

“We purchase directly from the salt company, and have done so for many years.”

Dan Czarnecki
Fenton's Department of
Public Works director

50-percent jump in salt prices won't affect area

►Local DPWs and road commissions begin winter preparations

By Yvonne Stegall

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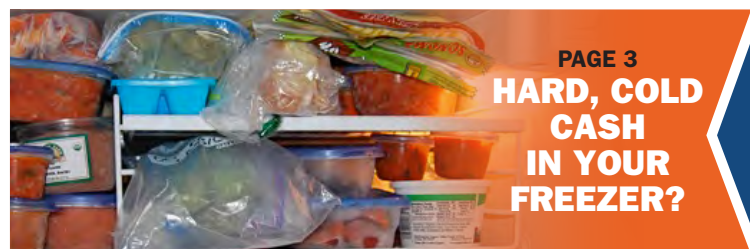
The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently re-

leased information stating that there was a 50-percent jump in the cost of salt this year. Actually, according to their fast facts, road salt prices have risen by more than 46 percent, from an average of \$44.99 per ton last winter to \$65.81 per ton this winter.

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Fenton DPW Director Dan Czarnecki said the uptick in salt prices won't affect the city's budget this year.



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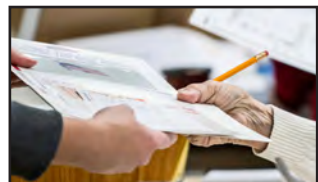
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In Fenton, 37 percent showed up to vote last week.

Who are the non-voters?

►Those who didn't cast ballot have their own demographics

By Sally Rummel

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If fewer than half of the voting age adults actually cast a ballot on Election Day in the tri-county area, what does that say about the larger majority of people who didn't vote?

Those who are either not registered to vote or chose not to vote are very different demographically from people who cast a ballot, according to the Pew Research Center.

For one thing, they're younger. Roughly, a third of non-voters are younger than 30 and most (70 percent) are under 50. Among voters, only 10 percent are younger than 30 and only

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New adventure park could lure 200,000 ORVs to Groveland



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John Jacobs (right) of Fenton helps winch a jeep, owned by Jason Jablonski of Clawson, out of the gully obstacle course at the 4X4 test event last weekend. Jacobs has his own custom rockcrawling buggy and travels all over the U.S. for courses like this. "We've had a ball," he said.

►Former gravel mine developed into park, 300 attend test event

By Tim Jagielo

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Groveland Twp. — A few minutes from Mt. Holly, 4X4 trucks rocketed up steep bowls of dirt, as others carefully picked their way through boulder-littered technical courses, covering 35 acres of a partially operating gravel mine.

Over the course of one weekend, 300 drivers registered and drove in the Dixie Gully Run event, an Oakland County Parks test event. Approximately another 100 paid to just watch trucks navigate these difficult courses.

For any off-road enthusiasts living in the tri-county area, legal and public off-road driving is a minimum of 30 minutes away. The most popular places are in Clare (96 minutes away), north of Grand Traverse, Grayling, and the Silver Lake Sand Dune on Lake Michigan.

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Tri-county area pays tribute to local Veterans

►Fenton Rotary's breakfast, ceremony at Great Lakes National Cemetery among many emotional events

By Sally Rummel

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"Bud" Irish of Hemlock, Michigan sent more than 1,000 letters home to his parents and fiancée from the front lines of World War II in Germany, sharing his very personal story of war to his family.

One of Irish's 10 children, daughter Teresa K. Irish, compiled and edited all the letters into a book,

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Members of the Marine Corps League present the colors at the Veterans Day ceremony at the Great Lakes National Cemetery on Tuesday morning.

Civic groups only 'panhandlers' allowed in Fenton

►Begging at intersections made illegal in some cities

By Tim Jagielo

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The bells were ringing at local stores, as the Salvation Army Bell Ringers kicked off their season — and some other municipalities are trying to kick panhandlers (not non-profit groups) out.

Legally, panhandling is called "public solicitation," and the city of Fenton has laws regulating solicitation and peddling.

Solicitation is asking, or being available

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my country safe. You are appreciated more than you know.”

“To all veterans in Fenton, Holly and Linden, thank you for your service and thank you for keeping my family and



“I visited a local school yesterday. Why are the flags of sworn enemies of the United States of America being flown inside our local school buildings? Sickening!”



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Fenton police are looking for this black truck that almost caused a head-on crash in front of Silver Spray Sports on Silver Lake Road last week. **See video online at www.tctimes.com with this story.**

Reckless mailbox hitter sought

►Driver hits mailboxes of business on Silver Lake Road

By Yvonne Stegall
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Police are on the lookout for a black truck with a black topper that caused some damage and almost caused an array of collisions on Silver Lake Road by Silver Spray Sports Inc.

Silver Spray Sports owner Patti Smith said that the vehicle hit the business' mailboxes and caused other cars to veer into the parking lot or abruptly move into oncoming traffic to avoid being hit by the out-of-control driver who continued heading toward Linden.

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Hard, cold cash in your freezer?

►Organize your freezer space and you can save hundreds of dollars a month on groceries

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Your kitchen freezer is not only your timesaving "best friend" for fast food, it will also save you lots of hard, cold cash at the grocery store.

I recently took the time on a Sunday afternoon to take every item out of our poorly organized side-by-side freezer. My first instinct was, "Oh, my gosh! I can't believe how much stuff we have in here and I don't even know what half of it is."

My second realization was that there was plenty of good eating in there, and with a little organization, we could literally "eat out of our freezer" for the next couple of months, joyfully putting saved grocery money into our Christmas stash while still eating well. Of course, we have to pick up milk, fresh fruit and veggies (when frozen just wouldn't do), but otherwise, we'd have

enough food to easily sustain us through the holidays.

My husband, Mark, even got into the project, writing down each item that we planned to keep, so we would know exactly what is in our freezer and when we've used it up.

Each item taken out of the freezer was inspected to either be thrown away, or properly bagged and labeled and returned to its rightful spot in a newly organized space. Now when it's time to plan menus,

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“Now when it's time to plan menus, I plan them around what we already have in the freezer.”

Sally Rummel



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Features writer Sally Rummel shares a peek inside her newly organized freezer. She realized she didn't have to spend any money on meats because of the cache in her freezer. Now that it's organized, she can plan meals around what she has.



Five ways your freezer can save you money and time



Buy marked-down meats and seafood and freeze them right away. You can also prep the meat ahead by rubbing it in spices or marinating it, then freezing it flat in freezer bags.



Freeze cooked pasta or rice for fast, easy side dishes. When it's time to reheat your pasta, make sure you lay it out flat in your container, the microwave equally warm the pasta.



Double a batch of chili, spaghetti meat sauce or meat loaf. Using freezer bags instead of plastic freezer containers saves space in your freezer. Voila — another meal is ready for you.



Buy seasonal fruit at their lowest price and freeze for later use. To avoid large clumps, rinse and let the fruit dry before freezing, laying it out on a large tray and freezing, then bagging.

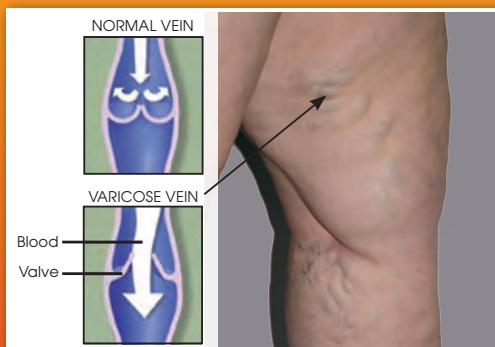


Blanch fresh vegetables from the farmers market and freeze for use later. Fill containers to the top and remove as much air as possible from freezer bags.

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FROM THE LEFT



Clarence Page

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Voters sent mixed messages to Obama**

Before the votes were cast, Tuesday's midterm elections were looking like a 'Seinfeld' election. Like the quirky TV comedy show, the midterms didn't seem to be about anything in particular.

Then the votes were counted and the 'Seinfeld' midterms suddenly turned into a 'wave' election.

Suddenly this election was about something after all. Mostly it was about somebody who was not explicitly on the ballot yet still loomed large on everybody's minds: President Barack Obama.

Fifty-four percent of those casting ballots in the midterms were dissatisfied with President Obama's job performance, according to exit polls conducted by AP and the networks.

The GOP won both houses of Congress. Now it must show it can govern. In that pursuit, I would suggest, first and foremost, that they don't let their recent victory go to their heads. Majorities can quickly shrink for parties that lose touch with the public mood and forget the job that voters elected them to perform.

For Democrats, as Obama said in a remarkably defiant post-primary news conference, ballot measures favored by Democrats won more votes than Democratic candidates did.

Republicans may have a bigger headache in the likes of freshman Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, who vowed in interviews just before the midterms to lead a tea party insurgency in the Senate similar to the one that has roiled the House.

He would not pledge to support McConnell as the Republican leader when the new Congress convenes next month. He did call on the Senate to repeal all of the Affordable Care Act.

Remember the Gingrich Congress? Republicans began to succeed when they did what they now have done again in the 2014 midterms: They moved away from right wing grandstanding and back toward the sensible center. Cruz, among others on the far right, sound determined to push the party back toward the fringes.

That's bad news for Americans who yearn for a peacefully productive Congress. It's also good news, I predict, for the 2016 Democratic presidential nominee, whoever she may be.

I AM VERY alarmed and dismayed by the lack of organization on all points at the Fenton Middle School. I would have thought for a school, they'd have it more together than they do.

AS A VETERAN, I am offended that the merchants turn Veterans Day into a big sale day instead of treating it with the respect that is due. They have 364 other days to promote their products. I defend your right to do it but I do not respect you.

I WANTED TO say 'Thank You' to the kind man that stopped to see if I was OK after falling while running last Sunday. The sidewalks near downtown are in terrible shape, and desperately need fixing before someone gets seriously hurt.

'NO BOOTS ON the ground?' Tell that to the 1,500 being deployed to Iraq.

VOTER ID LAWS were put in place to reduce voter turnout, not prevent voter fraud. Voter ID laws violate the 24th Amendment, which prohibits being taxed to vote. Needing to pay to get an ID or license to vote, voting unlike driving being a constitutionally protected right, is a poll tax.

OLD MAN ON burgundy Harley that passed me on the entrance ramp to U.S. 23 south from Silver Lake Road to yell craziness: You could have killed us with that stunt.

I VOTED AGAINST both wolf hunting proposals because hunting and fishing should be regulated by the professionals at DNR, not some committee appointed by the governor.

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THE REASON I voted against the tax increase for Holly schools is simple — I don't trust the school board to spend the money as they stated. The school board needs to build some credibility.

ZEB WANTS ALL his friends in Fenton to know he made it to his 90th birthday and with the help of his daughter, he is trying for 150.

FOR THE PAST two months, I have called the Road Commission 16 times about the two tire-pounding potholes at Owen and Linden roads. Still no patch put in them.

IF FIVE UNDER is a problem for you, or the next red light is a crisis, you really need to get your life together. Leave sooner. I remember when driving was a leisure activity.

I AM WATCHING Saturday morning kids TV and it is very interesting. They are talking about climate change, and I think the biggest change that makes our climate change is blacktop. It radiates so much more heat than cement. I think we should stop using blacktop.

THANK GOD, NO more political ads on TV. And hopefully not as many whiney Republicans either.

IT IS THE insurance executives who are getting rich from our healthcare system, not the doctors. Many doctors struggle to pay their office expenses.

YOU LIVE IN America, money will trump common sense every single time.

See **HOT LINE** throughout Times

FROM THE RIGHT



Cal Thomas

Nationally syndicated
columnist**Jeb Bush and taxes**

Gov. Jeb Bush (R-Florida) is thinking seriously about running for president in 2016, according to his son, George P. Bush.

According to Commentary magazine, Jeb Bush had an impressive record as governor, including tax reductions totaling \$20 billion. Given that performance, why is Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, upset?

Politico, and many others, assert it's because of an answer Bush gave in 2012 to a hypothetical question posed by a member of the House Budget Committee, which resurfaced now as he contemplates running for president. Bush was asked if he could accept tax increases of \$1 dollar for every \$10 dollars in spending cuts. He said he could and seemed enthusiastic about the 10-for-1 formula.

Norquist and other anti-tax advocates perhaps see in Bush's comment a replay of his father's pledge at the 1988 Republican National Convention: 'Read my lips: no new taxes.' He violated that pledge when congressional Democrats promised to cut spending in exchange for tax increases. Bush raised taxes. Democrats did not cut spending.

Republicans allow themselves to get caught in this trap because many assume that government not only needs increasing amounts of taxpayer money, but that it can be relied upon to spend it wisely. Anyone who believes that hasn't been paying attention.

If spending cuts alone were implemented, Jeb Bush would have no need to increase taxes. Doesn't that work with our credit cards?

Republicans need to reject the notion that government needs more money and change the subject to the elimination of wasteful and unnecessary spending. Deep within our DNA remains a Puritan ethic of living within one's means and not borrowing to pay for what we can't afford.

Some things remain true regardless of the era. I have always appreciated what Calvin Coolidge said about taxation. Here are just three of his better utterances on the subject, which contemporary Republicans would do well to memorize:

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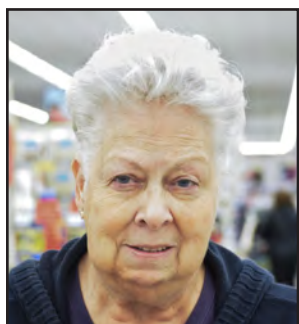


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What is the most unusual thing you have in your freezer?**streettalk**

"We have pasties that we get from our neighbor. They are very good."

— Barb Adam
Fenton



"I have crab legs that we don't eat very often."

— Beverly Weber
Linden



"A ham hock. I bought it to make green beans and haven't used it."

— Rosemary
Vasbinder
Linden



"I have a boring freezer. The only thing I have are those freezer packs."

— Judy Dettre
Fenton Township



"We don't have anything weird or crazy in our freezer."

— Amy Begola
Linden



"Right now a deer head."

— Jeff Juhl
Fenton Township

LETTERS

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"A Thousand Letters Home," which she self-published after finding her father's letters following his death in 2006. They became his legacy not only for family, but for all veterans from all wars.

She shared his story of war, love and life at the Fenton Rotary Club's second annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Tuesday at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden. "Where there's life, there's hope," she said to all who attended.

From lonesome, moonlit nights listening to the Hit Parade, to the foxholes and frontlines in Germany where Bud later earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart, he shared his wartime experiences from a very personal firsthand account. After her father's death, she left the corporate world and became an author and full-time speaker, ad-

ressing approximately 170 groups since 2012.

More than 100 people attended the breakfast, including Rotarians, veterans, family members and guests from the tri-county community. School superintendents Tim Jalkanen, Wayne Wright and Ed Koledo from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden schools, respectively, attended, as did Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn and Linden Mayor David Lossing.

Veterans from each branch of the military were asked to stand when their branch was announced, including four World War II veterans in attendance.

For Mike Reyes, 58, of Linden, the breakfast was very personal, very meaningful. "I grew up very disappointed in our country," said Reyes, who served in the Army during the Vietnam and Cold War eras. The atmosphere today toward veterans has really changed. It meant a lot to me."



'PANHANDLERS'

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to collect money, or anything of value, while peddling is selling goods out in public. "Panhandling" is when an individual isn't collecting for some sort of non-profit organization.

"It's never been a problem. I've never seen anyone panhandling out here," said Mayor Sue Osborn. "I'm sure as soon as it does, we would do something," she said. She's seen panhandlers in Flint Township, but adding "panhandling" to the city ordinance is not currently in the works.

Civic groups, like local firefighters filling the boot, or the Fenton Rotary Club, have to ask city council to stand in streets for city solicitation.

Right now, if anyone wants permission to solicit for money at any city space or intersection, they must first ask City Council and receive its permission.

Should they be allowed to solicit or peddle, they are restricted to the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekends.

The city code 23-1 contains the information on public solicitation, and states, the "regulation of solicitation and peddling is sufficiently connected to the city's interest in preventing crime and protecting citizens' quiet enjoyment and peace."

Municipalities like Flint Township and Kalamazoo have brought panhandling into the spotlight, as winter nears and legitimate groups like the Salvation Army bell ringers adorn shop entrances

in November and December.

Flint Township has its own "Beggars and Solicitation" committee and a Michigan Radio story from late October reported that the panhandling problem there has grown exponentially.

It's normal to see someone at the Miller Road exit ramp from I-75, but the Michigan Radio story by Tracy Samilton reported that there have been fights between

those wanting to use the corners to solicit, and there are also safety risks in heavy traffic times.

The city of Kalamazoo has had an ordinance on the books since 2006, making it illegal to solicit in certain public spots, at a certain time of the day. There are provisions

against aggressive solicitation. The Kalamazoo City Commission made it illegal recently, to ask for money in other public places, such as outdoor seating at restaurants.

This addition is called the "right to be left alone," and includes these fenced in outdoor seating areas, as well as public benches.

"It's never been a problem. I've never seen anyone panhandling out here."

Sue Osborn, Fenton mayor

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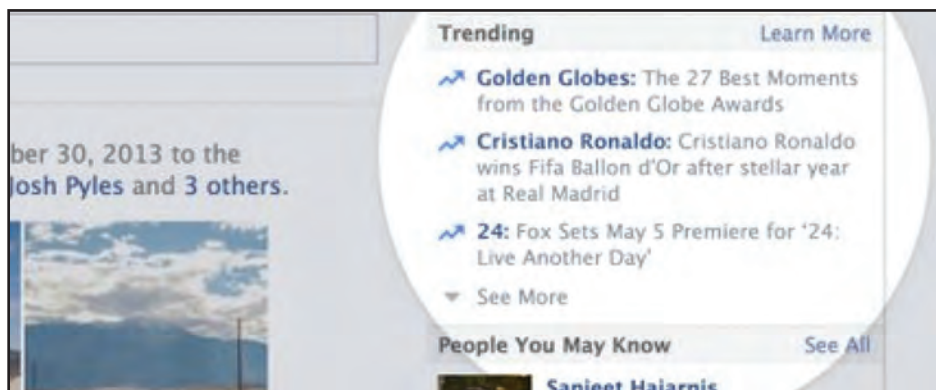
Trends are no longer just for clothes and hair

► Experts weigh in on how topics trend online

By Yvonne Stegall

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Once upon a time trends were a thing we did, like starting a new fashion “trend” or getting the new trendy haircut. Now trends are a completely new thing. In fact, Jamie Samples, founder and creative director at Yellow Barn Media in Fenton, said in an email, “Online trends are a horse of a different color. With the multitude of social platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and others, the trends are more about what people are saying.”



Kim Rivera, with New Moon Visions, said, “A trend is something that is popular at a certain point in time.”

In another email, Ryan Battishill, founder of Think Marketing in Fenton, said, “Trends are essentially set based on volume, activity and conversation around a specific topic.” He also said that search volume, shares, comments, likes, tweets and adoption all play a factor in determining a trend.

#Hashtags are one of those things that help with trending a topic on social media. When creating a hashtag, use keywords that are easy to remember and understand. Be sure to use the hashtag on all communications relating to the topic.

Samples said, “Setting out to create a trend may prove to be challenging but not impos-

Summary

► While you can still wear the latest fashion trend, you can also learn about trending news topics and celebrities in the cyber-world.

sible. It does not happen just because of great strategy.” She believes that trends come from companies that are creating

consistent content on multiple social channels. She said, “The content cannot be just a sales pitch or the company ‘telling’ others that they are trending. It needs to be timely, out of the box, exciting and at times add shock value.”

For those who want to make something become a trend online, Samples suggested, “One idea that I have found helpful

in having our content viewed and shared was taking an already trending topic and putting a spin on it.” Her example was of a video from over a year ago that was circulating on Facebook that showed sea turtle babies hatching and getting to the ocean. “Once I watched the video, it inspired me to write about how the video was a great parallel for business.” She concluded that the article was visited and shared more than any of her other blog articles at that time because it was already trending on social media.

Battishill said, “I think the important thing to note about trends is that they are organic, grown based off the interests and curiosity of the online world.” He added, “While many people and businesses work to build a trend around a strategic communication campaign and paid promotion, I think some of the most successful standing trends are grown organically.”

Basically, as far as online trends go, it’s a way for social media to help people keep up with the latest important news and lifestyle topics. Battishill summed it up. “There is also the social component of it, because after all, we never want the feeling of being out of the loop amongst our peers.”

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Ryan Battishill
Founder of Think Marketing



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Veterans Day

Yesterday was Veterans Day. Although this column will come out one day after the fact, it is one of those days that really should be in our thoughts every day of the year.

The reason for this is quite simple — on Veterans Day, we honor and remember both those who made the ultimate sacrifice in time of war and conflict and those who served our country and are still among us.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day in recognition of the end of the hostilities of World War I when the 1918 Armistice became effective on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

In 1954, the word Armistice was replaced with ‘Veterans’ to include all American veterans.

Today I would like to talk briefly about three Veterans Day related topics.

The first concerns a medical doctor from Canada by the name of Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He served during World War I as a surgeon treating wounded soldiers.

The extent and degree of the injuries, suffering and sometimes death were almost impossible to describe and one seventeen-day battle, in Ypres France in 1915 especially stood out. As Dr. McCrae put it: ‘I wish I could embody on paper some of the varied sensations of that seventeen days. Seventeen days of Hades! At the end of the first day if anyone had told us we had to spend seventeen days there, we would have folded our hands and said it could not have been done.’

As it turned out Dr. McCrae in his own way was able to ‘embody on paper’ the feelings that he had when he wrote the universally acclaimed poem ‘In Flanders Fields,’ which describes the soldiers who were buried in a World War I cemetery where red poppies grew.

I urge all readers to look up this 15-line poem and read it. The poem continues to be recognized in a special way by the American Legion’s red poppy sales.

The second is to suggest going to the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Please visit their website for information.

The third is the next time you see a veteran to tell them ‘Thank you for your service to our country.’

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

IN MY 80-some years, I notice that great countries have great leaders. We have a great BSer and haven't had a great leader in some time. If Hillary is elected, we'll have another bad one.

IF ANYBODY OUT there really wants to know the main reason why I didn't go out and vote this year it's because it really doesn't matter who you vote for. They are politicians, they are all a bunch of liars. They say what they need to in order to get elected, and once they are in it's all downhill from there.

FREEZER

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I plan them around what we already have in the freezer. The “old me” would have never checked, continually adding to a stockpile of frozen food that would eventually be thrown away.

Fruits/desserts/ice cream

All the frozen fruits, ice cream and other desserts are stored together on the top shelf (so Mark can easily reach his Breyer’s ice cream). Frozen, ripe bananas (peeled and cut in half) are ready to be made into smoothies or into fresh loaves of homemade banana bread. During the winter months, frozen fruits make a tasty substitute for fresh, when my favorite fruits aren’t in season anyway.

Breads

English muffins, homemade pumpkin bread and muffins, whole wheat flour (frozen for longer shelf life), and my favorite “Stone House” bread from VG’s Grocery are all labeled and stored in one place. Whenever I make a big batch of whole-wheat blueberry pancakes on the weekend, I’ll divvy up the leftovers into packages of two, and then can pull them out on busy mornings.

Vegetables/convenience items

Individual bags of Eichelberg’s blanched frozen corn are bagged in larger bags for longer storage, for a fresh taste of summer on these cold fall/winter days. We’re also storing other frozen veggies, Lean Cuisines, frozen homemade entrees like chili, goulash, spaghetti sauce, etc., all labeled with dates. No more “mystery meats” are allowed in the freezer.

Meats, poultry and seafood

The large bin at the bottom of my freezer is filled with bagged and labeled



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fresh meats. As soon as I buy them, I take them out of their package, store them in useable sizes for us as a couple and then label and date them. These become the bases of all our meals, and all I have to do is look on the list on the fridge to see what meats we have to work with.

Side pockets

Small packages of “dabs” of frozen tomato paste (so you don’t waste a whole can when you just need a tablespoon), nuts, butter, cheese, frozen fresh herbs, are all labeled and stored on the side pockets of the freezer, so they don’t get lost in the shuffle of large spaces.

So instead of using your freezer as a “forgotten corner” of dabs of this and dabs of that, your freezer becomes your “pantry” of delicious meals to come, with fewer dollars wasted and spent.

NON-VOTERS

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39 percent are under 50.

As one might expect, non-voters tend to have low levels of political involvement. Fewer than half (47 percent) identify with either political party; 29 percent as Democrats, 18 percent as Republicans and 45 percent as independents.

Fully 43 percent of those who didn’t cast ballots are Hispanic, African American or other racial and ethnic minorities, according to the report.

There is a vast gulf in financial well-being between voters and non-voters. Non-voters are also less educated. Nearly half of nonvoters have family incomes less than \$30,000, compared with 19 percent of voters. Most non-voters haven’t attended college, in comparison with 72 percent of voters who have completed at least some college.

About 45 percent of non-voters say they have had trouble paying bills in the past year, compared with 30 percent of voters. Non-voters are also much more likely than voters to borrow money from family or friends (41 percent vs. 21 percent). Just 52 percent say they have a credit card, while almost as many (55 percent) have a savings account. Just 37 percent of non-voters say they have a 401k or other retirement account, compared to 72 percent of voters.

Fewer non-voters than voters are affiliated with a religion. Among voters, 21 percent identify as atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular;” among non-voters, it’s 27 percent.

Even in a Presidential Election year, the gap between voters and non-voters remains wide. In 2012, 126 million people voted, while 93 million did not, representing about 40 percent of eligible voters.

Calendar of events

Genealogy discussion group to meet Thursday

The Fenton Ancestry Search Team (FAST) is a monthly genealogy study and discussion group serving genealogists at all levels in the greater Fenton area for the purpose of networking and collaboration. The next FAST workshop session is **Thursday Nov. 13, at 7 p.m.** at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 14176 North Fenton Rd. This month’s discussion topic is “Using Church Records in genealogy research.” Also, feel free to bring any family research questions to our open discussion forum.

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SALT PRICES

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The reason for this higher cost could have something to do with the fact that more than 650,000 tons of salt were used on state highways last winter, at a cost of more than \$32 million. According to MDOT, this coming winter’s maintenance budget for state highways is \$95 million, based on a five-year average. Last year, state highway winter maintenance expenditures topped \$136 million.

As anyone who has lived in Michigan for any amount of time can attest to, there is no way to guess how much snow or ice there will be during any given winter season. There have been talks of snow in our area as early as this weekend.

Dan Czarnecki, Department of Public Works (DPW) director for the city of Fenton said, “For the upcoming winter, the city of Fenton has a contract with Detroit Salt to purchase road salt at \$56.69 per ton.” He added that this increase was up only \$4 from last winter and will have no significant affect on the DPW’s budget.

“We do not purchase salt through the MiDEAL program at the State of Michigan,” he said. MDOT and many other communities do purchase through that program. “We purchase directly from the salt company, and have done so for many years.”

John Daly, director of the Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC), said it would not affect the area at all. GCRC had a deal with Detroit Salt that was extended through this winter sea-



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The jump in salt prices for Michigan may have some areas wringing their hands, but Genesee County has locked in on a price, and won’t feel the effects.

son, allowing them to get their salt at \$48.60 a ton.

MDOT anticipates it will be able to purchase all the salt that this winter calls for, despite the rising cost. Therefore, if you have plans to travel outside the county you’ll still find salted roads.

RECKLESS

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Parking lot surveillance cameras gave police a look at the vehicle that caused the damage and they issued a “be on the lookout” for the truck.

According to Fenton Police Department records, the incident occurred on Nov. 4, at 3:27 p.m. A black, Chevrolet S-10, westbound on Silver Lake Road left the roadway (left) crossing the opposing lane of travel then struck two mailboxes (south side) and continued on Silver Lake Road toward Linden. The registration plate was not observed on the video and a BOL to area agencies yielded nothing.

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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.

The House and Senate met one day last week, primarily so that returning members and newly elected freshmen could select legislative leaders for the 2015-2016 session. House Republicans chose Rep. Kevin Cotter to be the next Speaker of the House and Senate Republicans chose Sen. Arlan Meekhof as the next Senate Majority Leader. These selections will be confirmed in official votes when the 98th Michigan Legislature convenes on Jan. 7.

Senate Bill 1033: Don't subject "direct primary care" and "concierge medicine" to extensive insurance regulation

To establish that fixed-fee medical retainer agreements between a physician and a potential patient covering routine health care services are not considered "insurance" subject to the extensive regulatory regime imposed on conventional health insurance policies. This could presumably apply to "direct primary care" agreements, "concierge medicine" and similar innovations.

Passed 26 to 11 in the Senate
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 637: Establish drunk driver vehicle interlock device regulatory regime

To establish regulations, procedures and fees for drunk driver vehicle interlock device installers, and give the Secretary of State the authority to oversee these programs. Current law regulates manufacturers and vendors of these devices but not installation.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 1055: Repeal mandate that state printing be done in Michigan print shops

To repeal a requirement that all state-funded printing must be done by Michigan print shops. The bill appears to leave in effect a "prevailing wage" mandate on state-funded printing, which prohibits granting the lowest bid to a shop unless its employees are paid the equivalent of local union wages.

Passed 24 to 13 in the Senate
State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Look for healthy ash trees

►USDA Forest Service needs help in identifying trees that survived ash borer beetle

By Yvonne Stegall
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While the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle killed off many ash trees, it is believed that some are still alive and thriving. Kathleen Knight, research ecologist for the USDA Forest Service is spearheading a campaign to search for survivors so that they can be studied.

Genesee County didn't fall into the area of the current search credentials, but Livingston and Oakland counties did, along with eight other lower Michigan counties and seven counties in Ohio. These areas have been affected the longest.

Knight said, "We will be expanding the target area each year based on ash mortality data, so if you are currently outside of the target counties please check the website in a year if your trees remain healthy."

The website is nrs.fs.fed.us/SurvivorAsh.

According to Knight, they have some specific search criteria when it comes to looking for the ash trees they want:

- Natural trees only (planted cultivars have already been tested)
- Trunk diameter larger than 10 inches (circumference of 31.4 inches) at 54 inches above the ground (DBH)
- Healthy canopy with lots of leaves and no dead upper branches
- Not treated with insecticides

Bert Cregg, Department of Forestry at Michigan State University, said that the current goal is to identify ash trees that have survived in the core infestation area in southeast Michigan. "It's a bit of a challenge since they have to try to determine the tree was really resistant not just



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Residents in Livingston and Oakland counties are encouraged to check out their trees to help identify any ash trees that survived the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle. These trees will help the USDA Forest Service with their investigation.

an escape; i.e., somehow the beetles just overlooked it," he said via email. They also have to demonstrate that the trees haven't been treated with insecticide.

For those of you that aren't even sure what an ash tree looks like, Cregg said, "First, Ash trees have an opposite arrangement of leaves and branches along the stem; i.e., leaves of branches occur in pairs opposite each other." This is relatively uncommon, as most trees have an alternate leaf or branch arrangement. Second, he said, ash trees have compound leaves, which means each leaf is actually made up of stalk with 7-11 leaflets.

Cregg said that the survivors they are interested in should be healthy trees that have not been infested. Obvious signs of EAB infestation include crown die-back-large bare sections with dead branches in the crown, and epicormic branches; often referred to as 'suckers' or 'water sprouts.' "Trees showing either of these are likely infested and not good candidates for the project," Cregg said.

“We will be expanding the target area each year based on ash mortality data...”

Kathleen Knight
Research Ecologist, USDA Forest Service

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To properly identify ash trees, use the following criteria:

	<p>Branch and Bud Arrangement</p> <p>Branches and buds are directly across from each other and not staggered. When looking for opposite branching in trees, please consider that buds or limbs may die; hence not every single branch will have an opposite mate.</p>	
	<p>Leaves</p> <p>Leaves are compound and composed of 5-11 leaflets. Leaflet margins may be smooth or toothed. The only other oppositely branched tree with compound leaves is boxelder (<i>Acer negundo</i>), which almost always has three to five leaflets. White ash (on left) and green ash (on right)</p>	
	<p>Bark</p> <p>On mature trees (left), the bark is tight with a distinct pattern of diamond-shaped ridges. On young trees (right), bark is relatively smooth.</p>	
	<p>Seeds</p> <p>When present on trees, seeds are dry, oar-shaped samaras. They usually occur in clusters and typically hang on the tree until late fall, early winter.</p>	



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Volunteer Ryan Johnson of Burton assists with a winch during the second weekend of the test event.

PARK

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Oakland County Parks and Recreation has a grant application through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. If all goes well, by December, a 300-acre adventure park will be in the works. Considering there are 200,000 off-road vehicle (ORV) license holders in Michigan, (many in southeast Michigan) the park could be quite a draw.

The weekend of Nov. 1 and 2, was the second test event to demonstrate the interest in converting more than 300 acres of the former gravel mine into an adventure park. The first event was in August, and was invitation only.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Principal Planner Jon Noyes is heading up the project. He said 50 acres were leased from Groveland Township, and Bedrock Express, who owns a portion of the mine. Bedrock Express still mines a portion of the mine.

He said it cost \$75,000 to excavate the dozen obstacle areas and trails as well as access road and parking lot, and another \$9,000 for engineering. "Those are the same types of things people can play on for years," he said.

Noyes added that ideally, the park would also cater to trail runners, mountain bikers, and even SCUBA divers.

The courses were designed for vehicles from custom built rock crawling buggies, quads and side-by-side off road vehicles, to stock vehicles like jeeps or regular SUVs.

Noyes said of the 200,000 ORV hold-

ers, 65 percent ride quads and other non-street legal "toys."

The course was engineered by Rowe Engineering, which designed portions of the Mounds in Mt. Morris, and other popular courses in Michigan. Off-road experts lent their knowledge and vehicles while the course was being created. Washed out areas of the mine were exaggerated, and boulders dropped into place.

"We've got our fingers crossed," he said. "The luck is with us on this one." He said there is more money available this year, and fewer applications.

There are no more test events, and now they have to convince their commission, and the natural resources trust that the park would have enough of a draw. By Dec. 3, they'll know whether the tri-county area will have its own 4X4 park, filling a gap in Michigan, for off-road enthusiasts.

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Jon Noyes
Oakland County Parks and Recreation



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Oakland County Parks and Recreation ran the event, limiting the number of drivers entering the park at certain times, to discourage crowding.




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Grossi Baseball Club allowed to conduct fundraisers

With a unanimous vote from the Fenton Township Board of Trustees on Monday, Grossi Baseball Club now has local approval to conduct licensed gaming events, in order for the group to do fundraisers. Grossi Baseball Club has a storied history in Michigan youth baseball and has seen some famous players pass through their ranks. They help build character, class, commitment, confidence and coachability.

Mosquito budget cost doubled in Fenton Township

The Fenton Township Board of Trustees unveiled their 2014 annual report from APM Mosquito Control, which showed that their cost this year had nearly doubled the allotted amount. This was, in part, due to the overabundance of mosquitoes this year because of the cool and wet springtime. Township officials talked briefly about alleviating the cost next year with possible fees to residents who request barrier control for parties and get-togethers in their yards, while still doing nuisance calls at no cost.

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This year's hottest gadgets

► 'Techy' items that will be on many people's 'wish list'

By Yvonne Stegall

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With technology continuously bettering itself, we live in an age of upgrades. Once you get one new phone, the next edition is available. A quick stop into any electronics department will berate you with innumerable choices, from smartphones to phablets and 2-in-1 laptops to notebooks. How is someone to know what the best items are to wish for this Christmas?

Well, we found out for you with a quick stop at Kmart of Fenton to ask Jason Bellant II, while he worked in the electronics department. Here are his suggestions:



SAMSUNG GALAXY TAB 4 ▲

Designed with the whole family in mind, the Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 offers endless entertainment options. It has a 10.1-inch screen, perfect for watching movies or reading the latest comic book. The new Multi User Mode, brilliant display and lightweight design make it easy to use and difficult to put down, according to Samsung.

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SMART TELEVISIONS ▼

Smart TVs are somewhat like smartphones, they give you access, via Wi-Fi, to apps and other online goodies. Who needs a BluRay player or gaming system to access Netflix when you can do it right through your television?



SOUND BARS ►

Sound bars are the newest craze in home sound. They take up less space than normal speakers and surround-sound systems take, but still give you the desired sound for your home theater system.

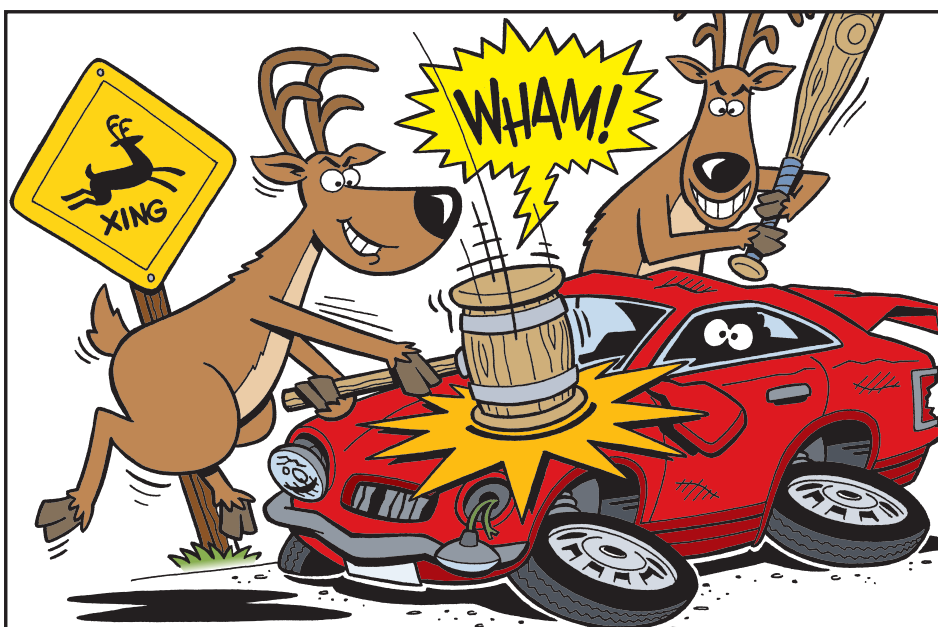


◀ NEWEST GAMING SYSTEMS

From Sony PlayStation 4 to Microsoft Xbox One, there are some new choices out there for home gaming systems. That also means new and improved games.

SKYLANDERS AND DISNEY INFINITY ►

While pointing them out on the shelf, Bellant said, "kids love them," referring to both the Skylanders and Disney Infinity games and figures. Both are interactive games with figures that become part of the game.



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TRIVIA FOOTBALL

Q Who got the first Gatorade shower in professional sports?

A New York Giants coach Bill Parcells was doused routinely during the squad's 1984 Super Bowl championship season.

DAVID'S DABBLINGS

It is hard to ignore what the Lions are doing this year and not get a little giddy.

Of course the 7-2 record is impressive in itself, but I like how the Lions have earned that record in three critical areas, two involving the fourth quarter.

First, when the Lions have needed to do it, Detroit has been able to salt a lead late in games by running the ball. That's something the Lions have always struggled doing.

Secondly, when the Lions need a crucial last drive to get the game-winning score, they are routinely doing that as well.

Both of the first two things I listed are things you see great teams do routinely. They are things well coached teams do.

Finally, in this era of evenly distributed talent, it's important teams find one unit where they are dominant. The Lions have that in what may be the most important unit (after the quarterback) in football — on their defensive line. They are dictating what happens in most games through that unit alone, and it's a ton of fun to watch.

Adjusting proves to be no problem

▶ First-year coach Eisinger leads Tigers to team's third straight district title

By David Troppens

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When the fall sports season began, the Fenton varsity volleyball team entered the season with some quality players returning, a 53-match win streak in the Metro League and a string of two straight Class A district titles.

But there was one person missing from the equation — legendary coach Linda Rusaw who had retired the position.

Replacing her was Jerry Eisinger. And there were differences in the two different coaching styles right from the start. Eisinger was going to teach a style of volleyball played at the highest levels, a style he had learned by going to various coaching clinics. And it did take adjusting to. However,

when the Tigers walked off the court at Linden High School on Nov. 6, it was apparent the adjustments were complete as Fenton (38-14-5) earned its third straight

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Tigers at Regionals

The Fenton varsity volleyball team began its run in the West Bloomfield Class A regional tournament on Tuesday against Novi. For more information on this match, go to www.tctimes.com or read the weekend edition of the sports section.

If Fenton won the contest, the Tigers would play in the regional title game against either Milford or Lakeland at West Bloomfield High School on Thursday at 6 p.m.



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Fenton's Jessica Eastman (left) hits a ball during the Tigers' district championship victory against the Grand Blanc Bobcats on Nov. 6.



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Fenton's McKenzie Mead won the 100 butterfly title at the Metro League meet on Saturday.

Tigers keep the streak alive

▶ Fenton captures 11th straight Metro League crown

By David Troppens

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Fenton — When one walks into Fenton High School's pool it's hard not to notice all the Metro League championship

banners tucked on one of the walls. The Fenton varsity girls swim team has a Metro League championship banner for every season the conference has hosted a champion in the sport.

The Tigers will get a chance to add another one of those banners soon.

Fenton used its overwhelmingly talented depth to crush the field at Saturday's Metro League meet and earn its 11th straight league championship at Fenton's home pool.

The meet started on Friday with the preliminary round and ended with the

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finals on Saturday. For the most part the Tigers already had the meet won entering Saturday's events due to having so many swimmers qualified for either the final or consolation final in the 12 events. Fenton, who finished the dual season undefeated, scored 592 points, or 161 points better than second-place Brandon. Fenton had 43 of its 45 entries during the preliminary rounds qualify for Saturday's second day. The Holly Bronchos also competed, finishing fifth with 240 points.

"It's inspiring that so many people have done it before us," said Fenton diver Zoe Weinberg about Fenton's Metro tradition. "It's not pressure, but it makes you want to continue it."

"I wasn't expecting (such a blowout) because we were really close with Brandon in the dual meet, but then we beat them by a lot at the meet."

"It's extremely important (to continue the Metro streak) because when you look at the first banner, most of us weren't even 10 yet," said Fenton swimmer Brianna Costigan. "It's important to continue the tradition people started long before us."

The Tigers had 18 individual top-five finishes at the event, including four individual event champions.

Weinberg and Taylor Shegos

finished 1-2 in diving, with Weinberg posting a Metro League record score of 407.60. Shegos followed in second with a 384.80.

"Neither of us have been diving for that long," Weinberg said. "We are really dedicated. We go down to our club (Legacy Diving in Ypsilanti) twice a week to train. It feels good (to take first). It's nice to be able to contribute to the team."

Elise Cassidy qualified for the state meet by posting a first-place time of 1:01.98 in the 100 backstroke. She also placed fourth in the 100 freestyle (57.99). Also earning a state-qualifying time was Costigan in the 50 freestyle. Costigan took second in the event (25.29 seconds), but did earn a league championship in the 100 freestyle (55.86).

The Tigers' other individual first was earned by McKenzie Mead in the 100 butterfly (1:07.48). She also placed fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:40.99).

The final Fenton first was earned during Saturday's first relay, the 200 medley relay. Cassidy, Lauren Gruber, Mead and Costigan earned it with a time of 1:58.60.

Other Fenton performers finishing in the top five individually were: Emma Cagle, second in the 200 freestyle (2:08.54) and second in the 500 freestyle (5:53.02); Cameron Mathews, second in the 200 individual medley (2:28.29)



and third in the 100 backstroke (1:05.78); Gruber, second in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.68); Danielle Rushton, fourth in the 200 individual medley (2:38.38) and fifth in the 100 butterfly (1:11.81); Grace Siefker, fourth in the 50 freestyle (27.04); Milo Keranen, fifth in diving (294.95); and Haylee Skank, fifth in the 500 freestyle (6:06.54).

The 400 freestyle relay team also had a strong showing, with the team of Costigan, Cagle, Gruber and Cassidy placing second (3:54.19). Mead, Siefker, Mathews and Cagle took third in the 200 freestyle relay (1:51.78).

"I liked how we were able to work as a team together and were able to push each other," Cassidy said. "We all helped each other out there by going faster and being able to dominate."

"Our team is not about the



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(Top) Fenton's Elise Cassidy won the 100 backstroke at the Metro League meet on Saturday. (Immediately above) Holly's Emma Ford took 13th in the 100 butterfly.

individual," Weinberg said. "It's been about the team as a whole. Everyone has contributed from lane one to lane eight."

The Holly Bronchos had three individuals earn top-five performances. Diver Jennie

Deghardt placed fourth (311.25), while Allie Spitery placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:21.47). Alex Karakuc capped the top performances with a fifth-place effort in the 100 backstroke (1:15.71).



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Fenton celebrates its third straight Class A district title at Linden High School on Thursday.

TIGERS

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Class A district title by defeating Grand Blanc in a thrilling 25-10, 23-25, 23-25, 25-15, 15-13 contest. They are now approaching a 40-win season. The Tigers were defeated by Metro newcomers Flushing for the league crown, but remained one of the two dominant teams in the league as well. Apparently the change to Eisinger's ways went pretty well.

"He's brought a lot of new techniques for sure," said Fenton senior Kelsie Fischer. "At first it was hard to get used to it. I would say it took about a month before we were 100 percent, but now we have it down. It's helped us a lot."

"It was a challenge because a lot of the technique we had used before was changed," said Fenton senior Carly Granger. "But he's so welcoming, so it was easy to adjust to."

Eisinger always seems to be relaxed

and in a good mood. And maybe that attitude Granger was talking about came through best in the district title match. Fenton dominated the first set and looked poised to defeat the Bobcats. However, Grand Blanc played stronger in the second and third sets, resulting in the Bobcats taking a 2-1 set lead. Eisinger remained calm and Fenton bounced back to win.

"The big thing is we got tight," Eisinger said. "I just tried to keep it loose. There was no yelling. We were just talking. I tried to keep a smile on my face to show the girls I was OK with where we're at. We didn't have to do anything different. We just had to get through it. Eventually the momentum came back to us, and what a finish."

"He's been encouraging this year," Granger said. "He made me confident in the way I play. He built me up. He helped me a lot."

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A rejection of your attempt to be friendly leaves you with two choices: Try again, or give up. If you want to make another effort, go slowly. Let things develop without pressure.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
It could be a problem dealing with unfamiliar people who do things differently from what you're used to. But rely on that strong sense of purpose to get you through this difficult period.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
To avoid neglecting a personal matter because of a demanding new workplace schedule, start prioritizing immediately. Knowing how to apportion your time takes a little while to set up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
It won't be easy to avoid some of the pressures that come with change. Best advice: Take things a step at a time, and you'll be less likely to trip up while things are in a

chaotic state.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
A much-talked-about workplace change could be coming soon. Be sure to get all the details involved in the process, and once you have them, you can decide how you want to deal with it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You might still believe that your trust was betrayed, although the facts would appear to prove the opposite. But by the week's end you should learn something that will help set the record straight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Holiday plans could be a challenge because of shifting circumstances. But a more settled period starts by midweek, allowing you to firm up your plan-making once and for all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
The facts continue to be on your side. So make use of them in dealing with any challenge to your

stated position. Also, open your mind to the offer of help from an unlikely source.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
There could still be a communication problem holding up the resolution of a troublesome situation. Stay with it, and eventually your message will get through and be understood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
A possible change in your workplace schedule might create a chaotic situation for a while. But once things begin to settle down, you might find that this could work to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A recent job-linked decision might need to be reassessed because of the possibility of finding benefits you might have overlooked. Check out all related data to help in the search.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
A personal situation you agreed to might not be as acceptable to the other person involved in the matter. Avoid pressuring and bullying. Instead, seek common ground by talking things through.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: " " " "

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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 - 18 Fuss
 - 19 Kind of inspection
 - 21 Appliance at a movie snack counter
 - 24 Farmer's home, in song
 - 25 Prince — Khan
 - 26 15-Across, e.g.
 - 28 Body powders
 - 31 Latvia's capital
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- 57 Morning light
- 58 — slipper (orchid type)
- 59 Stitch
- 3 Apiece
- 4 Miss Muffet's frightener
- 5 Used crayons
- 6 Boxer Muhammad
- 7 Vital fluid
- 8 14-line poem
- 9 Formal ball
- 10 Homer's son
- 11 Terrier type
- 16 Atlas entry
- 20 Bang the door
- 21 Pizzeria cheese, for short
- 22 Hodgepodge
- 23 Play that became "My Fair Lady"
- 27 Lair
- 29 Actress Penelope
- 30 Angry
- 32 Bullets et al.
- 34 Theft
- 37 Away from the mouth
- 39 Cave-dwelling giants
- 42 Last Greek letter
- 44 Hooter
- 45 Charitable donations
- 46 Suitor
- 50 Auction action
- 51 "— Impossible"
- 52 Have bills
- 53 Present

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DVD RELEASES



67% liked it (Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

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Clint Eastwood's big screen

version of the Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of the four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic '60s rock group The Four Seasons. Their trials and triumphs are accompanied by the hit songs that influenced a generation, and are now being embraced by a new generation of fans through the stage musical. **R, 2 hr. 14 min**



58% liked it (Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

LET'S BE COPS
It's the ultimate

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Shirley Coline Porritt

1936-2014

Shirley Coline Porritt - age 78, of Linden, died Sunday, November 9, 2014. Funeral



Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, November 13, 2014 at St. John the Evan-

gelist Catholic Church, 600 North Adelaide Street, Fenton. Fr. Dwight Ezop celebrant. Visitation will be held 4-8 PM Wednesday with an Order of the Eastern Star -Linden Chapter #175 service and a Rosary being prayed at 7:30 PM at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Family will receive friends at the church from 10 AM until the time of Mass. Those desiring may make contributions to Shriners Hospital for Children or Linden Order of the Eastern Star. Shirley was born January 30, 1936 in Decatur Co., Tennessee, the daughter of James and Reth (Teague) Mills. She married John Porritt on October 17, 1977 in Fenton. She worked as a supervisor at AC Spark Plug for 32 years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter #175. Shirley is survived by her husband, John; children, David (Sheila) Limmer of Mt. Morris, Steven (Brenda) Limmer of Burton, Thomas Limmer of Flint, Lori Limmer of Linden, Matthew Porritt of Flint, Mark Porritt of Flint, Phillip Porritt of Grand Blanc, Paul Porritt of Flint and Rachel Bruno of Owosso; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; step-brothers, Raymond Porritt and Tony Porritt; sisters-in-law, Mary Porritt and Dawn Holcomb; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Dominique; sister, Opal Terebinski and brother, James Mills. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Ralph A. Spencley

1936-2014

Ralph A. Spencley - age 77, of Holly, died Monday, November 10, 2014.



Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Dryer

Funeral Home, Holly. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 4-9 PM Thursday and Friday. Mr. Spencley was born in Wolverine, MI on December 11, 1936, the son of George and Catherine (Piley) Spencley. He served in the US Air Force and the US Navy and was a member of the Amel-Schwartz Post #149 American Legion of Holly. He was retired from the Village of Holly DPW. Mr. Spencley was a loving father and grandfather and enjoyed restoring old tractors. Surviving are: 2 daughters, Claudette (Gary) Williams of Holly and Tina Spencley of Fenton; 7 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; brother, Boyd Spencley of CA; sister, Betty Babcock of Wolverine; and special friend, Louise Sargent. He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace; son, Ralph Spencley Jr.; grandson, Derek Williams; sister, Elaine Secord; and brother, Russell Spencley. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart and Lung Association. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com.

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