccardi will play at center mid, and is another strong performer. Nolan McDonald returns to a wing mid position, while Cameron Davis may move

to a central defender position.

In net, Jay Howard and Andrew Coppler are battling for the starting position.

Coach Fiebertz says: "We lost about three-fourths of our team from a year ago. It's probably fair to say we are rebuilding, but I like to think of it as retooling a little bit. We have a bunch of young guys who have to fill in spots we lost last year. We'll see if they can do it. It's a good opportunity for the new blood to make their mark."

Prediction: The Eagles lost a lot of players to graduation but the cupboard isn't bare. Many of the starters that do return in 2014 were some of the Eagles' best players on the Metro championship team. But Linden does have its concerns. Depth also could be an issue, as the squad is carrying about 15 right now. But, if the new pieces fit in well and Linden remains relatively healthy, the Eagles could be very good again this year. They should have a good chance to defend their Metro League title.

HOLLY BRONCHOS

Coach: Mike Steibel

2013 Record: 1-6-1 in the Metro, eighth place; 9-10-1 overall.

Graduated All-TCT players: Taylor Mills, Evan Fitzpatrick.

Returning All-TCT players: None.

Team summary: The Bronchos Holly might be the team to watch out for in Metro League action during the fall of 2014. The squad struggled in league action last year, but they were young, and that extra year of maturity should help.

The defense should be strong. Keeper Sean Degnan and Lorenzo Rodriguez give the Bronchos two strong players in between the pipes. The defenders in front of the keeper will be strong as well. When he's not in goal, Rodriguez will team with Austin Chmura and Austin Parks in the back row. Zack Caldwell also will be a key player on defense.

In the midfield, Dan Brendl and Lucas Sammut are strong players. Sammut played on the varsity as a freshman.

Dillon Sink, Derek Miller and Ethan Postma are going to be the major goal scorers. Last year scoring was a problem, but adding Postma (a freshman) and the added year of experience should help this season.

Coach Steibel says: "We have a ton of seniors this year and had some juniors that were on the JV last year that are going to contribute. I think we are looking pretty good. There were a lot of close games last year. This year we have the horsepower up front and the stopping power in the back, so we are looking pretty good."

Prediction: The Bronchos could be the darkhorse team of the Metro League this season. The squad won only one Metro game last year, but were competitive in many games and had success outside the league. This could be a much improved product on the pitch. Don't be shocked if the Bronchos find a way to finish in the top three in the league.

FENTON TIGERS

Coach: Matt Sullivan

2013 Record: 7-1-0 in Metro, second place, lost in district final.

Graduated All-TCT players: Aron Ferguson, Jacob Davis, Michael Conroy, Andrew Mowery.

Returning All-TCT players: None.

Team summary: The Tigers lost a lot of talent with the graduation many outstanding starters. Now, Fenton must find a way to rebuild or reload. There is some talent returning. Offensively, Liam Adams will be the team's top scoring threat at forward. Other threats should come from midfielders Logan Palmer, Isaac Moore and Adam Gornick.

The defense returns a few familiar faces as well. Matt Flowers, Evan Gornick and Michael Fabatz will help anchor the defense. Meanwhile, Brady Hovevar is an all-purpose player, Sullivan says he "can play

anywhere."

The Tigers return one of their two keepers from last year. Tim Geib is back. The other keeper will be John Leaske.

Coach Sullivan says: "We have lost so many starters and lost three all-state performers. From last year so it's going to be tough to replace those guys. We are probably in the middle of the pack hoping to surprise some people. It's not really a position we are used to. We are going to be the underdogs this year. We're going to relish the role of underdog and see if we can sneak up on some people and outwork them."

Prediction: The Tigers probably will take a step down this year. That said, the squad probably will be respectable in most of its games. Finishing above .500 in the league would be a nice year. Finishing third would be a strong season.

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"You need a day like this because you know next Thursday and the game after that it will probably be 85 degrees and sunny. Or it will be humid because of a thunderstorm," Setzke said. "It's just the way it works out. You have to be able to play during a day like this. The kids have to play in a day with this type of heat. We've been blessed. We haven't had to play in it this year. Today was a little warm, a little sticky. And when you are on the carpet (the turf field), it's a little bit warmer, but it was nice."

There were several sessions during the approximately two-hour session. Both offenses and defenses took the field against each other, and then there were special teams practices. Finally, the day ended with what was a regularly timed 12-minute quarter. During it, as one would expect, the Tigers had some positive plays and some plays they'd rather forget.

Special teams was one area the Tigers struggled, and it began with the first play of the 12-minute game. Midland's returner broke up the middle of the field and advanced the ball inside the Fenton 10. However, the Fenton defense, which played well during the final portion of the scrimmage, was able to keep Midland from scoring, forcing a short field goal. The Tigers trailed 3-0 with 9:46 left in the quarter.

On Fenton's first possession, the Tigers' QB Ross Ebert converted two first-down passes, including a nice throw to Justin Norris on a third-down play. The Tigers were eventually forced to punt the ball because in the quarter teams were allowed to hold the ball for no more than seven plays from scrimmage.

The Tigers' defense forced Midland to a punt on the Chemics' next possession, but the punt was bobbled and Midland recovered — Fenton's second straight special teams miscue. However, once again, the Tigers defense was strong, forcing Midland to punt themselves.

The Tigers' offense exploded on the ensuing possession as Ebert tossed an 82-yard TD fade pattern pass to Norris. Evan Gornick converted the extra point, giving Fenton a 7-3 lead with 2:29 left in the quarter.

Midland responded with another nice kickoff return to the Chemics' own 35,

For openers

Listed below are Thursday's four varsity football games for tri-county squads. All but Fenton are at home on Thursday. All the games begin at 7 p.m.

Fenton at Davison
Freeland at Lake Fenton
DeWitt at Lake Fenton
Berkley at Holly

but Fenton's defense answered with another strong play — an interception by Connor Phillips. Before the scrimmage was over, Gornick converted a 39-yard field goal to end it with Fenton winning 10-3.

"As much as you can't win a scrimmage, we wanted to challenge the kids this week to focus and prepare like this was a game," Setzke said. "This is a dress rehearsal for next week when it counts. We want to prepare and handle it that way. For the most part, I think we did. ... They came ready to play. I was pleased with that aspect."

"The other thing we talked about was being more physical than they were and being able to run the ball. I didn't expect to be able to throw the ball on them as much as we did today, but we were very effective. ... I was very pleased with that. I think when we wanted to run the ball, put our nose down and put our tight ends in the game, I think our backs ran hard and showed some physicality tonight."

Thursday was just the dress rehearsal. All of the tri-county teams will deal with the actual openers on Thursday. Fenton travels to Davison, while Linden host DeWitt, the team that defeated the Eagles in the playoffs last year. Holly hosts Berkley while Lake Fenton hosts Freeland. All the games start at 7 p.m.

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Here are some visions from Fenton's scrimmage against Midland on Thursday. (Top) The Fenton offensive line protected quarterback Ross Ebert well during the final 12-minute scrimmage. (Above left) Ebert prepares to throw the ball. He threw an 82-yard TD pass to Justin Norris. (Above right) Fenton's Alec Thomas (right) defends a pass.



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LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Coach: Michael Korhonen

2013 Record: Fourth in GAC, 9-10-1 overall

Graduated All-TCT players: Jared Smith.

Returning All-TCT players: Jacob Newblatt.

Team summary: Korhonen is entering his third year as Lake Fenton's head coach, and the numbers are slowly growing. There are 23 currently on the roster. His first season there were only 17, so that's the first positive sign entering 2014.

He has some solid players returning as well, with 16 players back. Jacob Newblatt, who was a strong center-mid/forward for the squad last year. Jordan Bond scored two goals in a recent scrimmage and could provide some offense. Watch out for Nick Gorlick as well. He played mostly defense a year ago, but will

be used in an offensive capacity this year. Defensively, Jared Smith and Josh Brophy are strong central defenders. Andrew Aragon played on defense last year, but will be the keeper this year. Raied Jawhari will be an important midfielder.

Coach Korhonen says: "We have 16 guys coming back from last year and we are starting at a little higher level than we have in the past. We don't have to go over some of the drills, and we can get right into practice. The kids are working hard."

Prediction: Lake Fenton should have enough returning power to improve upon last year's GAC performance. How much the team can improve is another question. Godrich remains the favorite. Finishing third would be a nice season for the Blue Devils.



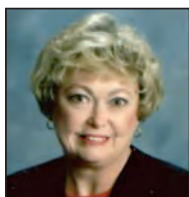
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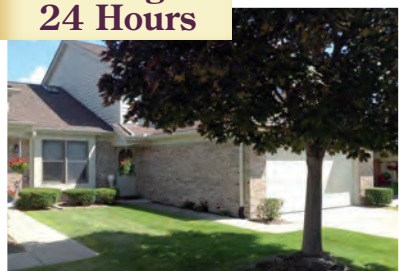
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Meet Terry Green

- Business owner
- Father of two
- Motocross rider

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Terry Green, 38, of Fenton has worked at Billmeier Camera Repair Photo and Framing since 1997. He bought the business in 2001, and is on the DDA board. He has two children, 17 and 5, and rides motocross on the weekends. But right now, he's a little overwhelmed with the repairs he has on his desk.

How many cameras are you actually working on right now? Nine that are up here right now. I usually have between 15 and 30 pieces, and there's an influx of two to 10 a day. The computer that runs the photo printer died, so now I have to drop everything, take that apart. I'm the one that gets the call. I'm the IT guy. I unclog toilets, 'chief cook and bottle washer.'

I notice you're still limping there — I crashed it. I was at a new (motocross) track and I was trying to figure out timing on a set of jumps. The first time I attempted this rhythm section, I got the timing wrong, and I basically didn't do it right. My foot came off, and when I landed, I planted my foot, and it rotated severely and snapped the fibula.

Ankle sprains are rated as a one to four, but mine was 5.5 or six. Not only did I fall and break my leg, but to add insult to injury, I landed in a pile of cow s#!t. Which is pretty humorous. Not only did I eat s#!t, I literally ate s#!t.

Why photography, and why a camera shop? Really truly, kind of cliché, but it started with National Geographic. I just enjoyed looking at all the images from all over the world. At a young age I said to myself, 'that's cool, I'd like to do that.' I'd do chores for (photo) money and processing, in high school I was on yearbook, and school paper staff. I was a photographer.

I went to college actually for auto-body. I had a scholarship. After going home and coming back and working in the industry, I discovered I wasn't too keen on it. I like it, but I saw most of the guys I worked with were pretty used up in their 40s from the work they were doing.

Halfway through (the college photo) program my girlfriend got pregnant, so I dropped out of school and got married. I went back to work and got a job here.

Do you still shoot for fun, or professionally? I can't lie, I'm not much of a photographer these days. My love of photography has definitely changed and evolved. I love equipment, I love the gear, I love when new equipment comes out, I can go ahead and be the



"My candor if you will...I'm kind of a non-filtered cigarette, I'm 'camel straight.'"

Terry Green
Owner, Billmeier Camera

first one to test it. But I don't often go out and make beautiful images. I would really like to.

There's a reason I have a staff photographer here, and it's not me. When I'm done here, I want to do other things I enjoy. I enjoy working on my house, making it look nice, and working on my bikes, getting ready to beat the heck out of them.

How would you describe your relationship with customers, when they come in with questions? I'm probably honest to a fault with people. My bedside manner, or counter-side manner if you will, it's either really good or really bad, depending on your opinion. Ninety-eight percent of people appreciate my candor. I'm open and honest and give them my opinion. You might come in asking for this, and in reality you might need this other thing. I can definitely be a little crass for sure.

Has anyone ever been offended? No, I'm pretty good at gauging people. I won't lie, and say I haven't sworn in front of someone when it wasn't 100-percent appropriate. But again at the same time, most people, they appreciate my candor and my approach. I don't try to be fake and put on a false front.

When I'm here, things might personally be falling apart, or I might be having a really rotten day here, equipment might be broke, and I'm stressed, but when I'm talking to you, I focus on your needs. Sometimes to a fault, I'm sometimes guilty of talking too damn much. I'm passionate about it, I'm passionate about photography.

What do you like about having a business in Fenton? I'm a weirdo, I actually like people. I love meeting new people, new customers coming in, making new friends so to speak, I'm a pretty friendly dude. We're so passionate about our pictures, it's so important, when I'm able to go ahead and do a data recover with photos that would have otherwise been lost. It's the lasting legacy of our families. I take it as a huge honor to be able to do these things. Pictures are a big deal to me, it's my business, it's my life.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES
TIM JAGIELO

Terry Green not only repairs equipment, but sometimes can get unique opportunities, like helping to digitally enhance and preserve a family bible, containing detailed records from 150 years of family history. "I felt honored to be trusted with the very valuable part of his family's history, and it came out absolutely fantastic."



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson,
Certified Mechanic

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A: Hope, The reason you can not weld a coil or any other spring, is the way it is tempered and heat treated when made can not be duplicated easily. What leads you to believe that the coil spring was welded? If there is evidence of this being done right before the sale of the car; you may be able to go to small claims court to get some kind of reimbursement for damages and repairs. If you bought it from a car dealer try to contact the manager of the store. If you do not get help from them, call the Michigan Department of State at 1-888-767-6424. If this was a private party, you should contact the seller and give them a chance to make it right before going any further.

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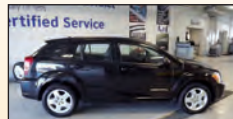
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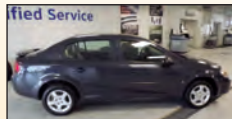
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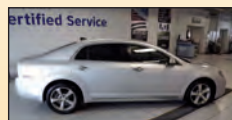
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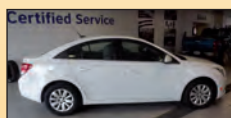


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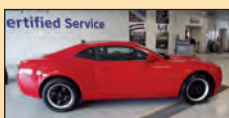


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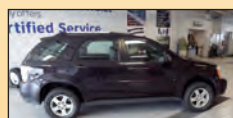
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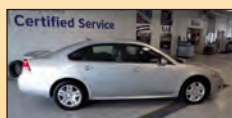
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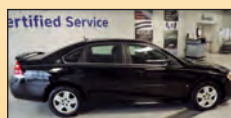
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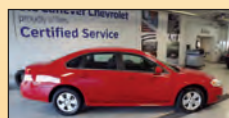
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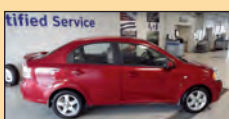
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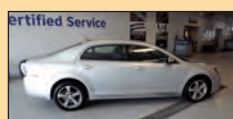
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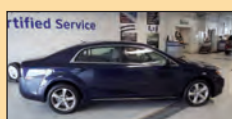
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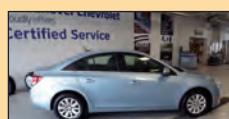
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