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“The number of rioters is down in Missouri, because many of them said it's starting to feel like going to a job.”

“Been looking for the results for the Fenton Chamber of Commerce drawing at the Taste in Fenton. Who won the car or TVs? I haven't seen any results yet.”



“Clearly, the dog hater has never owned a dog. I have met far fewer dogs in my life that I disliked than people.”



“Teddy Roosevelt once said, ‘Speak softly and carry a big stick,’ regarding U.S. foreign policy. Obama's mantra seems to be, ‘Speak softly and carry a Big Bertha.’”

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HOT LINE**



It's 'game on' for local marching bands

► **Marching bands add excitement to fall football with half-time shows and bleacher cheers**

By Sally Rummel

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It's not only the football players, coaches, cheerleaders and fans who are excited about football.

Members of area marching bands are practicing daily to gear up for what will be the first performance of the season for most of the bands, when football officially begins Thursday, Aug. 28 at many high schools.

“After a full week of band camp in early August, we've been practicing every Tuesday and Thursday nights to get ready for ‘Meet the Band’ night,” said Lake Fenton High School Band Director Ryan Gonder. “Playing in front of a thousand spectators helps get our 141 marchers ready for the first football game two nights later.”

Marching band programs have come a long way since their “geeky” days of years past. It used to be that

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Director Andy Perkins leads the Fenton High School Marching Band during an evening rehearsal last week. Marching bands from all local high schools have been practicing as they prepare for their first performances of the school year.

Busiest Labor Day travel weekend since 2008 ahead

► **National Safety Council warns motorists: 400 projected to perish in weekend crashes**

By Tim Jagielo

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It's supposed to be the strongest travel weekend since the recession put the brakes on Labor Day travel in 2008. According to AAA, there will be 35 million traveling at least 50 miles this Labor Day Weekend.

The good news is that gas prices are likely to stay low, making it

See TRAVEL on 7



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I-75, in Saginaw, will be down to the northbound or southbound lanes for all travelers through the fall.

FARR's future plans 'coming soon'

► **Watch for detailed plans in September by reorganized board**

By Sally Rummel

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Ever since the Fenton Area Resource and Referral (FARR) Thrift Store closed its doors earlier this year, rumors have been flying about what's happening with this important local non-profit organization.

“We're about ready to make some very exciting announcements,” said Lynn Hop-

per, president of the re-organized FARR board of directors. “We are working very diligently on this and will be making a formal

See FARR'S on 5

“We are working very diligently on the reorganization of FARR.”

Lynn Hopper, *president of FARR*

Could downtown Fenton see an additional parking lot?

► **DDA weighs options for additional parking and associated costs**

By Ryan Tackabury

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Fenton — Downtown Fenton may have an estimated 1,200 parking spots, however that is a number the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is looking to expand upon in the future.

Last month, the DDA briefly discussed the parking issues, looking at possible ideas such as utilizing a parking structure for downtown Fenton, and turning an empty parcel of land that is owned

by the city near the grain elevator building.

After consulting with the city's engineers, it was suggested that the parcel of land could be turned into a parking lot containing approximately 50 parking spaces,

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“It is an issue that affects everyone downtown, restaurants, stores, even city hall.”

Craig Schmidt
DDA chairman

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Police & Fire report

FENTON WOMAN DEFIES HACKER

A Fenton woman believes that she was the target of a phone scam over the weekend. She said she read last week's police report about an 80-year-old man who was duped into letting an unknown caller "fix" his computer over the Internet and then his computer was hacked. This woman received a call on Saturday from a man with a very heavy accent who claimed to work for Group Resolve. The caller insisted the woman let him into her computer to "fix" it. She said the man was very persistent but she knew it was a scam and told him not to call her again.

ANOTHER VEHICLE WINDOW SMASHED IN FENTON

At 11:45 p.m. on Aug. 22, Fenton police responded to a home in the 800 block of North LeRoy Street to investigate a vandalism complaint. A 33-year-old Waterford resident said he had parked his Chevy Cruze in the driveway at 5:15 p.m. and when he returned, he noticed that the back window had been smashed.

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One person's junk... another person's treasure

Thrift and consignment shops help update home décor, wardrobe

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There can be a stigma when it comes to shopping for used items, especially clothing. Oftentimes people instantly become germ-a-phobes when they think of wearing someone's old clothes.

However, shopping at thrift shops and consignment stores is a great way to get a great bargain on items — from clothes to furniture.

First, the clothes that can be found at good thrift stores and consignment shops aren't always used, and when they are, they are usually gently used or still worth a few wears. More often than not, brand new clothes can be found mingled in the racks, still bearing their original store tags.

Kris O'Neil, one of the owners of My Sister & Me Consignment in Fenton said, "I think it is important for people to know that consignment stores are a great place to find new and used items that are in excellent condition."

Tip #1 Look closely over items before you purchase. Check for stains on clothes, or missing buttons. Look for scratches on furniture items. Remember that used items won't always be in perfect condition, but will still be functional.

Those who frequent this type of shop know that there are treasures to be found. Thrift stores and consignment shops are great places for people to get rid of items they no longer want. People consign clothes that no longer fit them, items they received as gifts and just didn't want, and it is even a great place to get rid of the clutter in the house.

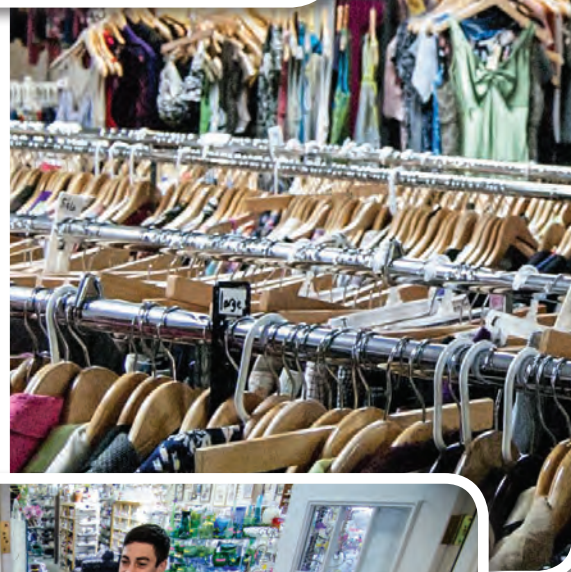
Sometimes moving means it's time to
See **THRIFT** on 7



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Fratz Consignment has 40,000 items in stock, with 500 arriving daily. (Below) David Burgess, 16, helps move a sold loveseat into an employee area, as Keenan Hasenfratz, 16, carries seat cushions.

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(Right) At My Sister & Me Consignment in Fenton you can find gently used clothing.



Tips for consigning

- **Find a specialty store.** A consignment shop that sells mostly antiques might not be interested in modern day items, just as a shop that specializes in children's clothing probably won't be interested in selling adult clothing items.
- **Know what sells.** Consignment shops are looking for items that sell

quickly and easily. They also want items that are in season (no one wants to buy a bathing suit in the middle of winter). Examples of items that sell — new or gently used baby items, designer clothes, and furniture that is in good shape. Items that won't sell — an old junior sports trophy, stained clothing, or broken furniture.

- **Clean your items.** Don't expect
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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**After Ferguson's fires, vote next time**

Televised scenes of fires and looters ravaging storefront buildings in Ferguson, Missouri brought flashbacks in my memory to other urban riots a half-century ago — and to lessons that Ferguson officials failed to learn.

Among them: Never underestimate the power of police brutality to enflame black communities.

Local governments and police departments got smarter. Racial and ethnic diversity expanded in police ranks and community policing strategies stressed good neighborhood relations as an effective crime-fighting and community-building effort.

But not everybody got the news. You could see that gap in the contrast between events in Ferguson, where a police officer fatally shot unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown, to nearby St. Louis, where police later fatally shot 25-year-old Kajieme Powell, who was wielding a knife at police.

Coming 10 days into the stormy protests over Brown's death, the St. Louis case similarly attracted international attention but notably less public outrage. A cell phone video that St. Louis police released the next day made a big difference — and a great argument for more police dashboard and body video cameras. But the candor and transparency with which the city's police chief Sam Dotson responded probably was more important.

About 90 minutes after the incident, Dotson was on the scene to offer a detailed explanation and take reporters' questions. That's less than the several hours for which Brown's body was left in the street, according to news reports.

Worse, when the town greeted peaceful protestors with full riot gear and armored military vehicles, even prominent conservatives were divided over whether that was too much.

While 45 percent of blacks said they have experienced racial discrimination by the police at some point in their lives, almost no whites said they had. When asked whether police forces should reflect the racial makeup of the communities they serve, nearly six in 10 blacks said yes while whites are about evenly divided.

In Ferguson, which is two-thirds black, the police force and city government are close to all-white. Perhaps now that will change. Nothing gets the attention of politicians like a big turnout.

TO THE WOMAN with the Boston terrier at a Fenton downtown park a few days ago, clean up after your dog so other people can continue to enjoy the park too.

TO THE PERSON that hates dogs. Do you think you can change that hate to love? Me and my dog love you!

WE ALL HAVE problems. Life is short. It can end any minute. Try showing love and see how happy you can be.

AFTER AN AMERICAN is beheaded, our president should not be heading to the golf course. This president is in complete meltdown and is living up to his legacy, which is the worst president ever.

IT MAKES ME sad that people are against half-day kindergarten. It's such a nicer and gentler way to introduce kids to school. I am glad the school board kept it as an option.

HISTORY HAS A way of repeating itself. In the '70s, we had president Jimmy Carter that mismanaged our economy/country, created a very weak and incompetent administration, and ruined our military. We have that situation with Obama 40 years later. Thank God, for Ronald Reagan who salvaged our economy and created jobs. The best economy and military in the world. Now we have the worst president in history with Obama.

Hot lines

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I HOPE AND pray that history does not repeat itself. The Democrats got us into WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. With the weak and incompetent Democrat president now, hopefully we can avoid WWII.

LOOKING AT THE Missouri situation, I see a mob mentality instigated by Rev. Sharpton and Jesse Jackson has stoked the flames of racial hatred for years to come. These two have set our country back 40 years.

TO THE PERSON complaining about dogs, I have a cat, and have nothing against dogs. Are you serious?

FOURTH OF JULY parade — since there is so much controversy, why not make a strict rule that floats have to be about what the Fourth of July represents?

AM I THE only one bothered by the loud music from the band on the hill on Silver Lake Road? Is there any kind of noise ordinance in Fenton or Fenton Township?

THE PERSON SHOULD have stopped before exiting out of Thompson Road, or even slowed. There is no excuse for not slowing down and making sure the way is clear. You are going to kill somebody.

DOES FENTON STILL offer a historical home tour? If so when is it?

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Theater of the Absurd in Ferguson, Missouri**

It was in a college theater class that I learned about a genre called 'Theater of the Absurd.' These were plays written mostly by European playwrights between the 1940s and 1960s, as well as a certain style that flowed from their work.

What reminded me of this is now 'playing' in Ferguson, Missouri, following the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown, who was — select one — a) innocently walking down the street when a police officer shot him to death without provocation, or, b) walking with a friend in the street and told by a police officer to get on the sidewalk, whereupon a physical confrontation occurred and Brown allegedly tried to grab the officer's gun and was shot by the cop, now identified as Darren Wilson. This after Brown allegedly robbed a convenience store of some cigars and was seen on a store camera intimidating the clerk as he walked out.

The rioting and looting that followed and the pundits who weighed in with the familiar narrative about slavery, discrimination, stereotyping, joblessness, lack of education and absent fathers, are familiar scenes we have watched in incidents dating back to the race riots of the 1960s.

The Theater of the Absurd, as defined by The American Heritage Dictionary, is 'A form of drama that emphasizes the absurdity of human existence by employing disjointed, repetitious, and meaningless dialogue, purposeless and confusing situations, and plots that lack realistic or logical development.'

Doesn't this sound like Ferguson, Missouri, in recent days?

One more question that adds to the absurdity: Why is so little attention paid to African-Americans who have overcome difficult circumstances to become responsible citizens and committed husbands and fathers? Possible answer: It doesn't play into the media's stereotypical portrayal of the black man as a frightening, threatening, menace to society. Blacks who loot stores make for more dramatic pictures than those who are law-abiding. To their great credit, Brown's parents have repeatedly called for calm in Ferguson, to little avail.

Don't the major media have a bias of their own in these matters?

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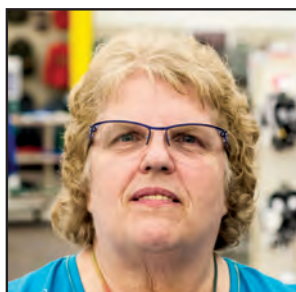
"With all the barbeque ribs and corn on the cob, everything's bad for you! You throw in a salad once in a while."

— Rich Daniels
Argentine Township



"I like the Mediterranean chicken with a tomato base to it, with capers, onions and garlic."

— Cathy Reynolds
Holly Township



"I like to cook fresh vegetables. I like the fresh tomatoes and cottage cheese."

— Kathy Wheeler
Holly Township



"Barbeque chicken and Caesar salad, smoothie, cooked potatoes and veggies on the side."

— Gerry Andrews
Rose Township



"Salads — lots of different salads with nuts and fruits."

— Rob Hard
Fenton



"I like to make a honey chicken recipe with green beans."

— Adrienne Sisk
Mundy Township

Former Fenton city councilman loses battle with cancer

► Benjamin Smith died Sunday at Genesys Hospice

By Sally Rummel

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Benjamin Smith, 61, who formerly served on the Fenton City Council, passed away Sunday morning, Aug. 24 at Genesys Hospice. He had been diagnosed with lung cancer this summer.



Benjamin Smith

Smith had served on the Fenton City Council from 2009 to 2013 and also served on the Fenton Park Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He and his wife, Cherie, have been known as community boosters for all the years they lived in Fenton, volunteering together at many events.

"I served with Ben on council," said Councilman Scott Grossmeyer. "He was such a fixture at all the meetings and everywhere else. He loved Fenton, and did everything he could to make it a better place. He always wanted the best for Fenton. He'll be missed."

Funeral services for Smith have been set for Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Sharp Funeral Home, Fenton chapel.

“He loved Fenton, and did all he could to make it a better place.”

Scott Grossmeyer
Fenton city councilman

FARR'S

Continued from Front Page announcement in September," he added.

This group, which has been working together for a year-and-a-half, includes school superintendents from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden districts, members of the Fenton Clergy Association, local government officials, the Fenton Regional Chamber and local business representatives. Dr. Mark Fisher of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Fenton Township has been serving as a facilitator at meetings to bring back the original goals of the FARR organization.

Penny Fausey, one of three community members who incorporated the organization in 1990 along with Jack Winegarden and Andy Schmidt, serves today as vice president of the FARR organization. She's pleased that the direction of FARR is moving back toward its original roots of being a community resource for people in need.

"We are connecting with a very powerful resource for people who really need help," said Fausey. "That's why we can't make a formal announcement until we have final approval. I've never liked the idea that FARR was primarily viewed as a thrift store. That was never its intended purpose."

She acknowledged that the thrift shop income was not enough to cover its overhead expenses, and the board needed to re-direct FARR back to its original purpose of resources and referrals.

She also mentioned that the FARR truck that was used for deliveries is now more than 15 years old and will be sold to raise funds for FARR. "We still have it, but we're going to sell it," she said.

"Good things are coming out of all this reorganization," said Hopper. "It's just moving more slowly than we'd like."

Several members of the DDA agreed that Fenton has not reached the point where it is in need of a parking structure, although some members did not rule out that the downtown area could reach such a point in the future.

While the DDA believes it has enough parking spaces for the downtown as it currently exists, it was agreed that as downtown development expands, parking will have to expand as well to accommodate expanding needs.

"It is an issue that affects everyone downtown, restaurants, stores, even city hall," said DDA Chairman Craig Schmidt.

A discussion relating to the land parcel is expected to take place at the next city council work session in September, with more discussion amongst the DDA taking place at next month's DDA meeting.

"We're not going to forget about this issue," Schmidt said.

Summary

► The Fenton Downtown Development Authority intends to keep an eye on the parking situation downtown.

PARKING

Continued from Front Page

at a cost that would ultimately come out to an estimated \$5,000 per space, or a quarter of a million dollars for the entire project.

Whether anything is done with the currently empty parcel by the DDA is first up to the city council, as it is the city of Fenton that currently owns that parcel of land.

At last Tuesday's DDA meeting, DDA Director Michael Burns presented his own research he had conducted into a potential parking structure after hearing the DDA's interest in the idea. Burns reported

that financially, a parking garage may not be feasible at the time, and would be likely to cost more in upkeep and maintenance than the amount of revenue it could bring in.

The question the DDA must answer is, when will parking need to expand?



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TERRY CONNELL

The Color Guard bugler sounds taps preceding the unveiling of the monument honoring past and present military from the Holly area.

Veterans' memorial monument unveiled

► Holly area veterans recognized at national cemetery

By Terry Connell

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Holly Twp.—A new monument honoring Holly area veterans was unveiled Sunday, at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

The stone bares the inscription, "Honoring those who answered the call. Lest we forget."

According to American Legion Post Commander Joseph Mishler, "Since so many people from Holly have served in the military going

all the way back to the American Revolution, we thought it would be appropriate to put our mark out here.

"It feels good, because this is sacred ground — and it's our ground."

Speakers at the ceremony included American Legion Post Commander Sam Alvarado, Mishler, Holly Township Supervisor Dale Smith and village of Holly Council President Ryan Bladzick.

The Holly High School marching band held formal stance as they performed The National Anthem under the direction of Benjamin

Baldwin.

The monument is located along Memory Trail, near the back of the cemetery.

“This is sacred ground — and it's our ground.”

Joseph Mishler
American Legion Post 149
commander

HOT LINE CONTINUED

THIS IS TO the persons that ask Christians to stop pushing it down their throats. This is a labor of love. To introduce others to the love God has for the hurting people, and we do not cut off anyone's head for not accepting. It is not a religion, but a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

I'M TRULY VERY sad for California's problem right now, but all those broken bottles of wine don't bother me at all.

THE NEWS AND the media are making Michael Brown out to be some kind of a hero because he was going to college. He broke into a store, he should be going to jail, not college.

LAST SATURDAY, TWO young girls paid our bill at Tim Horton's. We are 88 and 89 years old. Thank you, Fenton girls.

MAY I ASK who's paying for ripping down that large house. Is it Fenton Township? Who's paying for ripping it down?

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TRI-COUNTY TIMES | YVONNE STEGALL

Linden Mayor raises \$310 for ALS

Linden Mayor David Lossing accepted his challenge from the Davison Mayor Tim Bishop, and was doused with more than 30 buckets of cold water Monday night. More than 30 people, of all ages, showed up at City Hall to donate and watch the Mayor get wet. Davison raised \$100 more than Linden, but Lossing said it was "A win for both communities, and most importantly, for finding a cure for ALS." Shown above, Linden City Councilor Charlie Ross dumps a bucket of water over Mayor Lossing.

Fenton to provide assessing services to Linden

An agreement between the city of Fenton and Linden will have the Fenton performing contractual assessing services to Linden for a two-year period, at a cost of \$20,000 per year. The city will add one day of clerical services to the department to help deal with the extra workload. Fenton already has a similar agreement in place with Grand Blanc.

Calendar of events

Informational session for project grants

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) is supporting arts and cultural programs in our communities for the upcoming year. Michigan nonprofit organizations, schools, and local units of government are eligible to apply for funding support for projects that would take place between Jan. 1, 2015 and Sept. 30, 2015. Completed online applications are due on Oct. 1 for capital improvement, operations, and program grants. Applications for the mini-grant Arts Projects and/or mini-grant Professional Development are due online on Oct. 15, 2014. The Greater Flint Arts Council (GFAC) is coordinating free informational sessions for Shiawassee, Genesee, and Lapeer counties. Suzanne Lossing, is serving as the MCACA regional reganting coordinator at the GFAC, and is coordinating multiple sessions, including one locally to be held **Thursday, Sept. 11, 4 - 6 p.m. at Fenton Community & Cultural Center, 150 South LeRoy St., Fenton. (810) 629-2512.** The Lakes Area Arts Council (LAAC), Fenton Community & Cultural Center (FCCC), and Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation are hosting the session.



Mark McCabe

67th District Court

Ask the
judge

Lawyers, judges, golf and success

I have been a lawyer since November 9, 1976. I have loved every minute of it, although as any lawyer can tell you some days are better than others. Before I became a judge I had both civil and criminal trials and I learned early on that at a trial I had to make sure that I was both prepared and, at least outwardly, cool, calm and collected in my presentation. Additionally, when a forceful point needed to be made, it was to be done in a respectful manner. Hopefully, I've continued this practice as a judge.

Frequent readers of this column know that on occasion, I quote well known individuals, and today's column will include a few quotes as follows: 'It's not so much what you accomplish in life that really matters, but what you overcome that proves who you are, what you are and whether you are a champion.

'A real champion is somebody who can act like a gentleman and perform like a gentleman when things are not going well.'

'You train yourself for the fear or the battle. You always wonder how you're going to perform when you get into that position, and you don't know until you actually get there. You have to be in control of yourself at all times and if you're not in control of yourself, you're not going to be there at the end.'

These quotes could describe what it takes to be successful in a number of occupations, but the truth of the matter is that they are (in order) by PGA professional golfers, Johnny Miller, Luke Donald and Billy Casper.

They also speak a universal truth of what it takes to be successful, not just in golf, but in just about anything one can imagine including life itself.

I certainly haven't been successful at everything I've done in life but, at the end of the day, if you can honestly say to yourself that I did my best, be it as a lawyer, judge, golfer or whatever else, you have succeeded.

POLICE

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GUEST AT APARTMENT SMOKES POT IN CAR, IS ARRESTED

At 7:35 p.m. on Aug. 24, Fenton police responded to an apartment parking lot in the 2900 block of Oshea Court to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and made contact with two male occupants. The officer detected the odor of burnt marijuana and the driver, a 20-year-old Tyrone Township resident admitted to smoking and owning the marijuana. The man, who was visiting a resident of the apartments, has a Sept. 15 court date for possession of marijuana.

BUSINESS FENCE DAMAGED

Fenton police are investigating a vandalism complaint from a business in the 300 block of Silver Lake Road, which was reported on Aug. 25. Lt. Jason Slater said the business owner said a split rail fence along the side of the business property was damaged and pieces had been thrown into the river. Police have no suspects at this time.

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TRAVEL

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more affordable to travel. AAA also reports that the cost of a rental vehicle has been flat — though airfare and hotels are going up.

Summary

▶ There will be a few traffic snags on the main north/south highways. AAA projects a busy travel weekend, while the National Safety Council warns that 400 could be killed in auto crashes the same weekend.

In more sobering news, the National Safety Council (NSC) estimates that 395 will die in auto crashes Labor Day weekend, as part of a projected 42,300 personal injury crashes. The projection is done by comparing estimates, versus actual crashes each year.

In 2012, 378 were killed, compared to the estimated 405. Locking seat belts will save 144 lives, the NSC reports.

Construction on U.S. 23 and I-75 is not expected to be too extensive. U.S. 23 will be down to one lane just south of I-96, where traffic will slow during construction. From Lee Road, to 6 Mile Road, traffic is expected to inch by at around 15 miles per hour, according to the Michigan AAA route map.

Heading north on I-75, there is ongoing construction on the Zilwaukee Bridge, where one side of the highway will be closed, and traffic diverted to the north, or southbound lanes, depending on the day.

I-75 is clear until south of Detroit, where the southbound side of the highway is closed through November as a bridge is being built. Exit 43 is closed nearby as well.

For a detailed list of summer MDOT projects, go to tctimes.com.

Labor Day travel facts

- **Historically**, when Labor Day weekend begins in August, Americans have shown a higher tendency to travel.
- **Consumer spending** has surpassed income growth, indicating that Americans are willing to take on debt to finance a vacation.
- **Automobile travel** will increase by 1.4 percent this year, with 29.7 million travelers hitting the road.
- **Nearly 8 percent** of travelers (2.65 million) will travel by air, a one percent increase from last year.
- **Travelers will encounter** airfares just 2 percent higher than last year and daily car rental costs that remain consistent at \$51.
- **Hotel rates** at AAA two diamond hotels are 9 percent higher than last year and three diamond hotels are 6 percent more.

Source: AAA.com

Travel safety tips

- **Refrain from using** cell phones — handheld or hands-free — because there is no safe way to use a cell phone while driving.
- **Do not manipulate** in-vehicle infotainment systems or electronic devices, including GPS systems, while the vehicle is in motion.
- **Make sure all** passengers are buckled up and children are in safety seats appropriate for their age and size.
- **Allow plenty of** travel time to avoid frustration and diminish the impulse to speed.
- **Drive defensively** and exercise caution, especially during inclement weather.
- **Designate a non-drinking** driver or plan for alternative transportation, such as a taxi.

Source: National Safety Council

THRIFT

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downsize — why not make a few dollars by consigning the items that just don't fit.

O'Neil has learned much since opening My Sister & Me a few months ago and shared some insights for people who want to consign items and make some money from the stuff they no longer need in their home.

"It's a great way to find and sell one-of-a-kind or neat items from all walks of life and places. And consignment shops that are local (family based or small business based) are great opportunities for the community to shop local," O'Neil said. "We've noticed a lot of people bring in their old décor and clothes to sell that they have grown from (whether it be size or fondness) and take home new to make their wardrobe or home 'fresh' and newly decorated."

Not all thrift stores are consignment shops though, and many different resale shops have different ways of getting the items they sell. There are stores that run strictly on donated items, and there are stores like Howard's Hidden Treasures in Fenton that get many of their items from the purchase of abandoned storage units.

Tip #2 Know the average cost of what you are looking for. While most thrift stores are known for great prices, sometimes what looks like a bargain might not be. Don't be afraid to ask for a lower price, but remember that consignment shops are selling someone else's merchandise and might not be open to haggle.

No matter where the items are coming from, resale and thrift stores offer a variety of interesting items sure to please any shop-

per. From furniture to baby clothes, and antiques to man cave décor, thrift shopping is a way of life for many people.

It's a great way to find a bargain on items everyone needs. Rebecca Howard, owner of Howard's Hidden Treasures, said, "You can get the best deals, and you never know what you'll find."

"I think it is important for people to know that consignment stores are a great place to find new and used items that are in excellent condition."

Kris O'Neil, My Sister & Me Consignment

CONSIGNMENT

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the consignment shop to clean the items before they are put out on the shelf — they just don't have time for that. Makes sure items are clean and presentable so that people will want to buy them and take them home. Consignment shops will probably decline marked and worn-looking items.

- **Read the contract.** Consigning items always comes with a contract. This will state how much of a percentage you get and how much the store keeps. It will also give info on when you need to pick up unsold items, as well as any price markdown points the store may have.

Source: moneycrashers.com



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | YVONNE STEGALL

Chia seeds are both fun and healthy. Chia is an edible seed that comes from the desert plant *Salvia hispanica*, grown in Mexico dating back to Mayan and Aztec cultures.

Ch-ch-ch chia seeds — from gag gift to super food

By Yvonne Stegall

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While the name chia probably causes a flashback to some strange commercial boasting grass growing from Homer Simpson's head, chia has been around longer than animated television show The Simpsons. In fact, thousands of years ago chia seeds were a staple in the diets of ancient Mayans and Aztecs.

The word chia is derived from the Mayan language, and it means "strength." Just as many athletes now are relying on this super-seed, Aztec warriors relied on chia seeds to boost energy and increase stamina.

Endurance isn't the only bonus that the chia seed gives the body. According to Marjie Andrejciw, owner of Marjie's Gluten Free Pantry in Fenton, "Chia seeds are high in minerals, easy to digest, are high in omega 3 fatty acids (ALA), and support healthy bowel function."

Chia seeds contains a wealth of fiber — 5 grams in just one tablespoon, which is why it is now being touted as a super food. It is the fiber in chia that causes chia seed to swell when combined with water, creating chia gel. While there isn't substantial proof supporting claims that chia seeds will help with weight loss because of their ability to make the stomach feel full, the seeds are still healthy.

They can be used as a replacement for

eggs, for anyone who has an egg allergy.

They also work as a great replacement for xanthan gum in gluten-free baking. Many gluten-free people have found they have issues not only with the high price of xanthan gum, but also the digestion of it.

Xanthan gum is used in gluten-free baking to replace what is lost when gluten is taken out — it's what holds cakes and cupcakes together, adding elasticity and

structure to gluten-free baked goods.

All you need to get started are chia seeds, a spice grinder and some water, and you'll be well on your way to delicious gluten-free baking.

The mild, nutty flavor of chia seeds goes well with both sweet and savory dishes. You can find them in store-bought breads, muffins and more. They can be used in puddings, smoothies, salads, and baked goods. The gelling nature of chia makes it a good substitute for pectin in jam also, according to Bob's Red Mill.

Chia facts and fun

- The first Chia Pet, Chia Guy was created on Sept. 8, 1977.
- The Chia Pet originated in Mexico, but is now made in China.
- Chia seeds are tiny black seeds from the plant *Salvia Hispanica*, which is related to the mint.
- This plant grows natively in South America.

Sources: invent.answers.com and authoritynutrition.com

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you were either into sports or into band, and the two paths didn't always mix.

"We have marchers who are on the football team and cheerleaders, too," said Gonder. "Last year, we graduated two football captains. It's all about flexibility when it comes to working with coaches and schedules." However, Gonder understands that the marching band's place is more of a fan experience. "Our goal is to support the football team," he said. "Our time is the half-time show."

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Ryan Gonder
Lake Fenton High School band director

been rocketing into our season after six days at SVSU (Saginaw Valley State University) for band camp."

The Linden Marching Band, under the direction of John Bennett, 27, will be marching to "Rising Dragon," highlighting the mystical side of this historical piece.

At Holly High School, the 120-member Marching Bronchos will march to the 2012 movie, "Pitch Perfect." "Today's marching band shows usually include music people can relate to," said Holly High School Band Director Ben Baldwin, 38. "That's my focus, too. We perform songs that the audience understands, and it's a draw to the marching band program."

While the majority of marching bands perform primarily at home football games, including homecoming, the season doesn't end there. Local parades, band festivals and special events like the annual Fenton Tigers trip to lead the parade at Hallow Weekend at Cedar Point fill in a busy fall, early winter season, ending in Fenton with the JingleFest Parade in December.

The Holly Bronchos will continue longer, with a visit to the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida on Jan. 1, 2015, which will be nationally televised on ESPN.

With such busy schedules, where do the marching bands find time to practice? You'll find students in the band room at Fenton High School from 6:30 to 7:20 a.m. "This early practice creates fewer schedule conflicts and allows kids to participate in sports and other extracurriculars," said Perkins. Other schools practice during the school day, on evenings and on Saturdays.

"It's a pretty intense activity," said Bennett.

Today's half-time shows are designed to be relevant to pop culture and interests of the audience.

The Marching Tigers at Fenton High School will perform "Grammy Hits," according to Band Director Andy Perkins, 35, leading 170 marchers. "We've



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The Fenton High School Marching Band Drumline files out during rehearsal last week. (Below) Lake Fenton High School Color Guard practices inside, after being rained out.



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KEY VOTES OF THE 2013-2014 SESSION

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House Bill 4782: Expand a corporate/developer subsidy regime

To authorize creation of a sixth "Next Michigan Development Corporation," which is a government agency that gives tax breaks and subsidies to particular corporations and developers selected by political appointees, for projects meeting extremely broad "multi-modal commerce" criteria (basically, any form of goods-related commerce). The new entity would be in the Upper Peninsula.

Passed 87 to 23 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves
(R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 31 to 6 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich
(D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson
(R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4688: Repeal licensure mandates for dietitians and nutritionists

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

Passed 71 to 39 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves
(R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Passed 26 to 12 in the Senate State Sen.

Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson
(R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4044: Ban mandating all health insurance go through the "exchange"

To prohibit a state "exchange" created under the federal health care law from mandating that insurance companies must sell all health insurance policies through the exchange. The Michigan legislature elected to let the federal government create an exchange here rather than create a state-run version, so the measure would only have effect if that choice is later reversed. The Senate has not taken up this bill.

Passed 72 to 37 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves
(R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4816: Require insurers disclose federal health care law price hikes in bills

To require that customer health insurance bills include an estimate of how much of any price increase was caused by mandates and regulations imposed by the federal health care law. The Senate has not taken up this bill.

Passed 67 to 42 in the House

State Rep. Joe Graves
(R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO



SPORTS TRIVIA

BASEBALL

Q What is the MLB record for most runs scored by two teams in a game?

A On Aug. 25, 1922 the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Chicago Cubs 26-23 at Cubs Park (now known as Wrigley Field).

METRO LEAGUE 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 looked at the three area tri-county teams.

Brandon Blackhawks 2013 Record

4-4 in the Metro
4-5 overall

Brandon enters the season inexperienced, with most of its starting players graduating. Two areas the Blackhawks feel good about is on the offensive line (Shane Arnold and Sean Russ are the leaders) and the defensive line. Coach Tim Pizzala also mentioned he liked his athleticism at the offensive skill positions.

Brandon pulled off one shocker last season, when the Blackhawks defeated Linden, 22-15. Beyond that, it wasn't much of an exciting season.

The squad appears young, so this may be a case of playing this year, preparing for next season.

Prediction

We expect that Brandon and Holly will battle for the fifth position in the Metro.

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Football teams have great first-week contests

► Eagles home game with DeWitt highlights Thursday's strong games

By David Troppens

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When it comes to the opening week of the football season, it seems the tri-county area is always filled with great games.

For the last two years, Fenton and Linden did battle during the opening week. Lake Fenton competed against Gabriel Richard during each of the past four years.

The tradition of good games will continue this year.

When the tri-county varsity football teams start their season on Thursday, Linden will host one of the preseason favorites to capture the Division 3 state championship, DeWitt. Lake Fenton will be hosting Freeland, a squad who has made the playoffs six straight seasons. Fenton travels to Class A Davison for a solid matchup. Holly also begins its season with a home game against the Berkley Bears. All four contests begin at 7 p.m.

It's probably fair to say the DeWitt-Linden contest has a bit more shine to its matchup than the other three. Adding to the luster is the two team's recent history against each other. Two years ago,

the squads played in the district championship game with Linden losing a 45-44 six-overtime affair. The game wasn't decided until a missed extra-point by the Eagles. DeWitt ended up advancing to the Division 3 semifinal that year.

Last season, the teams faced off in the district title game again, this time at DeWitt. The Eagles trailed 21-0 quickly, but Linden cut the gap back to 21-14 before the Panthers earned the 28-14 victory. DeWitt ended up competing for the D3 title at Ford Field, losing to Zeeland West 34-27.

Sure, the Panthers are loaded. Sure they still have their three-year starting quarterback Jacob Johnson, who is headed to Central Michigan University next fall. But if there is a Metro squad prepared to face the Panthers, it's the Eagles, who know their foes very well.

"We've had some good games with them," Linden co-coach Denny Hopkins said. "Two years ago we played them to six overtimes and didn't win. Last year, we gave them a good fight as well. And I think it's going to be a good game on Thursday."



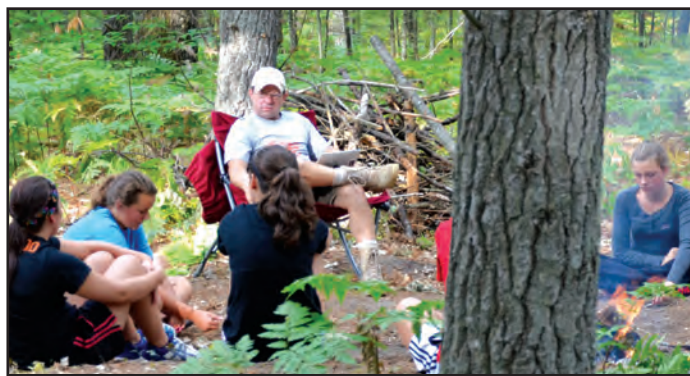
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Linden's Kevin Bates (right) works upfield during last year's playoff game against DeWitt.

"They are good. I believe they are ranked No. 1 in Division 3 by the Free Press and the Detroit News has them as the seventh-best team in the state, so it should be a good game. We'll play them."

We are not afraid of them or anything like that. The kids are really looking forward to it. It's been a great motivator all through the (offseason)."

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The Fenton swim team rests after hiking earlier in the day at Pigeon River State Forest Area, recently.

Hard-working Tigers trying to make it 11 straight Metro League crowns

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Since girls swimming became a sport where a Metro League champion was crowned, the Fenton Tigers have all but one title outright and shared the other one with Brandon.

That's 10 straight seasons of dominance.

And maybe one of the reasons why the squad has been successful

is its work ethic. It could be argued the Fenton girls swim team works as hard on its craft as any team in the tri-county area. All one has to do is look at what the squad does for recreation to see how hard workers they are.

For the second straight year, the Fenton varsity girls swim team spent a weekend hiking at Pigeon River State Forest Area. While

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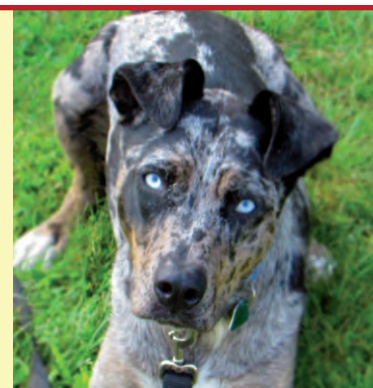
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Linden XC teams place first at Durand Invitational

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The Linden cross country teams are at it again. The Eagles began the season by having both teams capture first place at the Durand Invitational.

The Linden girls dominated by taking four of the top five spots, and posting their top five within the top eight positions.

Savannah Ferrara won the race in 21:16.5, while Jordan Holscher took second (21:19.7). Courtney Davis was fourth (22:14.4), followed by Taylor Ganger in fifth (22:40.4). Maya Gossett was Linden's final scorer, placing eighth (22:57.6).

The Linden boys were paced by Mikey Varacalli, who took third in 17:25.6. The rest of Linden's scoring five were Ryan Torok in sixth (18:11.3), Andy Bennett in seventh (18:15.9), Nick McDonald in 11th (19:03.8) and Kagen Griffith in 12th (19:35.0).

Girls Golf

Fenton, Holly & Linden at Lapeer Tune-up

Fenton placed sixth with a team score of 389 at the event held at Lapeer Country Club. Holly was eighth (400) and Linden placed 15th (434).

Fenton was paced by Sydney Shegos, who carded an 18-hole score of 94. She was followed by Molly Gundry (97), Sarah Cummings (98) and Madison Shegos (100).

Holly's top scorers were Jenna Pepper with a 95 and Amanda Pucher (99). Chelsea Bowles carded a 102 and Madison Brack shot a 104.

Hannah Joslin paced the Eagles and all area golfers with an 88, taking eighth overall. Makena Baldwin carded a 99, while Ashley Robinson and Sydney Bond shot 104s.

Volleyball

Fenton at West Bloomfield Invitational

Fenton advanced to the championship match, before losing to Pontiac Notre Dam Prep.

Carly Granger led the Tigers with 51 kills, while Cassidy Curtis had 33 kills. Kelsie Fischer had 77 assists.

Holly, Linden at Linden Invitational

The Eagles placed fifth out of 11 teams, while Holly won the silver bracket of the event.

Holly went 2-4 on the day, defeating Inlay City in the Silver Division title game. Sam Jones had 24 aces and 75 aces to pace Holly at the tourney, while Shayla Lipischak had 21 kills and 33 digs. Brooke Jackman and Emily Alvarado had 17 kills each. Katie LaClair had 50 digs.

Linden went 2-3 in the tourney. Megan Kenney led Linden with 31 kills and 10 blocks. Breyanna Turnipseed had 24 kills, while Miranda Fowler had 59 assists. Megan Klavitter had 43 digs.

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The game was made possible due to the changes in the Metro. With Lapeer East and Lapeer West merging into one school, they had to leave the Metro. Flushing was added, creating an additional non-conference date on the schedule. Needing an opening week matchup, Hopkins eventually asked DeWitt if they wanted to be that foe. After a little discussion, the teams agreed to play at Linden this year and at DeWitt next season.

While the teams are not in the same conference, they know each other as though they are because of the past two playoff contests. The players are excited for the game.

"That first game will set the tone for the season," said Linden player Marshael Ryan at the recent Metro League press conference. "If we win, we'll have the confidence we want for the season. If we lose, we'll know how much harder we'll have to work to get where we want to be."

The last time the Tigers saw Davison was in the playoffs in 2006, but the Tigers were a different team back then. That game marked the first playoff contest in Setzke's Fenton coaching career.

Davison isn't the same team either. The Cardinals finished just 4-5 a year ago and are under a new coaching



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Fenton's Brendan Mathews tries to gain some yardage during last week's scrimmage against Midland.

staff. The Tigers are the established squad, posting at least eight wins in each of the last four seasons. Still, a matchup with Davison should be a great test. And if that isn't, then the second-week game against Temperance-Bedford, a squad which made it to the regional final a year ago, will.

"We look at it from the standpoint if we win, lose or draw, we're trying to get better," Setzke said. "We want to play better competition. ... Davison has a great football tradition and Temperance-Bedford is really good."

It seems Lake Fenton always has a tough foe to open

the season. Since 2008, all but one of their season-opening teams have made the playoffs. Freeland is included on that list.

"We've gotten to a point where people don't want to play Lake Fenton," Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said. "That means we have to play some tough teams to fill our schedule. But we are not afraid to play anyone."

Holly will need a win against Berkley to enhance its chances to make the playoffs for the first time since 2011. The Bears are a comparable-sized Class A team who, like Holly, had a losing record last year.

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there, the squad hiked with all of their equipment carried on their back. When they got to their destination, they had to set up their tents, make meals and dodge mosquitoes. This was considered recreation.

"It's the same as we did last year," Jones said.

"We go on the camping trip, rough it and this is what we wanted to do for our team-building exercise. From that respect we got a ton out of it."

The Tigers will be one of the favorites to contend for the crown once again.

Meanwhile, the Holly Bronchos are also preparing for their season, and are

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A On Aug. 25, 1922 the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Chicago Cubs 26-23 at Cubs Park (now known as Wrigley Field).

METRO LEAGUE 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 looked at the three area tri-county teams.

Brandon Blackhawks 2013 Record

4-4 in the Metro
4-5 overall

Brandon enters the season inexperienced, with most of its starting players graduating. Two areas the Blackhawks feel good about is on the offensive line (Shane Arnold and Sean Russ are the leaders) and the defensive line. Coach Tim Pizzala also mentioned he liked his athleticism at the offensive skill positions.

Brandon pulled off one shocker last season, when the Blackhawks defeated Linden, 22-15. Beyond that, it wasn't much of an exciting season.

The squad appears young, so this may be a case of playing this year, preparing for next season.

Prediction

We expect that Brandon and Holly will battle for the fifth position in the Metro.

Football teams have great first-week contests

► Eagles home game with DeWitt highlights Thursday's strong games

By David Troppens

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When it comes to the opening week of the football season, it seems the tri-county area is always filled with great games.

For the last two years, Fenton and Linden did battle during the opening week. Lake Fenton competed against Gabriel Richard during each of the past four years.

The tradition of good games will continue this year.

When the tri-county varsity football teams start their season on Thursday, Linden will host one of the preseason favorites to capture the Division 3 state championship, DeWitt. Lake Fenton will be hosting Freeland, a squad who has made the playoffs six straight seasons. Fenton travels to Class A Davison for a solid matchup. Holly also begins its season with a home game against the Berkley Bears. All four contests begin at 7 p.m.

It's probably fair to say the DeWitt-Linden contest has a bit more shine to its matchup than the other three. Adding to the luster is the two team's recent history against each other. Two years ago,

the squads played in the district championship game with Linden losing a 45-44 six-overtime affair. The game wasn't decided until a missed extra-point by the Eagles. DeWitt ended up advancing to the Division 3 semifinal that year.

Last season, the teams faced off in the district title game again, this time at DeWitt. The Eagles trailed 21-0 quickly, but Linden cut the gap back to 21-14 before the Panthers earned the 28-14 victory. DeWitt ended up competing for the D3 title at Ford Field, losing to Zeeland West 34-27.

Sure, the Panthers are loaded. Sure they still have their three-year starting quarterback Jacob Johnson, who is headed to Central Michigan University next fall. But if there is a Metro squad prepared to face the Panthers, it's the Eagles, who know their foes very well.

"We've had some good games with them," Linden co-coach Denny Hopkins said. "Two years ago we played them to six overtimes and didn't win. Last year, we gave them a good fight as well. And I think it's going to be a good game on Thursday."



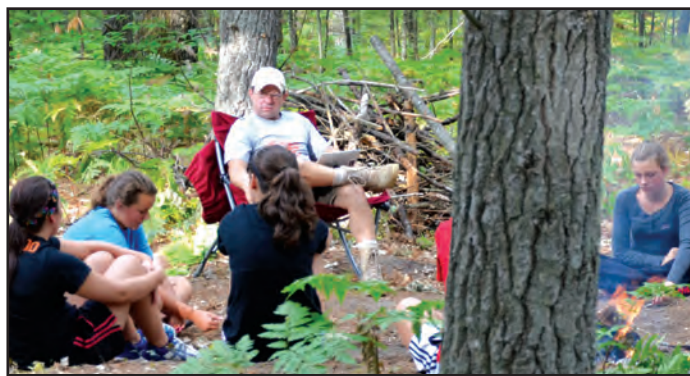
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Linden's Kevin Bates (right) works upfield during last year's playoff game against DeWitt.

"They are good. I believe they are ranked No. 1 in Division 3 by the Free Press and the Detroit News has them as the seventh-best team in the state, so it should be a good game. We'll play them."

We are not afraid of them or anything like that. The kids are really looking forward to it. It's been a great motivator all through the (offseason)."

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The Fenton swim team rests after hiking earlier in the day at Pigeon River State Forest Area, recently.

Hard-working Tigers trying to make it 11 straight Metro League crowns

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Since girls swimming became a sport where a Metro League champion was crowned, the Fenton Tigers have all but one title outright and shared the other one with Brandon.

That's 10 straight seasons of dominance.

And maybe one of the reasons why the squad has been successful

is its work ethic. It could be argued the Fenton girls swim team works as hard on its craft as any team in the tri-county area. All one has to do is look at what the squad does for recreation to see how hard workers they are.

For the second straight year, the Fenton varsity girls swim team spent a weekend hiking at Pigeon River State Forest Area. While

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Linden XC teams place first at Durand Invitational

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The Linden cross country teams are at it again. The Eagles began the season by having both teams capture first place at the Durand Invitational.

The Linden girls dominated by taking four of the top five spots, and posting their top five within the top eight positions.

Savannah Ferrara won the race in 21:16.5, while Jordan Holscher took second (21:19.7). Courtney Davis was fourth (22:14.4), followed by Taylor Ganger in fifth (22:40.4). Maya Gossett was Linden's final scorer, placing eighth (22:57.6).

The Linden boys were paced by Mikey Varacalli, who took third in 17:25.6. The rest of Linden's scoring five were Ryan Torok in sixth (18:11.3), Andy Bennett in seventh (18:15.9), Nick McDonald in 11th (19:03.8) and Kagen Griffith in 12th (19:35.0).

Girls Golf

Fenton, Holly & Linden at Lapeer Tune-up

Fenton placed sixth with a team score of 389 at the event held at Lapeer Country Club. Holly was eighth (400) and Linden placed 15th (434).

Fenton was paced by Sydney Shegos, who carded an 18-hole score of 94. She was followed by Molly Gundry (97), Sarah Cummings (98) and Madison Shegos (100).

Holly's top scorers were Jenna Pepper with a 95 and Amanda Pucher (99). Chelsea Bowles carded a 102 and Madison Brack shot a 104.

Hannah Joslin paced the Eagles and all area golfers with an 88, taking eighth overall. Makena Baldwin carded a 99, while Ashley Robinson and Sydney Bond shot 104s.

Volleyball

Fenton at West Bloomfield Invitational

Fenton advanced to the championship match, before losing to Pontiac Notre Dam Prep.

Carly Granger led the Tigers with 51 kills, while Cassidy Curtis had 33 kills. Kelsie Fischer had 77 assists.

Holly, Linden at Linden Invitational

The Eagles placed fifth out of 11 teams, while Holly won the silver bracket of the event.

Holly went 2-4 on the day, defeating Inlay City in the Silver Division title game. Sam Jones had 24 aces and 75 aces to pace Holly at the tourney, while Shayla Lipischak had 21 kills and 33 digs. Brooke Jackman and Emily Alvarado had 17 kills each. Katie LaClair had 50 digs.

Linden went 2-3 in the tourney. Megan Kenney led Linden with 31 kills and 10 blocks. Breyanna Turnipseed had 24 kills, while Miranda Fowler had 59 assists. Megan Klavitter had 43 digs.

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The game was made possible due to the changes in the Metro. With Lapeer East and Lapeer West merging into one school, they had to leave the Metro. Flushing was added, creating an additional non-conference date on the schedule. Needing an opening week matchup, Hopkins eventually asked DeWitt if they wanted to be that foe. After a little discussion, the teams agreed to play at Linden this year and at DeWitt next season.

While the teams are not in the same conference, they know each other as though they are because of the past two playoff contests. The players are excited for the game.

"That first game will set the tone for the season," said Linden player Marshael Ryan at the recent Metro League press conference. "If we win, we'll have the confidence we want for the season. If we lose, we'll know how much harder we'll have to work to get where we want to be."

The last time the Tigers saw Davison was in the playoffs in 2006, but the Tigers were a different team back then. That game marked the first playoff contest in Setzke's Fenton coaching career.

Davison isn't the same team either. The Cardinals finished just 4-5 a year ago and are under a new coaching



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Fenton's Brendan Mathews tries to gain some yardage during last week's scrimmage against Midland.

staff. The Tigers are the established squad, posting at least eight wins in each of the last four seasons. Still, a matchup with Davison should be a great test. And if that isn't, then the second-week game against Temperance-Bedford, a squad which made it to the regional final a year ago, will.

"We look at it from the standpoint if we win, lose or draw, we're trying to get better," Setzke said. "We want to play better competition. ... Davison has a great football tradition and Temperance-Bedford is really good."

It seems Lake Fenton always has a tough foe to open

the season. Since 2008, all but one of their season-opening teams have made the playoffs. Freeland is included on that list.

"We've gotten to a point where people don't want to play Lake Fenton," Lake Fenton coach Eric Doyle said. "That means we have to play some tough teams to fill our schedule. But we are not afraid to play anyone."

Holly will need a win against Berkley to enhance its chances to make the playoffs for the first time since 2011. The Bears are a comparable-sized Class A team who, like Holly, had a losing record last year.

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there, the squad hiked with all of their equipment carried on their back. When they got to their destination, they had to set up their tents, make meals and dodge mosquitoes. This was considered recreation.

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ANSWER: Pain in the shin bone (tibia) is common in runners, but the hard part is distinguishing between 'shin splints,' properly called 'medial tibial stress syndrome,' and a stress fracture of the tibia. A stress fracture usually has a discrete area of tenderness, but MTSS has more diffuse tenderness. An X-ray may be needed to be sure it isn't a stress fracture, since the treatment is very different. A runner with a stress fracture needs to avoid impact activities like running, whereas MTSS usually gets better with just lower running mileage. In your case, the degree of pain is higher than I would expect after three weeks. I'd recommend an X-ray.

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boy clothing (like new),
baby furniture, toys,
household goods,
ceiling fan.

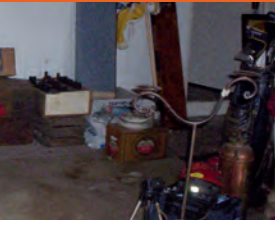
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Fenton



AUGUST 27-28TH
9-5PM
AUGUST 29TH, 9-4PM
12126 Jennings Rd.
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clothing sizes 0-20,
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drawer containers,
boxes of ribbon, nails,
bolts and tools.

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AUGUST 27-30TH
9-5PM
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and Lahring. Cookbooks,
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HOLLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUGUST 20, 2014 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cornwell and Trustee Ruth.

Approved: Consent Agenda as Corrected.

Presentation: Representative from ERG Environmental Services Concerning Hazardous Waste Disposal.

Approved: Planning Commission Appointment – Mark McHalpine.

Approved: Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Sirens for Addition of New Sirens.

Approved: Text amendments to the Township of Holly Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 Zoning, Article 32-32 Duties – Amendments to Site Plans.

Approved: 2015 SMART Program Transfer – Proposed Resolution 2014-18.

Approved: Appoint Emergency Management Coordinator – Proposed Resolution 2014-19.

No Action: Park and Library Millage Renewal Proposal – Proposed Resolution 2014-20.

No Action: Hazardous Waste Disposal.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

Dale M. Smith
Holly Township Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PAVING PROJECT FOR LATOURETTE DRIVE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Fenton, Genesee County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land whose frontage constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage of Latourette Drive, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Fenton proposes to construct improvements to Latourette Drive, including asphalt surfacing and/or resurfacing and drainage improvements, and to create a Special Assessment District for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

Parcel Numbers:

06-13-100-003
06-13-100-016
06-13-100-017
06-13-100-018

06-14-200-002
06-14-200-003
06-14-528-003
06-14-528-011

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received preliminary plans showing the improvements and locations thereof together with an estimate of the costs of such construction in the approximate amount of \$38,925, has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said Plans, Special Assessment District and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Petitions, Plans, District and Estimate of Costs will be held at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center at 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan within the Township commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday September 8, 2014.

At such hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said Plans, Estimates and Costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

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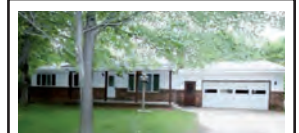
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Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams



Benjamin C. Smith 1952-2014

Benjamin C. Smith - age 61, of Fenton, died Sunday, August 24, 2014 at



Genesys Hospice. Services will be held Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 10:30 AM

at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton with Pastor Dean Dumbrell and Gary Hicks officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the family. Ben was born September 15, 1952 in Flint, the son of Louis E. Smith and Linnie P. (Lawrence) Smith. He was a 1970 graduate of Ainsworth High School. Ben and Cherie were High School sweethearts and were married September 9, 1972 in Flint at St Paul Lutheran Church. The following year Ben received his Bachelor's degree from Mott Community College. With his father he owned Ben and Louie's Tire on Ballenger Hwy. He also owned Fenton Wholesale Tire Co. Ben and Cherie were 2 only children with no kids, who devoted their lives to each other. Their lives were so intertwined people said their name as one Benandcherie. He loved our community and served on the Fenton Park Bd., Planning Commission and City Council. Together they volunteered at many community events, he was always SO proud of Fenton and wanted to serve in any way he could. He was a loving, generous, caring friend to many and a devoted husband to Cherie and a great son to Edie Smith, the best step-mom ever. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may share an on-line tribute on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



William James Peters 1946-2014

William James Peters - age 67, of Holly, died Friday, August 22, 2014. Military



Honors and inurnment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly at

2:30 PM Friday, August 29, 2014. Mr. Peters was born in Buffalo, NY on September 9, 1946, the son of the late Ernest and Beverly Peters. He served with the US Marine Corp in Vietnam for 3 years. He was a retired automotive engineer and was a former volunteer fireman. He is survived by his wife Diana; 2 children, Tracy Hill of Fenton and Mark Peters of Highland; 2 grandchildren, Avery and Aiden Hill; brother-in-law Anthony (Karen) Caccamise; nephew Andrew Caccamise; and his buddy Max. He was the glue that held the family together and was always there for others "and then some." Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

FUNERAL ETIQUETTE

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