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#### **L**Hey Mr. President, what did you shoot on the



golf course the day you heard about another American being beheaded

in the Middle East?

**L**I wish the Times would run a story showing us exactly where the alleged 1,200+ parking spots in downtown Fenton are.

#### **L**Tear down the

'Mistake on the Lake'?



Since it's already built and it's not being used. we should let the immigrant

'children' stay there. I'm sure there are plenty on the lake who wouldn't mind sharing.

**LEI** think the people that don't use turn signals are



hoping to get rear-ended so that they can fraudulently collect benefits from

the government. I know someone who did that.

**44** Here's an idea. How about for just one week, nobody submits Hot lines that disparage President Obama. He is doing his best under difficult circumstances. Next week, okay?



**66**THE U.S. POSTAL service has lost \$2 billion already this year. Postal officials are busy emailing each other trying to figure out how this could happen."





# A new home for a family in need



Construction Liaison Aaron Ashford of Flint Township ties in one of the final few trusses to the Habitat for Humanity house in Fenton on Wednesday. A small, mostly volunteer, crew helped erect the 1,250-squarefoot home on Main Street.

► Habitat for Humanity house in Fenton is one of four under construction

## By Tim Jagielo

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**Fenton** — After dozens of trusses were added to the 1,250-square-foot home on Wednesday, the gable was finally lowered by crane, and tied in by the crew members perched along the top of the structure.

While the goliath Cornerstone building is coming along a block away, the modest Genesee County Habitat for Humanity home has also taken shape at 703 Main Street.

The home has 11 windows, and eventually a front and back porch. Construction Supervisor George MacEachern said the home should be done in a few months, as there are three other construction projects happening at the same time. There are homes being built

See HOUSE on 8A

# Teen nabbed after **busting into ATM**

# Burglary tools, cash recovered from scene

**By Sharon Stone** 

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Jude Jeney, 17, of Fenton has been charged as an adult with a three-count

Jude Jeney

felony after being arrested for breaking into an ATM in Fenton.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said Fenton police responded to an ATM alarm in the 1300 block of North Le-

Roy Street in the early morning hours of Aug. 21. Responding officers observed an open door on the ATM building but no damage. Officers secured the door and left.

At approximately 2 a.m., a resident called police to report a suspicious male running behind the ATM building. Officers headed back to investigate. Police discovered that someone had used force to break into the ATM building.

See BURGLARY on 8A

# Disability fraud

**▶One out of 14 American workers** now collecting disability dollars

By Sally Rummel • news@tctimes.com; 810-629-8282

You don't have to look very far to find abuse of a disability system that was designed to help people who truly are unable to work.

See **DISABILITY** on 6A

**44** The disability program now funds nearly 12 million Americans, up 20 percent in the last six years. 77

Excerpt from "60 Minutes"

# Is it autumn already?

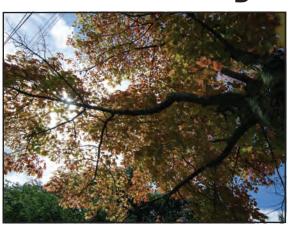
▶Cool summer, above average rainfall contribute to early color change

By Yvonne Stegall

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More than a few people around the tri-county area have been noticing the trees changing to fall colors, and wondering what that's all about. While it may seem odd to see color changes in the middle and end of August, it really isn't that out of the ordinary. Many claim they are changing the same time this year as they did last year. Nevertheless, why are they changing?

See AUTUMN on 6A



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Another symptom of the cool, wet summer—leaves changing colors early in certain trees.



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# NEWSANDFEATURES

Police&Fire report

# CAR WINDOW SMASHER STRIKES AGAIN

At 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27, a 36-year-old Birmingham woman reported to Fenton police that while she was in a hair salon on River Street someone had smashed the back window of her 2014 Lincoln MKZ. Nothing was missing from inside the car. Fenton police ask residents to call 911 immediately if they see any suspicious activity as they are investigating multiple complaints like this.

# SCHOOL STARTS ON TUESDAY

Fenton police remind all motorists that area schools are back in session beginning Tuesday, Sept. 2. School buses will be out throughout the day and motorists are reminded to obey all laws when they encounter a bus. Also be on the lookout for students driving to school and young children walking to school.

#### CAR VS MOTORCYCLE

At 7:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27, Fenton police responded to a car vs. motorcycle

See POLICE on 8A



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Rob Greenfield (left) takes cousin Mike Badgley of Argentine Township on a dumpster diving field trip on Thursday morning in Flint Township. Greenfield is on a cross-country bike campaign to raise awareness of food waste by grocery stores. He'll only eat food found in dumpsters for the entire trip.

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# 1,500-mile bike ride — living only on dumpster food

► Adventurer, activist in area to raise food-waste awareness

By Tim Jagielo

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Flint Twp. — After three tries, Rob Greenfield, 28, was able to find a dumpster to get food from. He and his cousin, Mike Badgley of Argentine Township, found success, and 10 pounds of produce at a Kroger on Corunna Road in Flint Township.

He was most excited about a bag of flax seed and two cakes worth about \$30 — on his birthday no less. He also had a positive conversation with an employee who confronted him

as he pulled carrots from the dumpster.

This stop is one of hundreds Greenfield will make on his 1,500-mile ride from Lacrosse, Wisconsin to New York City, where he'll only ride a bike, and only eat food out of dumpsters, for his campaign against food waste.

Greenfield, 28, doesn't enjoy rooting around in dumpsters. It's trespassing, and there is a social stigma against it — he was scared, embarrassed and tried to

hide the first time he did it, on a different campaign last year, which is probably how the average person would feel.

He's not average See DUMPSTER



A staple of wasted dumpster food is produce. Most anything on store shelves, Greenfield can find and use from dumpsters.

that you can argue — it doesn't make sense to waste food.

Rob Greenfield, Activist, adventurer



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# How not to give a speech

By Foster Childs

I recently attended an industry con-ample: 'Avoid clichés like the plague.' ference with multiple speakers. Good • 'So...' Half of the time this is the first

conference overall, but one speaker was so awesomely bad that the experience nearly killed me — and the rest of the audience. It was, in fact, so dismal a presentation that I feel compelled to share these timeless 'Do's and Don'ts' on How Not To Give A Speech.

• Hide behind a podium if at all possible. A good rule of thumb is never let the audience know that you have legs.

 Never open your speech with 'I've never done this before.' It's much more honest to simply open with 'I'd like to begin with the complete selfdestruction of my credibility.'

• Avoid clichés like the plague. Ex-

word out of a speaker's mouth, despite the fact that 'so' is a continuation of a previous thought, and so, it's impossible to start a speech with 'so.'

• Fill the spaces between thoughts with as many actual non-words as possible. There are lots to choose from, such as 'um,' 'er,' 'you know' and 'ah.'

• 'I've been asked to speak **about...**' Wow, you are either really important or, more likely, a pompous @\$\$.

• 'I'd like to start out with a story.' A story is one of the best ways to open any speech. However, introducing the introduction negates the advantage of starting with a story. Just start the story. • 'There's a funny joke ...' Think Rain Man declaring 'I'm an excellent driver.' Skip the stage-setting and simply start with, 'A rabbi, a priest and a monkey walk into the bar....

• 'Excuse me if I seem nervous.' Change it to 'Excuse me if my speech is a knock-kneed, soaked-in-sweat, quavering-voice disaster...' It's much more efficient at completely destroying your credibility.

"I'm not good at public speaking." Um, then don't do it.

• 'I'm not a speaker.' Um, are you giving a presentation? Then, yes you are.

• 'Bear with me.' I was taught in a class to always be prepared to give your presentation even if your laptop was lost at the airport. (Sidebar: Note that it's not 'bare with me,' which would actually be much more entertaining.)

 'The next slide clearly shows . . .' Unless you're presenting to an audience composed of sightless people, just shutup and show the slide.

• 'Moving right along . . .' Translation: I will put absolutely no effort into witty or intelligent transitioning.

• 'I think I've bored you enough.' Oh please, it's the pathetic speech equivalent of, 'Was it good for you?'

• 'I'm running out of time...' Replace with: 'I am completely lacking in any time-management skills.'

'That's all I have to say.' Replace with: 'As opposed to giving any thought whatsoever on how to end a speech brilliantly and memorably, I will simply bail out weakly and lamely!'

Speaking of which, I'm running out of space and I think I've bored you enough. That's all I have to say.

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I THINK THAT this story about this house being torn down on Lake Fenton, that more information should be given to residents. Did Kid Rock really take out the building permit? Who gave them permission to build?

WHEN THOUSANDS OF people turn out for the funeral of a crook, it's easy to see how bad this country has gotten. We are going to destroy ourselves. If we let Hillary get elected, that will happen. I don't think there is anyone out there anymore with common

BEFORE ANYONE BLAMES the police or Michael Brown in Missouri, ask why there is no video of the entire incident — not from witnesses or from the police. Saw a few after-photos online but that's it. Odd, since every other person today has a smartphone with video-taking capabilities in their pocket.

THE BAYSHORE DRIVE house is the perfect symbol of the excesses that led to the Great Recession. Six years later, we're still paying the price for wild speculation, reckless lending, and unchecked consumer spending. Bet it'll happen again, too.

**REPUBLICANS BARELY SPEAK of** Obamacare these days. As usual, their fear mongering and ginned-up outrage over something they claimed would

'destroy the country' has proven to be completely false. 'Destroying the country' is Republican corporate speak for 'helping the middle class,' which is what they are really against.

FLOATS AREN'T CAPABLE of acting for or against the interests of a community as they are inanimate objects. It was a float in a parade that you laid eyes on for a couple of minutes at most. I bet most of the people complaining weren't even there to see it.

WHY WOULD TAXPAYERS funding the school lunch program want all children to have access to it? That would simply mean we would have to pay more in taxes to fund lunches for children whose parents can afford to pay for them. There's zero logic of any kind in that.

GLAD TO HEAR they are finally tearing down that tacky eyesore on Lake Fenton. What I'd like to know is the name of the genius who issued the building permit in the first place. It's obvious to anybody with eyes that nothing that size should've been built on that land.

I DON'T RECALL any Republicans currently complaining about Obama playing golf doing the same when George W. Bush would comment on the Iraq war to the media before teeing off. The word 'hypocrisy' springs to mind.

TO THE WHITE Dodge Dart in downtown Fenton. Where did you learn to drive? And are you old enough to drive? I was scared

I HAVE A great solution for Fenton's downtown area. Go to Flint or stay away from Fenton until whoever puts on events like the 'Taste in Fenton' can provide enough parking for the participants.

I AM SO glad that the Chamber of Commerce has moved to Adelaide Street. Now they will 'be closer' to the site of the old laundromat. It's been years, do something about it.

THE ECONOMY IS in ill repair because the President spent four years complaining it was Bush's fault, instead of fixing it. Then the second term, he helps the economy by spending our tax dollars on lavish vacations and golf outings.

TO HELP SAVE the economy, the government will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors instead of illegals in order to lower Social Security and Medicare costs. Older people are easier to catch and they will likely not remember how to get back home.

SO, I GET this, Al Sharpton goes to Missouri and tells the rioters 'You are not looters, you are liberators.' I didn't realize the poor shop owners needed liberating from their livelihoods.

ERIC HOLDER CALLED us a 'Nation of cowards.' Try telling that to our Founding Fathers.

ANYONE WHO THINKS that the chain gangs no longer exist are not of the middle class who are chained to government taxation and regulations. Obama doesn't even ask for congress for help but 'dictates' what the hard-at-work freedom loving Americans must provide for the lazy no-nothings. American freedom is history.

FENTON VILLAGE PLAYERS is holding a Ghost Walk-storytelling and folklore in downtown Fenton on Oct. 11. If you have a great Fenton ghost story, we'd love to hear it. Please share at fentonghostwalk@gmail.com.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

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# How do you watch your favorite TV shows?



"I use Direct TV and Netflix. I am happy with both of them."

Celeste Sabato



"I DVR everything."

— Liz Desjardins Fenton



"I mostly watch Netflix. I have Xfinity, and I'm happy with it."

Cindy Desigardins Grand Blanc



"I don't watch TV that much, but we have Charter. The kids watch Netflix on the iPad."

– Heather Fulghun, Linden



"I have cable, and it's OK."

— Sandy Shapine Linden



"Cable. I like that it has a lot of variety. I also love my DVR for when I'm not home."

— Sally Carrier, Linden

# Local orchards expecting bumper apple crops

► Cold winter had no negative effects for this fall's harvest

#### **By Yvonne Stegall**

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Apples are a big deal in Michigan. In fact, according to the Apple Journal online, Michigan ranks third, or

## Summary

Local orchards report that long, cold winter didn't affect the apple crops this year.

occasionally second, among states for apple production, behind Washington and New York.

A couple years ago, Michigan's apple growers suffered sub-

stantial losses due to drought, but they seem to be coming back quite well over the past year.

"The apple crop is very nice this year, about the same as last year," said Shannon Rowe, daughter of Alan and Wanda Spicer at Spicer Orchards in Hartland Township.

Chuck Mueller at Mueller's Orchard in Fenton Township is also reporting good news, "There is a pretty good crop this year." A stroll through either orchard is proof of this just by the abundance of apples on the trees.

Rowe said, "The apples seem to have a lot of flavor, perhaps from the extra rain we have had. It is definitely a huge improvement over the tough year we had a few years ago."

Many people were worried that the long, cold winter would have a negative effect on some crops, including the apples, but Rowe said, "The cold winter did not have an impact on the apples. We were very nervous

about it, but as the season continues to unfold the apple crop is looking like another wonderful season."

According to michiganapples. com, "Michigan's apple growers will

44 The apple crop is very nice this year. 77

**Shannon Rowe** 

harvest approximately 28.74 million bushels of apples this year. This estimate is in line with the 2013 crop, which was a record-size crop of 30 million bushels."

Spicer prices will stay similar to last year, with the crop amounts continuing to flourish. Michiganapples.com has been



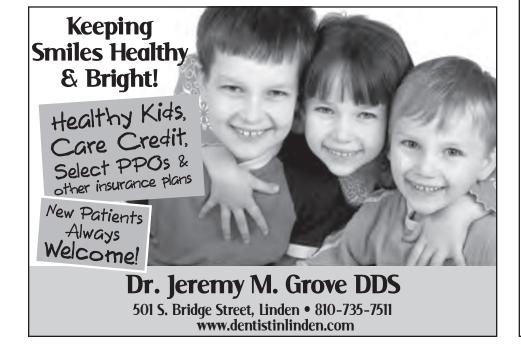
# **Fun apple facts**

- More than 2,500 varieties of apples are grown in the U.S., but only the crabapple is native to North America.
- Apples contain no fat, sodium or cholesterol and are a good source of fiber.
- Apple trees take four to five years to produce their first fruit.
- Apples ripen six to 10 times faster at room temperature than if they are refrigerated.
- Apple varieties range in size from a little larger than a cherry to as large as a grapefruit. The largest apple ever picked weighed 3
- Apples harvested from an average tree can fill 20 boxes that weigh 42 pounds each.
- Apples are a member of the rose family. The top apple producers around the world are China, United States, Turkey, Poland and Italy.
- A peck of apples weighs 10.5 pounds. A bushel of apples weighs about 42 pounds.
- It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of apple cider.

Source: farmflavor.com

predicting that the apple crops will continue to get bigger and better each year, and this year's crops seem to be proving their prediction is right.

While summer apples are just finishing up, there are plenty of fall varieties almost ready for the harvest.



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## **HOT LINE** CONTINUED

HERE, HERE, TO the person talking about eminent domain on the old building. You would think the city could just take it on principle because of the shape it is in.

**BURGER KING HAS** announced they are buying out Tim Horton's and moving their corporate headquarters to Canada. This can all be blamed on Obama and the Democrats anti-business and big tax agenda. Once again, the Democrats don't understand how to restore our economy and they don't know how to create jobs.

THEY RAISE TAXES, come up with new taxes and don't erase old ones trying to create money. People will just stop spending, they can't afford it. That's Michigan.

I LOVED YOUR article on consignment and thrift stores. I purchased an item for \$8 at one of the consignment stores. I got it home and it said Baccarat France on the bottom. I took it to duMichelle gallery in Detroit and they estimated it at being about \$200. That was a great sale.

**REGARDING THE ARTICLE** on parking lots, why can't we use shuttle buses to take people to and from downtown. They could park in a church lot and take the shuttle where they need to go. This would work great while we wait for a new parking lot.

## DISABILITY

### **Continued from Front Page**

People across the country have anonymously reported men and women on disability for "back or shoulder issues" and later exposed on investigative television shows over the years.

When the Federal Disability Insurance Program began back in the 1950s, it was envisioned as a small program to assist people who were unable to work because of illness or injury.

Today, the Social Security Disability program now funds nearly 12 million Americans, up 20 percent in the last six years, according to a recent report on TV's "60 Minutes." Its budget of \$135 billion is more than the government spent last year on the Department of Homeland Security, the Justice Department and the Labor Department combined.

So where did all these "disabled" people come from? A record one in 14





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workers is now on the disability dole, according to Forbes.com. Some of the "cheating" also involves people who conceal work activity while receiving dis-

How to report

disability fraud

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269-0271 from 10 a.m. to 4

You can also write the

Hotline at P.O. Box 17785,

Social Security Fraud

Baltimore, Maryland

Fraud Hotline at 1-800-

To report fraud:

p.m., EST.

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ability benefits or receive benefits for a child not under their care.

According to the Social Security Administration, the explosive surge is due to aging baby boomers and the lingering effects of a bad economy and tepid job market. But the Senate Subcommittee for Investigations reporting on "60 Minutes" said the problems run deeper than that. The nearly two-thirds of people who have already applied for

disability and have been rejected often appeal their case through attorneys — if they win the appeal, the attorney fee is paid out of the disability awarded.

"You have to have good medical evidence that your claims are valid," said Robert M. Crites & Associates in Flint and Swartz Creek. "Doctors don't determine you're disabled, lawyers do. You have to have objective documented medical evidence that supports those claims."

Crites estimates that his office takes about 75 to 80 percent of the cases that come in, and usually wins between three

and four out of five cases. "I don't take cases I don't think I have a chance to win."

In addition to physical issues like back pain, accidents or injuries, the Disability Evaluation also includes Mental Disorders, from "feelings of guilt or worthlessness" to "difficulty concentrating," to name just a couple symptoms that make up 12 pages in the evaluation. Over the past 30 years, awards for mental illness

climbed from 16 percent of claims to more than one-third by 2010.

"The disability appeal process takes about a year," said Crites. "The success of the outcome depends on the judge hearing the case. Some will award an appeal in 80 percent of the cases, while others about 40 to 50 percent. It takes a lot of documentation and they're looking for judgments of credibility."

#### **AUTUMN**

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"Normal fall leaf color changes are the result of a change in day length, and a change in temperatures," said Mel Koelling, with MSU's Forestry Extension. He said that some species tend to change early, while others change later, red maple being one of the early ones and oak later. "Timing of 'normal' leaf color also varies slightly from year to year, reflecting local climatic factors, principally temperature."

"The typical scenario for fall color is bright clear days and cool nights, which we usually get in late September and early to mid-October depending on where you're at in the state," said Bert Cregg, Department of Forestry MSU. Cregg pointed out, however, that this year's early fall color is a bit unusual.

"In 2012, we saw some early fall color and early leaf drop due to the excessive heat and drought we experienced that summer," said Cregg. He believes that this year some of the early color we are seeing is probably related to our relatively cool summer.

"Research has shown that trees that are low in nutrients, especially nitrogen, tend

to turn color earlier than trees with higher nutrient levels," Cregg said. He added that cooler temperatures usually mean lower nutrient uptake. That means that despite the fact that conditions have been generally mild, we are seeing early color in many locations.

Stress can also be a factor when it comes to the changing of the leaves. "Trees that show 'early' leaf color are usually under some kind of stress," said Koelling.

Factors that can cause stress include:

- drought
- injury, especially related to root loss or other problems
- too much water from flooding • insect damage or feeding
- fungal infections
- excessive soil compaction

# Where do autumn colors come from?

- Chlorophyll, which gives leaves their basic green color. It is necessary for photosynthesis, the chemical reaction that enables plants to use sunlight to manufacture sugars for their food. Trees in the temperate zones store these sugars for their winter dormant period.
- Carotenoids, which produce yellow, orange, and brown colors in such things as corn, carrots, and daffodils, as well as rutabagas, buttercups, and bananas.
- Anthocyanins, which give color to such familiar things as cranberries, red apples, concord grapes, blueberries, cherries, strawberries, and plums. They are water-soluble and appear in the watery liquid of leaf cells.

Source: na.fs.fed.us

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year's early

fall color

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is a bit

Bert Cregg

Department of

Forestry MSU

- changes in soil grade
- unusual temperature changes

Koelling added, "I'm sure there are other environmental factors that can also contribute to early color as well."

> "For the current year, there may be some connection between the cooler than average summer temperatures that have been present for most of the summer, and in those areas that received above average rain excessively wet soils may also be a contributor," said Koelling. He pointed

out that trees that are growing in wet or otherwise swampy locations often exhibit color change earlier than the same species growing on a more upland location or site.

This is just proof that early color change is sometimes a normal stage in a tree's life. With ever-changing Michigan temperatures, it's no surprise the trees are stressed out.

## **DUMPSTER**

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though. Because of his activism, he has 28,000 Twitter followers, and his dozens of YouTube videos each have thousands of views. He's appeared on television, public radio and had guest columns in the Huffington Post, when he only bathed in public waters for a year.

He survived in a Louisiana Bayou for a week for a reality show, with nothing but himself.

As far as his illegal activities, he's willing to take the risk, for the message he's trying to spread. In the 15 or so cases where police or security have been called to various dumpsters, the situation ends with everyone being friends. Greenfield's exploits are now being followed by at least one police officer on Facebook.

"It's not something that you can argue it doesn't make sense to waste food," he said. To him, wasted food is waste on several levels. Energy was wasted producing it, transporting it to the store, and then more was wasted to take it to the landfill, not to mention the staffing it took to do all of this.

He believes the structure is already there to stop food waste. The Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Waste Act is supposed to protect those donating food that is apparently safe to consume from

Organizations like Feeding America and food banks like Flint's Food Bank of Eastern Michigan already have the structure in place to take it. "The grocery stores need to stop being lazy, start caring," he said.

Greenfield stayed in Lansing on Monday, his first night. He describes Michigan as "beautiful, but it's extremely treacher-



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Mike Badgley holds a set of cupcakes that Greenfield saw an employee toss out on Wednesday. Kroger has a program that removes some food from the waste stream.

ous to ride a bike," he said, referring to the rough roads and lack of bike lanes or shoulders.

It was Lansing where he stopped at three dumpsters, but was already loaded up from stops in Chicago. Things like rice, oatmeal, fruits and veggies he brought with him from dumpsters out there.

Along the way, he's taking his time, stopping frequently, taking all the interesting distractions in - people, places, and of course the food he finds. He tends to find anything you'd find on a grocery store shelf. One night, he said he took a group of food-insecure people out, and returned with around \$2,500 worth of food.

Vetting food for safety is pretty simple. "If it smells all right, and looks all right, it's probably all right," he said. If it tastes fine, then common sense prevailed.

Though he's a vegetarian, he does find still-frozen/cold meat all the time that is still good. "There's so much food waste, these stores are dumping stuff every day,"

He said he'll find meat at 10 p.m. in a dumpster that has been in there for a couple hours, well within normal thaw times. People who he has taken with him have never reported getting sick from meat from a dumpster. "It is amazing what you can find full chickens, racks of ribs, meat loafs."

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**Former Fenton resident Kim** Hicks will be featured on new Food Network show this Monday, Sept. 1

Former Beale Street BBQ Smokehouse owner Kim Hicks, a longtime Fenton resident now living in North Carolina, will be on a new Food Network show, "Eating America with Anthony Anderson. The show will air this Monday. Sept. 1 at 10:30 p.m. Hicks moved to North Carolina in 2011 to open another barbecue restaurant and to compete professionally in the food world of southern barbecue.

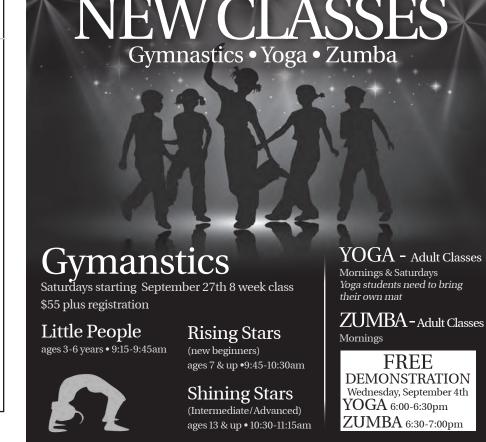
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crash on South LeRoy Street near Third Street. Lt. Jason Slater said a 19-year-old Davison woman, driving a Honda Civic, was southbound on LeRoy. As she attempted to turn into a gas station, her car struck a northbound Harley-Davidson motorcycle, driven by a 54-year-old Holly area man. The man, who was not wearing a helmet, was thrown from his motorcycle and transported to Genesys Health Park by STAT EMS ambulance for treatment of minor injuries. The teen was cited for failing to yield to the motorcycle.

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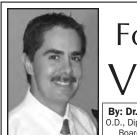


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By: Dr. Juan Alvarado, O.D., Diplomate, American Board of Optometry

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#### HOUSE

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in Mt. Morris, Davison Township, and Burton.

The local Habitat for Humanity is part of Habitat for Humanity International, and is centered in Flint Township. There's already at least one other Habitat home in a nearby Fenton neighborhood.

A habitat house is selected for qualifying single people or families, within a certain income limit (see sidebar). They also must have a current living situation which is unsafe, crowded or have other problems.

The home isn't free to the family or individual — they have to have the money to maintain, and pay taxes on the home and handle its maintenance. They must also be unable to qualify for a standard mortgage, all according to the organization's website.

Potential homeowners go through a thorough vetting, interview, and house visiting process. If selected, they are expected to put 250 hours of work into habitat projects, and be available for press interviews. The selected person or family will make a downpayment of 1 percent of the market value, and make payments anywhere between \$395 and \$500.

The city of Fenton sold the property to Habitat for Humanity in April following the council decision.

The city bought the vacant home and property under a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and had the home demolished. The suggestion to sell to Habitat for Humanity came from the Genesee County Planning Commission.



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Volunteer Joe Herrmann climbs a ladder to help Construction Coordinator Brett Blankenship get the structure ready for the main gable on Wednesday.

## **Income limits for potential Habitat home buyers\***

1 person.	\$12,150 to \$20,250
2 persons	\$13,900 to \$23,100
3 persons	\$15,600 to \$26,000
4 persons	\$17,350 to \$28,900
5 persons	\$18,750 to \$31,200
6 persons	\$20,150 to \$33,500

\*Wages are based on figures in October of 2013 Source: Habitat for Humanity International

#### **BURGLARY Continued from Front Page**

While investigating at the scene, officers spotted a male just south of the location. They made contact with the male, identified as Jeney. Slater said Jeney was wet with grass and weeds, as they believed he had run through the woods nearby.

Police recovered tools, which they believe Jeney used to break into the building. Police also recovered plastic cash trays containing money.

Jeney was taken back to the police station for questioning.

The Genesee County Prosecutor's Office issued three felony warrants against Jeney. He was arraigned on Aug. 22 on breaking and entering with intent to steal, safe breaking and possession of burglary tools. Jeney's preliminary exam is scheduled for Sept. 3 and a cash surety bond was set at \$5,000.



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#### **KEY VOTES OF THE** 2013-2014 SESSION

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. While the Legislature is on a summer break, this Roll Call Report reviews key votes of the 2013-2014 session. The House's next session was scheduled for Aug. 27.

#### House Bill 4576: Regulate federal health care law "navigators"

To impose regulation and a "certification" requirement on the "navigators" authorized by the federal health care law to assist persons applying for government-subsidized health insurance benefits through the "exchange." The bill authorizes background checks, testing and training requirements, and more. The Senate has passed a similar bill (Senate Bill 324), but neither bill has yet been passed by the other body. Passed 102 to 7 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)  $\square$  NO X YES

#### House Bill 5104: Authorize medical "marijuana infused products"

To authorize the use of "marijuana infused products" under the state's voter-initiated medical marijuana law. This is defined to include any "topical formulation, tincture, beverage, edible substance, or similar product intended for human consumption in a manner other than smoking." The bill is currently pending on the Senate floor. Passed 100 to 9 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) X YES NO

#### House Bill 4271: Authorize and regulate medical marijuana dispensaries

To authorize and establish a comprehensive regulatory regime for medical marijuana dispensaries, including municipal licensure or prohibition, with civil and criminal penalties for violations. The provisions of the state's voter-initiated medical marijuana law were ambiguous about dispensaries, and the state Supreme Court banned them early in 2013. The bill is pending on the Senate floor.

Passed 95 to 14 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) X YES \( \sigma \text{NO} \)

#### House Bill 4486: Authorize involuntary treatment for substance abuse

To allow relatives or a health care professional to petition a court to take an individual abusing drugs or alcohol into protective custody for involuntary treatment if there is clear and convincing evidence that the person presents an imminent danger or threat to himself or others. The bill prescribes specific procedures, requirements and limitations on involuntary treatment.

Passed 102 to 8 in the House Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township) X YES DNÓ

Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

X YES NO Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County) XYES NO





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**FOOTBALL** 

When was the last time Michigan football won more games than MSU?

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#### 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 looked at the area tri-county teams.

#### Flushing Raiders 2013 Record

3-6 overall

The Raiders are entering their first season in the Metro League, and while there are quite a few sports in which Flushing could end up winning a league championship, football isn't one where that is expected. However, the Raiders should be a respectable middle-of-the-pack squad.

The offensive line was considered a strength entering the season, while the overall depth was perceived as a question mark.

Receiver Jacob Matus may be one to watch out for on offense.

#### **Prediction**

Conventional wisdom suggests Flushing should finish around third or fourth in the Metro. We'll guess they finish third.

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# Sports

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# An opening night of football blowouts



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Fenton's Dominic Weiss (left) runs for some yards before a Davison defender can tackle him. Fenton defeated Davison 35-0 to open the 2014 prep football season on Thursday.

# ► Fenton Tigers impress in 35-0 thrashing of Davison Cardinals

By Jordan Climie

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**Davison** — The Fenton varsity football team couldn't wait to play its first game in 2014 after experiencing the end of their 2013 season.

"We had to get that bitter taste out of our mouths," Fenton head coach Jeff Setzke said. "It's bitter to pull an 8-0 (record) then a couple of tough losses."

Those tough losses were the regular season finale against Lapeer West, where Fenton lost 14-13. The following game, a pre-district matchup against Midland Dow was a 30-21 loss that ended their season one game into the playoffs.

But 2014 was a brand new year for Fenton, and they were quick to show that the Tigers — and the Flint Metro League — were a force to be reckoned with, thanks to a 35-0 domination over the Saginaw Valley League's Davison Cardinals.

"In the Metro, we play good football, and I think tonight we played well," Setzke said. "I'm happy for the league tonight."

The Tigers showed their skill early, forcing a three-and-out on Davison's first possession thanks to a strong run defense. Fenton didn't do much better on its first possession, forced to punt. However, a facemask penalty against the Cardinals on the punt gave Fenton a fourth-and-short chance. They seized it with a swing pass from senior quarterback Ross Ebert to senior back

See **FENTON** on 18A

# Eagles humbled by state power DeWitt, 39-0

**By David Troppens** 

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**Linden** — The Linden Eagles wanted to play DeWitt to see where they matched up against the projected best team in Division 3 football.

The Eagles found out rather cruelly they have a way to go.

The Eagles struggled against many people's preseason favorite to win the D3 state title, losing a 39-0 verdict at Linden's Claude Cranston Field on Thursday.

"We scheduled the best team in Division 3 and now we know where we are at and what we have to work on," Linden co-head football coach Denny Hopkins said. "We'll watch the film and we'll make the corrections after we watch the film. We'll be fine. We could've scheduled other people, but we scheduled DeWitt."

See **EAGLES** on 15A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS

Linden's Kyle Korman tackles DeWitt's Jacob Johnson in the Panthers' 39-0 victory against the Eagles on Thursday.

# LF, Holly suffer home losses

Lake Fenton and Holly opened the season with tough home losses.

The Blue Devils lost to Freeland 42-0, while Holly lost to Berkley 34-7.

Holly scored on its opening drive on a five-yard TD pass from Alex Mazzone to Adam Tooley, but couldn't score again. A Berkley TD with 20 seconds left in the half gave the visitors a 21-7 halftime lead.

Freeland scored 21 firstquarter points against Lake Fenton, setting up the loss. Matt Denby had TD runs of 90 yards and 8 yards to pace Freeland's ground attack. Jarett Riffel threw two TD passes.

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# Linden's Wright scores three in 4-1 win vs. Fenton

#### **By David Troppens**

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**Fenton** — Kevin Wright scored three times in a 3-0 district championship victory against the Fenton Tigers last fall.

He wanted an encore. Well, he got it. Linden's Wright scored three more goals against Fenton's varsity soccer team on Thursday afternoon, leading the Eagles to a 4-1 victory against the Tigers

at Fenton High School.

"I was really wanting it today," Wright said. "I felt it today. I told my coach coming in that I really wanted to bring exactly what I brought to the game during the district finals. ... I had it in my mind I wanted three goals and I came up big today."

Wright scored Linden's first three goals. It was the second one with 30:05 left in the contest that turned out to be the game winner. He scored from about six feet out, getting his shot to just sneak inside the far post. Linden led 2-0 at the time.

"It was almost a foul, but I kept going through," Wright said. "I beat two kids and ended up right on the six-yard box, playing it across, far into the side and into the far corner."

Fenton cut the gap to 2-1 with 17:02 left in the contest. Logan Palmer took a long shot that was saved, but bobbled. Fenton's Ivan Boedecker got to the rebound and scored on it. However, the Eagles blew it open just 114 seconds later when Wright got the ball with the Fenton keeper out of place. He chipped the ball to the net for the easy goal. The keeper issues started on Wright's initial attempt which forced Fenton's keeper out of position.

"The keeper made a great save on my breakaway," Wright said. "I tried to go around him, but he slid and cleared it. Somehow about five seconds later the ball was at my feet and the keeper was way out. I just chipped it over their defense and that was it."

Linden (2-0) ended the scoring when Derek Deighton scored with 12 minutes left.

Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz likes what he's seen out of his team during the season's first week.

"I'm really happy," Fiebernitz said. "I really didn't know what to expect this year. I knew we had a good core, but I was wondering how the youngsters were going to fill in, and if they were going to be able to bring it up. I'm happy. I think

it's going to be a fun year. As long as we stay healthy, I think we'll have a good season, and I think we can do some stuff."

on Thursday.

Fenton (1-2) was finishing its third game in three days.

"We have shown signs we can be dangerous," Fenton coach Matt Sullivan said.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS Fenton's Logan Palmer (right) and Linden's Dante Minatel fight to get possession of a ball in the Eagles' 4-1 victory

"At the same time we can get exploited and exposed. Linden exposed us today.

"Linden is a really good team and they deserve respect, but I think we gave them too much respect. We haven't beat them in two years and we have to get that feeling back that we can beat them."

## **PREP REPORT**

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#### **BOYS TENNIS**

► Fenton at Lapeer quad: The Tigers have been in two quads this season. They now have two quad tites Fenton took home five flight titles en route to winning the Lapeer quad with 14 points. Goodrich took second with

The Tigers had three singles flight champions. They were Neelsesh Pedireddy (No. 2), Griffin Carr (No. 3) and Jack Schneider (No. 4). Carr was the most decisive winner, capturing his crown by losing only one game in his two-set match.

In doubles action, the Tigers had participants in each flight championship match, winning two of them.

#### **BOYS SOCCER**

► Linden 2, Pinckney 1: Kevin Wright scored the game-winning goal and assisted the Eagles' first tally, leading the squad to the win. Marcos Palomino Toledano scored the other goal. Derek Deighton assisted the game-winner. Jay Howard and Andrew Coppler shared keeper duties, sharing the victory.

Fenton 2, Eaton Rapids 0: The Tigers (1-1) got second-half goals from Isaac Moore and Chris VanCamp earning the Tigers their first win of the season. Jon Leaske and Tim Geib combined for the shutout in net, making seven saves.

Fenton 4, Carman-Ainsworth 2: The Tigers won their second straight game by scoring three second-half

goals to earn the victory. Senior Logan Palmer scored the tying and the go-ahead goal in the second half. Jared DeGroat and Isaac Moore had a goal each. Ivan Boedecker, Ben Huntley, James Kryza and Moore had assists.

#### **EAGLES**

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The loss marked the first time Linden was shutout since Nov. 1, 2002 during a 28-0 loss to Grand Rapids South Christian in the opening round of the playoffs.

Offensively, the Eagles were able to complete passes, but weren't able to get their vital yards after catch on their short routes. Linden's starting quarterback Jake Zorn completed a pretty efficient 16-for-21 passes, but the receptions only went for 88 yards. Later in the second half, he was replaced by Ethan Quesnelle. Quesnelle was reasonably effective throwing the ball downfield, but only completed 7-of-15 passes for 69 yards. Both signal-callers were picked off once, each time by De-Witt's Zamiara Benjamin. Zachary Kentish was Linden's top receiver, catching nine passes, but for just 72 yards. Seven other receivers caught passes, but no one was able to break free for a large gain. The biggest reception the Eagles had was a 15-yard catch by Jacob Marshall.

"There was nothing. We didn't break a tackle," Hopkins said. "It just wasn't there. We have to get better."

Defensively, Linden couldn't stop the Panthers either. DeWitt ran for 214 yards and Jacob Johnson completed 13-of-18 passes for 253 yards. The DeWitt skill position players collected a large portion of their yards after contact, resulting in the big offensive production.

Linden actually had the first good chance to score. After about a 50-yard punt return by Austin Buerkel, the Eagles had the ball just inside the DeWitt 10. However, on first down, Zorn fumbled the ball and Zamiara, who had the two picks, recovered the fumble. That was the beginning of the end. DeWitt's offense went 96 vards in 14 plays, scoring the first TD of the game on a third-and-11 play where Ben Heinritz broke at least three tackles and ran for a 20-yard score. Linden trailed 6-0 with 2:40 left in the first quarter.

The Eagles drove the ball to the De-Witt 28 on its next possession, but a sack forced a Linden punt, which Jacob Marshall punted to the Panthers' 1. It didn't matter. Five plays later, Johnson hit Shon-Quise Trainor with a 49-yard TD reception, putting DeWitt up 13-0. The rout was on from there. On Linden's next possession, the punt was blocked and returned by Zamiara into the end zone. DeWitt led 19-0, and took that lead into the half.

The Panthers opened the third quarter with another score on a three-yard TD run by Heinritz, and then scored on their next possession on a four-yard keeper by Johnson. Linden trailed 33-0.

DeWitt's final score with 1:01 left in the third quarter when Johnson hit Trainor with a 45-yard TD catch.

In short, it was a night very little went right for the Eagles, who have had a history of playing DeWitt tough. The Eagles played DeWitt to a 27-14 respectable losing verdict in the playoffs last year. In 2012, the Eagles lost to DeWitt 45-44 in six overtimes during the D3 playoffs.

"They are a very good team, but they are not 39 points better than us," Hopkins said. "They capitalized on five mistakes. Good teams do that. ... We hurt ourselves. We were inside (their territory on five possessions) and had no touchdowns. That's on our offense. That's on me. We have to get better."

The Eagles will get a chance to be better at Fowlerville on Friday at 7 p.m.



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# Area's strongest sport expecting another banner season in 2014

#### **By David Troppens**

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Last year was a remarkable season for cross country in the tri-county area.

Three teams (Lake Fenton boys, Holly boys and Linden girls) won league titles. In the Metro League race, all three area girls teams finished in the top three positions.

Both Linden programs also won regional titles and followed that success by placing fourth at the state meet. Meanwhile, the Holly boys also went to state, placing 15th.

What will the teams do this year? The Holly boys and the Lake Fenton boys each return six of their top seven runners from a year ago. They are looking strong.

The Linden girls have five returning runners, albeit the two missing from last year were their top two runners. The Holly girls always look like a contender in the Metro, and the Fenton girls look like they can contend this year. The Linden boys lost a lot of runners but seemingly reload each season. Finally, if the Fenton boys can find the supporting cast to go with their top two runners, the Tigers also could have a really nice season as well.

In short, it should be another fine season for the area runners.

Here are some quick looks at what people could expect in the fall of 2014.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO Two of the area's top returning runners this fall are Holly's Ryan Torok (left) and Linden's Kurtis Cooley.



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# HOLLY BRONCHOS

**Coach:** Rich Brinker (boys) and Matt Weisdorfer (girls)

**2013 Record:** Metro champs, and 15th at state for the boys. Second place in Metro for the girls.

**Boys summary:** Six of Holly's seven starters return from last year's strong squad, so optimism is high. Returning are Nate Frasier, Dilon Lemond, Kurtis Cooley, Zac Felix, Keenan Steele and Blake Staffne. Plus, there are others behind the returning six to push them.

**Girls summary:** Four of last year's top seven return and there are 17 on the varsity. Maggie Schneider is the top returner, while the other three are Katelyn Sparzynski, Kalie Grice and Lauren Burnell. Some of the youth should help fill up the lineup.

**Coach Brinker says:** "We want to get (Metro League title) No. 2, but that

won't be easy because (Linden coach) Clint (Lawhorne) reloads, not rebuilds. ... We run one night a week by a sign with our state (cross country) championships on it. We are not talking a state championship, but if we are not aiming to get there then we are doing the kids a disservice."

**Coach Weisdorfer says:** "The team has really come together during camp. Everyone is getting along just beautifully. There is a healthy competition and pecking order in our top seven. I think we will have around nine, maybe 10 kids competing for the seven spots by October."

**Prediction:** The Holly boys are the favorites to defend the Metro title, and should make some noise at the state meet.

The Holly girls should contend for the league title once again this season.

## LINDEN EAGLES

**Coach:** Clint Lawhorne (boys) and Teresa Wright (girls)

**2013 Record:** Second in Metro, and fourth at state for the boys. Metro champs and fourth at state for the girls.

Boys summary: The Eagles return only three of the seven varsity members who placed fourth at the state meet last year, so the theory Linden doesn't rebuild but reloads will be tested this year. Some of the expected key runners this fall will be Mikey Varacalli, Andy Bennett, Ryan Torok, Jack Eck and Nick McDonald.

**Girls summary:** The girls have five returning starters, but the two that are gone were the top two on last year's fourth-ranked team. Still, with five starters returning — Savannah Ferrara, Jordan Holscher, Courtney Davis, Taylor Ganger and Maya Gossett — the

Eagles should be a pretty solid squad.

**Coach Lawhorne says:** "We've had a lot of success over the past eight years and I always fear that a feeling of complacency might surface. It is hard climbing to the top, but it is even more difficult to stay in that upper echelon of teams."

**Coach Wright says:** "The girls are eager to improve. They work hard at practice and support each other. One of our goals is to contend as Metro champs, but I know that Flushing, Fenton and Holly will definitely influence the outcome. Another goal is to place at regionals and return to the state meet."

**Prediction:** Both squads should be among the contenders in the Metro. It will be tough for the boys to knock Holly off the top spot. If the Lady Eagles do repeat, it probably won't be by as large a margin as last year.

## LAKE FENTON BLUE DEVILS

Coach: Chris Sobczak

**2013 Record:** Boys were GAC champions. Girls placed third in the GAC.

**Boys summary:** The Blue Devils return six of their top seven from last year's GAC title team and fourth-place squad at regionals. Indeed, things look good. Jacob Fletcher, Hunter Corcoran, Dylan Cullimore and Winston Ray were in Lake Fenton's list of top-five runners at regionals, and all return. The squad has 18 runners.

**Girls summary:** The girls return four of their top seven from a year ago, so there is a nucleus to build upon. The squad also has 16 runners, the highest number of girls the program has had since Sobczak took

**Coach Sobczak says (boys):** "The guys from last year have repeating on

their minds, which would be awesome. They are going to have a more difficult challenge ahead of them this season. Not only do you have teams like Byron, Goodrich and Durand who are traditional forces to reckon with, but Corunna just joined the GAC this year. ... They will be the team to beat this year."

Coach Sobczak says (girls): "Just like the boys, we have been working with the new runners. The girls ran really strong at camp and showed a lot of grit. ... If we can keep the girls healthy and get them to put in the work, they could do some nice things this season."

**Prediction:** Finishing second in the GAC and qualifying for the state meet are realisitic goals for the boys. The girls are steadily getting stronger. Finishing in the top three in the GAC would be a nice season.

## **FENTON TIGERS**

Coach: Todd Mills

**2013 Record:** Girls placed third in Metro. Boys placed fourth in Metro.

**Boys summary:** Jacob Lee and Dominic Dimambro give the Tigers a really strong 1-2 combination, but the issue will be filling in the spots after those two. The Tigers have 34 runners, so that could happen. Look out for Luke Chabot, Luke English and Andrew Bond.

**Girls summary:** The Tigers have five returning starters from last year's third-place Metro squad. They are Jenna Keiser, Emily Battaglia, Emma Lane and Danielle Hack. There are 17 others on the team, so depth isn't an issue.

**Coach Mills says (boys):** "We want to be in the top three (in the Metro). Having numbers is great. They are competing against each other to earn that varsity spot, continuing to get stronger."

**Coach Mills says (girls):** "We are young. Having numbers is nice. I am just waiting for some to step it up. The team would like to do well in the league. I think we can be one of the top three teams if we come together."

**Predictions:** For both teams, finishing in the top three is a very realistic goal. The boys have such a strong top two, if the rest of the pack can push themselves to cut some of that gap, the boys team could be pretty good.

# Tri-county girls golfers post solid starts at first Metro meet

**By David Troppens** 

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**Fenton Twp.** — The Fenton varsity girls golf team doesn't look much like the squad that won the Metro League crown a year ago.

Three seniors, who are now playing golf collegiately, left the program, making the immediate future a tiny bit cloudy.

But the Tigers showed that they are still a pretty darn good program, taking second at the Flint Metro League's first meet held at Fenton Farms on Wednesday.

The Tigers finished with a team score of 376, putting them in second, 13 strokes behind Metro newcomers Flushing (363), and one stroke ahead of the Holly Bronchos (377). Linden (396) placed in the upper-half of the eight-team league, placing fourth.

The Tigers were happy with their performance.

"I think we can do better, but after what we lost (to graduation) we've done really well," said Sarah Cummings, who shot a team-best 47-43-90. "We have a young team, and they came out and played really well today. We have some very experienced freshmen."

"It's going to be more of a team effort," Fenton coach Kurt Herbstreit said. "We are not going to have one girl like (graduated) Sam Moss who is going to shoot a 71 every day. We are going to have everyone taking turns and shooting their low score. That's what we had today. We had freshman Keegan Miller shoot her best round, shooting a 94 and it's going to be that type of year. We have the talent, but we are young, and we are figuring out how it's going to go on this year. It's kind of fun actually."

Cummings led the Tigers with a 47-43-90, but early on it didn't look like she was going to have that type of quality score.

"I started out with two eights and after that it was bogey, par and a birdie. ... You have to think about how one shot can change your round, make the next shots good."

After Cummings, the Tigers' other scorers were Madison Shegos with a 92, Milller with a 94, and Molly Gundry with a 100.

The Holly Bronchos were very consistent throughout most of their lineup with five of six golfers shooting under 100, posting their 377.

"There are a lot of nice scores up there," Holly coach Tom Voyer said.

"We lost second by one stroke, so we are right there. It's nice we have so many kids that can shoot right there. They are real consistent, so it creates a lot of competition and they are always striving to do better and do good."

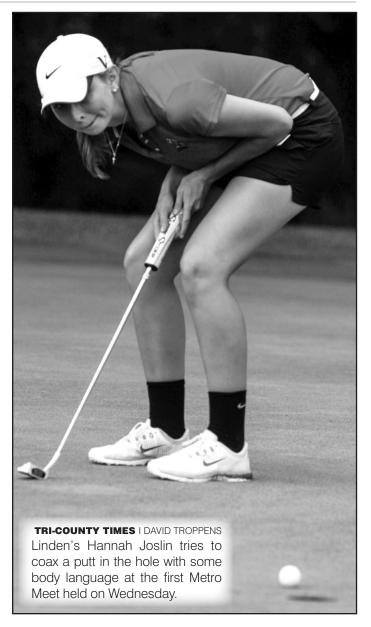
Madison Brack paced the Bronchos with a 92, while Chelsea Bowles shot a 93. Jenna Pepper carded a 94, followed by Madison McEachern's 95 and Amanda Pucher's 99.

The area's top golf score was Linden's Hannah Joslin. Joslin shot a runner-up score of 39-44-83, helping lead the Eagles to fourth place in the standings.

"We are young, but it's going to be exciting," Joslin said about the Linden squad's upcoming season. "I'm really confident we can all improve. I'm really proud where we've come from since last year. This year is totally different. We came in fourth place and that's great."

Joslin was fine with her secondplace score.

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# Linden volleyball sweeps quad

**By David Troppens** 

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**Linden** — The Linden varsity volleyball team got first dibs.

The Eagles hosted the first new event in the renovated Linden High School gym and did so in impressive fashion, earning a sweep of their two matches in the annual Linden quad.

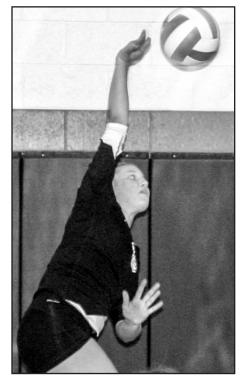
The Eagles defeated Lake Fenton 25-17, 15-16 and Byron 25-17, 26-24 on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Lake Fenton also faced Swartz Creek and lost that match 25-7, 25-13.

Linden coach Cori Mason has a young team, and she has already had an injury with starting setter Miranda Fowler felled by an injury. However, Mason thought the Eagles showed progress since their first weekend tournament, giving her reason to be happy entering the Labor Day weekend.

"We've definitely gotten better," Mason said. "We had a little setback this week. Our setter got hurt. So we are already changing our lineup in week one. We brought Morgan (Fitch) up before the tournament, so she's got some floor time and some experience. We are still young. We are seeing improvements, but we still need to make some more progress."

One way Mason wanted to see progress was seeing her team finish matches, and that happened on Wednesday. They even made a really nice comeback in their last set of the night against Byron. Trailing 24-21 late, the Eagles rattled off five straight points to capture the thrilling come-from-behind victory.

"I was hoping we'd finish matches," Mason said. "We did it in the last one and that was nice. That was a definite



**TRI-COUNTY TIMES I DAVID TROPPENS**Linden's Katie Guilliat attempts a kill during Wednesday's quad.

plus for us. We were down, stuck with it and won."

Megan Kenney led the offense with 15 kills, while Bridget Adams had 10 kills and Brook Ovington provided eight kills. Defensively, Megan Klavitter had a team-best 25 digs. Fitch and Adams had 18 assists each.

Lake Fenton wasn't able to consistently get their game going against Byron, although coach Angie DelMorone said the squad played better against Linden. Rhiley Cole led the offense with six kills. She also had three blocks. Allison Petts had 15 assists and three aces.





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Fenton's Kendrah Praedel (left) tries to get an attack attempt beyond the Brighton block during Tuesday's match at Fenton High School.

# Fenton volleyball shows promise versus larger schools in quad

**By David Troppens** 

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**Fenton** — When it comes to the Fenton varsity volleyball program, the Tigers have never been shy about taking on strong teams during the non-league portion of the season.

Usually that results in some losses other teams don't get outside of league play, but that added competition has helped the Tigers to 53 straight Metro League match victories as well.

The Tigers hosted their first varsity event of the season with their traditional quad with larger schools Brighton, Clarkston and Davison, and ended the day with a 1-2 mark.

The Tigers lost their opening match to Brighton 24-26, 25-20, 25-20 and fell to Clarkston 18-25, 25-22, 25-23, but then beat Davison 25-15, 25-21, 27-25 in the third match.

"No question, those were

some excellent first home matches for sure," said Fenton's first-year coach Jerry Eisinger.

"As you can see we are the smallest team here by quite a margin. But I thought the girls stepped up and played well."

The Tigers opened against Brighton, by winning the first set 26-24. Fenton's Carly Granger got the 25th point with a kill and followed it with a block kill on set point.

However, Brighton was able to win the next two sets, which were almost as close as the first.

Fenton either led or was within a point late in both sets before Brighton put together a late run to capture the match victory.

The Tigers were just as competitive in their final two matches of the night.

"We wanted to use it as a measuring stick to see where we are at this part of the season," Eisinger said.

"What I did get out of it is that I realize we can be a very good team when we play very hard. I thought we did that in the first couple of matches. I was very encouraged from that perspective. If we give that type of effort, we are going to be pretty tough any given night."

Fenton was paced by Granger's 24 kills, while Jess Warford had 13 kills. Taylor Mowery led the defense with 44 digs.

Fenton is off to a pretty solid start to the season. They also took second at the West Bloomfield Invitational and are now 7-3 entering into the Labor Day break.

The Tigers travel to Livonia Ladywood on Wednesday. On Saturday they travel to the Walled Lake Central Invitational.



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#### **FENTON**

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Bryce Roney. Shortly after that, Ebert connected with Roney again in the end zone for a 12-yard touchdown pass to put the Tigers up 7-0.

When Davison got the ball back, they quickly coughed it up on the ground with Fenton's senior linebacker Paul Idoni scooping it up. A monster run by senior back Dominic Weiss put Fenton on the 1-yard line. After a false start penalty — one of several Fenton received in the first half — Ebert found Weiss in the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown pass.

Davison's only big play of the first quarter was a pass from Brendan McRill to Garrett Sigourney for 32 yards. But Fenton's defense held strong, even after a personal foul against the Tigers gave Davison their best field position of the night so far. A sack by junior defense end Chase Lynch ended the Cardinals' threat. It didn't take long for Fenton to score again, as Roney scampered 20 yards to the end zone to put the Tigers up 21-0.

After the Fenton defense forced another three-and-out, the offense kept rolling, as Roney caught a 18-yard pass

from Ebert to put the Tigers up 28-0.

There wouldn't be any further scoring in the first half, but Idoni made an amazing interception as Davison was threatening once again. He was injured on the play, but came back onto the field after halftime.

With Fenton receiving the ball in the third quarter, Weiss and the Tigers didn't take their foot off the pedal as the back ran 59 yards on the first offensive play. Another touchdown pass from Ebert put Fenton up 35-0.

For the rest of the game, Fenton focused on getting their backups some playing time while bearing down on defense, not allowing the Cardinals near the end zone to preserve the shutout.

Setzke was happy with the win, but knew this was only the first game.

"We have to work on a few things," he said. "The biggest improvements happen between game one and game two."

Setzke praised the juniors and sophomores who stepped up, and the seniors who led the entire game. Fenton will look to continue to build on their success next week against Temperance Bedford – a team that went 11-1 last year – in another non-conference matchup.





**TRI-COUNTY TIMES** I DAVID TROPPENS Fenton's Sydney Shegos watches a shot during the first Metro Meet on Wednesday.

#### **GOLFERS**

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"I could've done better, but it was good," Joslin said. "The front nine went really well for me, but I had some issues with chipping on the back nine. My pitching wedge was not working for me. And then my drives keep fading to the right. That was kind of an sissue on the back nine."

Following Joslin was Makena Baldwin with a 94, Sydney Bond with a 102, and Alexandra Premo with a 117.

"That's our goal, to get in the top half of the league," Linden coach Jon Hamilton said. "Last year we were pretty much in the bottom half. We finished seventh out of nine, so I'm hoping to compete with the teams in the upper half. I think we can be right there at the end of the season."

# Meet Mina Ashley

- VG's cashier
- EMT in Flint
- Wife and mom

#### **By Sally Rummel**

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When you see Mina Ashley, 54, behind the register at VG's Grocery on Silver Parkway in Fenton, you'd never guess that she's leading a double life. A VG's employee for 31 years, Ashley "moonlights" as an EMT in Flint, after having been trained and certified since last November.

How did you go from being a cashier to an EMT? That's quite a stretch. I watched my niece working in this field and knew she encountered some interesting things. I thought it was something I could do to help someone else. I saw the class signup for STAT EMS on their website and found out that a class was just about ready to start in Fenton.

What was the biggest challenge for you in getting certified? It was harder than I thought. I felt like a kindergartner the first day. I was the "old lady" in a class of 20-somethings, even some high schoolers. The instructors were younger than me, too.

I ended up graduating third in my class. We started out with 33 students and graduated 22. I aced all the paperwork with no problem, but the practical exam at the end scared the 'heebee jeebees' out of me. I did just fine, but it was hard.

What do you do as an EMT? I'm certified as an EMT-Basic, which means I can't do some of the things a more highly trained paramedic can do. I don't administer drugs, but can administer oxygen, glucose, asthma inhalers and epi-pens. Many times, it's about calming a patient down, just by us being there.

What's a typical day like for you 'on the job'? I usually work as an EMT on Fridays and Saturdays. I always have to mentally prepare myself as soon as I get a call from dispatch. I have to be on my A-Game.

First, I go to headquarters of STAT EMS in downtown Flint. Then I sit with my partner in the ambulance waiting for a call. We always work in pairs, one as a driver and the other with patient care in the back of the ambulance. We'll go to the scene, assess the stability of the patient and determine whether we'll drive to the hospital with lights and sirens. We either "load and



(Hurley) morgue,

I was so sad.

Where's this

person's family?"

**Mina Ashley** 

VG's cashier

and EMT

go" or "stay and play," if they're stable enough for us to ask questions on-site. If it's a tier-one emergency, like a heart attack or a patient having difficulty breathing, a county medic always shows up. We just transport the patient according to their decisions.

How many calls do you get on a typical shift? It can be as few as one and as many as nine on a longer shift. When we don't have a call, we sit in the ambulance waiting or can get coffee, as long as we have our radios on. We can use our cell phones, read or sleep until we get that call.

What's the hardest part of the job? Going to the Hurley morgue. We have the body removal contract for the county, so we always take the deceased there, unless they've been in a hospice-type situation, then the funeral home picks them up. The first time I was at the morgue, it made me so sad. Where's

this person's family?

What are your most typical ambulance calls for? We tend to be busier in the summer. We see a number of alcohol-related incidents. It's sad to see the amount of self-destructive behavior and the damage alcohol can do. We also

do a lot of dialysis transfers for patients who are non-ambulatory.

Mina Ashley, of Ar-

gentine Township, is

pictured here "on the

job" at STAT EMS in

Flint at 7 a.m. Friday.

How has being an EMT changed your life? I appreciate my life so much; that I'm healthy and so is my family. I used to be a smoker and quit a few years ago. Now I see how much people have abused their bodies.

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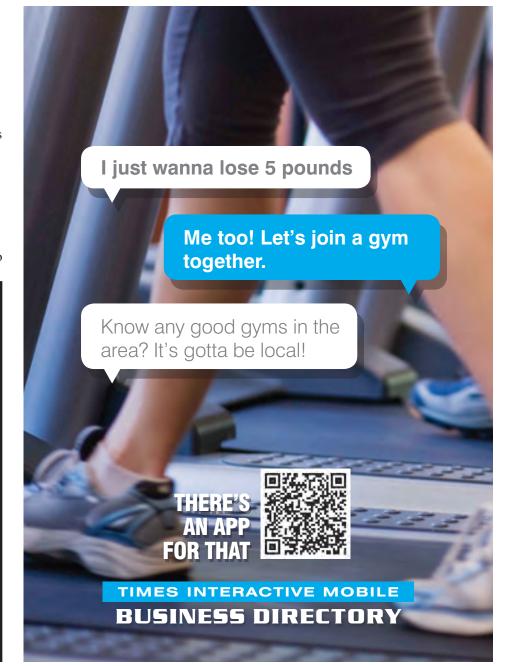
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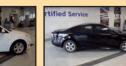


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