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ONLINE COMMENTS

What a short-sighted and foolish decision to cut down the trees in Dibbleville. The new streetscape won't have nearly as much character as those trees did."

Cutting the trees down by The Laundry was a great idea. It is so much more inviting to see all of Dibbleville when heading East."

Simple voting philosophy. If they are already in office, vote them out."

To the Hot liner who can't think of anything good Obama has done. You got the first line right, you can't think."

True story about today's dumb kids. I went to the drug store to pay my utility bill, \$38.56. I gave the young lady two \$20s and the 56 cents. She had to close the register and go get the manager. She didn't know to give me the \$2."

Getting the score for the Homecoming game texted to me just moments after it ended was awesome. One of the many reasons I love my Times." (Editors Note: To receive a text of all local sports scores moments after the games, text: sportsresults to 810-475-2030.)

HOT LINE OF THE WEEK

WAKE UP, people. Not if, but when Obama gives amnesty to 13 million illegals, it will cement our future as a bankrupt nation of entitlement that will keep liberals in power. It's a done deal that will happen just before he leaves office."

Lake Fenton only district to see student increase

► Fenton count down 50 students from 2013

By Sally Rummel

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Lower enrollment in the younger elementary grades is creating a decline or slower growth for Count Day, which took place Wednesday, Oct. 1 at area school districts.

Count Day, always held the first Wednesday of October, accounts for 90 percent of per-pupil funding in the state of

Michigan. The other 10 percent is from the second Count Day of the school year on the second Wednesday in February.

Fenton Area Public Schools

The student count on Oct. 1 was 3,404, down 50 students from October, 2013. "This will have a negative impact on our 2014-2015 school budget," said Superintendent Timothy Jalkanen.

See **STUDENT** on 8A



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Lake Fenton High School students make their way to an orientation assembly at the start of the school year.

What do our legislators make per year?

► U.S. Congress sets own pay, but no raises since 2009

By Tim Jagielo

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Like all Michigan representatives, Joe Graves has about 90,000 constituents. State Sen. Dave Robertson has 265,000 in his district. Right now, Graves covers the 51st house district, including the entire tri-county area. Robertson covers Groveland Township. Fenton is covered by State Sen. Jim Ananich.

Pay for Michigan state legislators is the same for everyone — \$71,685, whether representative or senator. Graves said his office expenses are \$91,350 per year, which allows for hiring of personnel, and covering the cost of doing business. It's the same for senators.

Sometimes the debate on whether there should be part-time See **PAY** on 20A

It's cider mill season



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On Wednesday at Spicer Orchards, Zachary Hurt, 4, looks for another pumpkin with his Brilliant Beginnings pre-kindergarten group from Howell. See **story** on Page 1B



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Lead PM Baker Steve Wells removes the forms from a tray of cinnamon rolls a little after midnight Friday morning, with PM bakers Bev Raby and Laura White.

CRUST is on a roll

► Local cinnamon rolls now sold online by nation's number one kitchen retailer

By Sally Rummel

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While the rest of Fenton is sleeping, the nighttime bake staff at CRUST is rising to a new occasion, rolling out dough for the nation's most prestigious upscale kitchen retailer.

CRUST is now the official cinnamon roll supplier for Williams-Sonoma, following a yearlong process of test packages sent to Williams-Sonoma's See **CRUST** on 10A

Why are Michiganders so overweight?

► State is one of the 10 fattest in the country

By Yvonne Stegall

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Less than 25 years ago, Michigan had only a 14.1 percent population that was considered obese. Now that rate is a fat 30.3 percent, and has been staying steady for the last few years. In fact, Michigan is considered one of the fattest states in the country, according to Bridge Magazine.

Obesity, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), is defined as abnormal or excessive fat accumula-

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NEW LISTING

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Open floor plan! European Country French kitchen with granite countertops opening to breakfast nook with hardwood floors. Cathedral Great Room with fireplace & floor to ceiling windows. Master bedroom suite with private bath featuring jetted tub & separate shower. Walk-in closet is 12 x 10. 2ND floor Laundry. Full finished lower level with recreation room, wet bar, full bathroom, home office, and lots of storage. Private wooded yard with in-ground swimming pool.

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NEW LISTING

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2 Bedroom, 1 Bath home on nice deep lot with newer 2 car garage. Large dining room with french doors and good size living room. Laundry area in kitchen. Repairs and painting are in progress. Deck off side entrance.

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DUPLEX

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Great income potential from this potentially 5 bedroom duplex! Lower level has been painted and hardwood floors redone for fresh look and feel. Great village lot walking distance from Downtown Caro and amenities. Separate upstairs access but also access from the lower level makes this easily convertible into a single family home with up to 5 bedrooms and over 2000 square feet! Renter in upper unit willing to stay if that is what is desired.

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VACANT LAND

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4911 Chippewa Ct., Owosso, \$69,900. Sensational 214' waterfront lot on Lake Manitou. Requires a minimum of a 1500 sq. ft home with a 2 car garage. Plenty of slope for a walk-out basement. Lot has been previously perked and tested good. Peaceful setting and beautiful views. Call Sue Fleming 989-627-0481

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1 Sunless tanner stains

To eliminate the unsightly stains left behind when sunless tanner seeps in to the tiny crevices and cuticles, moisten a cotton ball with nail polish remover and lightly wipe the affected areas. The solvent dissolves excess product quickly and easily.

2 Dull, cold weather complexion

Clear away any traces of dull, dry, cold weather complexion with this homemade miracle: In a blender, puree 1 peeled kiwi and 1 1/2 teaspoon lime juice then add equal amounts of water. Pulse until smooth. Apply to your face with a cotton ball after cleansing skin. Refrigerate the leftovers in a sealed container for up to a week. The vitamin C and other antioxidants in kiwi repair and rejuvenate skin and the lime juice acts as a powerful exfoliant.

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Camden Middler works with letter builder in Liz Moser's kindergarten class at West Shore Elementary in Wednesday.

A day in the life of today's kindergartener

► There's more academic learning than play time during all-day kindergarten

By Sally Rummel

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Forget the play kitchen, blocks and nap times.

Kindergarten today isn't all about "fun and games." It's about computers, science, math, reading, writing and more.

"It's changed a lot," said West Shore Elementary kindergarten teacher Liz Moser, now in her 14th year as a teacher, 11 of them teaching kindergarten. "It's progressively more and more academic."

West Shore's two kindergarten classes are in their third year in a full-day setting. "I was probably the biggest skeptic in the building about full-day kindergarten," said Moser. "Now, I love it. I have more time to incorporate some of the fun stuff in with the learning, including playing with toys, painting, coloring, etc."



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West Shore Elementary kindergarten teacher Liz Moser calls on students one-by-one to choose one of seven activities around the classroom. Included are traditional favorites like reading at a table, and activities utilizing technology, such as the smart wall.

Moser admits that the first month of school is a huge adjustment for her students. Some have attended preschool or all-day day

care, while others have not been away from home very much.

"September is exhausting for everyone," said Moser, who's

grateful for the calendar flip to October. "Some of the kids miss their mom, and others are used
See KINDERGARTEN on 11A

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Marriage matters

The findings of a long-term study of marriage made a lot of headlines last week. It revealed something that most of us already know: the percentage of American adults that have never been married is at an all-time high.

According to the report, American adults are marrying later in life, and the number of adults who are living together and raising children minus the hassle of an actual wedding ceremony has increased significantly.

In 1960, just 9 percent of adults over the age of 25 had never married. Fast forward to 2012 and that number more than doubled to 20 percent. Fifty years ago, the average marrying age for men was 23, and for women 20. Today the average age of brides and grooms has

jumped to just under 30 for men and 27 for women. That's good news — it indicates more respect for the concept of a lifetime relationship.

Surprisingly (to me anyway), the report also revealed that about half of all Americans don't believe this trend is harmful to society. Hmm — these are likely the same naïve voters that put Barack Obama into office.

Fortunately, they are as wrong about marriage as they were about Obama. There are truckloads of statistics that clearly show the benefits of marriage to any society. Conversely, the same statistics indicate that disdain for a bedrock social institution like marriage has extremely negative implications for any culture. One need only to look at the socially-suicidal

72 percent single parent statistic among today's black population to see clear evidence of the devastating impact abandonment of marriage can have on society as a whole.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that much of the disrespect the current generation has for marriage is a result of so many of them having grown up as the children of divorced parents. It was so prevalent in the last generation that the concept of marriage and a lifelong partnership with one person seems silly to them. In their quest to avoid making the same mistakes their parents did, they are far more prone to take a test drive by living together before taking the plunge, or to simply disregard the institution of marriage altogether.

Of course, you and I know that much of this new ambivalence toward marriage

is likely temporary. Because at the end of the day marriage still matters. Marriage — between one man and one woman — has been the core tenet of civilization since the beginning of time. It promotes propagation of the family unit, guarantees the transition of principles and value systems to the next generation and ensures the propagation of a civil society amongst a civil nation.

And finally, and in my opinion most importantly, a marriage represents a covenant created by God, not man — a covenant where the sum is greater than the parts.

In the unlikely event that the institution of marriage doesn't endure, you can be certain of one thing — the dissolution of society won't be far behind.

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I HAVE TO wonder if the President and his family would be safer in my home than in their own. We usually have all our doors locked, even during the day. I would be wary of hiring the service he uses to protect him and his family.

IS ANYONE ELSE bothered by the fact that AGS students can't bring their textbooks home? I want to know why. I paid for them and students should be using them for homework. Does this same inane policy apply in the high school also? What utter nonsense.

THIS IS FOR the person who stole my brand new Michigan flag and pole Friday night. Please return it, you know where. I am 92 years old and this is depressing. I will ask God to say a prayer for you.

I WAS WONDERING how the movie industry nominates people for Oscars. If they would nominate Obama as best actor, he'd be a shoo-in. He's a good actor. That is the extent of his talent.

THIS IS TO the fellow with the new white, really noisy boat off Crosby Drive. Can't you quiet that thing down? You've got all the neighbors ticked off at you. You could at least be a little bit more thoughtful about racing around at night. I can't even hear my television because you go racing by.

IF YOU'RE A star athlete and not a genius, go to Florida State and you can get away with anything you want, especially in football. But don't go to Texas because if you mess up you'll be out of there.

MY OPINION IS that 'Hilarious Hillary' is in the first stages of dementia. Has she forgotten she traded her first chance at presidency with Obama for secretary of state? I don't even know how old she is, but she's getting up there. She'd do absolutely anything to be president, but her chance came and went.

LINDEN FRESHMAN MOM who wrote in complaining about others asking for play time. Our son is a starter on this team and we are embarrassed by your comment. Nothing wrong with others wanting play time. Get over yourself and quit living your dreams through your kid.

KMART HAS SOME really nice clothes for women, also for men too. My husband walked in there to get shaving cream and came out with shorts, shirts, shoes and more at really great prices. Check it out.

LET ME GET this right, the Republican Party says Obama is not reacting to the ISIS threat in a way that they think is correct. So, Obama asks them for a plan and or some ideas on how to handle the problem. The Republicans reply 'Sorry we're going on recess.'

IT NEVER FAILS to amaze me how the most self-proclaimed 'Patriots' always throw capitalism out the window when it comes to gas prices.

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I DON'T KNOW where we get the people that run for president, but we've sure had a run of awful bad luck. Just picking someone because they can talk well?

JOHN McCAIN AND Lindsay Graham advocate plunging the nation into wars around the world recklessly placing our sons and daughters in harms way again and again. Thank God, Obama is president.

AMERICANS KILLED IN Iraq under Bush, 5,000. Under Obama, 0. Americas wounded in Iraq under Bush, 33,000. Under Obama, 0. Case closed.

THERE IS NO reason for us to have a poor economy with high unemployment. The nation has plenty of money to solve these problems. Corporations, politicians and the media that support them are only concerned with lining their own pockets.

IT APPEARS TO me that Obama is appointing these women, like the IRS head and Secret Service head, because they are dumber than he is.

I JUST WANT to ask a favor of you people. When voting for presidency, if you don't know who you're voting for or why, do us a favor and don't vote.

I GUESS I'M watching too much TV, but how many press secretaries do they have for the president — 10, 12, 15? Every time I see him on TV, it's a different one.

I'M PLEADING FOR all the Democratic liberals to pay attention. The next election is going to have a woman running who has more ambition than anyone else in the world. She cares about one person only, and that's Hillary Clinton.

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What should state reps and senators be paid annually? streettalk



“I don't think they should be paid more than a regular worker. They should be part-time and there should be term limits.”

— Chris Chauvin
Tyrone Township



“Nothing until they can get their state under control. Then we will pay you.”

— Kimberly Martin
Milford



“I'd say about \$80,000. Depends on the job they are doing.”

— William Medlin
Grand Blanc Township



“Minimum wage, just like the rest of us.”

— Debbie Dailey
Holly Township



“Thirty-thousand a year seems fair. I know they get paid a lot more than that.”

— Richard Perry
Mio



“A fair wage. They should get the same wage I'm getting.”

— Barbara Steede
Fenton Township



REUTERS | JIM BOURG

U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division officers stand guard in an empty Lafayette Park across from the White House last Wednesday during the visit of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington.

Chaotic scene outside White House a challenge for Secret Service

By Steve Holland

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — If James McGinley had his way, he would take his message around the world, but he does not have the money and instead is sitting cross-legged in Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House with the words “Wage Love” tattooed across his face.

McGinley, a well-spoken man, is trying to talk over the piercing din of a man shouting into a bullhorn, as tourists on Segways whiz by and Secret Service guards push people off of Pennsylvania Avenue for some unknown security reason.

This is the scene on a typical day outside the White House's wrought-iron fence, the one Iraq war veteran Omar Gonzalez climbed over to get inside the executive mansion on September 19. The security breach prompted a series of disclosures that led to the resignation of Secret Service Director Julia Pierson this week.

Every day in front of the White House creates its own set of challenges for the guards. The type of protest often depends on which foreign leader is there to meet with President Barack Obama.

On Tuesday, a knot of protesters

shouted slogans about India's handling of Kashmir to greet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On Wednesday, schoolchildren carried signs welcoming Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was inside with the president.

But on Thursday, with Obama in Chicago, there was the usual menagerie of people with a message, hoping to get the attention of the tourists taking selfie photos with the White House as their backdrop.

The challenge for Secret Service guards is separating the innocent from the potential troublemakers. Riding mountain bikes through Lafayette Park to keep an eye on things, they are constantly on the lookout for suspicious packages and people.

McGinley, who held a placard saying Israel should not occupy Palestinian territories, said the Secret Service has a hard job.

“People come and taunt them. There could be terrible attacks on the White House. There's a risk of someone jumping the fence, and they are held to a high standard of civility to the people here, which they should be and which they seem to take great pride in,” he said. “I do not fault them for what happened at the White House.”

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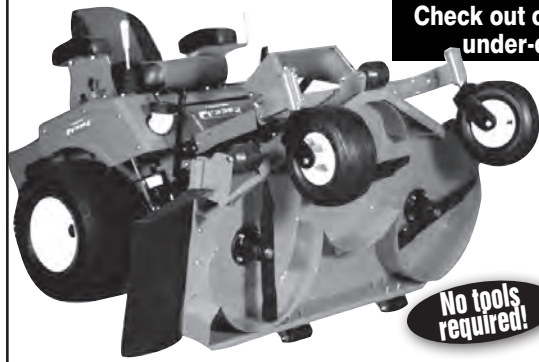


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FTC: Caffeine-infused weight loss underwear a bust

By Diane Bartz

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Bras, girdles and leggings infused with caffeine and sold as weight loss aids were more decaf than espresso, and the companies that sold them have agreed to refund money to customers and pull their ads, U.S. regulators said on Monday.

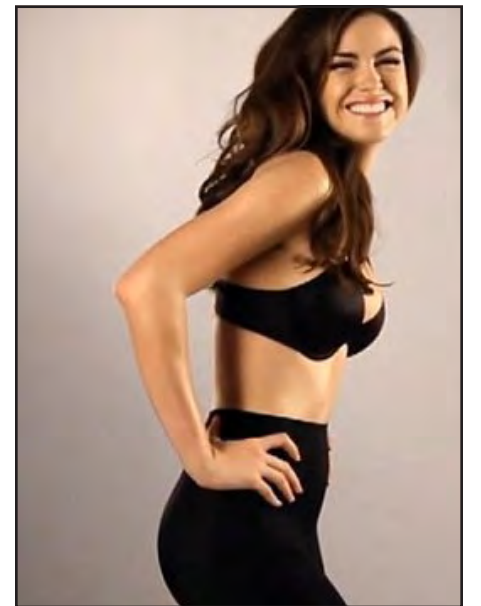
The Federal Trade Commission said Wacoal America and Norm Thompson Outfitters, which owns Sahalie and others, were accused of deceptive advertising that claimed their caffeine-impregnated clothing would cause the wearer to lose weight and have less cellulite.

“If someone says you can lose weight by wearing the clothes they are selling, steer clear. The best approach is tried and true: diet and exercise,” said Jessica Rich, director of the FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection.

In the case of Oregon-based Norm Thompson, the company sold clothing made with Lytess brand fabric infused with caffeine which, the company said, would break down fat.

“Slimming and firming results are visible in under a month,” the company said in one advertisement the commission quoted in its complaint.

Wacoal America, based in New Jersey, also advertised that its clothing had microcapsules with caffeine, vitamin E and other chemicals that it said led to weight loss. In one ad, it cited the “revolution-



ary iPant new shapewear that works with your body to eliminate cellulite,” the FTC said.

In both cases, the companies did not have evidence to back up their claims that the clothing would lead to substantial weight loss, the FTC said in the complaints.

Neither company immediately responded to attempts to reach them for comment. Refunds will be about \$1.5 million, the FTC said.

(Reporting by Diane Bartz; Editing by Ros Krasny and Dan Grebler)

Foundation raises \$30,000, unites community

►Exciting September events bring out best of Fenton

The Fenton Education Foundation (FEF) Black Tie event, which was held on Sept. 4, at The Laundry, saw a record attendance with close to 100 guests. Continued support from other local businesses made the event possible through their donations and sponsorships. Ticket sales and live auction items generated more than \$30,000, which will be used to support the FEF general fund to pay for teacher and classroom grants, district programs and student awards, amongst other things.

On Friday, Sept. 26, the FEF held its first-ever Homecoming Tailgate and Chili Cook-Off. The free event was made possible through a sponsorship from Kaydan Wealth Management. The idea behind the tailgate was to bring awareness to district families in support of Fenton Schools and the FEF.

Face painting, games and chili tasting were available and the Fenton High School band drum line played for the crowd before they headed over to the football field for their school’s home game. Nine contestants from the Fenton area showed off their culinary skills in the AGS school kitchen in the hours leading up to the event and recipes were blind tasted and voted on by the general public.

The winner took home a \$200 grand prize for first place. This year’s winner



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Local chili enthusiasts tested their culinary skills at the Fenton Education Foundation’s Chili Cook-Off, held last week.

was The Laundry, which donated its prize back to the Foundation to be used for future projects. The second-place winner, Jason Stocker, won a pair of FHS sporting event punch cards to be used at any sporting event for this school year.

About the FEF

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If fallen leaves aren't removed, it can eventually kill grass. Rakes are popular, as are leaf blowers.

Autumn beauty leads to outdoor chores

►The right tools for fall cleanup will make it easier

By Sally Rummel

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While everyone else is "oohing and ahing" about the beautiful fall color in Michigan, you're already thinking about how you're going to get rid of all those leaves once they fall — as well as complete other autumn outdoor chores before the snow flies.

Now's the time to make sure you're equipped for these tasks, so you can tackle them early.

Leaves

Falling leaves usually find their way to places you don't really want them. They also land and stay on the lawn, where they can kill the grass underneath and become a real mess in the spring.

Getting the leaves to disappear means you'll need either a rake or a leaf blower, or a combination of the two.

A leaf blower will make much easier work out of a yard full of leaves. You can easily move them where you want them — off the roof, patio, pool area, driveway, etc., and then use a mulching lawn mower to put them back in your yard where they will help reduce the need for fertilizer and weed killer.

You have many choices, from gasoline-powered backpacks and handhelds to electric handhelds. Gas has the most blowing power, yet its two-cycle engine involves the mix of gas and oil. They also can be heavy, noisy and relatively pricey, from \$330 to \$800 on up.

Electric handhelds are lightweight and maintenance-free, but lack the power and range of their gasoline counterparts. Some models have vacuum capabilities for cleaning up debris, and some don't, so it pays to ask before you buy. You can also check on the ConsumerReports.org for individual reviews.

"Gas handheld blowers by Craftsman are our most popular models," said Jeff Stone, owner of the Sears Hometown Store in Fenton. "They're the most versatile and powerful."

Just about every lawn requires some raking. You can use an ergonomic model like a Flexrake Smart Rake or any other sturdy rake with tines guaranteed not to break off the head of the rake. "We offer a lifetime guarantee for our rakes," said Stone, at Sears.

Pruning saws

Look at the trees on your property and see if tree limbs are hanging over your

house. Snow-covered branches could break and cause damage to the roof. Trimming these branches themselves calls for a pruning saw, like a Fiskars, 12-foot Extendable Pruning Saw, priced at about \$50.

For smaller trees and shrubs, pruning shears will handle a diameter of up to about ¾-inch.

Chain saws

Whether you're cleaning up after a storm, chopping logs for firewood or taking limbs off a tree, the right chain saw can ease your workload.

Consumer Reports tested 20 chain saws that range in price from \$70 to \$400. If you just need to cut branches a few times a year, an electric chain saw is convenient. For bigger jobs, a gas-powered saw will do the work, but you've got to

mix the fuel and know how to start it. The top-rated gas saw is a Stihl for \$230. For even less, a \$150 Craftsman from Sears is a good choice.

Don't forget to have a heavy-duty extension cord that's long enough to do the job, if you choose an electric model.

Ladders

Cleaning out gutters, caulking windows, pruning the tops of trees so they don't hit your power lines are all jobs that require a sturdy

ladder.

A telescoping ladder that can extend to its full height will make these jobs easier. The newest ones fold into each other by the foot for easy, collapsible storage. Most are made of lightweight, sturdy aluminum.

An adjustable ladder will also help you as you install weather-stripping around garage doors, entry doors and windows.

Gutters

It's important to remove all the leaves and debris so the gutters don't get clogged, which can eventually lead to water leaks into your home. This important job starts with a ladder, and another person to hold it steady.

Gutter guards are an option to prevent debris build-up in the gutter, but like everything else, some work better than others. Consumer Reports states that fine mesh screens help keep the debris out better than other products, such as covers with slots, foam and brush inserts and large-hole screens.

Also, leaf blower extensions on some models can reach up into the gutter and blow the leaves out. Either way, you need to be sure the joints where the gutter meets the downspouts are cleaned out.

Fenton police arrest six local vandals

►Charges related to thefts, smashed car windows, graffiti on guard shack

By Sharon Stone

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The Fenton Police Department has arrested six individuals, two adults and four juveniles, believed to be responsible for a string of recent vandalism and thefts that occurred in Fenton, Fenton Township and Livingston County. Police Chief Rick Aro said the incidents took place in late July and early August.

Thousands of dollars in damages was reported to parked vehicles throughout the Fenton area.

Fenton police received more than a dozen complaints from residents near and south of Ellen Street and as far north as South Long Lake Road. Police even responded to complaints on Glenwood Drive, which has not reported problems before.

The guard shack for the condominiums off Glenwood Drive was vandalized when someone used black spray paint to paint the letters "LTN" on the side of the building. Black spray paint was also spotted on a vehicle parked



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Fenton police arrested six local males, some of whom are suspected of spray painting the letters "LTN" on this guard shack at a condominium complex off North LeRoy Street.

behind the Galleria shopping mall on North LeRoy Street.

Det. Dale Rauch, working in conjunction with the Genesee County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police-Brighton Post, developed information leading to the arrests. The adult suspects will be formally charged next week in Genesee County's 67th District Court. Once arraigned, their identities will be released.

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STUDENT

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Lake Fenton Community Schools

The unaudited student count this year is 2,042, slightly higher than last year's official count in October 2013 of 2,028.5, according to Superintendent Wayne Wright.

"We budgeted for 2,030 students this year," said Wright. "We receive \$7,307 per student, so this will result in additional revenue of \$87,684."

Wright noted that Lake Fenton has had a growing student population for the last 12 years. "This year, we grew at a smaller rate. We had a larger graduating class last year, so the differential between the previous year's graduating class and the incoming kindergarten class is less."

Linden Community Schools

The official count on Oct. 1 was 2,877 students, compared to last year's 2,935, according to Superintendent Ed Koledo.

"We had budgeted for 2,902, so the 58-student drop overall would be an unexpected financial hit of 25 fewer stu-

dents," said Koledo. "At about \$7,250 per student, we'll have to adjust our budget by about \$180,000."

Koledo also noted that Linden's student counts are coming in lower in the early grades, following the pattern of reduced birth rates in the county, which started a sharp decline in 2008.

"Additional losses are pretty evenly spaced," he said. "Exit surveys show most are leaving for work-related opportunities."

Holly Area Schools

Count Day numbers for 2014 are 3,357 students, compared to 3,417 in 2013, a reduction of 60 students,

according to Superintendent Dave Nuss.

"The drop in students is largely due to a graduating class that is larger than incoming kindergarten students," said Nuss. For Holly, the good news is that almost 100 percent of last year's students are still with Holly Area Schools in 2014.

"Also, our kindergarten numbers are increasing. We have a good chance of turning the tide with a kindergarten class larger than outgoing seniors for 2015-16."

“Linden’s student counts are coming in lower in the early grades, following the pattern of reduced birth rates in the county...”

Ed Koledo
Superintendent of
Linden Community Schools

New licensing rules for Michigan hunters

► Provides more funding for habitats

By Yvonne Stegall

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When hunters stop in to buy licenses this year for hunting, whether it's small game or for deer season, they may get a little surprise if they haven't heard about the structure changes. Starting this hunting season, which for small game started Sept. 15 and Oct. 1 for archery for deer, hunters will need to start out with a base license. A base license is now required for every resident (\$11) and non-resident (\$151) who hunts in Michigan.

Debbie Munson Badini, deputy public information officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), pointed out that there have also been changes to the deer tags for those hunting antlered deer. "Hunters have the option of a 'single' or 'combo,' and it is for both archery and firearm, so they need to make that decision ahead of time." In other words, a single gets one deer and that hunter cannot go back and get another single.

According to the 2014 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest, "The base license provides funding for habitat and conservation work on both public and private land, and supports the work of conservation officers and field staff to ensure safe, legal hunting practices are followed."

Matt Evans, legislative affairs manager for MUCC (Michigan United Conservation Clubs), said MUCC fully supported the change in licensing structure as one of the primary supporters. "We believe it helped streamline the licensing system and reduced the amount of licenses available to just a few," said Evans.

Badini said, "There were over 200 licensing options, and we've gotten that to less than 100 now."

The base license also acts as the small game license, and additional licenses are required to hunt other species. A base license is not required when purchasing fishing licenses or limited-license hunt applications. Badini pointed out that even though some people might not be small-game hunters, the money for this base license is needed for changes to occur.

The base license isn't the only new thing. There is a combination hunt and fish license now available, which is \$76 for residents and \$266 for non-residents. This package includes the base license, a deer combo (which is two kill tags), and an all-species fish license.

One dollar from the sales of this combo license and the base license will be used toward the education of the public on the benefits of hunting, fishing and trapping. Evans added, "Money from the licenses also goes toward habitat grants for fish and wildlife."

Another change is that you no lon-



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Changes to the licensing structure in Michigan mean more money for education on hunting, fishing and trapping.

“We believe it helped streamline the licensing system and reduced the amount of licenses available to just a few.”

Matt Evans
Legislative Affairs
Manager for MUCC

ger need to sign your license when you get it, which gets you in and out of the store faster. If you buy a base license and want to add to it, you just need the identification number used to purchase your original (which can be found on that original license).

For more info on other licenses, hunting zones, hunting seasons and fur harvester seasons, you can visit the Michigan DNR website, or pick up the 2014 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest at any store that sells hunting gear or licenses.

Hunting and fishing for the military

For Michigan residents who are veterans with 100-percent disability or active-duty military, fees are waived for hunting and fishing licenses not obtained through a lottery. Military Personnel Discount (Active Duty Status):

- **U.S. military members** who are currently federal active duty status.
- **Qualifying customers must** provide proof of military status at the time of purchase as well as while afield and be able to present proof upon request by a conservation officer, a tribal officer, or any other law enforcement officer. Proof of military status may include military ID, leave papers, duty papers, military orders, or other evidence verifying the applicant is a member of the military and has been called to federal active duty.
- **Michigan residents who** are currently in federal active duty status may obtain hunting and fishing licenses, for which a lottery is not required, free of charge.
- **Non-residents who** are in federal active duty status and currently stationed in Michigan are eligible to receive resident pricing on hunting and fishing licenses.
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CRUST

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headquarters in San Francisco, California. Obviously, they liked what they tasted.

"Williams-Sonoma actually found us," said Holly Nachtigal, marketing manager for CRUST and The Laundry in Fenton. "They liked what they saw on our website and invited us to an artisan baking fair at their retail store at The Somerset Collection in Troy in August 2013."

All of our baked goods, from breads to brownies, cookies, etc., sold out at that one-day event. We were so excited by

the response that we asked if they could put us in touch with a Williams-Sonoma food buyer in San Francisco."

CRUST Executive Baker Mike Green found out that Williams-Sonoma was actually looking for a cinnamon roll supplier for their online store. "We immediately overnighted a six-pack of rolls, and when they tasted ours, they told us they knew it was 'the one.'"

Green and the other CRUST business partners are very pleased that they were able to use the exact same fresh cinnamon roll recipe for this new wholesale account, not adding any preservatives or stabilizers.

"All we had to do was guarantee that we could ship the order out for the customer to receive within two days," said Green. "All of our shipments are baked to order, and then sent through Williams-Sonoma's

UPS mailing system. We recommend that our customers either freeze the rolls right away for later use, or re-heat to enjoy immediately."

“It’s really something to think about someone ordering our cinnamon rolls all the way from Fenton, Michigan for their holiday breakfast table, and that we are a part of that very special experience.”

Holly Nachtigal
Marketing manager for CRUST and The Laundry

Made from a rich brioche dough with farm fresh eggs, Madagascar vanilla and Plugra butter, these 4x4-inch cinnamon rolls are rolled with a filling of cinnamon and brown sugar. While still hot from the oven, the bakers glaze them with a mix of honey, cream and more Plugra butter, a sweet concoction Green affectionately calls "honey goo."

"I designed the recipe after my grandmother's cinnamon rolls," said Green. "They have to be gooey."

The only thing that's different about the cinnamon rolls sold at CRUST in Fenton and the ones sold online at Williams-Sonoma website is the price. You can enjoy a fresh cinnamon

roll at CRUST in Fenton for a mere \$2.75 per roll. If you order a six-pack from Williams-Sonoma, you'll pay \$34.95 plus shipping and handling.

With cinnamon rolls now being shipped to 35 states, CRUST is 'on the map' with Williams-Sonoma. CRUST has now been invited to have their cinnamon rolls included in the prestigious Williams-Sonoma Holiday Catalog, which features only the best "tried and true" food gift items from their online store in a print catalog mail-ordered across the country.

"It's really something to think about someone ordering our cinnamon rolls all the way from Fenton, Michigan for their holiday breakfast table, and that we are a part of that very special experience," said Nachtigal.

For more information about Williams-Sonoma and to see CRUST's cinnamon rolls as they appear on the website, visit Williams-sonoma.com.

Williams-Sonoma has retail stores at Somerset, as well as at the Village of Rochester Hills, Twelve Oaks in Novi, Briarwood in Ann Arbor, Woodland and in Grand Rapids and Eastwood Towne Centre in Lansing.

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- **Class begins** at 8:30 a.m. with kids going to their tables and playing with a fun activity.
- **Kids find** their names on their chairs, which are "mixed up" every day to help them learn to recognize their name.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** and announcements over the loud speaker.
- **On the carpet** for a teacher to read to the students or practice counting.
- **Break into** Daily 5 literacy centers for reading with a buddy, reading to oneself, listening, word work or work on writing. Each day, they choose three literacy activities.
- **Snack time**
- **Rotate through** centers, literacy game, art project, game or something special each day.
- **Lunch, then** outside for a 20-minute recess, followed by a 20-minute rest time.
- **Clean-up**, and then table work for math. Then students visit math/science centers.
- **Students work** on writing, with opinion writing (can be written phonetically), writing letters to parents/teachers, narrative story about a memory, informational writing.
- **Class dismissed** at 3:55 p.m.

“Kids are very tech-savvy these days. They know how to work with computers.”

Liz Moser
West Shore Elementary
kindergarten teacher

KINDERGARTEN

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to unstructured fun in their day. They all will have to learn more social skills, classroom routines. By the time it's October, they're "professional kindergarteners," she added, with a smile.

She also helps her new students learn how to put on and take off coats and boots, zip their coats, learn how to ask to go to the bathroom, etc.

With 27 students, Moser says that the longer day gives her time to give more attention to the kids who need a push, either higher or lower, in specific areas. She's also grateful for parent volunteers, who can help during "center" activities, like the Daily 5 literacy center, science centers and math centers.

Yes, today's kindergarteners not only know how to count, they are learning how to add and subtract, solve story problems and tell time. They also spend time on the computer, visiting the school's computer lab once a week. In addition, every week they have music twice; gym three times; art, library and Spanish, each once, and switch classes with the other kindergarten teacher, Mrs. (Penny) Bittenger for "team teaching" of science and social studies.

Most kindergarteners come to school recognizing their name, and that's only the beginning of the process of learning to read and write. During the school year, they'll learn all the letters and sounds, 50 sight words and attain a level four or higher on Developmental Reading Assessment



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Miranda Panek takes a drink as Ravyn Spice (immediate left), Ada Bobo (left) and Delaney Polidan wait for their turn.

(DRA), a standardized reading test.

It's not all hard work and no fun, however. When kids come into the classroom by 8:30 a.m., they find their names on a chair and sit at different tables every day. They can play at their table with puzzles, Legos, or sorting toys.

They also have a snack time, bringing a nutritious treat from home. Lunch time is followed by a 20-minute outside recess, then a 20-minute rest time, during which they can bring a blanket from home to read on, color, watch the Smart Board (educational TV) or listen to soft music.

Then it's back to work during the busy day of a kindergartener, until class is dismissed at 3:55 p.m.



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'Wings of Hope' helps grieving parents

►Local chapter opens its doors to new members

By Yvonne Stegall
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Any parent who has lost a child has gone through something terrible, just like Kathy Sova, the leader of Wings of Hope Living Forward Inc. Michigan State Chapter. "I am a grieving mom myself, as my husband, Dave, and I lost our 14-year-old daughter, Autumn, in 2009 due to an aortal arch aneurysm, also known as Takiyatsu Arteritis," she said via email.

Sova, who is also a board member and officer, said Wings of Hope (WOH) is in the process of forming a chapter in every state so people who cannot make it to a retreat can get together in their own state for local "meet and greets" and balloon releases, candle lighting services, and celebrating the children's lives and memories.

WOH solicits donations from businesses to sponsor parents on retreats, which take place in a house setting in a beautiful place where they can relax and do things together with meetings, activities, grieving materials, planned activities and more.

"We have a sponsor on the WOH site who lost both her sons and will match any donation from any business 100 percent. Some of these parents who have lost a child have not been out of their house or their pajamas in years."

WOH is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization and they are here to help, from counselors to discount monuments through their site for families that cannot afford to purchase a headstone for their child's grave.

For local parents who are grieving the loss of a child, the group can be found on Facebook, at Wings of Hope-Michigan, or online at wingsofhopelivingforward.org.

Sova is trying to organize a meet-and-greet and balloon release at her house in Linden for the Michigan members, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. More information on this can be found on the website or FB group.

Anyone may join who is a parent or grandparent who has lost a child. The group prides itself on being a small, friendly, hands-on organization with actual grieving parents helping themselves by helping others "living forward" and through their loss.

“Some of these parents who have lost a child have not been out of their house or their pajama's in years.”

Kathy Sova
WOH Michigan chapter leader

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Argentine man jailed for alleged assault

►Charges include assault by strangulation, felony firearm

By Sharon Stone
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Derek Butler, 24, of Argentine Township is being held in the Genesee County Jail after being arraigned on seven felonies on Sept. 27 by Judge John Conover.

According to Argentine Township Police Chief Dan Allen, Argentine police received an assault complaint on Sept. 23 at 10:48 p.m. A 24-year-old Argentine Township woman reported that Butler allegedly assaulted her by choking and punching her. Butler had fled the home prior to police arrival.

The woman told officers that two weeks prior, Butler, who police learned was a convicted felon, had also allegedly held a gun to her head. The woman was not injured during either incident.

Argentine Township police located Butler in a car and followed him for nearly two blocks before he stopped his vehicle and fled on foot in the area of McCaslin Lake Road and Finch Drive. Butler was apprehended a couple of hours later at a residence in the trailer park.

Police recovered an unregistered firearm in Butler's possession, as well as marijuana.

Butler was charged with assault by strangulation, felony assault, being a felon in possession of a firearm, felony firearm, possession of marijuana, resisting and obstructing police, and driving with a suspended license. Bond was set at \$75,000.

Butler had been convicted of a 2008 home invasion in Wayne County and a 2009 carrying a concealed weapon (CCW) offense in Livingston County.

Butler's preliminary exam has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 7 with Judge Mark Latchana.

Police&Fire report

POT SPOTTED ON CONSOLE
At 2:20 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, a Fenton police officer observed a Honda passenger car drifting in the lane on northbound U.S. 23, north of Owen Road. The officer pulled the car over near North Road and made contact with the 19-year-old Fenton male driver. While speaking with the driver, the officer spotted a baggie containing what he believed was marijuana on the center console. The substance tested positive for marijuana and the teen was arrested. He has an Oct. 20 court date.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS in mosques all over the world, Muslim clerics and imams are teaching hatred of Jews and Christians, contrary to what Obama has said that it is a peaceful religion. He is either misguided or just plain ignorant to the facts. The answer is not Islam, Islam is the problem.

HOW MANY LIBERALS have enlisted in the military and served? My guess is less than 1 percent

OVER 300,000 JOBS are back in Michigan and 1,000 useless regulations are gone. Thank you Gov. Snyder. I will take this nerd over the disastrous policies of Gov. Granholm and her cohorts any day. Our economy and our roads are under the process of being repaired. Once again, thank you Gov. Snyder.

ERIC HOLDER IS leaving the office of attorney general. His legacy will be that he was for gay rights, voting rights of mi-

norities, and the fact that he investigated many police officers across the country. He will go down as one of the worst attorney generals who was very biased and involved in numerous scandals.

I WISH SOMEONE would open a quality Italian produce store/meat market like Nino Salvaggios or a Vince and Joe's.

I JUST READ that president Obama is moving his family into a top security condo, the White House isn't good enough. I wonder who will be paying for this. Can you guess?

A NEW SURVEY was conducted with thousands of conditions across the U.S. and findings said that only 13 percent of doctors in the U.S. agree with Obamacare. And over 60 percent of physicians said that they are either going to retire or make plans to not accept Obamacare. It needs to be repealed, if we are ever going to have good quality medical care in the U.S. again.



Summary
Halloween brings about black cats, witches, and superstitions. What are you superstitious about?

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Black cats crossing your path are thought to be bad luck, maybe because people think they are associated with witchcraft.

Are you superstitious?

► See how many of these 13 superstitions you believe in

By Yvonne Stegall
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Most people can recall being superstitious over something, from a black cat crossing your path to walking under a ladder. Most superstitions have some sort of origin, some have many.

The #13 and Friday the 13th

People fear the number 13 so much that many hotels don't have a 13th floor. The fear of Friday the 13th seems to date back as far as the late 1800s, as a mixture of the fear of the number and Friday being considered an unlucky day.

Wish upon a star

Disney tells us that when you wish upon a star your dreams come true. The Greeks believed that the stars were falling human souls, and it was lucky to make a wish on them.

Find a penny, pick it up...

...And all day long, you'll have good luck. Obviously finding money is a good thing, although a penny won't buy much in the current economy.

Don't walk under that ladder!

Avoiding the underside of a ladder can be good for the person walking and the person on the ladder, since both may risk injury if the ladder falls. There are numerous theories as to the origin; one is that it resembles the medieval gallows, according to livescience.com.

Black cats crossing your path

It seems that the fear of a black cat

crossing your path arose at the time of the witch trials when people believed the animals were used as witches' familiars, or so says the Encyclopedia of Superstitions.

Knock on wood.
Almost everyone
At some time

A rabbit's foot will bring you luck

While it wasn't lucky for the rabbit to lose his foot, the rabbit's foot is a good luck talisman that goes back as far as early Celtic times.

Bad luck comes in threes

Bad things happen in threes; three people die, three bad things happen in our lives. This thought may have something to do with our own expectations and beliefs piecing random events together.

Careful with that mirror

Breaking a mirror means seven years of bad luck, because mirrors are believed to hold pieces of the soul. At one time, people covered mirrors in a house when someone died, so their soul wouldn't be trapped in the mirror.

Knock on wood

"Breaking that mirror didn't bring me any trouble, knock on wood." Maybe it's the good spirits of the trees that cause us to believe a few raps on wood would save us from a jinx.

Make a wish on a wishbone

Livescience.com said that Romans believed turkey wishbones held good luck and the person who got the bigger end when they broke would get a wish granted.

Cross your fingers

The shape of the cross has long been believed to be good luck, so crossing your fingers is an easy way to wish for good luck.

No umbrellas inside

Opening an umbrella indoors is supposed to bring bad luck, but the origins are cloudy, with a possible chance of rain.

Purse on the floor

Rebecca Howard, owner of Howard's Hidden Treasure, said that she has always been told not to set her purse on the floor or she would never have any money. This may stem from an old proverb, "A purse on the floor is money out the door."

What is a superstition?

It is a belief or way of behaving that is based on fear of the unknown and faith in magic or luck; a belief that certain events or things will bring good or bad luck.

Source: merriam-webster.com



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OVERWEIGHT

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tion that may impair health. The same definition is used for being overweight.

Why are we getting so fat? According to WHO, "the fundamental cause of obesity and overweight is an energy imbalance between calories consumed and calories expended." We are eating more energy-dense foods higher in fat and getting less physical activity.

Angela Minicuci, a public information officer with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), said, "Obesity is measured by looking at your height and weight."

“The higher your BMI, the higher your risk for certain diseases...”

This measurement is called Body Mass Index (BMI). "That said, BMI is not a perfect tool. It's an estimate of body fat and a good gauge of your risk for diseases that can occur with more body fat," said Minicuci. "The higher your BMI, the higher your risk for certain diseases such as heart disease, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, gallstones, breathing problems, and certain cancers."

Because of all of these health risks, Gov. Rick Snyder even chose obesity as a major area of focus and a key health indicator on the Michigan Dashboard. According to Bridge Magazine, "Snyder has promoted his '4 by 4' plan, which calls for maintaining a healthy diet, exercising, obtaining an annual physical and avoiding tobacco use and exposure."

A BMI greater than or equal to 25 is overweight and a BMI greater than or equal to 30 is obesity.

Minicuci added, "Although BMI can be used for most men and women, it does have some limits." For example, it may overestimate body fat in athletes and others who have a muscular build. Moreover, it may underestimate body fat in older persons and others who have lost muscle.

MDCH recommends people consult

directly with their physician to get advice on weight loss goals and estimations of obesity or being overweight. WHO recommends limiting sugar and fat intake, eating more fresh fruits and vegetables, getting regular physical activity on a daily basis, and finding support.

While the answer to obesity for some may be surgery, it isn't right for everyone, which is why it is important to speak to a doctor first.

Obesity facts and statistics

- **Worldwide**, obesity has nearly doubled since 1980.
- **In 2008**, more than 1.4 billion adults, 20 and older, were overweight. Of these, more than 200 million men and nearly 300 million women were obese.
- **35 percent** of adults aged 20 and over were overweight in 2008, and 11 percent were obese.
- **65 percent** of the world's population lives in countries where overweight and obesity kills more people than underweight.
- **More than** 40 million children under the age of 5 were overweight or obese in 2012.
- **Obesity** is preventable.

Source: WHO.int

BMI Categories:

- Underweight = <18.5
- Normal weight = 18.5-24.9
- Overweight = 25-29.9
- Obesity = BMI of 30 or greater

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| 104 pounds | 18.4 |
| 130 pounds | 23 |
| 141 pounds | 25 |
| 170 pounds | 30.1 |

5-feet, 7-inches

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| 117 pounds | 18.3 |
| 150 pounds | 23.5 |
| 160 pounds | 25.1 |
| 192 pounds | 30.1 |

5-feet, 10-inches

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| 127 pounds | 18.2 |
| 160 pounds | 23 |
| 174 pounds | 25 |
| 210 pounds | 30.1 |

6-feet, 0-inches

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| 125 pounds | 18.3 |
| 174 pounds | 23.6 |
| 185 pounds | 25.1 |
| 225 pounds | 30.5 |

To calculate your BMI, go to www.nhlbi.nih.gov

HOT LINE CONTINUED

IF YOU TEACH a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime. If you teach a liberal to fish, he will then steal your boat and motor.

■■■■
TEXAS HAS THE best economy in the nation with high job creation, low taxes, and a pro-business environment. This is contrary to Obama and his tax, spend and borrow Democrats. He has crippled our economy and delayed its recovery for years.

■■■■
A BOOK WRITTEN by Secret Service agents assigned to the White House in the '90s are saying Hillary Clinton was mean, vicious, did not speak to anyone that was a staff member, you weren't allowed to make eye contact with her, and the 'f' word flew out of her mouth every 10 seconds. Doesn't she just sound wonderful?

■■■■
I WISH THE Republican Party would put all the money they are spending on campaign ads into our infrastructure. Their road to winning is as bumpy as the ones they make me drive on. The odds of them winning is as good as getting our roads fixed correctly — slim to none.

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96 year old still swinging!

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | YVONNE STEGALL
Fenton resident Annie VanLeuvan has been golfing with the Fenton Farms Ladies Day group since 1969, when she picked up her first club. "I can't reach up into the cupboards, but I can still swing a club," 96-year-old VanLeuvan said. She is one of 150 members of this ladies golf group, which is one of the biggest and oldest in the area, according to Patsy Bauer. A fellow Ladies Day member, Bauer wanted people to know about VanLeuvan, golfing at 96, and said "Each year we celebrate a surprise birthday for her, because we are all surprised she is still golfing with us!"



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Q Who was baseball's first African American manager?

A The Cleveland Indians hired 39-year-old Frank Robinson as its manager on Oct. 3, 1974.

TRI-COUNTY FALL ELITE EIGHT

Here is the Tri-County's Elite Eight Poll through Thursday's contests.

1. Fenton football
2. Holly boys cross country
3. Holly boys tennis
4. Linden boys soccer
5. Fenton volleyball
6. Fenton girls swim
7. Linden girls cross country
8. Vacant

Note: Typically fall is the strongest sports season in the tri-county area and for that reason we've expanded the usual Top 5 to the Top 8 during the fall. However, in future weeks that may change this year. The quality of depth isn't where it usually is at this time of year.

We have a lot of decent teams, doing well in league action who could argue they deserve the No. 8 spot, but all of those teams don't really have the non-league credentials to belong with the seven listed.

Right now, Fenton football is the clear No. 1 squad. The Tigers remain undefeated and tried to beef up their non-league schedule with games (and wins) against Temperance-Bedford and Davison. They have a good chance to finish the regular season undefeated.

Bronchos finish on top of Metro once again

►Holly wins 19th league crown in 20 seasons

By David Troppens
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Flushing — It was a team who lost nine seniors from last year's Metro League championship squad.

For that reason it was easy to see why Holly varsity boys tennis coach Will Sophia was concerned when his squad assembled in August. But apparently, Sophia forgot one thing.

This is Holly tennis. Showing the same work ethic that every Bronchos' team has seemingly displayed for a decade, the Holly varsity boys tennis team captured another Metro League crown on Tuesday at Flushing High School, winning the Metro League meet. The title was the Bronchos 19th in 20 years.

"We played great," Sophia said. "Obviously we played fantastic in our individual match against Flushing, but we played even better (on Tuesday). We either held our seeds or outplayed our seeds at every flight during the tournament. All positives came

out of (the meet).

"To be honest, I didn't know what to make out of this team going into the year. When you lose nine seniors and five of those seniors were four-year permanent varsity players, you are losing a lot of experience. These guys didn't have the varsity experience and their performance speaks about their growth and the work ethic they show in every sport. They are going to give you the effort and the work ethic."

Holly won five flights and had participants make the finals of seven flights en route to scoring 20.5 points. Flushing had two champions and four make the finals, collecting 17 points while taking second. Holly and Flushing had competitors face off in the finals at five flights, and the Bronchos won four of them, clinching the meet title. Combined with a perfect 6-0 Metro dual record, the Bronchos earned the outright championship.

The Fenton Tigers had one competitor make it to the finals and finished in third with 11 points, 1/2 point ahead of fourth-place Brandon. In the final standings, Fenton finished in third.

See BRONCHOS on 18A



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Holly's Connor Caldwell won the No. 3 singles title at the Metro League meet on Tuesday.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | DAVID TROPPENS

Holly's Chelsea Bowles shot a 95 at the Metro League's postseason meet on Wednesday.

Holly, Linden happy for different reasons at girls Metro golf meet

By David Troppens
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Fenton Twp. — There was a reason for the Linden Eagles and the Holly Bronchos to leave Wednesday's Metro League Meet at Fenton Farms Golf Club in a good mood.

Linden had reason to be happy. After placing a distant fourth at the first Metro meet earlier this fall the Eagles improved to a strong

third-place finish, posting a team score of 378, or 18 strokes better than they did at first event.

The Holly Bronchos were happy too. Holly placed fourth at the meet and took second overall in the season standings, finishing only behind the overwhelmingly strong Flushing Raiders.

On Wednesday, Flushing (359) placed first, while

Kearsley (365) took second. Linden was a mildly surprising third-place finisher (378), while Holly earned fourth (387). Fenton, who placed second at the first meet, placed sixth (393) on Wednesday.

Holly moved up to second place in the final standings primarily due to its strong 6-1 dual season.

See GOLF on 19A



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PREP REPORT

BOYS SOCCER

► **Orchard Lake St. Mary 2, Linden 1:** The Eagles tied the contest at 1-all with 17:42 left in the contest, but Orchard Lake St. Mary scored again less than a minute later, earning the non-league win against Linden.

The Eagles' goal was provided by Kevin Wright off an assist by Derek Deighton.

► **Flint Powers 3, Fenton 1:** The Tigers took a 1-0 lead into the half, but the Chargers responded with three second-half goals to earn the win. Chris VanCamp scored off Liam Adams' assist earning the Tigers the lead. However, Powers' Wolfgang Ruth scored two second-half goals leading the Chargers. Will Haran also provided a goal and assisted one of Ruth's goals.

GIRLS SWIM

► **Fenton 119.5, Kearsley-Clio 63.5:** The Tigers captured eight first-place finishes to earn the easy Metro win.

Fenton won all three relays. Elise Cassidy, Lauren Gruber, McKenzie Mead and Grace Siefker won the 200 medley relay (2:05.61) to start the meet, while Brianna Costigan, Cameron Mathews, Emma Cagle and Elise Cassidy ended the night by winning the 400 freestyle relay (4:02.17). The 200 freestyle relay team of Siefker, Gruber, Cagle and Costigan also earned a first-place performance (1:52.25).

Individually, the Tigers captured five firsts. Costigan had two of them, taking the top spot in the 200 freestyle (2:07.35) and in the 500 freestyle (5:56.96). The others were earned by Zoe Weinberg in diving (263.65), Mead in the 100 butterfly (1:09.46) and Cassidy in the 100 backstroke (1:09.05).

Fenton was particularly dominant in the 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke, sweeping the top three positions in each race. Cagle (6:15.67) placed second in the 500 freestyle, while Kyla Tietema placed third (6:35.62). In the 100 backstroke Cameron Mathews placed second (1:12.92), while Tietema placed third (1:20.55).

► **Fenton 103, Lapeer 75:** Fenton posted the best time in 11 of the 12 events, cruising to the victory. Individually, Cameron Mathews won the 200 individual medley (2:36.08) and the 100 backstroke (1:12.57) leading the Tigers. Other winning individual performers for Fenton were Kelly Kemp in the 200 freestyle (2:23.89); Emma Cagle in the 50 (29.35); Taylor Shegos in diving (258.20); McKenzie Mead in the 100 butterfly (1:11.77); Elise Cassidy in the 500 freestyle (6:15.33); and Lauren Gruber in the 100 breaststroke (1:20.87).

The Tigers had all three relays win. They were the 200 medley relay of Casidy, Chelsea Barnett, Rylie Becker and Kiersten Rezanka (2:19.38); the 200 freestyle relay team of Hannah Gregory, Mariesa Elizondo, Becker and Emma Cagle (2:01.38); and the 400 freestyle relay team of Mathews, Kemp, Cagle and Natalie Miller (4:35.67).

GIRLS GOLF

► **Linden 193, Clio 231:** At Spring Meadows Country Club, Linden's Hannah Joslin shot a 41 to earn medalist honors, while Sydney Bond shot a 47. Ashley Robinson shot a 49, while Kayla Sugg and Payton Leedle each had 56s.

Fenton, Linden squads win Metro contests

►Tigers' league streak grows to 56 matches

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity volleyball team is expected to compete with the Flushing Raiders for the Metro League crown this fall.

So far the six-time defending league champions are doing exactly what they need to do to make it seven titles in a row — they are winning.

Fenton improved to 3-0 in the Metro and raised its league winning streak to 56 matches by crushing Kearsley 25-9, 25-6, 25-15 on Tuesday.

"We served them really tough, getting 16 aces in the three sets," Fenton coach Jerry Eisinger said. "Beyond the aces, our serving kept them off-balance so we saw a lot of free balls that we were able to convert into points."

The win keeps the Tigers tied with Flushing for first place in the Metro. It will be awhile before the two squads face off. Flushing travels to Fenton on Oct. 21. Each team will be big favorites in their league contests until that match.

The Tigers were paced by Carly Granger's nine kills and two aces, while Kelsie Fischer had 23 assists, two kills and an ace.

The Hornets couldn't get anything going against the Tigers, with Hannah Ploof leading Kearsley in kills with just three.

"Our performance overall was good," Eisinger said. "We didn't play our best but with homecoming last week, we had a few days off and hadn't practiced much before Tuesday. The girls continue to work hard so I'm very happy with where we are as a team."

Fenton played in the Mt. Morris Tournament on Saturday and travel to Clio for a Flint Metro League match on Tuesday.

Flushing def.

Linden 25-12, 25-19, 25-22

The Linden Eagles (1-2 in the Metro) faced the preseason Metro League favorites and lost in three sets.

Brook Ovington led the squad with 10 kills and perfect 7-for-7 serving with two aces. Miranda Fowler had 10 assists, while Morgan Fitch had seven. Megan Klavitter led the defense with 21 digs.

Linden continues Metro League action on Tuesday at Ortonville-Brandon High School.

Clio Mustangs def.

Holly 25-22, 25-20, 25-16

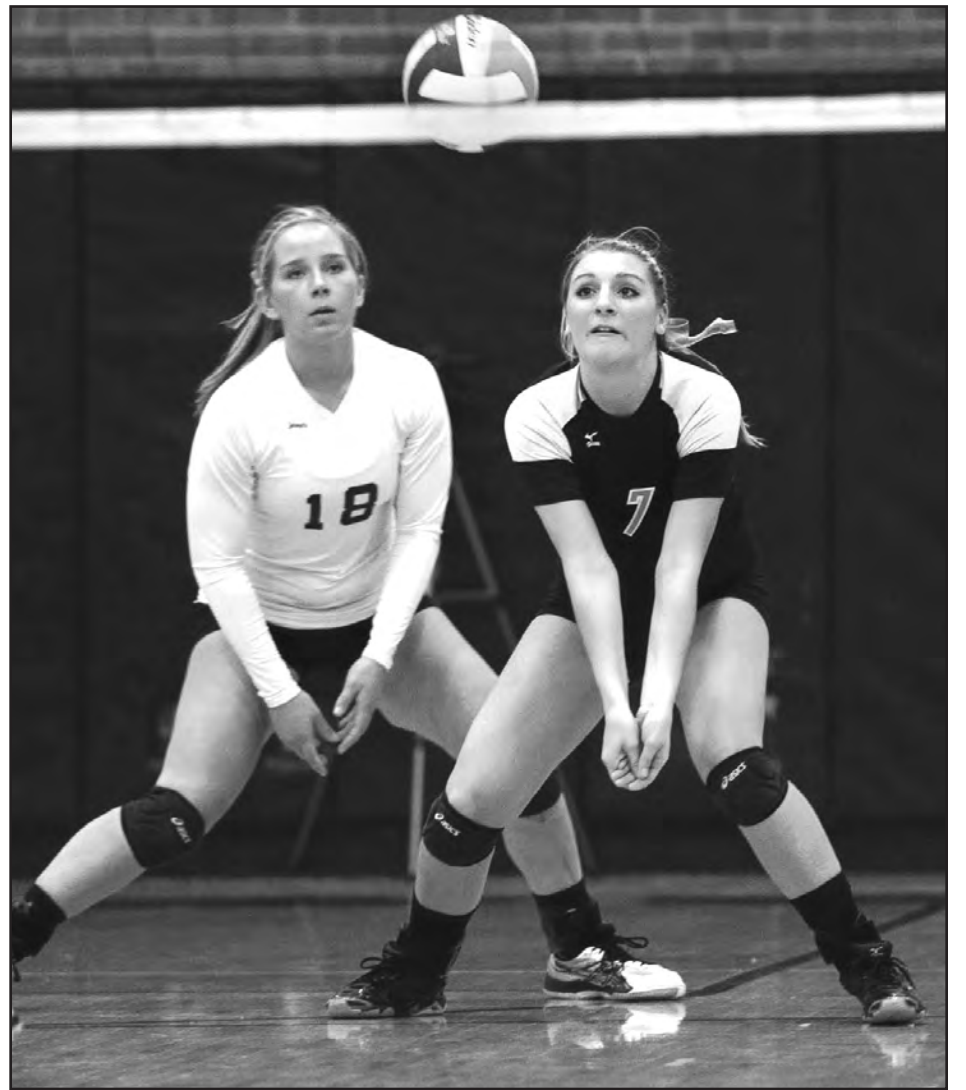
The Bronchos were paced by Katie LaClair who had 31 digs and 12 good service reception passes. Sam Jones had 19 assists and two aces, while Juliet Clark had 11 digs and eight kills.

Corunna def.

Holly 25-20, 25-17, 25-23

Holly proved to be competitive all match long, but Corunna's Meredith Norris was too much for the Bronchos, providing a match-high 23 kills for the Cavaliers.

Sam Jones paced the Bronchos' offense with 22 assists, while Brooke Jackman had a team-best six kills. Juliet Clark and Shayla Lipschak had five kills each. Defensively, Katie LeClair provided a team-best 22 digs.



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Fenton's Carly Granger prepares to dig a ball while teammate Taylor Mowery watches. The Tigers defeated Kearsley 25-9, 25-6, 25-15 on Tuesday, enabling Fenton to remain tied for first place in the Metro League with Flushing.

Girls Swim
Ortonville-Brandon 91,
Holly 79

The Bronchos earned two first-place finishes at the Metro League event.

Individually, Stephanie Spitory won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:23.84. The other first was provided by Cynthia Ferguson, Emma Ford, Alex Karakuc and Spitory in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 4:43.92.

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TOOTHBRUSHES

I am sometimes asked which brand of tooth brush I recommend. People want to know if there is a particular brand or style of tooth brush that is superior to all others. As we all know tooth brushes come in all shapes and sizes, manufactured by dozens of different companies. While in dental school at the University of Michigan I remember learning of a landmark study that was done in Denmark. This study sought to prove the effectiveness of modern tooth cleaning aides in maintaining proper oral health. For the study a large group of dental students was gathered. The researchers divided the students into two groups. The first group of dental students was given all the latest and most modern tooth brushes. The second group was given a wooden stick. No brushes, just a stick. At the end of the three month study the student's mouths were examined to determine which group was healthier. To the surprise of everyone there was no statistically significant difference between the two groups. The group that used only a wooden stick to clean their teeth was just as healthy as the group who had the latest and greatest toothbrushes. So when I am asked which brand of toothbrush I recommend, I always answer by saying "whichever one you like the best will work just fine". The key is that for any toothbrush, or stick, to be effective it has to be used *every day*.

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Linden's Spencer captures two recent national boxing titles

By David Troppens

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Joey Spencer is always busy with his boxing.

The Linden student is busy winning while boxing as well.

Recently, Spencer won the Ringside World Championship. Prior to that, he also beat three regional champions to win the 2014 Silver Gloves national championship.

Spencer, 14, said his first match at the Silver Gloves tournament was his toughest. From there, Spencer said "the next matches kept getting easier and easier as the week went on."

"So in a way, you could say I had to win the championship on the first day," Spencer said.

Spencer was pleased to get his Ringside World Championship belt as well.

"Winning the 2014 Ringside Championship was great because I've come up short the last two times I fought in that tournament, and I really wanted it this year, bad. I had competed in the Silver Gloves tournament two times before and never made it past regionals. This year I won the whole tournament. It's

always exciting win new and more important tournaments, especially with all the hard work that's put in the weeks leading up to the competition."

Spencer will be entering the 15-16 year-old class after March, which will qualify him to travel and compete internationally on the USA team as long as he continues having success at national tournaments. Spencer's ultimate goal is to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Trials. Spencer has personal goals he wants to accomplish to make that next step.

"I want to become more of a complete boxer, which is being able to do things outside of my comfort zone," Spencer said. "I have always been naturally good at being a more defensive boxer, but in this training camp I need to work on going forward more and working better on the inside."

Spencer isn't the only one that benefitted from his recent efforts. Spencer collects sponsors to help raise money for his own foundation KO Hunger. He raised \$750 to help feed hungry kids.



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Joey Spencer celebrates one of his recent titles. Spencer hopes to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Trials in the near future.



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Holly's varsity boys tennis team celebrates winning the Metro League title at Flushing High School on Tuesday.

BRONCHOS

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The Bronchos have historically been a deep team and their depth proved vital on Tuesday once again, earning all four of their doubles flights a spot in the finals.

The No. 2 doubles team of Scott Maki and Aaron Vergith defeated Flushing's Joe Montpas and Phillip Wu, 6-3, 2-6, injury default, while Dillon Sink and Andrew Spak (No. 3 doubles) beat Flushing's Tyler Roddie and Alex Hallandal 6-0, 6-2 in the finals. Finally, the No. 4 doubles team of Morgan Baylis and Ian Clink also defeated a Flushing's Eli Hallandal and Matt Karas by a 7-5, 7-6(2) score in the finals.

The only Holly doubles flight not to win in the finals was the No. 1 doubles squad of Frankie Richmond and Drew Fisher, who lost a tight match to Flushing's top-seed Nick Donley and Joey Lee 7-5, 6-3.

Of Holly's eight doubles competitors, seven were seniors and most were seniors who weren't even in the traditional varsity starting lineup a year ago.

"A lot of these guys didn't get opportunities the past couple of years, and proved themselves this year," Sophia said. "For example, Frank Richmond and Drew Fisher stepped up and played No. 1 doubles this year after playing No. 5 doubles last

year. They gave Flushing's No. 1 seed a strong showing. I don't know if their team has lost a match. One of them was their No. 1 singles player from a year ago and the other was a very strong doubles player, and they played them to a 7-5, 6-4 match. And at No. 2 doubles, Vergith and Maki. The last couple of years they were on the varsity but only as part-time or fill-in guys. They all seized the opportunity and made the most of this year."

In singles action, the Bronchos had two champions. No. 3 singles player Connor Caldwell defeated Fenton's Griffin Carr 6-3, 6-2 in the finals, while Holly's No. 4 singles player Mitch Hughes defeated Flushing's Nick Mills 6-0, 6-2.

No. 1 singles player Evan Vergith advanced to the finals, but lost to Brandon's Ben Yeacker 6-3, 6-4 in that last match. Holly's Noah Apfel played No. 2 singles and took third.

Fenton's third-place performers were Jack Schnieder at No. 4 singles, Cam Cislo and Mitch Kotch at No. 2 doubles, Jacob Goodman and Matt Schampine at No. 3 doubles and Don Doyle and Seth McMaster at No. 4 doubles.

The next major tournament for Fenton and Holly will be the Division 2 Holly regional meet on Oct. 10.

Linden, Fenton win soccer games, set up Metro League title game on Monday

By David Troppens

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As if the Fenton-Linden rivalry isn't enough to motivate the two area boys varsity soccer teams, Monday night's match will have something besides bragging rights up for grabs.

The Flint Metro League title also hangs in the balance.

The two area rivals set up a game for the title by earning Metro League victories on Wednesday.

Fenton defeated Flushing 3-2, while fourth-ranked Linden defeated Clio 3-1.

Linden trailed early 1-0 and

still trailed by that score at halftime. However, in the second half, Ben Thronton scored on an assist by Derek Deighton with 31:26 remaining. Down the stretch, Kevin Wright took over, scoring two goals down the stretch. The first was unassisted with 27:03 left. The second came on an assist by Marcos Toledano.

"We definitely started out very slow," Linden coach Kevin Fiebernitz said.

"But we came roaring back in the second half. In the last three to four games we've

not been able to put two good halves together. We are playing OK but not as good as usual. My concern right now is our defense and our goalkeeping. It is a little suspect right now."

The Fenton Tigers began their game hot, scoring two first-half goals. Jared DeGroat scored off a cross from Isaac Moore, and then Ben Huntley scored off a Liam Adams deflection. Fenton had a 2-1 lead at the half. The Tigers got their third goal from Chris VanCamp off an assist by Ivan Boedecker.

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GOLF

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The Bronchos have moved up in the final standings every year Holly has had a girls golf program. Last year, the team placed third overall.

"It's really nice," junior golfer Jenna Pepper said.

"Last year we took third and this year we took second. Hopefully, next year we take first.

"We have a pretty good all around team. Everyone is about the same. Anyone can pick it up. If someone is not having a good day, anyone can step it up and fill in the spot."

On Wednesday, Pepper led the team with a 92 on the par-70, 5,129-yard layout. She was followed by Amanda Pucher's 94 and Chelsea Bowels' 95. Kristin Hansel capped Holly's team score with a 106.

"We played solid all year long and that's been key for us," Holly coach Tom Voyer said.

"I thought our team played strong all the way through and thought it was our advantage against everyone (this season). Even our sixth person is strong."

For the event, it was Linden's day to shine. Last year, the Eagles struggled to be respectable. On Wednesday, they finished third despite fielding a team of just five golfers.

"I am so proud of our team," said senior Hannah Joslin.

"They did a great job. I was a little surprised, but it didn't shock me. I knew they were capable of it. I'm just proud of everyone overall."

Joslin has been the team leader all season long, and posted a strong 87 at the meet. Following behind her were two sophomores with career-best rounds — Sydney Bond with a 91 and Ashley Robinson with a 94. Peyton Leedle had a 102.

"I'm very proud of everyone," Bond said.

"Me and Ashley shot our lowest this

year. Playing golf you have to be a team player and not just think about yourself. Even though it is an individual sport, we are all going for the same goal, so we have to work together."

The Fenton Tigers were frustrated with their sixth-place performance at the meet, but still finished a respectable third overall during what was supposed to be a rebuilding season.

The Tigers had a tough day, placing sixth with a score that was 17 strokes more than what they shot at Fenton Farms during the first meet. Every scoring golfer shot under 100, but none by more than three strokes, keeping them in sixth. Sarah Cummings led the squad with a 97, while Keegan Miller shot a 98. Madison Shegos and Sydney Shegos had 99s.

"We are disappointed," Fenton coach Kurt Herbst-

reit said.

"Nobody hit that low 90s or that high 80s. That's hard to recover from when all the scores are within three strokes of each other — from 97 to 100."

Pepper, Cummings and Joslin were each first-team All-Metro selections, while Pucher, Bowles, Madison Shegos, Miller and Bond were second-team selections.

All three schools begin postseason tournament action Thursday at Edgewood Country Club at the Division 2 Bloomfield Hills Marian regional. The top three teams qualify for the state meet, as do the top three individuals not on a team which qualified.

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(Top right) Linden's Hannah Joslin had the Eagles' best 18-hole score at Wednesday's Metro League postseason golf meet, shooting an 87. (Right) Linden's Sydney Bond posted the Eagles' second-best score by posting a career-best 18-hole score of 91.

"I thought our team played strong all the way through and I thought it was our big advantage."

— Tom Voyer
Holly coach



TITLE

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Tim Geib had four saves, earning the win in net. Fenton varsity boys soccer coach liked how his team played on Wednesday.

"We came out fast and got another early goal which gave us a lot of momentum," Sullivan said.

"Our defense held on in the second half with great hustle from seniors Ivan Boedecker and Dorian Bilbrey. Those two gave us a huge jump that allowed us to finish the game and set up the championship game."

Fenton (5-1 in the Flint Metro League) needs to win the game in regulation to earn the title against the Eagles (5-1). That's because regulation victories are worth three points, while shootout wins are worth just two points. Shootout losses are worth one point.

Linden's loss came in a shootout, giving the squad a league-leading 16 points in the standings. Fenton has 14 points because one of its victories came in a shootout. The defeat didn't earn the Tigers any points in the league race. So even if Linden loses in a shootout, the point the defending league title holder Eagles would earn would be enough to win the league championship.



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Linden's Marcos Toledano (right) dribbles with the ball while Fenton's Christopher Shaw defends. The two teams play each other for the Metro League title at Linden High School at 6:45 p.m. on Monday.

"We know we need to win outright to be champs, and that it is going to take our very best effort to beat a great Linden team, but we are looking forward to it," Sullivan said.

"It's a great opportunity and our boys have worked really hard to be in this position."

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Congress arises, but both GOP state legislators say they work more than 40 hours, easily, and sometimes 60 when needed. "I really do believe the legislature has the obligation. I believe that we have an oversight function that is crucial, which certainly justifies our full-time work," said Robertson.

All U.S. Congress members are paid \$174,000, unless they are the house majority/minority leader, where pay is increased.

As opposed to state legislators, their expenses are based on a formula, called the Members' Representational Allowance (MRA). The average allowance for U.S. Congress is \$1.2 million — which has been reduced over the last couple years.

Congress controls members' own pay level, though it has actually remained flat since 2009, according to a January Congressional Research Service Report. The last increase was 2.8 percent, in 2009 bringing the salary up to the current salary.

Occasionally, there are gaps in raises — between 1993 and 1998, pay was raised from \$133,600 to \$136,700. Before that, it was between 1965 and 1969, where U.S. Congress received a raise to \$42,500. Pay was frozen for 10 years before that, where it stayed at \$22,500.

In 1789, congress was paid \$6 per day. A salary system was eventually settled upon, with a salary breaking \$10,000 in 1925. In 1991, both the house and senate broke \$100,000. The Speaker of the House makes \$223,000 per year. See sidebar for a history of U.S. congressional pay raises.

So what do Michigan residents get for Michigan congressional pay?

Robertson has three full-time staffers. He said he used to have five, and then overall costs were reduced, like the national level. "I think that's as it should be since we have to lead by example," he said. When times are tough, costs are reduced.

He also does not have an in-district office. He'll meet with constituents wherever is convenient. "It keeps us busy, that's for

sure," he said. "I take nothing for granted, and I never do."

Graves said they get some holiday time off, but essentially work all year long.

When a state legislator is in-district, they can spend time with constituents, something Robertson stressed as being really important.

State congress was in-district until August, which can draw criticism, as Michigan's problems don't pause when they do. An Aug. 18, an Oakland Press column criticized congress for adjourning before a road-repair solution was found — an on-going topic in a state with the lowest per-person funding in the country.

Considering it's an election year for both, Graves and Robertson will also spend a lot of time knocking on doors. If they're in session, they'll spend 14-hour days in committees, meetings and of course, voting. Days can stretch to 20 if needed.

Both are on several committees, as the GOP controls both sides of congress.

Graves is on five committees: criminal justice, energy and technology, health policy, local government and military/veterans/homeland security.

Robertson is on five committees: he's the chair of the local government and elections committee, vice chair of health policy, insurance, finance, tax policy, and government reform.

While serving on committees, it's their job to be versed with any bill sent to those committees, as they are to be relied upon to understand what the bill proposes. Graves is familiar with issues like the wolf hunt, because he'll be voting on it.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PAY

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SECRET SERVICE

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McGinley's words can be barely heard over Jorge Pina, who is preaching the gospel to anyone within earshot, which as it turns out is quite a wide distance with the aid of his battery-powered bullhorn.

He is passing out handbills with a bibli-

cal theme that are the shape of American paper currency.

"Why am I here?" Pina says, pausing briefly from the bullhorn. "This is where the crowds are. This is where the people are. This is the center of our nation, the center of our city, Washington, D.C."

(Reporting By Steve Holland; Editing by Steve Orlofsky)

HOT LINE CONTINUED

EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR a reason. Sometimes the reason is because you're stupid and make bad choices.

APPARENTLY, SUPPORTING OUR troops doesn't apply to our American capitalists who are moving their corporations offshore to avoid paying taxes. They only give lip service to the support of our troops who risk their lives each day to protect the very capitalistic freedoms corporations hold so dear.

WHY DO MOST of our politicians wait until an election year to do what they were elected to do? Then it is a half-assed attempt at that. Please research them and find out what they have truly done. Then vote all of the lazy bastards out of office! That's your job.

I CAN'T BELIEVE that all the trees were cut down on Owen Road in Dibbleville. Let the 'Streetscape' improvements go around the beautiful trees instead of tearing them down. Now it's bare looking and that area has lost its quaintness.

WITH ALL THAT'S going on, let's not forget come voting day the many other debacles the party in power is responsible for. Tens of thousands of illegals coming across the border, IRS, NSA. And not just the Feds, look at what Democrats are doing locally. Out they go. Vote GOP.

WHEN ARE THEY going to replace the 15 trees at Fenton High School that have died? Now's a great time to plant.

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Summer is over, but you still have all of those fun moments either locked away in your phone, in your camera, or maybe downloaded onto your computer. Photos from the family reunion, your romantic summer getaway, or maybe the all-day fishing trip are just sitting idle. Now what do you do with them?

While the old school stand-by would be to print them and put them in a photo album or scrapbook for future viewing, people can do many other fun things with their photos now. We do live in the age of technology. That technology can be used to create many fun and wonderful things with your summer photos!

Create one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts

You can create amazing gifts for friends and family from numerous websites available. You can have your photos turned into jigsaw puzzles, mugs, throw blankets and pillows, T-shirts, mouse pads, playing cards, and so much more. Shutterfly, Snapfish and Zazzle are three of the companies that can be used to create these memorable gifts. Prices vary, but it's worth any cost for a truly unique gift idea.

Display them as refrigerator magnets

Another fun way to use your summer photos, and ensure they are displayed for all to see, is to have them printed on fridge magnets. The same companies that offer the fun gift ideas above also offer magnets. There are different sizes and shapes available. These are also something that can be printed at home with magnet sheets available from Avery, and found at most office supply stores.

End-of-summer slideshows

Relive your memories by creating an end-of-summer slideshow with all of your summer photos. Enjoy your vacation all over again, and share the memories with friends and family when they visit. If your PC is equipped with Windows Movie Maker, or you have a Mac with iPhoto/iMovie, you are on your way to making a great photo memory. Add music, special effects, and even narration. Then share your video with people online, or burn



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Photo books

Photo books are another fun and easy way to find a new home for summer photos. These make great gifts, too. Shutterfly, Snapfish, and MyPublisher all offer great photo book ideas and options. There's an app for that! One of the Times Facebook fans, Ali Brown, suggested Groovebook. This is an app that costs \$2.99 a month, and allows you to have 100 of your smartphone photos turned into a photo book once every month. You pick the hundred photos

you want; they print it and send it to you. It has perforated pages so pictures can be easily removed and handed out to friends and family.

Why leave your photos in cyber-oblivion, or just print them on standard photo stock, when there are so many fun things you can do with them?

News briefs

Linden to get new streetlights downtown

The streets of Linden will be a little brighter soon. The City has accepted two contracts to begin the replacement of 44 poles and 71 lights. The project will include the installation of new light pole foundations and additional electrical work. The new poles and LED lighting will replace existing lighting in the downtown. City manager Paul Zelenak said, "Currently, we have five different types of poles and six styles of lights in the downtown." The new uniform LED lights will save the City thousands of dollars each year in energy costs, he said via email. The City will also be receiving cash rebates from Consumers Energy for replacing the lights with new energy LED lighting. The new LED lights, poles and hardware have been ordered. The contractor will begin removing existing lighting and installing new concrete foundations within the next week, according to Zelenak, and the project is expected to be completed by December.

Fenton City seeks volunteers

The City of Fenton Beautification Commission is seeking volunteers to help decorate the city for the fall season. On Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9-11 a.m., volunteers will be out attaching corn stalks and bows on light poles throughout the downtown area. To volunteer, call Chairman Dawn Overmyer at (810) 629-0455.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

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IF I WERE President, I would sign in to law: No pay to leaving politicians, no security details for leaving politicians and I would place limits on all political offices. And no money to foreign nations unless they promise to pay it back.

THE STATEMENT REGARDING the windmill blades should have said the trucks carrying the blades were driving around endlessly looking for a pole, not us.

OUT OF CURIOSITY, did the Secret Service director work her way up the ranks and get promoted to head, or is this one of Obama's 'she's a woman, let's make her head of the Secret Service.' She looks like she has no idea what is going on.

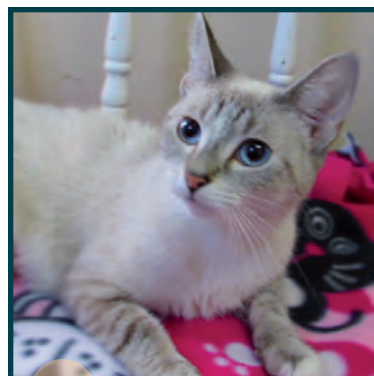
WHO IN THEIR right mind would cut down mature shade trees? It has to be the same group that wants to be 'closer.' No one wants to walk from store to store in the blistering heat. What's wrong with you? You need a different job. Leave Fenton alone.

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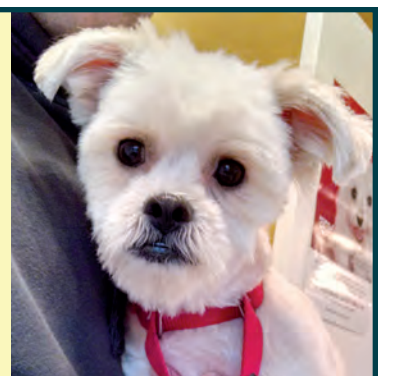
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Lake Fenton High School Senior Homecoming Court



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Lake Fenton High School Senior Homecoming Court includes (back row, from left) Thomas Talbot, Raied Jawhari, Andrew Petts, Joshua Mundy and Mitchell Bollinger. In front are (from left) Bailey Phegley, Kaley Conover, Lucy Reigle, Baylee Withers and Kaitlyn Begley.

Eagle Scout



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Nathaniel Wagner of Boy Scout Troop 111 in Linden earned Eagle Rank April 7 and his Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on June 14. His project was to build a pavilion at the Linden Presbyterian Church, which he dedicated to the memory of Michael K. Schmidt, a former member of the church.

MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED ON RECENTLY

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. This is the Sept. 19 Michigan Legislature Roll Call Report.

Senate.Bill.926: Ban using a drone to interfere with hunters

To prohibit using an aerial drone to interfere with or harass a person who is hunting. This would expand an existing law that bans interfering with or harassing hunters. Senate Bill 927 bans using drones to hunt, and also passed unanimously.

Passed.38.to.0.in.the.Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

YES NO

Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

YES NO

House.Bill.5669: Revise private school teacher "professional development" detail

To permit a "state-approved nonpublic school" to provide teacher "professional development" for nonpublic school teachers, and credit this toward the issuance or renewal of a teaching certificate or a subject area "endorsement," to the same extent as when this is provided for teachers in public schools.

Passed.109.to.0.in.the.House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

YES NO

Senate.Bill.922: Authorize more local "pension obligation bonds"

To extend for one year the sunset on 2012 law that allowed local governments to borrow money to cover unfunded employee pension liabilities, but only if they have closed their traditional "defined benefit" pension system to new employees.

Passed.107.to.1.in.the.House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

YES NO

House.Bill.5097: Exempt public safety employees from ban on certain automatic pay hikes

To exempt law enforcement and fire department employees from a 2011 law that banned automatic seniority-based pay hikes for individual government employees ("step increases") when a union contract has expired and no new one signed.

Passed.97.to.12.in.the.House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

YES NO

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Meet Charles Mueller

- Orchard owner
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By Yvonne Stegall

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Charles Mueller grew up on the orchard, and apples are his life. Aside from the time he spent in the Air Force and in local legislature, he has been a part of his family's apple farm, which he now runs with his wife. In 2012, Mueller's Orchard shut down for the first time since its opening in the '40s, due to a bad winter. That didn't stop them from returning the next year when crops were better.

How did you get started in the orchard business?

My folks bought the orchard in 1941. So other than when I was in the military and the legislature I was here the whole time. I just grew up and took over. I was a draftsman and photo reconnaissance in the Air Force. I was a representative for southern Genesee County for 10 years.

What's the most challenging part of owning an orchard, and the most rewarding?

The most challenging part is that it is farming. It's similar to any farm; we are totally dependent on the weather. You can have a beautiful crop and after 10 seconds of hail, you've got junk. So you're hanging out in the open from June until October. Things can be ruined in a matter of seconds. You can be frozen out in the spring, or have a drought in the summer. Out of all of them, the early freeze is the best thing that can happen to you because you don't have any input and you know you don't have a crop or will be limited. You can cut back on maintenance. The worst thing that can happen is a late hail-storm because you've spent all the money for the year to grow the crop and then it's destroyed in a matter of seconds.

Like all farming, it's watching things grow and watching the harvest, and saying "gee, we did things right this year and things are nice." It's satisfying.

What is your favorite apple to eat and/or bake with?

Probably my favorite apple for cooking with, an early apple, is Wealthy. It's



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Charles Mueller
Owner of Mueller's Orchard

an old, old variety, and as far as I am concerned, it makes the best apple pie you can get your hands on. The trouble is it's a really early apple and doesn't last as long. For a general eating apple, I like all of them, pretty much, when they are first picked, for the first few weeks. Another one I like, which is fairly uncommon, is a Northern Spy. It's a very old apple. When it's first picked, it's kind of a marginal eating apple, but after two or three weeks it's an excellent eating apple and stays that way until spring. It's very thin skinned. An excellent pie apple as the old saying goes, "the northern spy is for pies." That was the ritual of all the grandmothers in Genesee County years ago.

As an apple grower, what is your favorite season of the year and why?

Well, I guess fall because that's when you know that you got the crop through. The weather is nice, generally. You have a few days that are too hot, but generally it's nice and you are really busy. It's just an exciting time of the year.

How has the orchard business changed over the years?

In the last 30 years, especially on this side of the state, almost all orchards are into entertainment farming, with cider, doughnuts, playgrounds, and petting zoos. Very few orchards, if any, this side of the state are really growing apples commercially for wholesale anymore. Mainly because shipping and freight are so expensive. That has been the big change as far as sales. The west side still has a lot of big commercial growers. The growing systems are changing, too.

What do you spend time on during the winter months?

Basically, you've got to prune everything and fix the machinery you've broken. Do any additions you are going to build. You stay busy seven days a week all year round. You take time off eventually because you feel like it. There's

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Charles Mueller grows apples for a living, and when it's off-season he still keeps busy on the orchard.

always something to do.

What is something about you that nobody knows?

When you've been in politics for 20 years or more, there isn't much about you the people don't know.

There are times when I really enjoy being alone, like when I am out in the field. I am with people so much, and enjoy it, but it's nice to be alone without any distractions sometimes. I don't even take my phone, or if I have it, I leave it in the truck.



ASK THE MECHANIC

Chris Wilkinson, Certified Mechanic

Q: I have a 2004 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD truck. It loses 70% of its power when the gas level drops below 1/4 tank and the gas pump will shut off repeatedly until fuel level exceeds 1/4 tank then it pumps fine. What could be the problem? - Larry

A: Larry, First off you will need to have a fuel pressure gauge hooked up to the vehicle while driving to make sure it is a fuel problem. You will see the fuel pressure drop when the vehicle acts up and you are under load. If this happens, you will also need a volt meter or lab scope. This is to make sure that you have a good 12 volts or higher on the positive side of the pump and 0 volts on the ground side of the pump. The reason for this is to confirm weather it is indeed a pump and not an electrical problem. It sounds like a bad fuel pump, but you should always test the electrical before replacing. Don't forget to replace the fuel filter and strainer filter with the pump as well.

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